

GAA Oral History Project

Interview Report Form

Name of Interviewer	Arlene Crampsie
Date of Interview	1 st Sept 2010
Location	Interviewee's home, near New Inns, Co. Cavan
Name of Interviewee (Maiden name / Nickname)	Pauric Owens
<u>Biographical Summary of Interviewee</u>	
Gender	Male
Born	Year Born: 1985 Home County: Cavan
Education	Primary: Augheranna NS Secondary: Virginia Vocational School, Co. Cavan Third Level: Ballyfermot College of Further Education, NUI Maynooth
Family	Siblings: 1 sister & 1 brother (RIP)
Club(s)	Lavey GAA
Occupation	Sports Archivist
Parents' Occupation	Welder [Father]; Housewife [Mother]
Religion	Roman Catholic
Political Affiliation / Membership	N/A
Other Club/Society Membership(s)	N/A

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Date of Report	5 th July 2012
Period Covered	1889 – 2010
Counties/Countries Covered	Cavan, Dublin, Australasia, Australia, Fermanagh, Clare, Galway
Key Themes Covered	Travel, Supporting, Grounds, Facilities, Playing, Training, Administration, Celebrations, Commiserations, Fundraising, Sponsorship, Material Culture, Education, Religion, Media, Emigration, Involvement in GAA Abroad, Role of Clergy, Role of Teachers, Role of Women, Role of the Club in the Community, Volunteers, GAA Abroad, Identity, Rivalries, All-Ireland, Club History, County History, Earliest Memories, Family Involvement, Childhood, Impact on Life, Career, Challenges, Sacrifices, Relationship with the Association, Professionalism, Socialising, Purchase of Grounds, Relationships, Economy / Economics
Interview Summary	<p>Pauric discusses the role of the GAA in his life and his involvement in the Association from when he was a player to his different administrative jobs in Lavey GAA. He discusses the history of the club and how he became involved in administration, first becoming public relations officers before becoming secretary of the Lavey Ladies club. Pauric describes the relationship between the ladies and men's clubs and the differences in his roles with the two clubs. He notes the work done by many local people and talks about the characters of the club. Pauric discusses his career in the media, starting out in print media before moving on to television. He describes the type of work he does working for different television stations like TV3 and Setanta. He talks about how he always had an interest in media and how his interest in the GAA influenced this. Towards the end of the interview Pauric discusses what the GAA means to him and highlights the important place it holds in local communities.</p> <p>00:00 Introduction</p> <p>00:16 Pauric talks about his earliest GAA memory. Going to Croke Park Cavan and Dublin in 1989. Mentions Seamus Donoghue, Father Eddie. Losing his uncle in Croke Park.</p> <p>01:43 Recalls Antrim beating Offaly in 1989 in the hurling semi-final and his brother being christened. Watching the Down vs Meath All-Ireland final in 1991. Mentions Mickey Linden and James McCartan.</p> <p>02:55 Discusses the journey to Croke Park in 1989. Travelling</p>

