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Welcome from Student Life



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We are delighted that you will be among other new first-year and transfer students joining our community this fall.

Leadership and service are two important aspects of our mission. Consider the many ways in which you would like to be involved beyond the classroom. There are more than 100 organizations and clubs active at Wartburg College representing all areas of campus life. It is a great way to meet new people, to hone your group skills, to have fun and be of service to the college community and beyond. Take advantage of the many special events and programs that occur during the year. Nationally and internationally known Convocation speakers are invited to campus. Theater, music, sporting events, candlelight dinners, Outfly, and many other college activities are scheduled throughout the year. All of these opportunities are available to you, most without any charge. They add value and enrichment to your educational experience at Wartburg.

Participation in Orange EXCEleration, new student orientation, is required for all new students. For first-year students, that begins Sept. 3; for transfer students (students not required to enroll in IS 101, i.e., those who have earned the equivalent of 7 Wartburg course credits or more), move in is Sept. 6. It is an important first step in your introduction to Wartburg. If you are a fall athlete you will receive separate instructions from your coach about early arrival. You also will receive further communication with the orientation schedule, your residence hall assignment, and other important information at the end of July or in early August. Be on the lookout for this information. Remember you can check your final class schedule online on My.Wartburg.

When you came to campus for the Summer Orientation and Advising Registration (SOAR) Day, you were provided with a campus e-mail address to use. Many of us will contact you through email, as will family and friends. This will be a beginning connection to campus. Looking for a loft or furniture? Check eWart, our classified online service, designed by and for students. The eWart link is <http://ewart.wartburg.edu>.

This is a great time to be a Wartburg student. The members of the Student Life staff and I look forward to meeting you personally. We are part of your support team during your years at Wartburg College. You have our best wishes for a most successful and rewarding educational experience. Welcome!

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Don't Forget Orange EXCEleration Readings

DON'T FORGET:

- ✓ Read Chapter 1 of *The Things They Carried* for class Friday, Sept. 4.
- ✓ Classes begin Wednesday, Sept. 9. Have Readings in Common book, *Ishamel*, completed.

Study Abroad Program Welcomes You

Welcome from Wartburg College's Study Abroad program. Wartburg offers the possibility of semester (and in a few cases yearlong programs) study abroad for qualified applicants in many countries. For example, if you are interested in speaking Spanish, you could study in Mexico, Spain or Argentina, but you don't need to be a foreign language major to study abroad. Study Abroad is available in English-speaking programs in China, Africa, France, Scotland, Greece, New Zealand and more! To find out more about the program, visit our Web site at www.wartburg.edu/studyabroad or call our office at 319-352-8427. Go for the chance of a lifetime and make the world your classroom while you study at Wartburg!



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Plan Ahead for Wartburg West

Wartburg West is a program in Denver, Colo., that requires advanced planning in a student's academic career, so it is never too early to consider participation in this outstanding off-campus opportunity.



Nelson and Bonita Bock

Wartburg West offers Fall and Winter term programs for juniors and seniors that provide full-time academic credit through a combination of an internship or field placement and course work. Denver is a vibrant, diverse urban community that offers a perfect setting for such a program. Cultural activities, a mountain retreat weekend, and exploring other aspects of city life as a group enhance the experience.

For students who cannot fit the Fall or Winter term program into their schedule, the summer internship program is a great option.

Wartburg faculty and program directors Nelson and Bonita Bock arrange for and supervise internships, teach courses, and handle housing arrangements. Students pay the same tuition as they would on campus. Housing costs are comparable to living on campus. Utilities and local phone service are provided. Student are responsible for their own food, transportation, and recreation/entertainment.

For more information, visit the Wartburg West Web site: <http://www.wartburg.edu/west>.

