

CYNTHIA ALEXANDER

Conversational

Side A only - ~~Conventional~~ interview!

000 Professor Jaeger's methods with his "computing" mathematical students who were paid 2/- per hour (during wartime). Very exacting work, pre-computer days.

The honour of being chosen to be a "computer".

1939 part-time student, working at the University as laboratory assistant etc. until Jaeger (and she) went into Services in 1942.

030 The first woman President of the Union.

Students not interested in outside politics, but in student conditions.

035 We would not tolerate poor lecturing - would go to the Professorial Board. Very different from what students put up with today.

045 Gas fires vs open fires in Student Union. Car parking in University also an issue. Only people with severe physical disabilities allowed to park cars in University grounds.

065 Trying to get a decent Union building. But probable movement of University site inhibited action.

075 We were very close to the staff, very friendly. And thought staff of very high calibre.

080 Girls' school preparation for University. Brought in outside teacher for C.A.'s Maths.

Embarked on Science course without any qualifications except Maths. Probably the last year this would have been allowed.

100 People pointed out Professor Dunbabin in his gardening days at the University (after his retirement).

110 Discrimination against women - No, not at University but lower down - poor people did not get to University.

- 120 As President of Union much more like a Student Advisor - finding accommodation etc. - perhaps this because of being a woman? Staff would sometimes ask her to speak to problem students.
- 135 The Orr Case: "it couldn't have happened like that in our day".
- 145 First Student Representative to sit on University Council (1940?)
Composition of Council. Role of Council.
C.R. Baker. Mrs Tommy Murdoch:
- 160 Very rare student participation - all v. boring.
- 165 Got into strife occasionally with Professorial Board re matters of discipline.
- 170+ Using the library for dances!
- 175 Nobody sent down: reduction of privileges were likely.
- 190 Accommodation mostly private board. Christ College only College. Nobody seemed to mind living at home!
- 200 University blue in Basketball. Impression that the students were physically fit skiing on Mt Wellington; walking to Kingston and back via Tarooma.
- 210 We worked very hard, but didn't seem to have the problems they have these days.
- 220 NUAUS practically started in Tasmania. Bob Chambers drew up Constitution.
- 230 Wartime. Very little pacifism.
- 240 Evacuation of Fahan to Interlaken - how threatened did Tasmania feel during the War?
- 270 An excellent university.