

## Res scene of persecution

I wish to bring the insulting bit of "humor" foisted on the residence students by the members of First MacKenzie Hall (with the prior knowledge and consent of the executive of the Lister Hall Students Association (LHSA)) to the attention of the student body. First MacKenzie Hall has sponsored a recent painting of a pink panther standing under the arch of St. Peter wearing a bishop's mitre and robe and holding a bible in one hand and a cross in the other. The caption as originally painted read "First MacKenzie ... the same yesterday and today and forever" and in smaller letters "Heb. 13:8." (Hebrews 13:8 reads "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.") Under pressure from myself, a friend and/or Ms. Gail Brown, Director of Housing and Food Services, the letters "Heb. 13:8" have since been removed from the painting.

To me, a Roman Catholic, the caption and the painting as a whole appear to attempt to equate First MacKenzie Hall with Jesus Christ. This attempt is clearly blasphemous. In a nation that holds freedom of worship as a fundamental right, such flippant degradation of Catholicism in particular and Christianity in general is utterly intolerable, particularly if (as in this case) it is being done with the approval of an organization (the LHSA) claiming to represent the interests of all its members. To officially allow the public ridicule of a faith held dear to many is to compromise both part of democracy and a vital function of a university; that of a forum for the free exchange of

## Tomes torn by pre-troglodytes

You're damn right book mutilation is recurring — I don't know who the rutabaga brains are that perpetuate these heinous felonies, but such perversions should be severely punished. I'd love to know about the childhoods of some of the psychobibliophiles with their article fetishes and their inability to leave a book review intact. Just the other day I searched out a collection of essays only to discover that some insect, some member of an odious race of vermin, some pre-troglodyte sychopant had cut out an entire

## No room for automobiles

Complaints have been received from residents of the Windsor Park area that streets and lanes are heavily congested by persons attending this University and parking on those streets.

At present, daytime parking is restricted to a 2-hour period and bylaw enforcement is being stepped up to ensure compliance. There is a possibility that parking will be further restricted.

With respect to evening parking, this campus has ample parking facilities to accommodate evening attendees and utilization of this space is urged.

The University of Alberta has a responsibility to be a good neighbor to the surrounding community and by being considerate in the matter of not parking in residential areas members of the campus community can project this image. The cooperation of all concerned is urged.

Mr. W.F.G. Perry  
Director, Campus Security  
and Traffic



# Quixote

by David Marples

With the publication of Rene Levesque's White Paper on the forthcoming referendum, the issue of Quebec independence has again come to the forefront of Canadian politics. The subject tends to arouse the most emotive responses in English Canada. Levesque is portrayed as the destroyer of Confederation and he and his party are accused of ingratitude, disloyalty, even treason against the state. It is clear however that the Clark government will not use force to keep Quebec in Canada. This writer believes that Quebec will secede and that there are good reasons why this is likely to occur.

Despite the apparent suddenness of the PQ electoral success (one recalls that the original separatist party, the *Reassemblement pour l'indépendance Nationale* obtained only eight per cent of the vote in the provincial elections of 1966), the real surprise is that it did not occur sooner. It can be viewed as the logical outcome of the historical and economic development of Quebec within the Anglo-Canadian superstructure. For over 200 years, the French Canadians have been a conquered people. Quebec has been described as the last colony in the New World.

Further, it is arguable that the French Canadians have, for much of their history, been a distinct ethnic entity, increasingly alienated from France after 1763 and dominated economically by the British. Until 1960, their outlook was conservative, rural and

ideas.

A letter to Gail Brown was acknowledged and, given the constraints of the complaint in that letter, satisfactorily answered. In seven days the president of the LHSA hasn't had the courtesy to even acknowledge either my verbal protest left as a message in her office or my written protest left on her door, Monday evening, October 29th. I therefore ask the following questions: Madame President, do you really repre-

sent the LHSA? If so, would you please either order the painting destroyed or provide written justification for its continued existence in a semi-public place. First MacKenzie Floor Coordinator, can you justify your floor's action? Finally, whoever inspired this painting, do you want your floor to be remembered in this way? If so, why? Thank you.

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chapter.

Not only do these primordial throwbacks refute Darwin's entire theory (i.e. they have not yet begun to evolve) but they even lack the dexterity of neatness. My greatest frustration is that I must defest them incognito — I yearn to staple their knees together. What the library needs is a sound proof room so that the victims of these peculiar paedocratic perverts, these wartnosed wongy mongers, these fumtu fruitcakes, can

scream off their frustration before going out, hunting them down, and bashing their heads with a Funk 'n Wagnal.

People caught inflagranti dilecto or with remnant of their crime upon their person should be stretched on a rack and have their pancreases punctured. Having REJECT tattooed across their foreheads in Day-Glo green would also be a start. In short, do unto them what they hast done to (and all over) the books.

Marni L. Stanley  
Arts III

dominated by the Catholic church. French Canadian passivity was exemplified by the government of Maurice Duplessis' Union Nationale Party, ultra-conservative in hue, which maintained power for almost twenty years. Eventual assimilation into English Canada seemed but a question of time.

The situation was transformed by the belated industrialization of Quebec. The subsequent urbanization made the francophones more conscious of their own identity, of the fact that 87 per cent of Montreal firms were owned by Anglo-Saxons, of the fact that in terms of education, salaries and social standing, it was actually a *liability* to be a French Canadian in urban Quebec. The so-called "Quiet Revolution" of the sixties set in motion the forces of separatism, or as the Quebec Liberal Party slogan of 1962 expressed it, the desire to be "maitres chez nous."

Trudeau acted as a brake to these forces. Retrospectively, his period of office, with its policy of bilingualism, was, at best, a sincere effort to demonstrate the benefits of Confederation to the Quebecois. Latterly however, it became a bitter campaign against the PQs, which even attempted to deny to the separatists the basic right of self-determination. Although Trudeau failed in both quests, some of his arguments have been repeated by federalists, particularly the notion that Quebec could not survive on its own and that Ottawa is unlikely to agree to any form of customs union.

Such threats are tantamount to blackmail. I do not deny that the loss of Quebec would be a tragedy which would cause a major upheaval within Confederate Canada. It is however unlikely that Quebec's close economic connections with Ontario would be terminated. The other eight provinces could only benefit by maintaining trade relations with a region so well endowed with raw materials and energy. Levesque himself foresees the future relationship with Anglo-Canada as being fraternal and harmonious, citing the example of the Benelux countries of Western Europe.

Let me conclude by saying that both federalists and separatists recognize the need for change in French Canada. Quebec is a nation come of age, and with the rapid assimilation of French Canadians outside of the province, will soon become an island of French culture on an Anglo-Saxon continent. By granting Quebec greater control over her economic affairs, Ottawa would finally be recognizing the fundamental equality of Canada's two founding nations. I would echo the sentiments of a writer to the Saskatchewan *Western Producer* in saying that: "if after our best efforts at compromise, Quebecers still feel that separatism is their destiny, we should yield gracefully, and with friendship and goodwill let them go their way."



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