



Alex Younger, principal, Design Lab;
Chris Hind and Mark Wellings.

SCHOOL OF CANADIAN IRISH STUDIES

The shamrock and the maple leaf

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The School of Canadian Irish Studies at Concordia University was in Toronto for an inaugural luncheon to promote awareness and to raise funds for the Irish Studies Foundation.

The School of Canadian Irish Studies is a partnership between Concordia University and the Canadian Irish Studies Foundation. The programs focus on Ireland's complex history and rich culture, as well as the contribution of Irish immigrants in all regions of Canada to the social, cultural, economic, religious, educational and political life of the country.

Matt Tedford, KPMG managing partner of transactions and restructuring for the Americas and a trustee of the Canadian Irish Foundation, hosted the luncheon on the 46th floor of the KPMG offices in Toronto. Concordia is the only Canadian university offering a degree on modern and historical Ireland.

The foundation annually enrolls 900 students in 22 courses and provides more than \$40,000 annually in 20 designated scholarships. At present, the Canadian Irish Studies Foundation (CISF) is conducting a capital campaign to raise \$600,000 to support the appointment of two professors in the School of Canadian Irish Studies at Concordia. More than \$100,000 has been raised so far.

The foundation has committed \$200,000 annually to the university during the next three years as part of its agreement to finance the initial appointment of two professors.

CISF chair **Brian Gallery** asks that all those who have been so generous in the past to consider supporting the foundation again. In doing so, donors will be ensuring the future viability of the School and its mission. "This is the first time we have approached our Irish friends in Toronto," Gallery said. "I hope the luncheon will result in attaining the funds we need to pay for three new professors."

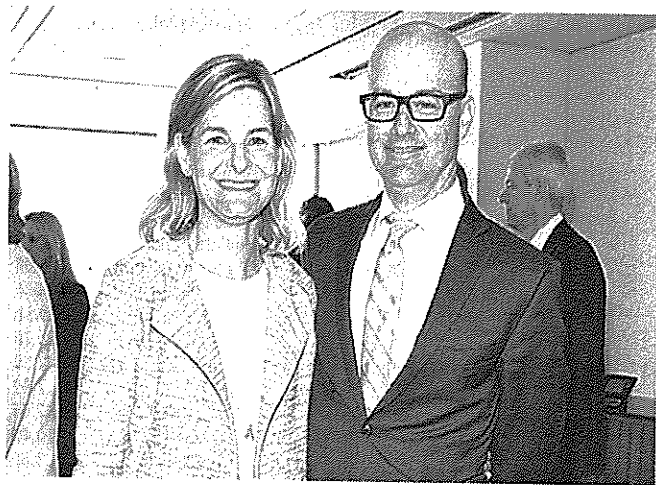
Bright lights in attendance included **Ray Bassett**, ambassador of Ireland to Canada; **Paul Martin**, former prime minister of Canada; **Alan Shepard**, president of Concordia University; **Janice O'Born**, The Printing House; **Paul Marion**; **Matt Tedford**, KPMG; and **Geoffrey Wilson**.

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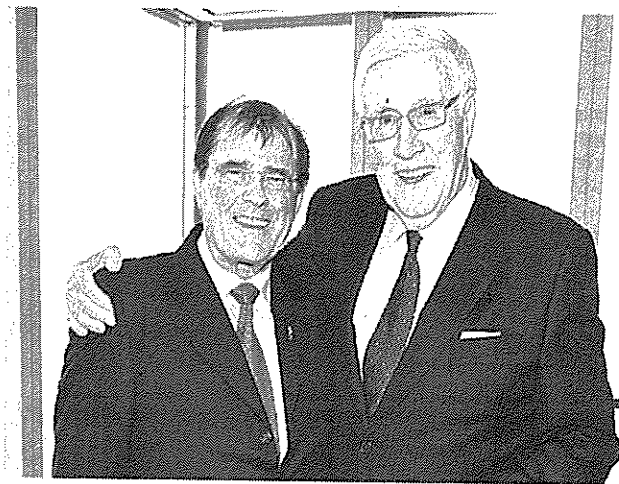
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Matt Tedford, national practice leader, transactions
and restructuring, KPMG; and Liz Gallery.



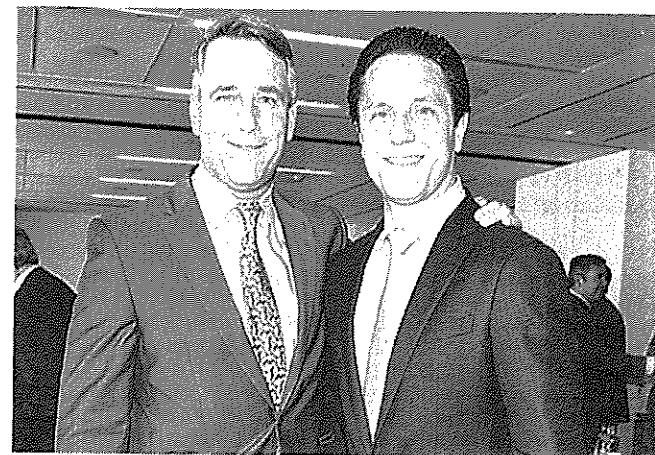
Jane and Matt Flynn, partner, McCarthy Tétrault.



Dr. Patrick Gullane, and Brian Gallery.



Former prime minister Paul Martin and Bryce Douglas.



Michael Burns, Audienceview and Mark Mulroney,
managing director, National Bank.