

U2 and their hostage to fortune

YOU have to hand it to U2 — they were never afraid of giving a hostage to fortune. I mean holding their enormous end-of-tour party on a giant naval ship in Pearl Harbour last week. Can't you see the caption writers — 'U2's sinking career?', 'Bono in danger of getting bombed at Pearl Harbour.'

On the other hand, Admiral Bono has a certain ring to it.

The soiree in Hawaii was for the last gig of their world tour. (Greenday performed *The Saints Are Coming* with U2 at the show and attended the soiree afterwards.) Larry Mullen's beautiful partner, Ann Acheson enjoyed the hooley no end as did Bono and Adam (who, like Colin Farrell, doesn't drink any more.)

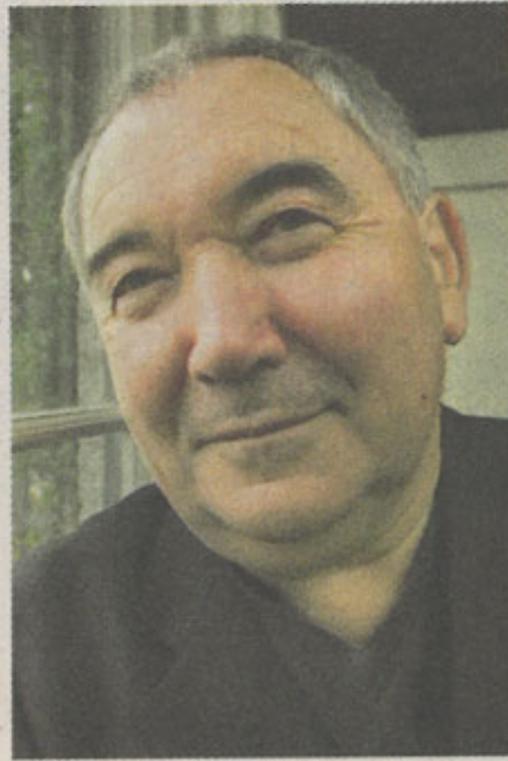
If Bono and the boys are not already partied out, Harry Crosbie is throwing



FIONNULA MOULTON: Excited over Fendi deal

another bash in their honour at his house on Hangover Quay tomorrow.

Just around the corner in Ely HQ, Shane MacGowan is throwing a birthday bash on the 21st. No doubt there'll be one or two bottles of Champagne opened that



HARRY CROSBIE: Bash in honour of U2

evening! Poppy Lloyd is DJ-ing so expect a wild night of cultured crack agus ceoil.

The only slightly less hip (than Shane) Cliff Richard held his 65th birthday bash in The Unicorn last Wednesday. The Christian crooner liked the

atmosphere so much he came back the next day for lunch. Cliff bumped into the delightful 'interior designer to the stars' Fionnula Moulton celebrating the imminent opening of her new shop, The Moulton Design Company in Duck Lane in Smithfield Village.

Her daughter Aoife, who is studying fashion in Los Angeles, is jetting in specially for the opening next week.

"We have the exclusive deal with Fendi for their furniture so I am really excited," fab Fionnula told me in the Unicorn last week.

"We are going to give away a €7,000 Fendi couch at our party in February when we have our official opening."

So what do we think of Fendi couches? Well, they sure as hell beat the cold, hard floor.