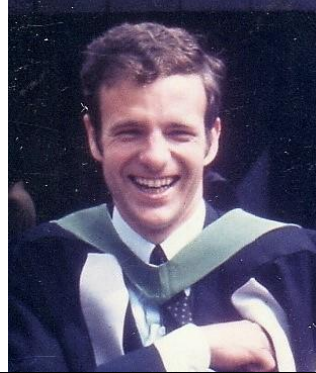


Interviewee: - Sir Callum McCarthy
Dates: - 1968-9
Role(s): - Postgraduate student



Interview summary:

Summary of content; with time (min:secs)

Start 00:28 CM was employed by ICI; the Principal, Tom Cottrell, had worked for ICI before he took up a post at the University of Edinburgh and then moved to Stirling. He was keen for Stirling to have a Department of Technological Economics and appointed a research chemist, Frank Bradbury, to the chair. CM's job at ICI was to work out the route from the research laboratory to commercial success for its projects. The theory behind this was under-researched; CM was seconded to write a PhD thesis on the theory of innovation using as examples three ICI innovations in the chemical industry and ICI's archives.

02:35 Patrick and Helen Buchanan rented CM and his wife a cottage on the Touch estate. He thinks he was the first father to be present at the birth of his child in Stirling Infirmary.


04:00 His life in the University was wonderful because he knew everyone as the staff was so small; they were young and there was an air of intellectual excitement. Tom Cottrell was full of energy. CM was a tutor on his Approaches and Methods course. Staff seminars were held on Wednesdays in Allan Grange; he gave a paper and remembered Tom Cottrell speaking on the French Impressionist painters in London, Stewart Sutherland on Dostoevsky and John Riddy on Indian history. The discussion including such staff members as Eric Richards, Stewart Sutherland, and Brian Loasby was lively and engaged. The beauty of the campus enhanced intellectual life. Tom Cottrell ensured that the beauty of the Pathfoot building was enhanced by a collection of paintings; 1% of the University's income was set aside for the purchase of works of art.

09:50 Tennis and cricket were played in an inflatable sports hall; everyone ate together in the dining hall. The student intake doubled every year for the first three years and brought swings in the politics of the student president with each installment.

13:00 Monica Clough, a mature student who enrolled in 1967, was well known in the local community and was able to create links between different groups in the new institution. She was good at bringing reticent students out of their shells. CM's own work, with Frank Bradbury as one supervisor and another supervisor at ICI, was concluded successfully; he returned to Stirling about once a month to see Frank Bradbury in his third year. ICI's generosity to him was extraordinary and he valued the work of staff in Technological Economics such as Andrew Bain and Michael Cowan.

16:12 He wondered why they were leaving when their year in Stirling was over; Tom Cottrell was so bright, the University was thinking everything through, and people had shown them extraordinary kindness.

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