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been in the past 20 years, but the next standard Montreat is aiming for is growing to 2,000 undergraduate student program. The next renovation Montreat plans to do is refurbishing Howerton residence hall. If you have more questions about Montreat's future the President wants his students to understand that he has an open door policy and loves getting to know the driven minds on this campus.

By Perry Goeders

President Paul J. Maurer is a strong extrovert and an avid supporter of spreading love. He has a way of making every student feel individually cared for and important, and Montreat College has greatly benefited from his presence and dedication.

Behind the scenes, Maurer proves to be even more wonderful than one would expect.

When asked about his family dynamic, Maurer humbly confesses that he has "married up" to his wife Joellen. Together, Mr. and Mrs. Maurer have four children: John, Liz, Daniel, and Sarah. They also have a Weimaraner dog named Jack. President Maurer likes to tell people that Jack is named after C.S. "Jack" Lewis, but the pooch's namesake is actually Jack Bauer from the show "24".

Maurer's favorite secondary color is lavender. He especially likes to sport a lavender shirt and tie from time to time so keep an eye out. If you were to ask anyone to recite the lyrics to Rocket Man by Elton John, Maurer would be your guy. He knows every word...pretty impressive, right? He

also loves to throw on some James Taylor from time to time when he's not listening to Anita Baker or Motown Classics.

Maurer loves stories that "show the full spectrum of humanity". Some of his favorite biblical characters like David, Paul and Peter, men that were ripped from a place of pride and led back to the foot of the cross. Maurer grew up with very little recourse and privileges. Both of his parents did not go to college, and they had to work very hard to provide a sustainable life. President Maurer could very easily be a prideful man considering all that he has accomplished, but he is quite the contrary. Maurer is a genuinely gracious man who seeks daily navigation from the Holy Spirit, and who gives all glory to The Lord.

Freshmen Do's and Do not's

Tyler Lee

There are a lot of new students on campus this year. The number of incoming students this year is estimated to be larger than half of the entire population of Montreat last year. In most cases, this could mean a lot of wandering about and general confusion around campus. However, I'll try to give some of you newbies some insiders as you begin to adjust to campus life.

Do:

- Get a stack of pancakes at Denny's for only \$2.
- Sit at the new square tables at the Caf to make it look like you're on a date.
- Buy a 12-pack of ramen from Ingles. It will last you at least a week.
- Wait until at least the spring semester to start dating.

Do Not:

- Hammock on Gaither Lawn every night of the semester (note: beware of bears).
- Wait until the last minute to get



all your Convo credit.

- Put your trash in the laundry room.
- Go to Cookout at 2 a.m. on a weekday. Go Saturday night and save yourself the embarrassment of falling asleep in class the next morning.
- Wear your lanyard as a necklace.
- Skip class and then go to lunch. Your professors will find you.

On a more serious note, here is some advice that I hope will be legitimately helpful:

Look for one sign of God's beauty on campus each day.

Take moments to just be silent.

Ring by spring is a thing.

Pick one thing to really commit to and give it your all.

Really try to take everything in when you're in class. You're paying a lot of money to come here and learn, so give it your all.