

Despite Ignominious Year, Pride Kept Them Smiling



From the "Peachite" F.V.S.C.

Did you ever see a college dying?

Did you ever see a "dream" walking?
Did you ever see a "promise" talking?
Did you ever see a "truth" lying?
Did you ever see a "college" dying?
Well, did you?

If you have never had the occasion to witness such a ghastly phenomenon as death of a college -- STOP where you are! LOOK at your college! Now, LISTEN to your college! Do your eyes perceive the beginning signs of imminent physical deterioration? Do your ears receive the utterings of waning concern, of attitudinal disrespect, of increasing loss of pride? These are the danger signals of a cancerous and communicable disease classified as "College Apathy." The toxic agents that produce the disease are HERE and VIRULENT, SPREADING and UNCHECKED, MALIGNANT and DEADLY!

The cause of concerned action on the part of the administration, faculty, and students is vitally essential if we are to prevent the physical and attitudinal demise of an initially BLACK and PROUD institution of learning. "College Apathy" has infected far too many aspects of our college body, ranging from apathy about the general appearance of our campus to an ever increasing apathy about personal demeanors. "College Apathy", left unchecked, presents a real and crippling threat to the "spiritual survival" of FVSC. The physical and attitudinal states existing on our campus did not just emerge and project themselves overnight. They did not just conceive and give birth unto themselves. Rather, these existing conditions derived their prenatal nourishment from and found fertile breeding grounds in the APATHETIC souls of US! ALL OF US!

**THEN TAKE HEART
EVERY CLOUD MUST
HAVE A SILVER
LINING;
WAIT UNTIL THE SUN
SHINES THRU**

However, contagious -- however deadly, "College Apathy" is not incurable. There is an antidote, there is a workable remedy, there is hope. The prescribed cure is simple, but potent and effective. The cure is PRIDE! PRIDE in the traditions of FVSC. PRIDE in the principles upon which the college was founded. PRIDE in the future of a great institution. PRIDE, however, does not operate in a vacuum. PRIDE in and of itself denotes concern. CONCERN, in turn, demands of the individual conscience some constructive action reflecting evidence of his pride. The disease, "College Apathy," cannot survive in the face of genuine pride. It can find no breeding ground ---It can find no culture medium. "College apathy", in the face of PRIDE is rendered harmless, immobile, and thusly, inoperative.

We are the PRIDE OF FVSC -- We are the "life substance" of our college --- We are the prescribed cure! WILL WE save our institution? Or will we bury it?

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