

Ms. Beryl Horne: Secretary, Department of English 1973 -

Practical advantage to Secretary in having done Administration eg decision - making and personal relations in large organisations. Philosophy particularly valuable - the steps to be taken in an argument.

035 Period of employment at T.C.A.E. - 2 years 1971 - 2.

Unfortunately ..., they had the idea of making themselves into a pale imitation of the University instead of a college".

"Something went wrong somewhere"

The opportunity to work for Professor McAuley - seemed so much more attractive - there didn't seem to be any clear-cut future for the college even then" ...

Knew about arguments at T.C.A.E. from taking notes in meetings.

Dr. Wisch "obviously on a different wavelength" from most of the other people.

People couldn't understand some of his expressions eg "eating crow".

090 "With Professor Selby Smith going, the college really started to break up from that point on".

100 Professor J. McAuley: "I saw him as a very warm, caring sort of fellow".

"He had colossal courage .. when he was dying ...".

Changes in staff round about time of Professor McAuley's death.

Harwood, Thompson, Goodwin departed.

180 Professor McAuley's successor Adrian Colman - emphasis on drama - moving away from emphasis on poetry.

195 Student numbers have dropped off. The postgraduate Master of Humanities, it is hoped, will bring people back to the university.

205 The New Albion Press. John Winter's achievement. Professor McAuley encouraged John. Projected next publication.

250 Administration sometimes seen as heavy-handed.

The importance of the secretary, in the department. Some members of staff are aloof and obviously think you play a very menial part.

Work load varies very considerably at different times of year.

No official social group among the secretaries, "it's a good place to go, the tea-room at afternoon tea time, you can sound off..." A very close group.

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All belong to a University Union. "Secretaries tend to be very conservative .. the girls in the typing pool won't belong to the Union ... Only drama 3 years ago when an admin. officer was retrenched.

Secretaries very unlikely to get militant; are very satisfied with their working conditions.

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