

A GREAT RACE AGAINST YALE

DUBC put up a great show at Henley last year coming through three rounds very strongly, and going down to Yale, the subsequent winners, in the semi-finals on the Sunday, by just 3 feet.

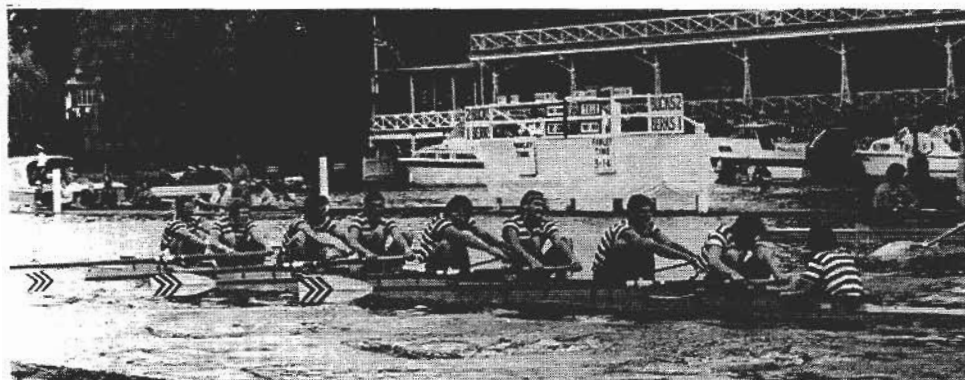
From early on it was clear that Yale were a crew to be reckoned with. They had a number of the previous years Ladies Plate winning crew back again and were said to be faster. Indeed they had shown something of their capabilities when at Reading Regatta on the Saturday before Henley they had beaten our Eight, in admittedly a very nervous row by them, by just under one length.

Of the thirty two crews in the draw five were seeded — Harvard, Ridley, Isis, Yale, and for the first time Trinity Dublin. This ensured that we did not meet Yale in the opening rounds and we progressed up our respective sides of the draw until our meeting in the semi-finals. On Thursday, Friday and Saturday we had good wins against Nottingham, Cherwell, and Trinity Hall, with 'Easily' verdicts in each race. Meanwhile Yale had disposed similarly of Pembroke Cambridge, and Newcastle University, but had

had a tough race against Isis, beating them by half a length.

Yale averaged 9 lbs per man heavier than Trinity and were very strong over the second half of the course. Knowing this the crews tactics were to go for an early lead and then hold off Yales challenge. The crew rowed superbly, and going off clean and strong got an early lead which they built up to $\frac{3}{4}$ length by Fawley. From that point the real pressure developed. Yale spurred continually to cut back the lead, and Trinity held them off. But little by little the gap was closed and as they came up the enclosure Yale imperceptibly crept up. As the crews crossed the line Yale got their nose in front and were adjudged winners by 3'.

That race was the most exciting of the Regatta, and made the finals of the Ladies by contrast, with Yale beating Witwatersrand by a comfortable 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ lengths, a very tame affair indeed.



The last few strokes in the race, with Yale just edging through. From the bows: Nick Dunlop, Raymond Blake, Sean Tunney, David Browne, Kevin Lynch, Derek Gordon, Karl Zinsmeister, Gerry Macken. Cox Eric Sargent.

WYLIE CUP

The wheel comes full circle

Following the difficulties experienced in the University Championships (Wylie Cup) in recent years, in particular with the inclusion of Women's events and the points scoring system, a full meeting of the University Rowing Committee was called in September and some fundamental changes agreed. These changes were subsequently ratified at the I.A.R.U. Annual General Meeting, and commencing this year the format will in future be:

- (i) The Men's and Women's Championships will be completely separate.
- (ii) The points scoring system will be abolished and each event will become a University Championship event in itself.
- (iii) The Wylie Cup will be decided by the three VIII's events (i.e. Novice, Intermediate, and Elite), one point will be awarded to the winner of each. In the event of a three way split the Cup will be awarded to the University winning the Elite.VIII's event.

This in effect puts the competition back to its original form, and onto a much more meaningful basis as a test of University Rowing. With the depth of strength of D.U.B.C. at present we look forward to this year's Championships on May 1st with optimism.

FIRE

Its probably not the first time the Boat Club has a Firemans helmet amongst its souvenirs, but the acquisition of this one was a bit different to the usual run.

