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Leading figures in the world of education, philanthropy, business and literature will be honoured by the National University of Ireland during a ceremony to confer honorary doctorates at University College Cork on Friday, 8 June 2007.

The traditional ceremony honours individuals who have distinguished themselves nationally or internationally, through their scholarship, creativity, public service or contribution to social, cultural or economic life.

Ted Crosbie
Businessman

Thomas Edward Crosbie, known as Ted, was born into the family newspaper dynasty on 30 April 1931, the only son in a family of four. Ted is the great-grandson of the first Thomas Crosbie who took over the Cork Examiner newspaper in 1872 on the death of his partner, John Francis Maguire, its founder in 1841 and Nationalist MP in the British Parliament.

After Christian Brothers College, Ted studied for a science degree at UCC, graduating in 1952. He then joined the family firm and in his roles of Technical Director and Chief Executive, he spearheaded the introduction of new technology to the Cork Examiner and Evening Echo by changing from the traditional linotype "hot metal" to the Web Offset process in 1976, giving the company the most modern printing plant in Ireland, and landmark advances in technology and computerisation in 1986 and 1994.

Ted was the fourth generation of Crosbies to manage the paper, along with his cousins, George and Donal. Two members of the fifth generation – Ted's son, Tom and George's son, Alan – are represented on the board of Examiner Publications (Cork) Limited. Ted is currently a director of Thomas Crosbie Holdings Limited.