First professor appointed after dismissal of Prof. S.S. Orr 15 years earlier.
Way in which Department was staffed during interim period. Dr MILANOV only member of staff to continue for whole period. Biographical details of Dr Milanov "a tragic and isolated" figure.
The Department was very small - probably only Orr and Milanov full-time - plus part-time staff.
Ban on chair lifted by A.A.P. and Staff Association in 1967 (probably).
J. was asked to apply in mid 1968 - by one of the outside selectors.
Doubts about whether to come. Not because of past history - felt Australian philosophers had a duty to re-establish philosophy in Tas. University. Doubt owing to isolation, being cut off from other philosophers. But urge to live in small city. Disadvantage professionally, in J's experience. Not same number of very good students "I would have probably developed more as a philosopher if I'd remained in Melbourne, but wouldn't have been so much use to people".
Two immediate tasks perceived on arrival:-
1) To organise programme of relevant philosophy courses
2) To cement relationships between Philosophy Dept. and Tas. community.
Was Professor Hardy considered for the Chair of Philosophy before it was advertised? Possibly. Rumoured. But it met with opposition from some members of the History Department.
First appointment as lecturer was charismatic Dr MULDER (?)
J. would like to have written more than he has done, since coming here.
Has been more involved in administrative and political matters here in small university than he would at Melbourne or Monash. There are not so many professional administrators, or (competent) administrators.
Personalities matter much more in a small university.
"The Karmel hoo-ha". If it had been implemented it might have had a very bad effect on the University" - so was against it.
The present situation is different (a) because the College is much smaller (b) professors of education are different, and not personally involved as former professor (i.e. R.S.S.) was with T.C.A.E. (c) the choice now is different. The University will probably take from 5-10 years "to settle down and assimilate". It will not be an easy period. There will probably be 2 standards of degrees: "soft" degrees in some areas, tougher in others.

Neil Batt and the Library Board.

What outstanding staff or students.
Prof. McAULEY and Prof. CAREY - the two intellectually eminent men.
Outstanding departments - Physics and Geology.

Because of its size and isolation, this University needs to think hard about its role e.g. its Philosophy Department should see role as undergraduate one mainly. People should face up to the fact that we don't attract postgraduate students from other states.

Does the University provide "all-round" university life?

Impressions of two vice-chancellors: both very good in their different ways.
Sir G. C. very good at cementing relations, but did not always understand Australians. Prof. Caro understands academics but not necessarily Tasmanians.

Future of Philosophy as discipline, and as numbers game. Contract with Classics.

On Tasmanian education in general: a great pity so many Tasmanians simply think of the University as a teacher-training institution. Believes the diminution in demand for teachers may do the University good "in the long run".
Education also a more political issue in this small state where everyone has the ear of the politicians.

Long term bet: in 5 or 6 years, prior to an election, "they" will announce that Newnham is to become a College of the University.