

# EDITORIALS

## from the editor's desk      caitlin foreman



Hello again, *Whetstone* readers!

Below is a letter we recieved from a Warren Wilson student, Michael Silverman, who asks for a dialogue between him and a Montreat student to create a rumor-smashing relationship between our two schools. What an opportunity this is to go beyond the Montreat bubble and build relationships with a school that is so close to us, yet so far away.

I ask that if you choose to respond to him yourself, you do so with respect and in a way that respects our school well; i.e., don't be rude, you guys. I have to say that, even though I know none of you would intentionally do anything of the sort. I also think, besides people individually responding to Michael, that it would be a learning experience for the whole school if someone volunteered to have an ongoing dialogue with him to be printed each month in *The Whetstone*.

If you think you would be interested in being involved with this awesome opportunity, e-mail me at [whetstone@montreat.edu](mailto:whetstone@montreat.edu), and let me know.

I hope exams go well for everyone, and you are all in my prayers. Be safe over break, and have an amazing Christmas and New Year. See you all in 2008!



Saturday, November 17, 2007

Dear *Whetstone* editor and friends at Montreat,

I am a Warren Wilson student who frequents the Moments coffeeshop, which allows me the pleasure of reading every quality installment of *The Whetstone*. While I feel the verse of the month is splendorous and the "Meet Montreat" section is informative, I still do not feel like I know you guys. It is this, my friends at Montreat, that I feel needs to change.

I am sure that, as we have heard outlandish rumors about your school, you've heard some inaccurate details about ours—a negative symptom of our social disconnectedness that I hope we can mend. You've probably heard we are all environmentalists. We're not; I, for one, am a nihilist. I've heard that all of you guys wear pants on your arms and walk around on your hands. Please, say it isn't so. Due to these rumors, the fleeting interactions between students of our schools resemble the one I had last Thursday.

I was contra dancing with a lovely girl from your college and I asked her, "I hear that it is against the rules for you to have R-rated movies on your campus. Is that true?"

Her response, preceded by a confused giggle, was, "I think I have one in my room." We then proceeded to finish the dance in silence. This was clearly a painfully awkward conversation that I might wish upon someone I really didn't like, but since I don't want this to happen again to my friends and myself, I am putting forth the best two suggestions I can think of to prevent future discomfort.

I don't watch TV, but a friend was telling me about this show where mothers of different families are hilariously swapped for a week, only to experience the difficulties suffered by others and learn a valuable lesson. Needless to say, I'm not friends with this person anymore, but I think that the students of our schools would benefit from and enjoy such a unique experience. We could even film it.

Perhaps another applicable idea to build social cohesion is if we have one-on-one student conferences. I would like to volunteer myself to be the first Warren Wilson student to meet and converse with Montreat students.

In the spirit of amity and clearing up silly rumors, I would like my e-mail ([msilverman@warren-wilson.edu](mailto:msilverman@warren-wilson.edu)) to be made public so there is someone to write to if you guys need any rumors cleared up. I hope we can all enjoy our academic futures.

Your friend,

Michael

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