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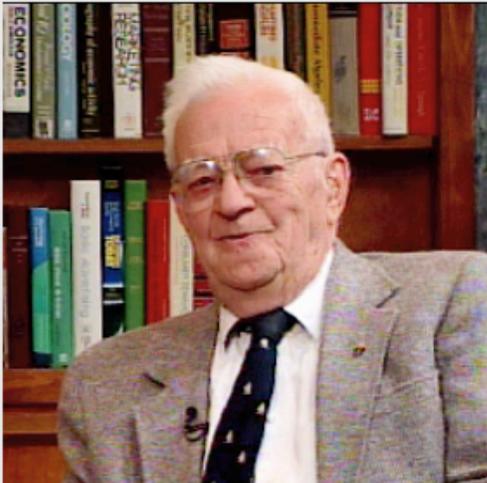
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W. Donald Cooke

He joined the Cornell University faculty in 1951 and advanced quickly through the ranks. He published 39 papers in Analytical Chemistry through 1970. He has held a series of administrative posts [Associate Dean of Arts and Sciences (1962-64), Dean of the Graduate School (1964-73); Vice President for Research (1969-83); Acting Provost (1974-74); Acting Chair of Chemistry Department. He was an active and effective member of the Cornell University Senate (1970-74). Because of his love of teaching he has continued an active teaching role throughout his career, even past his retirement in 1987.

This DVD

The Oral History Project of the Department of Chemistry and Chemical Biology at Cornell University, led by Charles Wilcox and Kelly Strickland, presents this DVD of an extended interview with a senior member

of the faculty in which they share their life's journey, their professional interests and their reflections about the distinctive character of their department and its nurturing environment. Their comments reveal some of the aspects that make this an exemplary academic unit. Short biographies of interviewee and interviewer are included, in addition to a photo gallery and list of publications of the interviewee.

J. Robert Cooke produced the DVD for The Internet-First University Press, an outgrowth of the Open Access Publishing Project led by Cooke and Kenneth M. King. A streaming video of this interview is available online, without access fee, at <http://dspace.library.cornell.edu/handle/1813/62> and at <http://ifup.cit.cornell.edu>.
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