Police Seize Files in Liberal Studies Swoop

QUESTIONS ABOUND AS MYSTERY DEEPENS

In a startling move Friday, Nanaimo RCMP confiscated paper files and hard drives from several computers in a lightning dawn raid on the Liberal Studies Department.

Although a police spokesperson refused to comment about the grounds on which the search warrant was issued, sources close to the Administration suggest the possibility of a hitherto unknown link with organised crime.

Plainly Malaspina can reveal that the incident stemmed initially from an unpaid parking fine. However, since it is unheard of for the police to employ such heavy-handed tactics over so trivial an issue, there is surely more to this story than meets the eye.

Among the many questions which need answering are:

- Why is it that Liberal Studies faculty and staff have spent up to five weeks of every year since 1997 in Italy, well-known as the home of the Mafia?
- What is the exact nature of the hidden connections between the Liberal Studies Department, the Liberal Party of Canada and the Liberal Party of British Columbia?
- What is the significance of the fact that the Dean responsible for Liberal Studies has recently resigned, allegedly for health reasons?
- Why has a former Liberal Studies professor been appointed to the position of Acting Dean for the remainder of the academic year?
- Is there any truth in the rumour that Paul Martin and Sheila Copps have both applied for the vacant position?
- What exactly is the role of the shadowy Alexandre Malaspina Research Centre?

Troubled by the lack of answers to these and other disturbing questions, PM will apply for a court order directing the police to make public their reasons for acting, and what if any charges are being considered.

Dear Editor,

Congratulations on your incisive analysis of the new wave entrepreneurial approach to education (or lack thereof). It was the strong entrepreneurial spirit in Victorian times that raised the Empire (hmmmph) to its peak of glory. It is amusing to note that Canada may have turned out to be quite a different place if the French had had a word for 'entrepreneur'. Keep up the good work (le bon travaille),

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p.s. A cheque for $100.00 (CDN) is on its way from Vancouver by mail on the ferry. B.

Thanks for the support, Bill – or should I say 'Merci beaucoup'? Since you wrote, of course, the Ferry strike has ceased, thanks to some strong action by our friends in Victoria. I still haven’t received the cheque, though – can you send another? (Ed.)