



# FRIENDS OF HARVARD CELTIC STUDIES



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## MISSION STATEMENT

The Friends of Harvard Celtic Studies, formed in 1993, participate in and support the numerous programs and activities of Harvard's Celtic Department. The primary mission of the Friends is to help fund the following programs:

- Stipends for students attending intensive language courses in Ireland, Scotland, Wales, and Brittany;
- Honoraria for visiting scholars and artists;
- Travel support for students attending conferences or workshops devoted to Celtic cultures;
- Assistance to middle and high school teachers in introducing Celtic literature and history to their students;
- Publications relating to research in the Celtic cultures.

Another important goal of the Friends is to make accessible to the community-at-large a rich and assorted presentation of Celtic culture and scholarship and to encourage non-academic members of the area's large Celtic community to partake of Harvard's Celtic activities. We welcome anyone who appreciates Celtic culture and wishes to participate in its dissemination.

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# A new year begins,

The Friends got together on the evening of October 24th to usher in the 2002-2003 academic year. It was a convivial evening as usual, with both old Friends and new in attendance.

Gene Haley called the meeting to order, and after thanking all present for the generosity and support shown to date, he introduced each of the Celtic graduate students in turn, urg-

ing Friends to introduce themselves and spend a few minutes with the young scholars.

Pat Ford, before reviewing the year's progress, agreed that the students are what we — Friends, faculty, and staff — are here for, and that they are an impressive group indeed.



*(Left, from the top)*

- ◆ Students Natalie Franz and Hugh Fogarty with Friend Donald Harriss;
- ◆ Zeph Stewart and Nate Young swap WWII Pentagon memories;
- ◆ Barbara Hillers and the beautiful Ms. Hannah;
- ◆ Pat Ford, the soda from hell, and Joe Rocchio about to take cover.

*(Above, from the top)*

- ◆ New Celtic grad student, Matthew Knight;
- ◆ Three wild and crazy ties, on Messrs Haley, Ó Cathasaigh, and Collier;
- ◆ Not to be outdone in wild tie wear, BC's and our own Phil O'Leary.

# and a new ambassador, too.

The newly-appointed Irish ambassador to the United States, His Excellency Noel Fahey, paid a visit to Harvard on November 20th.

Introduced by the Consul-General, Isolde Moylan, Ambassador Fahey expressed the appreciation of his government and his own admiration for Harvard's long-standing and continuing support of Irish language, literature, and scholarship.



*(Above)*

- ◆ Ambassador Fahey;
- ◆ *(Center, from the top)*
- ◆ Irish citizen Tomás Ó Cathasaigh, the Ambassador, and Consul-General Isolde Moylan listen to welcome by Pat Ford;
- ◆ Mr. Fahey with another Irish citizen, Hugh Fogarty;
- ◆ Friends Co-Chairman, Phil Haughey, with Messrs. Ó Cathasaigh and Fahey;
- ◆ Grad student Natalie Franz, Celtic Dept. Administrator Margo Granfors, and grad student Charlene Shipman.

*(Right above)*

- ◆ Among Friends present: Professor emeritus Zeph Stewart (l.) and HSD Dean of Admissions Seumas Malin (r.). In the background (center) is GSAS Administrative Dean Margot Gill.



The ambassador used the opportunity to meet and talk with both faculty and students of the Celtic Department, a few of whom indeed are his fellow countrymen.

His name, by the by, is pronounced FAH-hee, not FAY-hee as it is often rendered in the States.



The reception was held in the Library of the Harvard Faculty Club, and despite the mid-afternoon hour, a goodly number of Friends were on hand.



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# High-tech tour of Cruachan opens Colloquium '02



As has often been the case, the Harvard Celtic Colloquium in October received an inspiring kick-off from the annual Vernam Hull Lecture.

This year's speaker, the eminent archaeologist Professor John Waddell of UC Galway, gave an intriguing tour of past, present, and future digs at windswept Rathcroghan in County Roscommon, the well-known but mysterious *Cruachan Aí* of the Ulster Cycle and other medieval sources.

State-of-the-art radar techniques allow contemporary scholars to peer beneath the surface and assess the nature and distribution of artifacts without disturbing a single blade of grass. A far cry from the innocent nineteenth century digs that exposed and lost forever such a treasure of information.

Following the talk, the two-and-a-half day colloquium was very well-attended, with 17 of the 36 papers presented by scholars from universities overseas.

*(Above, left)*

- ◆ Vernam Hull Lecturer, John Waddell
- (Center, from top)*
- ◆ An attentive full house for the lecture;
- ◆ Professor Waddell with Harvard Extension students;



- ◆ Diana Luft and Burial in Medieval Ireland author, Sue Fry;
- ◆ Catriona Mackie, U. Edinburgh.
- (Right, from top)*
- ◆ Pat Ford, Kate Olsen, Kate Izzo, et al.
- ◆ Joseph Nagy;
- ◆ Tomás Ó Cathasaigh and Phil O'Leary;
- ◆ Catherine McKenna, Chris Grooms, and unidentified attendee;
- ◆ Sioned Davies and Eirug Davies (no relation).



# U. Ulster champion wins hero's portion at Loeb House



The guest of honor at the Friends annual Loeb House dinner on the evening of December 2nd was Dr. Gerry MacKenna, President and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ulster .

