



Interviewee:	Alex Elliot	
Dates:	September 2017	
Role(s):	Physics Student (1967)	

## Interview summary:

<i>Summary of content; with time (min:secs)</i>
<b>Start - 00.19</b> - Describes reasons for choosing Stirling, highlighting Professor Cottrell's visit to Edinburgh high school, wide subject variety and specific professor prestige and reputation, Professor Mike Harrison for example.
<b>01.46</b> - Took modules in maths, physics and psychology, found all three valuable in future career. Discussion of good lecturers in university's early days, including young professors and establishing new courses.
<b>02.30</b> - Professors Ian Percival, Mike Roberts and Graham Adam discussed, ages commented on in relation to teaching methods.
<b>04.11</b> - Description of post-graduate study in East Kilbride and Glasgow, and career lecturing at Glasgow University, Middlesex hospital and Berkshire hospital. Career progression using physics degree, from lecturer to roles in the NHS, for example principal NHS physicist.
<b>05.25</b> - Retired in 2006 from final NHS role in clinical management, citing poor experience and different priorities for retirement.
<b>06.28</b> - Discussion of Stirling University life, including early accommodation in city and rural suburbs neighbours and transport. Beginnings of sport facilities and role in creating running tracks. Description of Pathfoot as main building on campus, main space for entertainment including cafe and TV as rest of campus was constructed.
<b>09.09</b> - Describes how friendship with Edinburgh University stationers led to creation of the first Student Union at Stirling, where Elliot took leadership role, assisted by financial board members. First shop on campus, selling stationary, then merchandise and clothing. Shop became permanent part of campus when Cottrell was finished.
<b>11.42</b> - Discussion of life outside university, including track running in Edinburgh and life in off-campus accommodation. States distance from accommodation and campus as reason for little involvement in university social events at weekends and holidays.
<b>12.23</b> - Discussion of seasonal jobs away from Stirling, including summer job as bus conductor, and physics placement at the Atomic Energy Authority in Oxford. Explains later winter semester dates inhibited students' ability to get jobs.

**14.02** - Describes future use of third module in psychology in careers involving leadership, specifically in NHS management, and conceptual psychology in creating first medical imaging system.

**Ends - 16.19**

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