In the early hours of the Monday morning following the Regatta, Albert Eakins was alerted to the fact that the marquee in the enclosure was on fire. The Fire Brigade was called and arrived very promptly, but already the marquee was well ablaze and nothing could be saved.

How the fire started is not known but fortunately all costs were covered by insurance. The Firemans helmet was left behind in the melee.



At Trinity Regatta: Bill Jacques and Brian Persson down to some serious business.

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THE HENLEY FUND

Over £1300 received last year

The Henley Fund graph, having shown a small dip after the great '77 year has been climbing steadily, and last year for the first time topped the £1,000 mark, with just over £1,300 being received.

The Club is really appreciative of this great effort, and particularly encouraged by not only the substantial increases in a number of subscriptions but also in the increase in subscribers, up from 50/60 in past years to 79 last year.

The fund continues to be put to excellent use and Henley remains a great occasion for Trinity crews providing an annual rallying point for club members and friends from all over the world. Expenses at Henley though, like everything else, continue to rise and the crew would find it very difficult, if indeed possible at all, to go to Henley without the support of the Henley Fund.

SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

April 26	Gannon Cup
May 1	Wylie Cup and Univ. Champs.
May 2	Queens Regatta
May 16-17	Trinity Regatta
June 6	Metropolitan Regatta
June 12-13	Athlone Regatta
July 2-5	Henley
July 17-18	IARU Championships, Inniscarra
July 25	Home Countries International.

MAURICE HORAN



AN APPRECIATION

Since the beginning of rowing in Trinity there can have been no one better known by so many oarsmen than Maurice Horan. He started rowing while still at Sandford Park School, coming up to Islandbridge with a few other possible oarsmen and rowing in Tub IVs in about 1931. At that time Trinity were trying to encourage Schools rowing. He took to it like a duck to water and never looked back. He had no doubt been encouraged by his brother Hugh who rowed in the VIII in 1928/30. He was the most beautiful oar that I have ever seen, seeming to take it all in his stride, pushing down the most

tremendous puddles and never losing his perfect rhythm or getting rattled. He rowed at five and if any raggedness developed at the bow or stern it never got past Maurice.

After he left College he coached for I don't know how many years. There were a few years when he would give it up, thinking someone else should take over, but not for long. He would soon be wooed back for he loved the Club and rowing; it was part of his life.

His coaching was aimed at making the boat move as fast and as smoothly as possible and he would try and inculcate his own perfect rhythm into the crew. All one had to do then to win was to work harder and if you couldn't do that you were no damned good. His coaching was so highly thought of that he was asked to become a member of Leander and later to coach the Irish crew in the 1948 Olympics.

Betty, God Bless her, always supported his interests. In the good or even bad old days she used to follow us to Henley and in those days women were supposed to be a bad influence on highly trained oarsmen! I wonder how many hungry oarsmen she has fed at the White House and Wheatfield.

He was always so full of life and enjoyed every minute of it. That and his great capacity for making friends with anyone he met made him a great companion. I will certainly never forget him till the end of my days and will always enjoy looking back and chuckling to myself at the rascally things we got up to more than once.

J.A.S.

IVOR NEWMAN

The Club was shocked and saddened by the sudden death of Ivor Newman last October when he was tragically killed by a car while changing a wheel at the side of the road.

Ivor Newman was a great friend and supporter of the Boat Club and will be particularly well remembered by members in the late 50's and 60's during and following the years when Simon, his son, was captain. He and his wife Joan chaperoned many of the Boat Club functions, and were unstinting in their generosity, regularly entertaining members and friends in their home, Chandos in Dundrum.

He will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

THE 1981 TRAINING POLICY

David Sanfey (Captain 1975-76) is Senior Coach this season. His policy is to form the best VIII from the 12 strong senior squad, with the remaining four men racing as a IV throughout the season. There will also be a IV taken from the Senior VIII which will double up to aim for the Elite IVs events in Ireland, whilst also competing in the VIII. This squad has set its sights on Henley and the Irish Senior Championships, and will at the same time try to win every major Irish honour in VIIIs and IVs.