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Check Class Schedule

Have you checked your class schedule on My Wartburg? The schedule you received at SOAR was preliminary. To access an updated schedule, log on to My Wartburg with the username and password you received from ITS at SOAR. You can link to My Wartburg through the Wartburg Web page or address my.wartburg.edu. After logging onto your page:

- select the Academics tab at the top of the page.
- select Student Schedule.
- select View Details.
- from the Term drop-down window, select the appropriate term such as 2009 Fall Term, 2010 Winter Term, or 2010 May Term.
- Select Search.

Your course schedule will not include any waitlisted courses because you are not yet enrolled in those courses. The Registrar's Office will work with you and your adviser to monitor your enrollment in these courses. Contact the Registrar's Office at 319-352-8272 or e-mail sheree.cover@wartburg.edu with questions or concerns regarding a wait-listed course.




When you arrive on campus for Orange EXCEleration, you should print out your current schedule, because it will include classrooms and other updates. To print your course schedule, change your Page Setup to landscape. Select Printer Friendly, then select Send to Printer.

Enrollment in specific sections of IS 101 should be finalized by Monday, July 20. At this time, some students are waitlisted for IS 101 sections. However, waitlisted students will be added to the class roster for a IS 101 section. Every effort is being made to place you in one of your top three choices for an IS 101 topic.

Being Orange Also Means Being Green

Wartburg is moving toward a more environmentally and energy efficient campus, and we invite the incoming class of 2012 to join in making a difference. We ask all students to reduce the amount of energy that is used in dorm rooms through sharing appliances with roommates and purchasing the most energy efficient brands available.

What can you do?

- Put Energy Star on your shopping list—purchase appliances, stereo equipment, phones, and lighting that have the Energy Star logo. These are the most energy efficient brands available. 
- Share toys—if you have a microwave or refrigerator in your room, communicate with your roommate(s) so you do not have duplicate appliances.
- Be a Ghost Buster! Did you know that 6% of your electric usage is from "Ghost Usage," such as a TV or cell phone charger continuing to draw energy even when not in use? Bring a power strip to plug in your electronics.
- Smaller is better—when choosing appliances, choose the smallest model available.
- Off when on—look for electronic equipment with  that use less energy, because most models are equipped with power shutdown or standby features (using 50-75% less energy than other models).
- Well-lit warm fuzzies—lights with the  logo use 75% less energy than those without.

For more information on energy-efficient dorm-room shopping:

http://www.sustainableunh.unh.edu/climate_ed/wildcap/ee_dorm_shoplist.html

http://www.sustainableunh.unh.edu/climate_ed/wildcap/virtual_dorm.html

When you arrive on campus, look for recycling containers for cardboard (reduce the amount of disposable packing material and flatten your boxes for recycling) and other recyclables such as glass, aluminum, white paper, and magazines. Look for student members of EARTH (our campus environmental organization—earth@wartburg.edu) and ask about ways you can be GREEN while being ORANGE.

Noah Campus Health Clinic Hours

- Monday—8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Tuesday—8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Wednesday—8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Thursday—10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- Friday—8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Services available include:

- Allergy injections
- Blood pressure monitoring
- Contraception counseling
- Evaluation of injuries
- General medical care
- Health education
- Immunizations and TB testing
- Laboratory testing
- Medical equipment
- Over-the-counter medications
- Prescription delivery
- Physical examinations
- Referrals to specialists
- Suture removal
- STD testing
- Travel consultation, including immunizations
- Women's health services

**For appointments,
call 352-8436**

From Noah Campus Health Clinic

The Noah Campus Health Clinic is a comprehensive outpatient facility on Wartburg's campus that can meet most health needs of students. The clinic is located in Suite 1392 in the lower level of The W. Call 352-8436 to schedule an appointment with the clinic's health care provider.

Megan McMillin, physician assistant, is the health-care provider at Noah Clinic. Along with the staff, she provides friendly, patient-centered health care.

Health education services provided by the clinic are free. For other services, you are responsible for all charges incurred at the campus health clinic. Treatments, procedures, and other needed services and supplies will be submitted to your health insurance company or payment options are available. The guarantor, normally your parent or guardian, will receive an itemized bill from Waverly Health Center for co-payments, deductibles, and other charges not covered by insurance.