Introductory remarks by John Cullinane and Pat Ford highlighted for the Friends in attendance the remarkable progress Dr. MacKenna has achieved in leading his university to its present status as the UK's fastest-growing institution of higher learning.

Through online instruction and its four campuses at Belfast, Coleraine, Jordanstown, and Magee in Derry the school now provides quality higher education to an unprecedented number of students.

In the process, U. Ulster has become a unifying force, bringing students and scholars from both sides of the cultural divide into a mutually rewarding enterprise.



*(Above right)*

- ◆ Dr. MacKenna.

*(Left, from top)*

- ◆ Seamus Malin and Phil Haughey;
- ◆ Chadine Ford and Jane Driscoll;
- ◆ Paul Crowley, Phil Haughey, and Jack Driscoll;
- ◆ Rich Doyle and Thomas P. Clark;
- ◆ Kate O'Kelly, Tom Clark, and Peggy Haughey.

*(Center, from top)*

- ◆ Dr. MacKenna, John Cullinane, Jack Reardon, and Noreen Taggart, U. Ulster;
- ◆ Maureen and Al Donovan;
- ◆ Barbara Hillers, Tomás Ó Cathasaigh, and Barbara McAllister;
- ◆ Jane Driscoll and Joan Crowley.

# Meanwhile, back in Ulster,

On September 11, 2002, at 2:30 PM local time, the city of Belfast – the entire city of Belfast – went silent.

An eerie stillness lasting for two full minutes, the solemn observance marked the first anniversary of the

attack on New York's World Trade Center and came in the midst of a moving memorial ceremony held in front of the Belfast City Hall.

As a large crowd looked on, Lord Mayor Alex Maskey planted and dedicated an American maple tree on the grounds of the City Hall.

U.S. Consul-General for Northern Ireland, Barbara Stephenson, thanked Mr. Maskey and the citizens of Belfast for the living symbol of their friendship and condolences.

The ties of friendship between the United States and the City of Belfast are genuine and longstanding, as Pat Ford can testify.



*From left: Unidentified Belfast-born NYC fireman, Pat Ford, Lord Mayor Maskey, and American consul-general for Northern Ireland, Barbara Stephenson.*

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## Can a girl from a small town in Maine find happiness in Londonderry?

When the lady in question is our own Dr. Kathryn A. Chadbourne, the answer is of course in the affirmative.

Kate is currently winding down a year's post-doctoral fellowship at the University of Ulster in the Academy for Irish Cultural Heritages.

Her teaching and research there has made her a lot of new friends and colleagues who will be sorry to see her leave, but we here will be very happy to have her soon back home.



*Kate in her Derry campus office.*

# and back at the ranch

## Send a fine mind to Congress

This year, the International Congress of Celtic Studies will be held at the University of Wales in Aberystwyth, August 24-30. The congress is held only once every four years, which means that our students are able to attend only once during their training period, and we think it essential that they do attend.

As the payout from the Harvard endowment has been cut in half, our ability to help our students has been drastically reduced. Your support is therefore needed as never before.

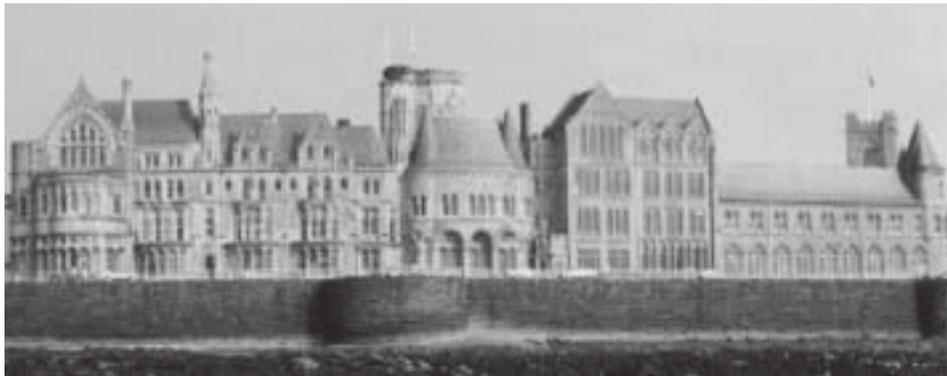
At the last ICCS, held in Cork in 1999, we invited members to 'adopt' a student for the purpose of the conference, and we encourage you to

do the same this year.

'Full' adoptions of students (\$440 for registration, meals and accommodation, plus \$1000 for air and train travel) would be especially welcome, but any additional contribution this year would be most gratefully received.



*(Top) Waterfront promenade, Aberystwyth.*



*(Left) The 'Old College', on the Aberystwyth waterfront.*



*(Bottom) The National Library of Wales, Aberystwyth, houses a major research collection of over 6 million volumes.*



# WELCOME, NEW FRIENDS!

Jonathan and Laurie Edson

Patricia Hogan

Sumner R. Kates

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## CONTINUING NEED FOR MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

*Comhaltas Ceoltóiri Éireann* (CCE) is in continuing need of Irish instruments for its Boston Music School. If any Friends can donate such instruments as the fiddle, accordion, bodhrán, tin whistle, harp, flute, or Uilleann pipes, please contact the CCE through Tara Lynch at 617-773-3150.

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