	<p>with his uncles Peter and Vincey and his cousins (Martin and PJ). Being at the back of the Hogan Stand.</p> <p>04:20 Telling a story about going to see Cavan and Derry play in the early 1990s in Irvinestown. Eating melted penguin bars and seeing all the soldiers with guns.</p> <p>05:58 Talks about his involvement in GAA in his early years. Being sick as a child and going to London for a transplant. Mentions John Joe Maguire. Starting football again after the Leaving Cert. Getting injured in 2003.</p> <p>08:30 Discusses being asked by John Joe Maguire to become public relations officer in 2004.</p> <p>09:00 Talks about the club's success in recent years. Losing to Cookstown who won the All-Ireland club championship. Working for the Cavan Voice and Echo newspapers.</p> <p>09:40 Using the papers to promote the club.</p> <p>10:42 Becoming secretary and PRO of Lavey ladies in 2009 and the work involved in the roles. Change in management.</p> <p>12:40 Discusses the history of the Lavey club, formed in 1889 and known as Lavey Joe Biggars, after the Nationalist MP.</p> <p>13:20 Talks about the make-up of the parish, beside Killinkere, the grounds at New Inn and the issues with this.</p> <p>14:20 Discusses the move of the pitch to the New Inn.</p> <p>15:20 Talks about the main characters of the club at the work they have done. Mentions John Joe Maguire, Seamus Smith, Seamus Galligan and his work with bingo. Finances of the club.</p> <p>19:00 Describes the type of sponsors the club have. Mentions Tom Simons of the Bent Elbow pub and the High Stool pub in Ballyjamesduff.</p> <p>19:49 Talks about Patsy Lynch a caretaker and umpire at Lavey's New Inn grounds.</p> <p>21:00 Describes the work of former secretary Owen McConnon who MCs the club's dinner dances. Mentions Joe and Justin McMahan, Donal Óg Cusack, Seamus Tierney, Peter Donnelly.</p> <p>22:55 Talks about the work of Aidan Cunningham and the underage setup of the club. Success of the underage teams.</p> <p>23:42 Discusses how he became involved in Ladies' football</p>
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	<p>in Lavey at an AGM. Lack of interest from people. Recalls watching DCU play Louth in the O'Byrne Cup, Peadar Andrews scoring and own goal. Mentions Padraic Murphy, Sinead Cusack, Rita Conaty.</p> <p>29:00 Talks about the difference between working with ladies and men's football.</p> <p>29:56 Discusses the tradition of ladies football in the area and the Killyconnell School's team in 1994. Mentions Seamus Smith, Gretty Conaty, Renee Murphy, Rachel and Siobhan Jordan, Louise Maguire and the work of Sinead Cusack.</p> <p>33:00 Describes the increase in numbers in ladies football since 2009.</p> <p>33:22 Describes the differences in ladies and men's football in the club. Working with a player liaison officer. Membership costs. Talks about the amalgamation of all the clubs in Lavey.</p> <p>37:46 Talks about the Lavey lotto and where the money goes issues between ladies and men football in Lavey.</p> <p>40:05 Discusses the strength of ladies football in Cavan. Losing and intermediate final to Waterford. Playing counties like Westmeath.</p> <p>42:28 Notes the interaction between men and ladies on committee level. Mentions Danny and Padraic Murphy. Men supporting the women in the ladies final in Killygarry.</p> <p>43:50 Talks about having a junior and senior committee in the ladies' club. Mentions Tony and Mary Fitzsimons, Brian McMahon, Paul Conaty. Having a junior and senior team.</p> <p>45:28 Discusses his relationship with the Cavan Ladies County Board. Issues in recent times. Mentions Eamonn O'Reilly from Ballyhaise, Martha Brady. Mentions Ann-Marie, the assistant secretary, Louise Lynch, Catriona Smith, Siobhán Jordan.</p> <p>48:10 Talks about his career in media and the role the GAA has played in this. Getting involved in Irvinestown Radio. Mentions Sean Byers from Crosserlough GAA, MJ Clarke from Knockbride, Páidi Ó'Sé.</p> <p>51:07 Working with the Cavan Echo. Covering Virginia College's All-Ireland win.</p> <p>52:27 Talks about helping to set up the Cavan Voice and Monaghan Voice newspapers with John Shields. Mentions Paul Fitzpatrick of the Anglo Celt newspaper, Jamie Dalton.</p>
