

EDITORIAL

“FA” (Forced to Attend)

by Stacy Brock
Editor

I walk into the building after missing one of my classes and immediately I'm bombarded with questions from my professor about my whereabouts. My first thought after I was questioned about my attendance was that I'm glad that they care, but why am I being badgered for not showing up to class. I didn't go into detail about my absence because if I admitted that I didn't show up simply because I didn't feel like coming I would have been lectured even worse, so I just said something came up and I was unable to attend.

This is a true story of a young man named Many, picked to attend and live at ECSU and commute.

There are students, who after many years of schooling arrive to class late (if they arrive at all) and unprepared, and there are professors who actually use class time to demand these types of responsibilities from adults, understandably because it is required that they do so according to the attendance policy implemented in 1995.

However, such a policy and such a lecture, especially when repetitive, are cumbersome to professors who would much rather lecture on prepared academic material than preach about the importance of timeliness and submitting assignments and to students who pay thousands of dollars to acquire skills that will hopefully prepare them for their field of study.

In order for students to act like the collegians they are, they must be treated as such. Teachers in an elementary school, for example should enforce the importance of attendance and assignments because children need that type of instruction, but in college, a higher institution, where by now students the importance of a quality education, such a policy is ludicrous and unnecessary.

If a student wants to pay thousands of dollars to habitually miss class and assignments, then that student's grade should reflect that student's attitude about their attendance and education. There is no need to force students to take their education seriously because students who want to learn will be in class and will get their work done.

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IF WE MUST LIVE

IF WE MUST LIVE, LET US LIVE IN PEACE
FOR WHAT SHALL WE GAIN IN WAR
THE PAST HAS SHOWN THAT WAR'S WORTH IS NULL
AND NOT THE REASON MAN HAS MADE IT THIS FAR.

IF WE MUST LIVE, LET US LIVE IN TRUTH
FOR A LIE HAS BEEN KNOWN TO DIVIDE
TWO MEN AND A LIE IS ALWAYS SPLIT
BUT IN TRUTH, THERE ARE NO SIDES.

IF WE MUST LIVE, LET US LIVE IN LOVE
FOR HATE CAUSES ALL IT TOUCHES TO FALL
THE HATE OF ANOTHER WILL NOT MAKE HIM A FRIEND
BUT IN LOVE WE ARE FRIENDS TO ALL.

IF WE MUST LIVE, LET US LIVE IN CHRIST
FOR WITHOUT CHRIST WE ALL ARE THROUGH
A WORLD WITHOUT CHRIST IS SOON TAKEN AWAY
BUT WITH CHRIST YOUR WHOLE WORLD IS MADE NEW.

— TERRENCE DAVIS



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