

The Prophet

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"His power came from some great buret of 5% Potassium permanganate solution else it could not have colored the thinking of an entire generation; but the majesty and beauty of the language with which he cloaked it marked him as an isomorphic allotrope."

And several of the youths stepped forward from the throng and said:
Oh Master, speak to us of First-Year Chemistry, For soon we will be journeying to study the wisdom of the ancients in the white towers of Bala-tur, And some of us are registered in Chem. 200, And others in Chem. 250, And we seek to be properly prepared that we might be known among the disciples as keepers.

And he spake to them in a parable saying thus:
In the beginning the Creator made all of the life forms that inhabit the Earth, And brought them out of his own hand that there might be flight and song and movement throughout the lands that he had created. And lo, the creatures of the Earth were happy and rejoiced in His handiwork. And the Creator heard their joyful sounds and saw the happiness in their lives and He was pleased and He smiled, For it was good. But as the days passed the Creator grew a little paranoid, For he had no analysts in those days, And he mused to Himself that the animals might forget whence they were made and the Source of their joy and cease their happy sounds; Whereupon he reasoned that if there was a little misery in their lives, then they might rejoice in times of plenty when they had it good. Therefore he called his angels together and appointed them into committees to study the animals and make



recommendations as to how misery might be introduced into the lives of the animals they were charged with, For he gave one group responsibility for the fishes, and to another group he gave responsibility for mammals, and another he gave dominion over the birds, And so on. And He saw to it that each committee had members who had, in earlier times, made studies of the species which were their responsibility, and knew much of them and their ways. And He called His committees, "URTICATION OF ANIMALS" committees (from "urticate: vi. to sting, to cause wheals or itching, to produce prickly irritation, fr. M.L. urticare, urtica - to sting) And he sent them to their tasks.

And it came to pass that the first committee to report back was the Urtication of Avians committee which had been charged with making recommendations about birds. And they said: Oh Mighty Creator, please remove from this committee all those who are experts on birds, For truly they slow our deliberations with their compassion and understanding on the birds. And the Creator decreed it should be so. And all the angels who knew anything about birds were removed from the discussions of what should be done with the birds and how they were to be treated.

And after forty days and forty nights the final reports of all the committees were submitted, Which was entered in the Guinness Book of Records. And the Creator approved all their recommendations.

And the animals were sorely troubled, And wondered what had befallen them; But the birds were stunned silly,

For the committee had recommended that:
"Birds should not be allowed to mate, lay eggs, and raise young within 3500 miles of their homes, And that hunters and predators and storms be prepared all along their flight paths to their now-distant nesting grounds, And that their egg shells not be more than 0.01 centimeters thick, And that parasites be prepared to afflict them, And that Man be empowered to develop D.D.T. and slingshots and large tomcats.

And the birds whispered among themselves, saying: Let us sing joyful songs lest the Creator get another brainstorm, For that may wipe us out completely, And so they sang and warbled and chirped and twittered and even squawked. And it is so to this very day.

But the Urtication of Avians Committee were unemployed, And they said to the Creator: Give us another task, oh Great One, For we did truly enjoy that last little gig.

And the Creator, looking over their report, saw their title, "Urtication of Avians" And noted that in abbreviated form this was, "U. of A." And even as He did so, He looked out over all creation to find them another task; And lo, his eyes fell on the U. of A. campus, And a little bell rang, And He made the connection, And He sent them to run the Chemistry Department, And they made recommendations like unto those they had made before, And they have been making the same kind of recommendations ever since.

And the young men looked at the Master and then at each other, For they understood him not. And one said: Oh Master, are you saying that First-Year Chemistry is for the birds?

And he smiled serenely and replied: Something like that.

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Joint Council is made up (with only one or two exceptions), of drunkards, simpletons, and frigid hysterical females who wish to turn Kelsey Hall into a Nunnery. The only thing that august body is capable of, is debating for 14 hours over what sort of prizes it should award to the person who vomits the most after a drinking binge. Yes ring the residences with barbed wire, the place is a zoo, let us treat it that way.

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Res. security applauded

In the September 22 editorial of the *Gateway* the university residence, Lister Complex and its new security system were questioned. When I read the article I tried to remain objective; as the author at least tried to do when composing it. However, after living in residence and thoroughly enjoying it, I cannot help but react against a letter with negative overtones towards the place that was home for the last two years. I am not like others who are

"disillusioned ex-residence students" who see residence as a place "to breed a clique," as the author put it. Rather, residence is a warm and inviting environment. Residence's interaction with the surrounding communities and the university, which was pointed out in the article, proves they do not keep just to themselves.

Having heard all the pros and cons for the security system, I can only feel that the proposal

is a progressive and beneficial step for residence. The rules a residence have always been "Resident students and invited guests only." (refer to residence constitution.)

One of the purposes of a security system is to ensure that. Since every other type of residential complex (ie. houses, apartments, fraternities, etc.) have the right and legal privileges of accommodating only the residents and guests, then why can't residence do it without being criticized? As a matter of fact, security systems are wanted luxuries in the apartment buildings. The system does not stop you from having guests at all — just makes more control.

Of course, this will be for controlling both the resident and resident students. No one can try to pretend that a complex of 1,500 people will not have some problems; it's expected; but that is more of a reason for keeping top of things by offering more control.

Another point, since security records will be confidential, I cannot see objections to signing in or out. Residence is a good place not only love the people there but respect its concept and what it stands for, appreciate experiences it has to offer, concerned for its future, fascinated by its potential. just unfortunate when criticized and or thought of; because it neither deserves or provokes it.

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