Much of the Michaelmas Term was spent in IVs concentrating on technical improvement. An early transition to the VIII for the New Ross Marathon suggests that we will be able to bring men out of the VIII to produce a fast IV without affecting the bigger boat. The squad, training hard, will check fitness on the IARU Ergometer. Ten men travelled to Putney in March for the Head. They underwent nine days of hard but very worthwhile training. Chris George, who was coaching, was pleased with progress so far.

Lower down the Club more attention is rightly being given to the Novice squad who show fair potential this year. Robin Tamplin, Fred Clarke and Michael Claffey are coaching a large number of Novice members, with Robin concentrating on the first Novice VIII. David Hickey and Dave Bloomer have also been spotted on the tow-path.

DAVID SANFEY

New Vice-President

Congratulations to David J. Sanfey who was elected a Club Vice-President at an Extraordinary General Meeting at the end of February.

David is a Solicitor with A. & L. Goodbody's, Dublin. He is at present the Club Senior Coach, and his wife Jane is President of DU Ladies Boat Club. They live at 166 Whitecliff, Whitechurch Road, Rathfarnham, Dublin 14.

David was Captain of DUBC in 1976. He has had a distinguished rowing career with DUBC, some highlights of which have been:

- 1973 Maiden Championship winning VIII.
- 1975 Senior 'A' winning VIII, Nottingham Regatta. Represented Ireland on Home Countries International VIII.
- 1976 Semi-finals of the Ladies' Plate. (Beaten by Trinity College, Hartford.) IARU Senior Championship winning VIII. Represented Ireland on Home Countries International VIII.
- 1977 Ladies' Plate winning VIII.



David Sanfey.

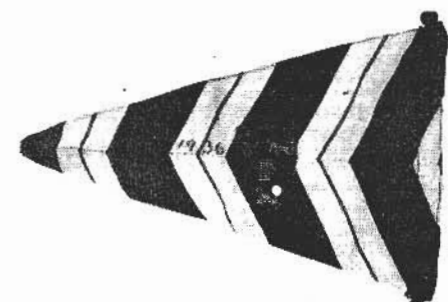
D.U.L.B.C. NEWS

1980 was another good year for D.U.L.B.C. Under the able captaincy of Lorna Siggins they won the women's Novice IVs Championship at Craigavon in June. They also won the inaugural Colours Race against U.C.D., a new feature this year. A pair of Clair Morrissey (Commercial) and Mary Stuart (D.U.L.B.C.) were selected to row for the Irish women's team in the Home International at Athlone. There they did well to achieve Ireland's only win of the day.

AN INTERESTING PENNANT

It's amazing how things turn up! Mick Kavanagh of Galway Rowing Club was enjoying a quiet pint or two in Freenys pub in High Street Galway about a year ago when mention was made by a fellow drinker (unidentified) of a Trinity Pennant he happened to have. Some time later this pennant (somewhat the worse for wear) was dropped into Micks office in Galway, who in turn passed it back to the Club through Gaby Costello at Trinity Regatta.

It seems to be a bow pennant and has the year 1936 on it. Can anyone of that era tell us anything about it?



THE 79/80 SEASON IN OUTLINE

The Club got in the usual hard Winter training and the crews emerging in the Spring were an Elite VIII, an Intermediate IV and a Novice VIII. In the first competitive event of the year, the New Ross Marathon, the Elite squad raced in IVs and the top IV showed great potential in defeating a IV drawn from the national squad training for Moscow. However this promising start was not borne out at the subsequent Erne and Dublin Heads. In the Erne Head the Elite oarsmen, handicapped by illness performed poorly, and in the Dublin Head the VIII allowed Neptune establish too great a lead early on. There was some recovery in the Lagan Head later when our 2nd Senior VIII took the Head of the River pennant.

The Novices also competed in all these races but although working hard did not have any success. This was to be their pattern throughout the season, and although they improved rapidly at the end of the year they were always that little bit slower than their opponents.

The Intermediate IV were the success of the year, winning regularly from the moment they began racing at Queens Regatta.

The Elite Squad as a policy spent a lot of time in IVs early in the season. Although initially they did not do too well in the VIII, losing to the main opposition crew Neptune in their earlier races they came into their own in the final all-important run up to Henley and recorded a couple of good wins over Neptune at Metro and Athlone. They peaked at Henley, with some really inspired racing there, but on return to Ireland were never able to recapture the same form. A contributory factor at this stage was the loss of their No. 7 Karl Zinsmeister who had to leave the crew after Henley. In the Senior Championships they came third to Neptune and a Composite crew.

