In a staggering revelation, Vice-President of Student Services Ross Patrick admitted last week that several groups associated with mainstream Canadian values are becoming active on the main campus of Malaspina University College.

Speaking on condition of anonymity, VP Patrick was reluctant to say which hazy underground networks were implicated. However, asked by investigative reporter John Black (no relation to Uncle Conrad) to blink twice if he could confirm that any of the shadowy organisations named in a long list obtained by PM were known for sure to have commenced operations, Patrick was observed to do so after the Inter-Faith Fellowship and the Rotary Club were mentioned.

This shocking admission should give us all pause ....................... and indeed has just done so.

Short of unprecedented and draconian measures, however, there is little that can be done to stem the advancing tide of regression. It is a sad reflection on an educational institution that it mirrors so many bastions of the establishment in harbouring such dangerous elements in its bosom.

Nor can the danger itself be under-exaggerated: to date, it is not the case that scientific studies have shown that it is false that there have been no scientific studies which prove that members of these mysterious cults are not involved in using legal drugs such as alcohol.

In fact it is well-known that there is a strong correlation between Rotary Club membership and adult alcohol syndrome (AAS), a condition which can lead to even further excesses of extreme normalcy.

Shrouded in public anonymity as they invariably are, such murky, clandestine figures do not belong at a university (or at a university-college, or for that matter at a regional comprehensive university look-alike) where they have every opportunity to brainwash innocent, well-meaning students and staff into joining their misguided cause. Watch out for the tell-tale signs that could identify a fanatic and so save your sanity: the Canadian flag lapel buttons, the fish-symbol bumper stickers, the large, seemingly harmless donations to the Library Campaign.

Above all, be vigilant, never waiver, and speak out!