The successful candidate in MUC’s recent search for a Director of the MBA Program is undeniably highly qualified for the position, and PM is delighted to welcome Dr. Julia Saurazas to Nanaimo.

In some circles, however, questions are being raised over the University College’s incomprehensible refusal to award the position to media magnate Lord Black of Crossharbour.

From his home in the Fairwinds complex, Lord Black accepted defeat with the dignity and composure which has endeared him to generations of Canadians. “There’s no way on God’s green earth,” he mused, “that this pint-sized wannabe university can get away with such an obscene travesty of justice.”

Lady Black was more forthcoming. “I feel, though I’m certain Conrad is too much of a gentleman to agree, that it is despicably unfair of Malaspina to refuse to lend us a helping hand in our hour of greatest need. He has devoted his best years to the welfare of Canadians and now they turn around and kick him when he’s down.”

Senior Administration was unwilling to comment, but on condition of anonymity sources revealed that the Hiring Committee has concerns about the remuneration package proposed by Lord Black during his secret interview in Building 249. In the opinion of many campus observers, it is exactly such blinkered, short-term thinking that has for years prevented Malaspina from taking its rightful place in the upper echelons of top regional comprehensive universities in the mid-Island area.

“Who cares a tinker’s cuss about Tinpot U?” His Lordship magnanimously quipped. “If they can’t afford to pay for the best then they deserve what they get. Don’t expect me to lose any tears over it, though: I’ve got bigger fish to do.”

In a startling expression of humility, Lord Black added that for the time being he would retain his position as CEO of a campus satirical magazine. “This bi-weekly is in its infancy,” he admitted, “and bonuses are so far pretty low. But I have no doubt at all that the market is primed to turn this baby into a real money-maker. With my highly refined innate intelligence and industry know-how, we should be able to generate the kind of profit which will keep Lady Black in the manner to which she has become accustomed, and the private jet in the air.”

The Editor of Plainly Malaspina was not available for comment.

Readers’ Contest
There is no doubt that Lord and Lady Black have been shabbily treated by Malaspina University College. What would you do to make it up to them? How would you like to treat Canada’s most distinguished couple? Send your answers to black@mala.bc.ca, and win an intriguing prize.