The Elite IV which had raced well throughout the year was selected to represent Ireland in the Home Countries International, a fitting reward at the end of a very good and yet very lean year's rowing.

THE PROVOST AND MRS. LYONS HONOUR THE BOAT CLUB

It is believed that the Provost made history last year when he became the first Provost in office to attend Henley Royal Regatta. Dr. and Mrs. Lyons, loyal supporters of the Boat Club, chose a good day when they saw the club racing in that thrilling semi-finals against Yale. So impressed were they that they decided to honour the Club by entertaining them to a reception in the Provosts House.

On Wednesday 18th of February they hosted a most enjoyable evening attended by a large number of DUBC men from over the years. The Captain, Nick Dunlop, presented the Provost with a tankard engraved with the Boat Club crest, as a small memento of the occasion.



The Provost and Mrs. Lyons with James Shillington, President of the Boat Club, and Nick Dunlop, Captain, at the reception.



At the bar of London Rowing Club where the party ended... what parties don't! Left to right — standing: Cedric Sheppard, Keith Ticehurst (Captain L.R.C.), Annis Sadek, Michael Doyle, Jako Wilson. Seated: Tony Wilson and Tom Freeman.

GLIMPSES OF METRO, 1980

The big breakthrough for DUBC Elite VIII last year came at Metro Regatta, when, hitting the form which was to give them such great racing later at Henley, they beat their Irish rivals Neptune for the first time in the season, to win the Elite Vllls by one and a half lengths.



Sharing in the occasion was the Minister of State for Education, Mr. James Tunney T.D., here seen congratulating his son Sean after the race. Crew mates Kevin Lynch and Nick Dunlop, and others, look on approvingly...



... and in the enclosure Gay and Frank Blake with Bobbie Steen.

LONDON LIZZIE DINNER, 1980

Attendance at the London Lizzie Dinner at the London Rowing Club on April 19th last though slightly down in quantity lacked nothing in quality, as evidenced by the choral group which continued with rousing extracts from the bible well into the morning.

Guests included Farn Carpmal, President of London Rowing Club and a long established member of Lizzie, Keith Ticehurst, the L.R.C. Captain, and a member of another D.U.B.C. — the Durham University Boat Club, whose performance in beating the 1977 Trinity crew at Nottingham just prior to Henley did so much to stimulate Trinity to winning the Ladies Plate the next week. Others present were Andrew Patterson, educated at the other place (Pembroke) who was invested with Lady Lizzie colours some ten years ago for services to the club, in particular to those Lizzie men who rowed and who still row at L.R.C. in their irregular squad on Wednesday nights. Ladies' Plate winners present were Jarlath McGee, Dave Weale and Ted O'Morchoe. Ted incidentally was organiser of the dinner for the crew at Henley last year. Unfortunately unable to be present this time were the Provost Dr. Lyons and Dr. R. B. McDowell.

Farn Carpmal proposed the toast to the Queen and Ireland and Rob Van Mesdag in the chair reminded all of Farn's unceasing support of Trinity rowing, which in large measure contributed to the close ties between D.U.B.C. and L.R.C.

Organisers of the dinner which first took place in the 1960s at the initiation of John Pearson, were Cedric Sheppard and George de Courcy-Wheeler. Cedric passed the hat around for the Henley fund and realised a wonderful £100.

Please note the next London Lizzie Dinner is scheduled for Spring 1982.

CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD WISHES are offered to **LONDON ROWING CLUB** on their one hundred and twenty fifth birthday. Many former DUBC men were delighted to join in celebrating the occasion at a dinner in the Mansion House — a memorable occasion.

