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Welcome from the Dean of Faculty



Dr. Ferol Menzel

On behalf of the faculty, I am pleased to welcome you to Wartburg College! You will find the academic program to be challenging and nurturing, just as we say in our mission statement. You also will find the courses you take during your first year at Wartburg to be:

INTERACTIVE. You, other students, and faculty will have time to discuss, problem solve, debate, develop projects, and learn by working together.

INTERDISCIPLINARY. You will study problems or topics from different points of view. Even though a course may be labeled "religion," you are likely to hear about philosophy, history, and archaeology, including how each field influences the other.

INQUISITIVE. You will explore why you are in college, how a college education will help you in the coming years, and how you will fit in a world that is diverse and rapidly changing. Our growing undergraduate research program, the Scholars Program, and the Essential Education program will help you learn about the world beyond the major.

ENGAGED. This year you will have even more opportunities for service and experiential learning. The Center for Community Engagement will assist you with internships, field experiences, service learning, and student teaching. Eventually, you even will be able to live in Denver, Colo., at Wartburg West or participate in study abroad through the Global and Multicultural Studies (GMCS) program.

The Fall 2009 students have one other exciting opportunity: Orange EXCEleration! You will have the opportunity to get to know your IS 101 professors and get a head start on the skills necessary to be a successful college student.

Finally, I invite you to read *Ishmael*. All first year students will read this book and discuss it during IS 101. You will also be reading the first chapter of *The Things They Carried*. Both of these books are available at the Wartburg College Bookstore.

Wartburg College is a good place to be, and 2009 will be an exciting year to join our community. Now we encourage you to get off to a great start by attending the Orange EXCEleration: Orientation for First-year Students. Each activity will increase your understanding of college life and provide information on how you can have a great first year. My very best wishes for a successful and rewarding educational experience at Wartburg College.

Sincerely,

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Check your Wartburg e-mail

Throughout the summer, do not forget to check your Wartburg e-mail account. Campus offices and departments will send you pertinent information for the Fall Term. You received your e-mail account information during your SOAR day. If you have any questions, please contact Information Technology Services at 319-352-8353. You can access Wartburg Webmail at <http://exchange.wartburg.edu/> or by going to the Wartburg home page (www.wartburg.edu) and clicking "E-Mail" in the upper right-hand corner of the page. You will need your username and password.

Get ready for a new year of life!

The first year of college brings so many changes and one of the biggest tasks is learning ways to care for your body, mind, and spiritual life in a new time. Wartburg's campus pastors and student-led Campus Ministry Board share Wartburg's commitment to support you as you take new steps to search for meaning, God, and ways to express your faith.



Pastor Bouzard

Whether you come to Wartburg from the Christian tradition or another religion, we want to learn and grow with you. You may be in transition and unsure of this talk about God and faith, but what better place to ask those deep questions of meaning about life and yourself than at Wartburg, accompanied by new friends, new supporters (ask about the campus ministry Peer Helper Program), and new challenges?

Christian formation opportunities happen throughout the academic year and include events like regular Bible studies, weekly worship (five times a week), and a variety of fellowship events. This year we start out with a Jesus, Justice, Jazz event on Saturday, Sept. 12. It will include the band Lost and Found, hip-hop artist Dave Scherer, and solo-artist Rachel Kurtz.

Student-led Faith Expression Groups offer you the opportunity to meet new people and share your gifts. These groups help you put your faith into action, serving children and youth (Faith Alive) and even the elderly (Adopt-a-Grandparent). You can make connections with Habitat for Humanity, hunger groups, help lead lock-ins and youth events, or dance with Psalm 149.

If you are coming to Wartburg with experience or interest in worship leadership—vocal, instrumental, worship bands, drama, readers, hospitality, or planning, there is a place for you to share those gifts. Be sure to look for the chance to help plan and lead the New Student Worship at the Friday afternoon Orange EXCEleration Team Building/Interest Groups on Sept. 4.

It should be an exciting new year for all of us. If you have specific questions about campus ministry programs or opportunities, please don't hesitate to contact me, Pastor Ramona, at ramona.bouzard@wartburg.edu. We are all looking forward to meeting you and getting to know who you are.

Peace. Pastor Ramona Bouzard

Have a Peak Experience!

What is a peak experience? It's the feeling you get when you are "in the groove" and everything comes together at just the right time in just the right way. When this occurs, you experience yourself in top form and are ready for anything—a sporting event, an important class project, and, yes, even your choice of a particular major or career path.

Adventure sports like mountain climbing, backpacking, and biking are often described as peak experiences. Participation in these sports, however, requires training and preparation. In fact, pursuing any kind of adventure could prove dangerous if you are not prepared.

