

TRINITY REGAIN GANNON CUP IN STYLE

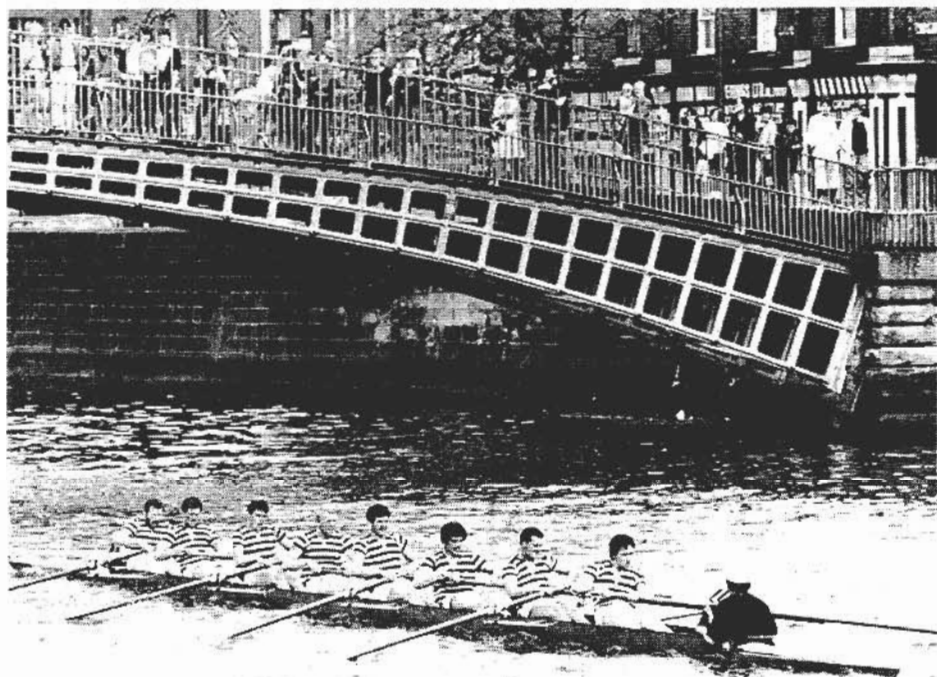
Trinity set out from the beginning of the season to revenge the previous years defeat, by regaining the Gannon Cup. In the run up to the Gannon Cup Trinity met U.C.D. in the first round of the Elite VII's at Trinity Regatta. In a great display of competitive rowing, Trinity outwored and demoralised UCD by 3L.

After Trinity Regatta all thoughts were focussed on the Gannon Cup. Trinity drawn on the South Station were late for the start, and were awarded a false start. Trinity then proceeded with a great start, immediately exerting pressure on UCD who crabbed on the tenth stroke. Trinity continued to press home on this early advantage confidently striding down to 39. By the first bridge Trinity had a 3/4L lead which was further increased to 2 lengths by the half way stage. Trinity now striking 34/35 pulled away stroke by stroke. Beating on the occasional challenge by U.C.D. going through O'Connell Bridge, Trinity had increased the lead to 3 lengths which was maintained to the finishing line.

After last years highly exciting race which resulted in defeat this year no quarter was given Trinity regaining the Gannon Cup and once more stamping their authority over U.C.D.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

26/27 April	University Championships & Queens Regatta, Castlewellan.
4-5 May	Trinity Regatta
8 June	Metropolitan Regatta, Blessington.
22 June	Athlone Regatta
4-7 July	Henley Royal Regatta
19/20 July	I.A.R.U. Senior Champs, Blessington.
26 July	Home International, Wales.



Crew: Bow; A. Hogan (2), N. Mahony (3), Phil Browne (4), John Aiken (5), Mick Doyle (6), John Burgess (7), Alan Thomas Stroke, Mark Patterson Cox, Brian Roberts.

EQUIPMENT FUND

This year we embarked on a campaign of major investment in equipment to ensure that our major plans for development on the rowing front would not be hindered in any way by a restricted and obsolete stock of boats, oars and spare parts.

As a result I made a special appeal to old members to back us up and show their support. The response can only be described as tremendous. The income to the equipment fund is at present approximately £1,500 which is the largest response ever. I am very grateful for the great dedication to the club of many of our old members.

The £1,500 collected was donated by

approximately 50 people. My main aim to improve this fund further, would be to involve as many more people as possible rather than having to rely on those already involved increasing their donations.