The Walk-In Clinic at Waverly Health Center also is available during the evenings, weekends and holidays for non-emergency care. If you have an illness or injury that is an emergency go to the emergency room at Waverly Health Center. Care is available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

The staff at Noah Campus Health Clinic looks forward to partnering with you for a safe and healthy school year!

Megan McMillin, PAC
Physician's Assistant
Noah Campus Health Clinic



Complete Health History Form

With a predicted upsurge in the H1N1 flu in the fall, it is very important that students do all they can to stay healthy.

Please be sure you have completed Wartburg's the Health History Form and immunization requirements (see Physical Exam Form). These include a TB test with results and proof of a second MMR. A meningitis vaccination is recommended for college students by the Center for Disease Control. Completion of these requirements and forms will be easier and possibly less costly to do at home.

Health Center forms and insurance information are available online at <http://www.wartburg.edu/health>. You may submit forms to Noah Campus Health Clinic by mail (Noah Campus Health Clinic, 100 Wartburg Blvd., Waverly, IA 50677) or fax 319-352-8566. If you have questions about these requirements, call 319-352-8436 and leave your name and phone number where you can be reached. Your call will be returned within a week; the clinic is partially staffed in the summer.

Find answers to frequently asked questions about campus health services and the Noah Campus Health Clinic at www.waverlyhealthcenter.org/services/noah.asp.

Please help all Wartburg College students stay healthy.

Information for Parents – How to Cope

The prelude to the actual countdown starts with a familiar invasion of the mailbox. No longer overstuffed with shiny viewbooks as it had been last year, it now carries a steady stream of letters about housing options, campus organizations, and course selections. All bear the same increasingly familiar college logo—a relentless reminder of the fall to come.

Students may feel the summer between high school and college seems like a giant exhale—a release of tension, a respite from responsibility, perhaps perceived as a last gasp of childhood. To interrupt it with a sense of new choices about meal plans, seminars, housing, and roommates seems an affront: “Somebody else attend to the nitty-gritty details for me. Let me be to wander with my friends, have a summer romance, and do some mindless work that keeps my head free and my pocket full.”

Parents may choose to offer advice about completing forms and meeting deadlines, but ultimately the responsibility lies with the student. Still, in their eagerness to see their child get off to a good start, parents may make a last attempt to take the reins. Even minor decisions can produce out-of-proportion hassles.

From Letting Go: A Parents Guide to Understanding the College Years
by Karen Levin Coburn and Madge Lawrence Treeger

Books to Own

Every student should own certain reference guides. These books prove indispensable at various times, from helping you write essays and papers to enabling you to look up additional information as you read required texts and your classroom notes.

A Collegiate Dictionary—This is the most important reference book for a student to own. As you go about your required reading for courses, you’ll encounter many new vocabulary words you need to know in order to follow what you read. As you write essays, you should double-check the spelling and meaning of any words for which you are not 100 percent certain of the correct usage.

A Thesaurus (preferably in dictionary format)—This is a resource for improving your writing. By looking up synonyms or frequently used words, you can alter your usage with synonyms and antonyms and make your writing much more interesting.

A Specialized Dictionary—Many of these dictionaries are on the market. They list words, names, and terms within specific fields, such as literature, science, philosophy, and mythology. Depending on what areas you study, you may wish to purchase one or several of these guides.

A World Atlas—You’d be surprised how much information you can get from a good atlas. As you read or write, you can dip into it for various facts, from identifying capitals to basic information about countries. As you come across a place name in your reading, you can enhance your sense of it and of its place in the world by opening your atlas.

From The Everything College Survival Book by Jason Rich

Financial Aid News

By now you have already attended your Student Registration, Advising and Orientation (SOAR) day and are wondering what happens next. Below are some items to keep in mind.