Your career development can be a great adventure and a peak experience. We all know tales of individuals going off in search of adventure and fortune. When you leave Wartburg, you,

From Wartburg ITS: Changed username and password

Upon application to Wartburg, students receive a username and password that allows access to the Applied Student page of My.Wartburg. When students register for classes at Summer Orientation, Advising, and Registration (SOAR), they receive a new Wartburg e-mail username (firstname.lastname) and password. This combination username and password now should be used for logging into My.Wartburg and your Wartburg e-mail account.

As a student, you will have added functionality on the Academics, Advising, and Finances tabs. Your class schedule for the coming year can be viewed on the Academics tab, Student Schedule section. You will need to select the term you wish to view, i.e., 2009 Fall Term, 2010 Winter Term, or 2010 May Term. Remember that the Registrar's Office will be balancing class schedules, so your schedule is not official until July 15. BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR WARTBURG E-MAIL REGULARLY! E-mail is the official means of communication from the college to all its constituents including students.

If you experience technical problems with your login, please e-mail JICSupport@wartburg.edu.

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too, will be off to seek your fortune. Don't embark on that adventure unprepared, and don't wait until the last minute to begin your preparation.

- Now is the time to begin to prepare for the future of your dreams.
- Now is the time to take the first step to get in shape for your adventure.
- Now is the time to take the first steps to get "in-shape" for the adventure of life and a fulfilling career.

Career Services, located in the Pathways Center, offers a variety of services to help make your career development a peak experience. Take advantage of these resources and become a "skilled" adventurer. Don't leave Wartburg without them. For more information about career and major-related topics, visit Career Services, located in the Pathways Center, third floor, Vogel Library.



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Financial Aid News

The Financial Aid Office will be busy this summer processing the aid that has been accepted on award letters that were mailed to students in the spring. You will want to be sure that you have returned your award letter and submitted any missing documents necessary to have your aid processed. If you haven't signed and returned your award letter you should do so as soon as possible. Please contact our office for another copy if you are unable to locate your original.

Once you have registered for classes, you can check the status of your financial aid online at <https://my.wartburg.edu/ics>. Logon and click on the Finances tab. Then click on the link to View Financial Aid Awards. If the award status is RD (ready to disburse) you are good to go! If the award status is AR (awaiting reply), we are still missing your signed financial aid award. If the award status is ID (incomplete for disbursement), then there are documents we are missing from your file for processing. Return to Financial Aid Details and click on View Financial Aid Documents. The documents that have a status as Not Received are the ones that are missing. You should have been notified by e-mail with instructions as to how to complete the forms that are not received. Please contact our office if you find that you need instructions at financialaid@wartburg.edu or by phone at 1-800-772-2085, ext 8262.

Fall Move-in Dates

Orange EXCELeration

THURSDAY, SEPT. 3

All first-year students move in to residence halls

THURSDAY-TUESDAY, SEPT. 3-8

Orange EXCELERATION: Student Orientation Program and the beginning of first class for new students

FRIDAY, SEPT. 4, 8 A.M.

First class for first-year students. Chapter 1 of *The Things They Carried* is DUE! Be sure you've read it! Bring your book, notes, and writing materials to class.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 6

Transfer students (those students transferring in seven or more course credits AND who have been in residence at another post-secondary institution) move in and begin orientation.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 9

Regular full schedule of fall classes begins for both new and returning students. New students should have completed reading the book *Ishmael* and be prepared for discussion and/or writing assignments based on this text in their IS or SCH 101 class.

Orange EXCELeration

What is Orange EXCELeration? It's Wartburg College's enhanced student orientation program. This program designed to:

- Connect you with other new and returning Wartburg students
- Provide you with tips and tools for academic **excellence**
- Ease you into the accelerated pace of college life
- Help you explore and serve the Waverly community
- Give you time to get moved in and learn the ins and outs of Wartburg
- Provide tons of FUN! (Movie, hypnotist, live-band karaoke, dancing, and more! Wait 'til you experience PlayFair!)

This year's theme for Orange EXCELeration is "Oh, The Places You'll Go!" Prepare to discover new ways of looking at your life and the world by doing your summer reading:

- Read Chapter 1 of *The Things They Carried* for your first class at 8 a.m. on Sept. 4. This engaging account of the articles soldiers carried with them in the Vietnam War makes an interesting metaphor for what you may carry with you as you start a new phase of your young adult life.
- Read *Ishmael* (yep, the whole book!) by Sept. 9. All IS 101 and SCH 101 classes will be using it as class material for discussions and writing assignments.

See you at the dubbing of the Knights at 2:30 p.m., Sept. 3, in Neumann Auditorium!
If you have any questions, don't forget about our Web site,
www.wartburg.edu/orientation.