Anyone who has not contributed so far this year but would like to add to our record income to the equipment fund should send their contributions to the following address: DUBC Equipment Fund, c/o The Captain, 23-01 Rubrics, Trinity College, Dublin 2, Ireland.

Sincere thanks again to all those who have contributed so far — Brian Roberts.

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MAY 1985

A Note from the Captain: Brian Roberts.

PLANNING AHEAD

There can be no doubt that the past decade has been an enormously successful period for the Dublin University Boat Club.

Everyone associated with the club has revelled in the triumphant atmosphere as the club won many fine titles: the elite eights championship, the Home International, and the Ladies Plate at Henley Royal Regatta have all been captured by DUBC during the past 10 years.

But people should be very careful not to forget that we have not always been on the crest of a wave. There have been many lean years and lean eras in the club's distinguished history. There have been years when the club could barely get a crew together for a paddle, let alone winning a race.

I believe that success breeds success and that it is much easier to maintain a winning streak rather than create one. Therefore it is vitally important that the club is not allowed to slip into a situation where the effort put in, the enjoyment gained, and the results produced are of an indifferent nature.

Therefore, this year we have put tremendous emphasis not only on the present senior oarsmen, but have also paid particular attention to the senior oarsmen of 1986 and the years after that. The results of this exercise have so far been very rewarding and increases the probability of our great expectations being fulfilled. We have spent a lot of money, time and energy creating a base from which we can make a realistic effort to get back our prominent position in Irish rowing.

The fruits of our work should begin to be seen during 1986 — and hopefully the atmosphere of the club's 150th anniversary should give a further boost to an already progressive improvement in standard of oarsmen and the general quality of our crews. For if ever a Trinity crew has failed, it has rarely been through lack of commitment from crew or coach. Once we entice the basic raw talent into the club everything depends on the system used to produce crews from individual talent. Our present system is becoming increasingly organised and our aims and targets have crystallised in our minds. Our aim is not to win a championship this year, or even to win a race. Our aim is to develop the club so that we are constantly improving, each week rowing better than the week before, each year better than the year before.

If this attitude is adopted by everyone rowing at all levels within the club, we should be able to produce the constant stream of people required to stay on top of our rowing, rather than relying on occasional surges of good fortune which too often can be few and far between.

Three fine men remembered.

The club records with sadness, but also a sense of gratitude, the passing in recent months of three boat club men, each of whom put his work and character in the club in his own distinctive way. We send our sympathy to their families in their great loss.

COL. W. S. J. CARTER

Bill Carter died in February this year at the age of 76. Bill was a Vice-President of the club since 1978. He coxed and rowed on the Senior VIII in 1928, '29 and '30, becoming captain of the club in the latter year. He was an extremely good sculler winning the Irish Senior Championships a number of times, and the Tailteann in Cork in 1928 and 1932. He had a distinguished career with the Imperial Tobacco Co. and Wills, being chairman of the tobacco division when he retired. As a Territorial he was called up in 1939. He reached the rank of Colonel and won the Croix de Guerre and was also awarded an O.B.E.

DERMOT GOGARTY

Dermot died at the end of February this year. Dermot's association with DUBC began in the thirties when he took over the coaching and built up the level to the great achievement of 1934 when the eight reached the finals of the Ladies Plate to lose by just 3 feet. He had begun his rowing at Pembroke College, Cambridge and became an enthusiastic follower of Steve Fairburns method of coaching. The son of Oliver St. John Gogarty, Dermot was a "character" with a love of words and the nicely turned phrase. In recent years he had been ill and very much an invalid, his regular letters to the club will be missed, recalling amusing incidents of his rowing and coaching days, which he habitually signed... G. Tom Derry Goat — an anagram of his name.

P. H. G. BRAIDWOOD

Pat Braidwood died in March this year. Pat was captain of DUBC in 1965. When he became captain he immediately began an intensive programme to strengthen the club at all levels and in so doing provided a base for considerable success of the club over the following years. He was an outstanding oar himself and rowed at 5 on the Senior Championships winning eight in 1967.

He joined a number of oarsmen from other clubs to form the first Irish Composite eight to win the Irish Elite Championships. Pat will be sadly missed by the rowing fraternity. He suffered a long and debilitating illness over a number of years which sadly sapped his strength and vitality, but never his patient cheerfulness and his love of rowing.

