

MEETING STEPHEN MILLIKEN

Talking with the wonderful Stephen was a great experience. The Frisbee-throwing, Lego-builder and esteemed Residence Director of the Howerton dorm slowly opened up to the Whetstone on his goals and who he is in general.

Stephen hails from the bustling, pickle-loving town of Dillsburg in Pennsylvania. He went to college at HUNNINGTON UNIVERSITY where he was an RA in his last year. He majored in Educational Ministry and was actively involved in youth ministry for most of that. He also has a Master's Degree from Geneva in Higher Education. While in college he played Ultimate Frisbee which explains his amazing skill with the disc. His claim to fame is that most of the people he played Ultimate with now start for national teams. He comes into Montreat with a yearning to see students empowered to take on their own education rather than relying on teachers or instructors. He is looking forward to helping students achieve the goals of a Christian liberal arts education that go beyond the textbook and impact lives. When asked about his vision for the next five years (assuming he was still be the RD), he had this to say: "I think it would be really cool to have the whole dorm and the dining room up in the mountain so as to make people work for their food



(laughter) ...well a lot can happen in five years, I think I would like to see more of a cultural shift in expectations in students and how they take ownership of their experience. I think students should view RAs and RDs not as people who will do stuff for them but people who will do things with them. They should use the staff as resources to implement their ideas, student ideas, so students can form their own experience in college rather than having something crafted for them. I think the more they can take control of their stuff, the better. I think of myself as someone coming alongside students and helping them go where they want to go in a lot of different ways and help them realize their hopes and maybe do some modification along the way... "

Stephen exudes a vibe that welcomes and challenges everyone he comes in contact with. His stance on education and his hopes

for the college body at large is something that is worth striving for. He is a lover of all things according to him. His only two dislikes are rustle sprouts and the crank in your neck when you wake up. He apparently knows a technique that brews the bitterness out of coffee. His favorite food item is a bowl of grapes and cookie dough ice-cream. His message for the student body at large was derived from the Montreat motto, "to be rather than to seem."

"...a lot of times we try to seem like particular things in front of other people, I want people to embrace who they are and be who they really are on campus and let that identity be known, said Milliken.

The Whetstone welcomes him and wishes him the best of times here at Montreat, feel free to drop by his enclosure sometime for beautiful conversation and sweet coffee.

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PIMP YOUR RAMEN

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Easy Ramen Lasagna:

In a 9x11 dish place 4 squares of uncooked Ramen.

1st layer: crumbles of Italian sausage.

2nd layer: your favorite spaghetti sauce.

3rd layer: cottage cheese and chopped spinach. Cover with foil and bake at 350 degrees for 30-40 minutes. Remove foil and continue to cook for 10 minutes or till the top is brown. Cool and then it is ready to serve!

