When Are You Running for Office?

Few college students vote in presidential elections and even fewer vote in local elections. What ever happened to the motto: Think globally, act locally?

Local politicians affect us all in ways that the federal politicians can’t, they are easier to be in contact with, and their work applies more to our everyday problems.

These problems are all lessened if not eliminated on the local level. You often get a form letter back from the president if you write to him, but if you can’t get in touch with your town mayor, look up his number in your phonebook and give him a ring.

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For the same reason, it doesn’t matter if you live in a state that gives its electoral votes to the other party’s presidential candidate every four years; the local level can be different.

Most importantly, you can know the candidates personally. You may have known them for years or at least know someone who does. You don’t have to wonder about the façade that they put up for the television cameras.

All this is to say that a single voter feeling unimportant is normal, but not necessary. A disgruntled Michael Moore was elected school board chairman while still in high school by getting a bunch of his friends to vote.

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Wendy’s. There’s something nice about knowing you’re voting or voting for someone you see sometimes at EMU. The weather community wants you to vote. It’s not that long ago that the students of the weather community were cut from the morning broadcast of WEMC. In addition, BBC’s Europe Today program has been cut from the mid-day broadcast.

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The trees are changing, autumn is here, and memories of winter are starting to come flooding back. Last winter, whenever I got to the radio station, I was greeted by the sound of Democracy Now! It was, for many months, a fun reflection of human creativity, and the general apathetic feeling among students on campus.

Now, I didn’t leave spring semester for reasons that most people do when they take breaks from college. My goal for the spring wasn’t to make money, to do service for others, or to empathize with the marginalized of the world. To WEMC are important things I’d like to do (well, except I probably won’t end up making any money), but they weren’t why I went to Montana.

I went to Montana to take a break from college life, Mennonite community and hobbies. I was going to try to enjoy the winter (and most of the months commonly associated with spring), skied day in and day out. I did have a job at a hotel on the resort to pay for my pass, but I still remember the feeling of waking up to WEMC in the morning and knowing that all you have do is to ride the ski lifts and walk outside to the ski lifts is one of the best feelings ever.

Now, just like many others here at EMU, I grew up in a Mennonite community and went to a Christian high school. I feel that with this foundation there has always been an underlying pressure to do “great things” with our lives since we are so blessed. This is a powerful message, but what if I like to look at this message differently, such as seeing that a great thing we can do with our life is to enjoy it and live it to the fullest.

In Montana, I loved skiing every day and taking a break from everything I was familiar with. Now that I’m back in school, I am enjoying the community here at college and trying to enjoy the classes I’m taking.

Along the way in life, I end up doing things that I don’t want to do. People here don’t need the same things to enjoy life.

That is why I struggle with students calling others out on how not involved students here are and the general apathetic feeling among students on campus. I agree that many people aren’t involved in clubs and campus activities, but I think that rather than pushing people to get involved, why not encourage everyone to do the activities that bring enjoyment and fulfillment to their lives.

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