D.U.B.C. Brussels had an idea.



"Why don't more of such boats exist, at Henley, for instance?" asked Giles Thal Larsen after he had stroked to exhaustion his partners Edward Holding (centre), and Rob Van Mesdag (bow), up and down the Canal de Charleroi in Brussels, last December. He and Ed were guests of Rob who rows on this canal as a member of the Cercle des Regates, one of the oldest rowing clubs in the capital of Europe. There are about five clubs there along the canal which runs north-east, south-west across the city, one or two as old as the Cercle which is well over one hundred years old. Giles kept referring to his boat as "the tree seater", but Rob corrected him by explaining that in Belgium such craft are called "triplette", which means exactly the same.

Rowing in Belgium is practiced as little as it is in Ireland. Only in England, because of its schools, universities, boat race and Henley, is this sport

better known. Nevertheless, Belgium won Gold in the women's Single Sculls and Silver in the men's Doubles at the L.A. Olympics. Giles, Ed and Rob thought about this most seriously during their outing, and during one of their eases — there were quite a few — the idea arose of organising a special Triplette event at Henley, open only to unfit veterans!

A special triplette builder would be engaged; the media would be informed. Alas, the idea didn't get much farther. Excellent Belgian beer after the outing, with both Annes, Peter and Giles Jr., and several of Rob's Belgian friends killed it rapidly.

There is another Lizzy man in Brussels, Michael Mitchell who last December was unable to attend. He has now gone into strict training, hoping he may be invited and able to accept next time around.

FOREIGN NEWS

Egypt Christmas '84

D.U.B.C. returned to Egypt last year, once more to sample the delights of rowing on the Nile. Six DUBC members of varying experience, mainly novices, set off for the Festival of Oars.

Following arrival in Cairo three of the tour managed to miss a connecting flight to Luxor. They managed to catch the following flight arriving in time to put in some heavy training in the Bazaars of Luxor, most of the other competitors from America, Egypt and West Germany out on the river with the exception of the Ash Traying throwing Swiss Oarsmen.

Trinity men actually managed to row in an Egyptian Composite Eight and a coxed pair with notable lack of success, brought about by slight difficulties of communication.

The D.U.B.C. delegation attended a reception hosted by the Irish Ambassador, after a brief visit to the Canadian Ambassadors residence on the floor above, on Christmas Day. Food provided was excellent and "our man in Cairo's" hospitality is recommended to all.

In between sightseeing tours, Egyptian discotheques and official receptions, a fourth place was achieved in the fours event beating arch-rivals Switzerland. An extremely enjoyable and lively trip was had by all. The group wish to thank Eric Dickson of Washington University for his contribution to the "fun time" had by the DUBC party last year.

Singapore — Another DUBC Colony?

A recent discussion with Ted O'Morchoe has given us more insight into rowing in Singapore. Ted is now part of a small group of fanatics trying to promote our sport in a society that has never heard of the outrigger, not to mention the sliding seat.

Having acquired a small number of boats and formed a club, Ted and his scheming partners were faced with the problem of having nowhere to compete as there is no other club within a radius of five hundred miles.

So now the group is attempting to dissect its operation in order to have four or five clubs from which they can organise events. There are also plans to organise an international event, inviting crews, from other parts of the globe, to test the waters in Singapore. This might provide an exciting alternative for DUBC crews who feel they would like a change from our adventures on the Nile. Soon DUBC will have colonised every corner of the world.



The new boathouse at Blessington.

1983-84 SEASON

HOME INTERNATIONAL '84

The Home International was held at Blessington. I.A.R.U. policy over the previous year and a half was to put together an Under-23 squad for the VIII's event. After extensive trials an eight was picked which included D. Philip Browne and Mark Pattison from Trinity, rowing at 6 & 7 respectively.

Two outings a day were held during the week before the event and rapid progress was made in integrating the various club styles. In practice outings with the Irish Lightweight Eight the U-23 crew beat the Lightweights by long margins over short pieces.

The race was held in perfect conditions at Blessington. The English VIII was Leander, winner of the British Championships and finalists of the Thames Cup. After the start England were about ½L up on Ireland. The Irish LWT squad were adrift. The Irish U-23 Eight came back strongly and from 500m to 1750m. There was no more than 6 feet between the two crews. At the bridge with 500m to go Ireland came out of the bridge ahead but faltered slightly. England moving up slightly Ireland put in a sustained challenge to the end which resulted in a very close finish, England retaining the title by 6 feet. Again disappointment for Browne and Pattison both on the Home International VIII the year before being beaten on that occasion by the same margin 6 feet. Overall it was an excellent performance for a crew only put together a week before the event.