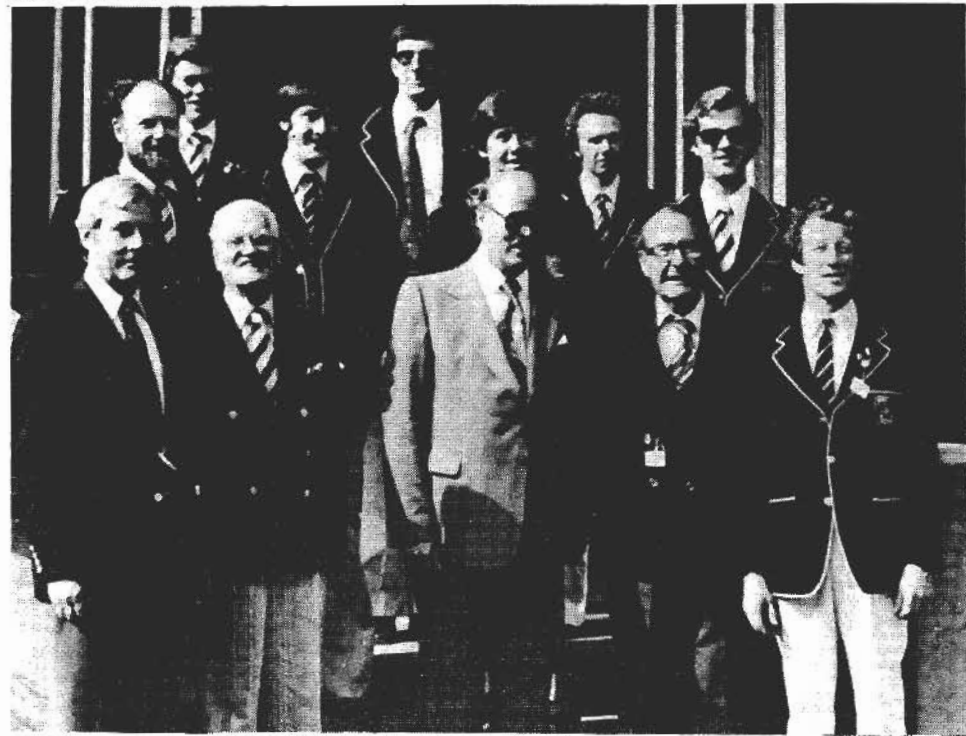
THE HOME INTERNATIONAL, 1980

The Trinity IV, Sean Tunney, David Browne, Kevin Lynch, Derek Gordon and Eric Sargent, was selected to row for Ireland in the Home Countries International at Athlone on July 26th. Their race against England, represented by the Kingston IV which was No. 7 in the world last year, was very exciting, with Kingston having to work very hard over the second half of the course to hold off a strong Trinity challenge.



D.U.B.C. Senior IV chosen to race for Ireland at the Home International. From left: Derek Gordon, Kevin Lynch, David Browne, Sean Tunney, Eric Sargent (cox) and David Sanfey (coach).

CAPTAINS GALORE



Captains at Trinity Regatta, 1980, with Club Patron Lord Iveagh. Left to right, front row: Ian Wilson (1945), Bobbie Steen (1925), Lord Iveagh, James Shillington (1933), Robin Tamplin (1949). Back row: Donagh McDonagh (1975), Raymond Blake (1979), John Hill (1974), David Browne (1978), Desmond Hill (1969), Fred Clarke (1980), David Sanfey (1976).

Out and about...

★ News received from ERIC SARGENT (Cox 1980) is that he is coxing the Cornell University first (varsity) boat. He has spent a fortnight with them in Florida to escape the frozen wastes of New York State and get in some training.

★ DUBC men have become increasingly involved in the affairs of the Irish Amateur Rowing Union and DONAGH McDONAGH and DAVID BROWNE are this year on the Executive Committee. Good luck to them in their enterprise.

★ And news of more enterprise by DUBC men comes to us from Belfast where BILL JACQUES has been the driving force over the last two years in getting the Lagan Scullers Club under way; ably assisted I must add by a group of enthusiasts including ALVA BRANGAM and TONY HARTE. Bill is Secretary of the Club the objective of which is to further the sport of sculling. Present membership is about 150, all members of other Lagan clubs, and there are now six Sculls regularly in use. The Club is situated near Belfast Rowing Club. It has a boathouse constructed by the members themselves, with concrete launching steps the next phase. A pretty rigorous land training programme by the sounds of it!

★ Mentioning ALVA BRANGAM, our warmest congratulations and good wishes must go to

him and his bride to be Rosemary Jayne Miller, also of Belfast, who plan to be married in Belfast on July 21st next. Alva has clearly not let the concrete mixing, etc. hinted at above cloud his priorities! Note: Alva's change of address with effect from 6/3/81, to: 6 Ardlee Avenue, Holywood, Co. Down.

