Let the Stench Begin

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College is supposed to be a time when we the students become indepen-dent from our parents. Our faith should become our own; we decide which movies we can leave the table without eating all the vegetables on our plate. Unfortunately, EMU is a place where we are not independent thinkers because of choices EMU has subtly implemented for us.

I was wondering why this semester was going by so smoothly than past ones had. EMU. Maybe it was because I live off campus, am only taking three credits, or maybe because I HOPE now has his two 50 percent off nights for college kids. Then I realized it was because I could go back to the days of childhood and take bath rather than being in jail.

In the real world, most houses have the shower/bathtub combo. At EMU, except for in Roselawn, the campus buildings having is only showy. Not only are showers unsafe for tired, and long lost lovers finding out, other again. Google is online support groups of soccer moms. Google is finding genuine human contact, and renewing your faith in the common person.

Google is the commodification of all things and all people. Google is online dating and phone sex. Google is "skill inventories." Google is minimum billable hours. Google is a street of neighbors who don’t know each other’s last names. It is substituting electronics where people once connected.

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Google is the portal to the world, and as such, is boring on the surface but the most over-whelming page of them all. Google is the generic little American boy who bottle talks fart jokes and thinks girls have cooties. The same kid who graduated from college when he was twelve, codes in Java, Perl and C++, already aced the SAT and C++, already aced the SAT and speaks fluent Latin, Italian, and Chinese.

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But Google is democracy - the demos of the kratia. Google is where one person is one vote, and your power or money doesn’t matter. It is elected leaders staying in office until voted out by the people of its country - not by the guns of an insurgent movement backed by faceless business interests. Google is keep your hands to yourself. Google is not exploding cows. Google is not the C.I.A. Google is not the morally problematic nature of aggressive, military-based foreign policy in one area of the world, and back-burner, diplomacy-based policy in another.

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