THE HENLEY FUND

The Henley Fund last year raised £1,338. Our thanks to as ever, to all who so generously subscribed to bring in this considerable amount.

This amount was slightly down on the previous year, but that year included a very welcome contribution from the Allied Irish Bank of £250.

The number of subscribers dropped by 12 from 70 to 58, a disappointing trend in itself and the club continues to address the question of how the total number of subscribers might be increased. Meanwhile it should go on record that those who continue to subscribe regularly do so more generously than ever. The club owes this band of stalwarts a great debt of gratitude.

DINING HALL FIRE

Last summer the Dining Hall caught fire, which meant our traditional Christmas Commons Dinner at the end of the first term was cancelled. Fortunately many of the fine paintings emerged unscathed but the roof was totally destroyed. The tallest structure in the front square at the moment is the crane being used to rebuild the roof and not the campanile.

HENLEY REPORT 1984

The Senior Eight went to Henley without any major home success besides the Gannon Cup. However we were quite hopeful of getting at least to the semi-finals. As usual the crew stayed with the Dudeneys at Rotherfield Greys, where they were treated like lords. The weekend before Henley the crew took in Reading Regatta to blow out the cob webs. Here we came up against the university of Pennsylvania and Princeton. All crews were level to halfway possibly Trinity with a slight lead. However Princeton & University of Pennsylvania clashed and the race was started with 300m to go. Princeton being disqualified, Trinity and Univ. of Pennsylvania dead heating on the line.

Back at Henley some good training was put in, unfortunately on Tuesday Nick Mahony our 4 man was taken to hospital with acute appendicitis. This upset things a little, but Nick Dunlop was flown in from Ireland. Nick Dunlop, a member of the Irish Lightweight and ex-senior Trinity Oarsmen, filled in at 2.

In the first round we met Durham University, one of Britain's fastest college crews. Trinity got ahead from the start and pulled away steadily. Despite strong challenge from Durham at Fawley Trinity took the race by 1½ lengths. In the second round Trinity came up against old rivals Yale.

The Yale crew (Lightweight) had a very fast start and had a lead by the barrier Trinity never being able to pull back this lead losing by 1½ lengths. The race was disappointing for the crew that had been together for 3 years. However there was consolation at Sean Duffy who rowed in the Eight the previous year, winning the Ladies Plate with Brown University, thus a Trinity Blazer albeit under the regis of Brown University was seen at the Medal Ceremony.

Phillip Browne.

NOVICE REPORT

Last year's influx of novice oarsmen brought a little more success than in the previous 2 years. Wins were notched up by the Novice IV at the University Champs and at Cork City Regatta at Senior C level.

The Novice VIII won at Capoquinn at both Novice and Senior C level. One notable historical achievement was the Novice VIII win at Derry. They won the Senior VIII event and retained the Tyrconnell Cup which had not been competed for since 1938, in that year DUBC also won the cup. The President of the Club, Bill Millar being on the crew on that occasion.



Bill Millar and Robin Tamplin at Trinity Regatta last year.



Major changes at Henley

The Stewards of Henley Royal Regatta have decided to make major changes in the rules for qualification for several Henley events.

In particular, sweeping changes have been made to the Thames Cup and Ladies Plate events for eights.

The Ladies Plate will no longer be confined to collegiate crews and will now also include club crews. Basically anyone who previously qualified for either the Thames Cup or the Ladies Plate are now eligible to compete in the Ladies Plate.

The Thames Cup, on the other hand has narrowed its spectrum of qualification. Apart from school crews, it is confined to British and Irish crews, with no composite crews allowed. Also, there can be no more than four oarsmen of Senior A or higher status in any crew.

The reasons for these changes centre around the rising standard in the Thames Cup in recent years. Traditionally the Ladies Plate was next in standard to the Grand Challenge Cup, but in recent years the Ladies Plate and Thames Cup have been of a very similar standard. The new rules should once again raise the Ladies Plate above the standard of the Thames Cup.

