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Scottish Studies Society Burns Night scheduled for January 26, 2002

The Scottish Studies Society is delighted to announce that the Toronto Colony Hotel has agreed to sponsor a Burns Supper on Saturday, January 26, 2002 with proceeds going to the Scottish Studies Foundation. Arrangements are well in hand for an outstanding traditional evening with "worthies" already engaged for the "Address to the Haggis," the "Immortal Memory," and "The Lassies." To entertain us, we will have on hand, the Pipes & Drums of the 48th Highlanders, Highland dancers, fiddlers and singers.

The Festivities will run from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. and tickets, including a four-course dinner and entertainment, are \$75 per person available from Robert Stewart at 905-294-4389 (e-mail: rstewart@pathcom.com).

Come and join us to celebrate in style the birth of the Scottish bard, Robert Burns. Book early to avoid disappointment. Special overnight rates (\$69) will be available at the hotel. The event is the brainchild of Gordon Hepburn, a governor of the Scottish Studies Foundation. Many years ago while living in Scotland, Gordon was instrumental in organizing a series of famous Burns Suppers in Moscow in what was then known as the USSR. At a time when travel to and from Russia was fraught with problems, this was Gordon's contribution to international détente.

On one occasion, the event featured famous Scots actor John Cairney whose one-man show -- a re-enactment of Burns' life -- gained him word-wide acclaim. Gordon admits that despite the fact he emphasized to John that the Soviets would be primarily interested in hearing about Burns' egalitarian sentiments, John totally ignored this in favour of talking about Burns' more amorous adventures!



Highland Dancer on board the Empire Sandy on Sept. 2
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Secretary of State for Scotland attends Foundation's Fund-Raising Lunch

On October 23, the Foundation, in conjunction with the University of Guelph and the British Consulate-General, hosted a lunch in honour of the Right Honourable Helen Liddell, the Secretary of State for Scotland in the UK Parliament.

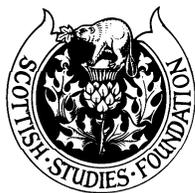
The lunch was aimed at raising the profile of the Scottish Studies Program at the University of Guelph with key individuals both in Canada and the UK.

Representatives from the University of Guelph and the Foundation explained that the fundraising campaign for Scottish Studies now underway at Guelph and has made significant progress. In conjunction with the funds raised by the Foundation, the goal of establishing a Chair of Scottish Studies is almost within our grasp.

It was stressed to those present that they have a wonderful opportunity placed before them: a chance to put Scottish Studies on the map here in Canada and create an institution to stand the test of time. With their support, talents, creativity and ideas, our goal could well become a reality.

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*a desire to nurture and preserve
their heritage in Canada
are invited to join*



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Stamp issued in the former Soviet
Union to honour Robert Burns.