1. Financial Aid will electronically certify your Stafford Loan once you have registered for classes and have completed a Master Promissory Note (MPN). You may select a lender and complete an online MPN by clicking on one of our lender links at www.wartburg.edu/finaid/lender.html. If you wish to choose a lender that is not on our list, please contact the Financial Aid Office.
2. In order to receive Stafford loan funds on your student account you will need to complete an Entrance Counseling session. Go to www.wartburg.edu/finaid/loan.html and click on the green and blue Stafford Entrance Counseling icon on the right side of the page.
3. If you were awarded a Perkins Loan, you are required to sign a Master Promissory Note (MPN) during the first few days of classes in the Controller’s Office.
4. If you have received outside scholarships and have not already done so, please send to us your Outside Scholarship Form listing all the scholarships you anticipate receiving from outside sources. It can be downloaded from our Web site at: www.wartburg.edu/finaid/outsideschol.pdf.
5. If you have been selected for Verification, you can download the Verification Worksheet at: www.wartburg.edu/finaid/verificationdep.pdf. Please send this completed form with a copy of you and your parents’ SIGNED 2008 federal 1040 forms and W-2 forms. If you as a student did not file federal taxes, please send W-2 forms from all your employment. You will have been notified if you were selected for verification and need to complete this process.

Considering a computer purchase? TIPS from ITS

Wartburg's Information Technology Services (ITS) personnel often get asked for advice when new students and their families are considering a computer purchase.

ITS does not have a computer purchase plan that we can offer to students. We suggest that students buy their personal computers anywhere they choose and any brand they choose. We do, however, suggest the purchase of the four-year extended warranty, especially on laptops, because computers take a good bit of abuse on campus (students haul them around in their backpacks, set them on the floor to go and eat in the Mensa, etc.) and the machines are not designed for that kind of wear.

Dell is a popular brand and seems to be a satisfactory computer. We will share, though, that some of our students have reported frustrations in connecting with and getting satisfactory help from the Dell Service Department.

If students choose to buy a Mac, they can go to www.applestore.com where student discounts on equipment are offered.

The Wartburg ITS department often buys software at www.academicssuperstore.com. We have found that there are often sales there later in the summer.

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6. Lastly, make any arrangements you need to pay your remaining balance. If you are interested, you can print out a copy of the Monthly Payment Plan application at: www.wartburg.edu/finaid/paymentplan.pdf.

If you need assistance with additional loans, please contact the Financial Aid Office at 319-352-8262 or 800-772-2085.

Explore your Faith at Wartburg

It's hard to believe that your life at Wartburg College is about to begin. The days ahead will include a lot of new beginnings, including that of exploring and living out your faith commitments in a new time of life.

At Wartburg you will have lots of opportunity to explore where you've been, who you are, and where your life is going as you sort out your relationship to God and the world. If you take time to have them, conversations around faith will take place in your dorm rooms, classrooms, as well as in worship settings, faith studies, and service to the community.

Now that you are in college, you can enter into a conversation with God and others about faith in new ways. Your daily practice of your faith will help continue to form you into the person God has created you to be. So, take the opportunities presented to you and dig in. Take time to get to know people of all kinds of faith expressions and learn and look for what God is teaching you.

For students who are looking for Christian formation opportunities, don't miss the chance to:

- Participate in worship (weekday chapel—MWF at 10:15 a.m. in the chapel, Sunday morning worship at 10:30 a.m. in the chapel, Wednesday night Eucharist at 9:30 p.m., and The Gate (Sunday evenings once a month).
- Become more familiar with the first language of the Christian faith—Holy Scripture—as you commit to learn and explore the Bible with others. We're looking forward to an exciting new Bible study time on campus and you can be part of it (no experience necessary!)
- Your leadership is important for Campus Ministry board work and our faith expression groups (check out the campus ministry Web site).
- Put your faith into action on behalf of others. Take time to volunteer weekly or monthly, think about applying for a service trip. Dare to introduce yourself to new people, sit with a stranger in the Mensa, or befriend someone who needs a helping hand.