The result of these changes leaves it more open for Trinity crews to decide which event they wish to enter, rather than automatically entering the Ladies Challenge Plate which has been the tradition. Effectively raising the standard of the Ladies Plate and lowering the standard of the Thames Cup,

London Lizzie have a ball!

Full marks and thanks to London Lizzie — Gerry Blanchard and his committee in particular for the resounding success of the Dinner Dance in Thames Rowing Club on the 1st December last. And our thanks to Tim Levy, captain of Thames Rowing Club for providing their clubhouse. L.E.B.C. members, about 70 in all, gathered with wives and friends to wine, dine and dance their way into the small hours beside the Thames.

The organisation was impressive! From the balloons and decorations to the Blanchard Junior Band and the utterly splendid touch of coach collection and delivery. It really was up market to set off in ones D.J. and sip champagne on route to it all!

Robin Tamplin and David Browne came over from Dublin and Robin spoke briefly of the 150th Anniversary of the boat club coming up in 1986. R. B. McDowell was guest speaker and kept us all, as ever, enthralled. A marvellous place to dine, he mused, beside the river of 'liquid' history.

The most wonderful touch of all was in realising a profit on the night of £116, which has been duly lodged to the Henley fund. A very successful night indeed.

1986—ANNIVERSARY YEAR 150 years of DUBC/Pembroke Rowing Club

1986 is a big year for D.U.B.C. It marks the 150th Anniversary or sesqui centenary of our original in the founding of the Pembroke Rowing Club in 1836.

The club plans to mark this special occasion and a small committee in Dublin, Bill Millar, Robin Tamplin, David Browne, Donagh McDonagh and Brian Roberts, have been giving some thought to how this might be done.

The regatta next year must certainly be a high point. Although no detailed planning has been undertaken as yet, it is hoped to have invitation races, commemorative prizes and probably a regatta dinner as a focal point. The important thing will be to get as many old members attending as possible.

It has been suggested too that some work be carried out at the boat house as a permanent reminder of the year this might be the extension of the existing boating slipway.

One idea which is already being pursued is the publication of a Short History of the Club and this is being discussed with Professor R. B. McDowell and John Gaskin. The material gathered over the years and held in the boat club archives will form the basis of this history, but any suggestions and material will be most welcome. Any contributions should be sent to the captain in No. 23 T.C.D.

We hope to make the year one which everyone can in some way take part.



Enjoying a drop of the black stuff at Blessington last year were (l/r): David Browne (LEBC), Jim Smith (Neptune), Bill Millar (Club President) and Frank Blake.

OUT AND ABOUT

Congratulations to Sean Duffy (D.U.B.C. 1983-1984 and Brown University U.S.A.) on winning the Ladies Plate at Henley last year with Brown University. Sean rowing at 5 in Brown crew which beat Harvard by a length in the final.

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Good luck to Nick Dunlop in South Africa who is joining Diocesan College, Cape Province. We also congratulate Ray Blake, as coach of St. Stithians. Ray has taken the school to its second Junior South African Championship. In eights and first and second fours.



Photo: "Dr. Livingstone I presume", Nick and Ray at Buffalo Regatta.

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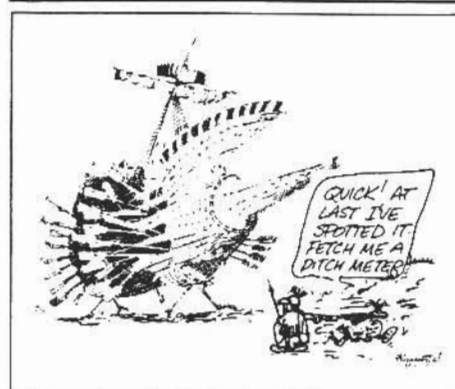
Good luck to Donagh and Nancy McDonagh, married last April. Congratulations to Brendan Flynn on his marriage to Mary Sheridan last summer.

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Congratulations to Nick Mahony and Mark Pattison who were awarded Pinks this year. Nick represented Ireland at the Home International in 1983 and is currently on the Irish Lightweight squad. Mark Pattison represented Ireland at the Home International in 1983 and '84 along with Philip Browne. Alan Thomas (past captain) is currently rowing for Neptune and is on the Irish Heavyweight squad.

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Fred Clarke (past captain '79-80) has been spotted, working for Birds Eye Ltd. in Liverpool. Andrew Hogan has gone further afield, India, Africa and Singapore amongst other places.



Courtesy of "Rowing magazine".