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	<p>Working with Motive Television and TV3.</p> <p>56:00 Working on television and with analysts like Peter Canavan, Senan Connell, David Brady, Liam Hayes, Eugene McGee, Jamesie O'Connor, Daithí Regan, Liam Griffin.</p> <p>56:21 Talks about his day to day work. Working on match days in Croke Park. Compiling stats with a programme called Focus for Peter Canavan on TV3.</p> <p>01:00:00 Discusses the type of stats he compiled. Mentions Bernard Brogan, Eoghan O'Gara, Eoin Liston, Jamie Dalton, Eric Murray, Amanda Creightan, Paul Walsh.</p> <p>01:04:10 Talks about his involvement as assistant producer in Setanta Sports coverage of the National League, Magners League and soccer.</p> <p>01:05:40 Discusses his interest in the media when he was young the impact of the GAA on this. Seeing people using typewriters in Breffni Park. RTÉ's live games on Sundays.</p> <p>01:09:04 Talks about the world of the press. Going to the International Rules in Australia. Using programmes like TVM.</p> <p>01:10:44 Describes the difference in radio and television. Talks about Ocean FM, Northwest Radio, Kilkenny Radio and KCLR.</p> <p>01:11:42 Discusses the press facilities in different stadiums. Notes Tullamore as the best for press. Mentions Carrick-on-Shannon. Issues with county grounds.</p> <p>01:13:45 Recalls being at a hurling final and RTÉ's new type of camera.</p> <p>01:16:26 Talks about the issues around television rights and Sky, TV3, TG4, RTÉ, Setanta, ESPN. Issues around High Definition.</p> <p>01:20:13 Discusses his influences in broadcasting. Mentions Micheál Ó'Muircheartaigh, Brian Carty, Micheál O'Hehir, Jimmy McGee. Listening to matches on the radio.</p> <p>01:23:20 Recalls a story about Micheál Ó'Muircheartaigh in Perth, Australia.</p> <p>01:23:50 Talks about differences in covering the GAA and other sports. Recalls his first soccer match was in Belfast. Mentions Linfield manager David Jeffrey, Maurice Reidy, Paul Galvin, Eoin Cadogan.</p>
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	<p>01:27:28 Discusses his best memory of his time involved with the GAA. Winning intermediate championship with Lavey, junior championship in 2003, Cavan winning the Ulster final in 1997. Mentions Stephen King, Fintan Cahill, Niall Lynch. Virginia College winning the All-Ireland. His work in the media, working with Matt Cooper and his M&M's, Peter Canavan and his warm Jaffa Cakes.</p> <p>01:31:23 Talks about his biggest disappointments in the GAA.</p> <p>01:33:14 Discusses his GAA heroes. Mentions Seamus and Cathal Donohoe, Declan Murphy, Joey Jordan, Sean Maguire, Stephen Jordan and Darren Jordan, Peter Canavan, Jamesie O'Connor.</p> <p>01:35:20 Recalls a story about Anthony Daly, Brian Lohan, Jamesie O'Connor. Going to the All-Ireland hurling final in 1995.</p> <p>01:37:50 Talks about the different places he has worked, Perth, Killarney, Tralee, Páirc Uí Chaoimh, Páirc Uí Rinn.</p> <p>01:38:30 Describes what the GAA means to him. Role of the GAA in the community. Main sport in Lavey.</p> <p>01:40:38 Talks about Johnny Cusack, the only man in the village who has a senior All-Ireland medal and helped capture a senior county title for Lavey in 1951. Mentions Oliver and Fergal Smith, Terence Ferguson.</p>
<p>Involvement in GAA</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supporter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Player <input type="checkbox"/> Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Coach <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steward</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Chairperson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Committee Member <input type="checkbox"/> Grounds-person</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Caterer <input type="checkbox"/> Jersey Washer <input type="checkbox"/> Referee <input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____</p>
<p>Record as a Player (Titles won; Length of time played)</p>	<p>Played from 8 to 14 and for three months when he was 18. Won a Roinn A Medal at Underage in 1995.</p>
<p>Record as an Administrator (Positions held; how long for)</p>	<p>Has been involved in administration since 2004 when he became Club PRO, a role he still held on date of interview. He became secretary and PRO of the ladies club in 2009.</p>

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Duration	Length of Interview: 01:42:29
Language	English

To be filled in by Interviewer:

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Signed: Arlene Crampsie

Date: 05/07/12