

Secretary's Page – December 2010

Although numbers attending the 86th Annual Dinner on November 19th, 2010 was much reduced on previous years, due to a variety of circumstances, it proved to be one of the more successful. A welcome feature of the Dinner was the number of younger Alumni and their guests who attended.

The College toast was proposed by the President, John PB Maxwell, and the reply given by Senator Ivana Bacik. In his speech the President welcomed guests and fellow graduates and drew attention to the Association's ongoing commitment to College as befits its role as the oldest of all the Alumni Associations. In so doing he paid tribute to The TCDANI Committee in fostering this link. Special thanks were given to committee Members Dr Kathleen Rankin, Treasurer Hazel Scott and Secretary William Devlin who, along with Patrick Devlin, set up and maintains the Association's web site.

Senator Bacik, in her reply, thanked the Association for the warm welcome and paid tribute to the support offered to college by the Northern Association. In drawing attention to the harsh economic climate in which College now found itself she nevertheless mentioned the new buildings now completed and others nearing completion as part of the College's ambitious building programme. She spoke of developments in research and the curriculum and felt that despite the current economic downturn the college was well placed globally to attract high calibre students and teachers.

Sir Anthony Hart proposing the toast to Our Guests drew laughter in highlighting some moments from Court procedure, a milieu he knows well. The reply to Our Guests was given by Jonathan Hill, Vice President of the Queen's University Alumni Association who mentioned the close ties between both Associations.

As is normal with the Association Dinner many lingered behind to catch up with news and enjoy the pleasant surroundings of Malone Golf club, a venue the Association has used for some years.

I would draw you attention to the feature **Trinity People** on the Home Page - simply follow the online instructions. There are biographical notes on almost 300 people associated in some way to College. I would also like to urge members to contribute to this feature. Again contributions to the e-mail address are welcome.