



Interviewee: Heather Watson (Mrs) [left] & Janette Sloan (died 2014) [right]
UoS Dates: HW: 1971 – c 1992
Role(s): Admissions and Records Office
HW: Latterly Senior Clerk (Postgraduate Admissions)



Interview summary:

Start 00:30 – HW and JS worked in the Admissions and Records Offices. It was a busy and at times stressful place. The busiest times were at registration, graduation and exam times. The pair set up the exam halls and exam papers. They often did overtime and had to deal with registration twice a year. The records were done by hand for every student.

03:04 – There were five people in the office which was originally located in Airthrey Castle. Ian Ainsworth was in charge along with a Mrs Bolton. They were both focused and precise people who ensured the job was done right. The office staff were not given holidays in summer as it was their busiest time. Often there were many enquiries from possible students.

06:40 – Hours were spent on graduation certificates, making sure they were right with the correct details.

08:08 – The university was an enjoyable place to work. There was a good sense of friendship amongst the staff. There were evening events held for overseas students in the early years. A great number of the overseas students took Aquaculture.

10:48 – Every student had a paper file and if the fire alarm went off HW and JS would have to ensure they placed the shutters down on the files so they would not be lost. There were no backups for the files and this was long before computers were used. Each student also had a photo and sometimes the camera would break so taking photos for IDs could take a while.

12:51 – Mature students became more common from the early '80s and were most commonly doing education degrees.

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