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BLACK

Symbolically, the color of opposition, mourning, discontent.



THE GRIN

Added for comical effect; connoting mischief without malice.

THE TREE

The Linden tree or Ginkgo tree -- either one; Both are indigenous to Lindenwood, the home of the Black Squirrel.

The Squirrel

A harmless, wary, unassuming creature, resident of this campus since time immemorial; has seen everything, usually does not say much and keeps to himself.

Listen, my children, and you shall hear
The Black Squirrel's warning for those new here.
Heed the Black Squirrel, that is, heed me.
The lame should stand now, and the blind need see.

When I was new here, very much like all you,
My eyes were wide open; to my school I was true.
I perceived L.C. was all college should be,
with academic excellence and sense of family.

But recently all that has changed.
One man has come and rearranged
The entire personality of the school,
Like a brain surgeon with lobotomy tool.

Dennis Spellmann, a man with a mission.
His weapons; a Bible, a calculator, and Permission.
The Board of Directors, Bob Hyland the Chair,
Told him to make money and how they don't care.

So Spellmann said, "Students, you can't live together
By floor or by suite, but it's all for the better.
You're not old enough to make the decision.
You'll follow my orders with exacting precision.

And maybe someday I'll loosen my grip,
But for right now I'm gonna run a tight ship.
And the alcohol policy, it's history too;
L.C. can't afford for you to have a brew."

And so it happened that Spellmann offended
Just about everyone who last year attended.
They didn't take kindly to being called sinners.
Seniors said "See ya!" "Oh no!" said beginners.

So what you have now are two little camps.
The old school in one, and in the other, the champs.
They'll ride out the storm until the old leave,
And when they're all gone, they'll smile, not grieve

But for now we'll get by as well as we can.
Soon enough we'll have a marching band
To go with the brand new football team.
Some call it a nightmare, others, a dream.

There's nothing wrong with an athletic school
If the academic standards don't go down the stool.
A student's job is to study, a Lindenwood tradition.
Sports are to enhance your overall condition.

But Spellmann's behind sports one hundred percent.
It's one of the conditions the money was lent.
They made him president, but why not king?
Call him dictator--it's all the same thing.

I'll end my tale now but before I do,
I must pass on a challenge to you:
Don't accept what doesn't seem right.
Fight the good fight both day and night.

Upperclassmen will be here for only so long,
So, Freshmen it's up to you to right the wrong.
Know your school's history--just ask around;
Many old soldiers will expound and expound.

-The Black Squirrel



The Black Squirrel's mission is to raise the awareness of the Lindenwood community by reminding it of the Enlightened ideals she was founded upon, as well as the traditions that have arisen since. The Black Squirrel rejects the notion that the past is evil and seeks only to convey the beauty of the Lindenwood legacy to the school's new benefactors. To this end, the Black Squirrel has waged a propaganda campaign and offered his symbol as rally-point for all people of "the Wood" who would join together to seek a return to a school that cares about students, not numbers.



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