Bush-Bashing at Home on EMU Campus?

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Bush-bashing, which according to an adaptation from www.dictionary.com, could be rendered, "To c r i t i c i z e P r e s i d e n t George W. Bush hastily, accusingly, and threateningly," seems to be abound everywhere these days, but is the EMU classroom an exception? Several factors may allow entry into the frustrations of those who, because of their perceptions of warmongering, fiscal irresponsibility, and leadership failures on the part of the President, make it almost impossible to go through an entire day without hearing someone compare the President with the one most outraged by his statements that many of the attacks tend to be. There is merit to the trend of who the victims of these attacks tend to be. There is merit to stating certain people control the staff writers. I have read articles where contributing articles as you to hear my thoughts. I could easily argue that this article is found all authorities, we refuse the responsibility, and leadership for the President Bush. But do the Staff Writer

Mennonite “Alcoholism”

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Growing up, I was placed under the assumption that Mennonites do not drink. I came to Eastern Mennonite University and was quickly proven otherwise. Every week, I read the Weather Vane opinion page where more “whine” is found than at a high-end social club. Anyone could easily conclude that this article itself is complaining, but I ask you to hear my thoughts. My problem is not so much complaining as it is idle complaining. I have read letters to the editor calling the Weather Vane a waste of paper. I do not see these people contributing articles or staff writers. I have read articles stating certain people control the entire school. I have heard complaint after complaint about a trend of who the victims of these attacks tend to be. There is merit in the statements that many of the same people have been asked to help multiple organizations. These same people tend to also be in leadership of those organizations. It could easily be seen by simple-minded whiners that these people have certain agendas or are “taking over” everything. They would then be correct in that all people have a certain agenda whether they speak it or not. All people have a certain agenda whether they act on it or not. That is my problem with these common complaints of the common person. They are common. The same old rhetoric has been used over the world throughout all history by simple people. They pick and choose to complain about people with initiative. What is wrong with people who are assertive and do more than cry and whine about their problems? Is there something wrong with organizations when you are dissatisfied? I hear the same complaints from “patriotic” people who call me “anti-American” because I don’t support my nation going around the world killing people. I recognize that simple people who lack the mental capacity or mental creativity to find difficult, creative solutions will continue to exist. I have no problem with this. I only have a problem with their constant complaints about those who do not lack initiative. I have problems with their sitting idly by with a pen and paper writing what they see. Their vision is only in the actions of others. Their pasts. They have no vision for the future. It is good they exist to remind those of us who volunteer and join organizations that our purpose is not selfish as they see it—but noble in assisting the quality of existence. If your complaints are constructive then they are gladly accepted. If your complaint attempt to remove the entire validity of people who make the attempt to try out their visions then we do all a favor and preserve the sanctity of the news paper—cap your pen. I am always encouraged by dissent and find it the greatest form of motivation for improvement in the world. Just as your complaints have motivated me to improve upon your future with this article, I hope this article will call you to action. You will be exponentially more effective in seeing your will done if you join a club. There are many. I’m sure there is at least one on campus for everyone in this school to enjoy. If there is not many you would feel better starting your own. If it is the power and sovereignty of your opinion that keeps you from joining a club, then starting your own will be the way to go. You can start yourself as leader, president, fascist dictator, or whatever you deem sufficient.