★ It was great to hear in a letter last August to 'Curly' Millar of DR. R.C. 'SNAKE' RYLANDS (Junior and Senior Vllls 1939/40) coaching involvement with his club and a local school on the Nepean River, Penrith, New South Wales. He describes his house situated on the banks of the Nepean River, and beside a straight 2,000 metre, 8 crew course, used by NSW Rowing Association for their Centenary Regatta a couple of years ago, with British and Canadian crews attending. We turn distinctly green with envy.

THE DUBLIN MARATHON

Five D.U.B.C. men ran in the first Dublin City Marathon on October 27, 1980. The start (and finish) was St. Stephen's Green and the course ran largely through the North city. For the last 6 miles the runners returned to the Southside for the finish. The positions and times of the Boat Club men were: N. Dunlop (433) 3hrs. 23mins, D. Gordon (596) 3hrs. 36mins, A. Sides (954) 4hrs. 4mins, B. Fallon (980) 4hrs. 5mins, S. Tunney (1258) 4hrs. 41mins.

NEW OARS THE 'TOPS'

This year the Equipment Fund has realised about £500, once again a splendid response from everyone. In previous years this money, along with financial support from DUCAC, has been put towards a boat of some kind. This year attention is being paid to refurbishing some of our existing equipment, and most of it will be spent on riggers which have already been ordered. It is hoped too to add to our set of Dreissigacker oars, the first of which were bought last season and have proved very successful.

The purchase of these oars, ten last year, is in line with the Club policy of keeping our equipment right up to date. The Dreissigacker oars are made in the United States, and each consists of a tapered tubular shaft made of carbon fibres, glass fibres and epoxy resin. The use of these materials makes the oars extremely light, and strong (they are about 4 lbs lighter than a conventional oar). Also very stiff, and it took the crew several weeks to get used to them when they arrived last May. Once they did though they were found to be very efficient and they will continue to be used by the Club in the foreseeable future.

GANNON CUP 1980

DUBC WENT INTO the 1980 Gannon Cup as firm favourites having just returned from a week on the Tideway, and the Putney H.O.R. In the end the tag of favourites was fully justified but the six length victory over U.C.D. only came after some anxious moments before the race when it became known that we had lost the fin off the boat. Cox. Eric Sargent did a wonderful job of steering the course with this handicap and so D.U.B.C. went on to record their fifth consecutive win in this event.

There are prospects of a good race this year with a strong looking U.C.D. crew on the water coached by Tom Sullivan. However D.U.B.C.'s hopes are high for the outcome, and the race, either way, will be a pointer to the Wylie Cup just a few weeks later.

TRINITY RETURN TO PUTNEY

After the absence of a number of years Trinity returned to compete in the Putney Head of the River on March 22nd last year. Due largely to the hard work of Chris George, and the hospitality of countless old DUBC men in London — Rob van Mesdag, Cedric Sheppard, Mr. and Mrs. George Hallows, George de Courcy-Wheeler, Robert O'Farrell, Tom Freeman, Robert Neville, and Mike Dover, to name but a few, the Senior VIII were able to get in some training on the Tideway and then compete in this classic race. After ten days arduous training, with coaching from Chris George, Robert O'Farrell, Rob van Mesdag and Richard Marriot, the crew finished a creditable 23rd out of a field of 400.

NEWS . . . UP TO THE MINUTE

The Club has already competed at three 'head' races. At New Ross on January 25th the Novice VIII and Senior B IV both won. The Elite VIII lost to Garda by nine seconds over the 52 minute course.

Since then the Elite VIII has won twice, at the Lagan and Erne H.O.Rs. The Novice VIII has maintained an unbeaten run by winning at its second and third outings — Lagan and Erne. All in all a fairly satisfactory start to the season, and we look forward to some good racing in the summer months.

News just out from New Haven, Conn: Karl 'Paddy' Zinsmeister has been spotted rowing again.

OLYMPIC SUPPORT

During the Olympic boycott controversy last May the Irish Transport and General Workers Union came out with a pledge of support for the Irish Olympic athletes. A cartoon by Marty Turner in the Irish Times speculated on some possible effects.