Pastor Brian Beckstrom (our new campus pastor) and I will be happy to sit and talk, share the news of the day, and listen and work through the questions about life and faith that you are encountering. Take time to drop by our offices on the third floor of the chapel, the HUB campus ministry office in the Student Center (hours when we'll be hanging out in that area will be posted) or e-mail one of us, ramona.bouzard@wartburg.edu, brian.beckstrom@wartburg.edu, or call 8217 and touch base about an appointment.

We look forward to getting to know you and serve with you at Wartburg College.

Peace,

Pastor Ramona Bouzard and Pastor Brian Beckstrom

Wartburg Loyalty Song

College of our brightest days,
Unto thee we chant our praise.
Ne'er thy name shall cease to be
A most happy memory.
Thine the spirit we love best,
Finest in the East or West,
And we sing with loyalty,
Wartburg College, hail to thee!

Wartburg Fight Song

Fight on you Wartburg Knights
Fight on with all your might (you fight)
We'll fly your colors high
And make them reach the sky
For Wartburg's glorious name
We'll win another game (you fight)
Fight on you Wartburg Knights
Keep fighting with all your might.

Chorus:

Fight on ye Knights
Go-team-fight-team-fight
Fight on ye Knights
Go-team-fight-team-fight

Wartburg College, U Rah-rah-rah
Wartburg College, U Rah-rah-rah
Wartburg College, U RAH-RAH-RAH

We are WARTBURG! U Rah Rah Rah!

Wartburg is a college deeply rooted in traditions, and as a first-year student, you will become a part of these traditions from the first day you arrive on campus!

When you arrive on campus Thursday Sept. 3, after you are settled in residence halls, Orange EXCEleration officially begins with an opening ceremony where all new students kneel before the College sword in front of family, friends, and members of the Wartburg community and are dubbed Wartburg Knights. You'll hear about Wartburg's 157-year history and learn about more traditions. For example, did you know faculty applaud to welcome new students at opening convocation and to congratulate graduates at commencement as students process between lines of faculty in colorful academic regalia? You'll participate in another important tradition when you sign the Honor Code which signifies each student's public commitment to the academic excellence and integrity expected at Wartburg.

Wartburg's friendly rivalry with Luther College is another tradition new students enjoy. This rivalry, around since the 1950s, has produced some legendary spectacles. One event, involving a small plane flying over Luther to drop 3,000 leaflets, led to Rolling Stone Magazine listing it as one of the best college pranks of the year. At Homecoming, the statue of dancing St. Francis can be seen sporting a good luck black and orange scarf, and opponents at Walston-Hoover Stadium are dazzled by the sea of orange in the Wartburg cheering section.

Wartburg's pride in its German heritage is evident in names of campus facilities and events: Students dine in the Mensa (a German word for cafeteria) or the Den Rittersaal, lattes froth in the Konditorei in the Vogel Library as they do in coffee shops (konditorei) in Germany. Meistersinger Music Scholarships and Music Festivals are named for medieval singing competitions held at the Wartburg Castle in Eisenach, Germany where Martin Luther once took refuge and translated scripture into German, the language of common people.

The campus air fills with anticipation in early fall for another tradition called Outfly, (Ausflug in German), that dates back to the 1890s. On Outfly, a one-day holiday from classes, students, faculty and staff get the opportunity to get to know one another more informally, relax, and spend time outdoors. The exact date is only known by the Student Body President and Wartburg's President, so students eagerly await the day when Student Orientation Staff run through the halls calling sleepy students to gather at the victory bell, declare Outfly when the student body president is found, and don costumes for breakfast served by the faculty.

Soon you'll walk the cozy skyways and realize that, as the Loyalty song says, this is the college of your brightest days, the one that we love best, finest in the east or west! Soon you, too, will cheer, "WE ARE WARTBURG!"