Readers Full of Ideas for Honouring Uncle Conrad

CONTEST RESULTS DEMONSTRATE TRUE SPIRIT OF MALASPINA

Readers' Contest

Readers were asked how they would like to treat Lord and Lady Black, Canada’s most distinguished couple, in light of the failure of MUC to hire Lord Black in an administrative position. Here are the best (well, only) three answers received:

Dear Editor
It goes without saying that Lord and Lady Black have been shabbily treated by Mal-U.

My suggestion is to resurrect Malaspina’s Diplomat in Residence Office and rename it Lord in Residence. We would still get a crusty veteran, savvy in world affairs, who would have a place to sit. The main difference would be the following stage - the diplomat was resting here while awaiting retirement; Lord (and hopefully Lady) Black’s next move will be into The Big House.

Rick Monaghan

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Why not hold a dance in his honour and call it the "Black Ball"?

Brad Piekkola

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Dear Editor,
Obviously, the only way to make it up to the Lord and Lady is to give them a very well endowed Chair; i.e., entirely made of gold and silk, like a throne. I’m sure we could find a very good throne room on campus - possibly in the under-used men’s washroom of the International Centre, where we definitely have a gender equity imbalance.

Further, MUC must immediately grant them both honorary doctorates of journalism, which will be printed on the same paper that you will find in the new throne room.

Hopefully, we won’t have too much fog at Cassidy the day they want to land their jet.

Marti McKinley

And the Winner Is...

After long and arduous deliberation, the select panel of anonymous and totally unbiased judges has determined that the prize should go to . . . Marti McKinley!

“Ms. McKinley’s entry wins hands-down for comprehensiveness and sincerity,” said one. “Not only does it capture the true Malaspina spirit, it also accords Lord and Lady Black the honours which, let’s face it, are our undeniable due. There’s no doubt that the runner-up entries also had merit: Mr. Piekkola’s was succinct, and Mr. Monaghan’s displayed the satirical edge for which he is justly regarded on campus, but for us McKinley’s is the one.”

Ms. McKinley wins a 10%-off coupon for an aerial tour of Cassidy in the Blacks’ private jet.