Campus Security

As the director of campus security and safety, I welcome you to Wartburg College on behalf of my staff and myself. Our mission is to make your time at Wartburg as safe and crime-free as possible. Wartburg College is a relatively safe campus. However, some students have experienced thefts and vandalism to their property. Most crimes are preventable, and you are the first line of defense in protecting your property. Here are some guidelines:

- The residence hall doors lock at 11 p.m. daily. Locking the building is for your safety. Do not prop doors open or attempt to disable the locking mechanisms.
- When not in your room, lock your door and take your key and college ID with you. If you forget your key, find an RA or call us to let you back into your room. Do not leave your room unlocked.
- During the hours of darkness, if you desire a security escort to and from a parking area or to any building on campus, call Campus Security at **9999**. You can use the exterior building phones, parking lot phones in B, C, D, and N lots, your cell phone (program **319-352-999** into your cell phone), or your room phone to request this service.

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Already planning on saving money?

Check out eWart, Wartburg's online buy-sell-trade resource. Work with other students to find used books, lofts, furniture, even carpooling and tickets to major campus events.



Go to <http://ewart.wartburg.edu/login.asp?> and log in using your Wartburg username (assigned at SOAR; usually firstname.lastname) and your e-mail password. You can post items or services for sale or shop among the categories.

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- At night, do not walk alone. While Wartburg College and the City of Waverly are relatively safe places, do not assume you are immune to crime. Stay on lighted walkways, let others know your destination, and don't carry valuable items in plain view.
- If you are bringing a bicycle to campus, register it with Campus Security. This service is free and can be a great aid in recovering missing bicycles.
- If you are bringing a vehicle with you, you must register it with Campus Security, regardless of the duration. Registration is available online until July 20 by visiting: <https://winnet.wartburg.edu/parking>. You may also mail in the registration form included in your SOAR packet to Wartburg College Campus Security, 100 Wartburg Blvd, PO Box 1003, Waverly, IA 50677-0903. It is important to register before you arrive for orientation and classes. Students that register before July 20 will receive their parking registration decal in their campus mailbox upon their arrival on campus this fall.

If you have any questions about security on campus, visit our office in the Saemann Student Center, e-mail us at campus.security@wartburg.edu, or call us at 319-352-8372.

John Myers, Director of Campus Security and Safety

Disability Services

If you have a current IEP, you know what that means and what it is about. IEPs are developed with you at your high school in conjunction with IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act). It is important that you understand that this process does not occur at the post-secondary education level. You will not have an IEP at Wartburg College. Instead, through compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, you will be offered equal access to educational programs and services at Wartburg College.

There are many differences between secondary and post-secondary disability services. The first difference is that you must "self-identify" with the college that you have a disability and that you request accommodations. To do this, you will contact the Pathways Associate for Testing and Disability Services. Current documentation (within three years) of your disability will be required along with a personal interview to determine the accommodations you may need. Second, only reasonable accommodations that provide you equal access to educational programs and services will be provided at the college level. Curriculum, course requirements, and degree requirements will not be changed.

One of the biggest differences you will experience is that you must advocate for yourself at the college level. Although there are wonderful staff and faculty eager to assist you, it is your responsibility to know what you need and to ask for it in a timely manner. For example, your disability may require extended time to take an exam. You have self-identified with the college and have been allowed this accommodation. It is your responsibility to inform your professor of this accommodation as soon as possible and not wait until the day before your first exam.

For more information about transitioning to college, visit www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/transition.html and www.wartburg.edu/pathways/testing/accomodationProcessStudents.pdf

You may also contact Carla Coates, Testing and Disability Services, Pathways Center, carla.coates@wartburg.edu for further information.



Carla Coates

Testing Services: College Level Exam Program – CLEP

If you received a letter regarding CLEP exams, please review the following clarifications:

- CLEP exams are all computer based.
- CLEP exams are strictly optional.
- CLEP exams are offered during the academic year on an individual basis.
- It is not imperative that you take CLEP exams during SOAR days.
- You may not take a CLEP exam while enrolled in the course equivalent.
- The 2009-10 fee for taking a CLEP exam is \$65 (an additional \$17 processing fee will be charged to student's account if exam is passed).
- DO NOT register for the College Math or English Composition General CLEP exams if you earned a 20 or higher on the respective ACT scores. No credit can be earned in this case.

This can be a confusing process, so if you have any questions, please contact Carla Coates, Testing Services Coordinator. You can also reference the following Web sites: www.collegeboard.com/CLEP or www.wartburg.edu/academics/CLEP.html for course equivalent information.

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Top 10 Residence Hall Questions/Concerns

1. When will housing and roommate assignments be made?

Roommate and housing assignments are sent out in mid-July.

2. What does each building provide for living arrangements?

Each of the residence halls has coin-operated laundry facilities, lounges, vending machines, and recreation rooms with kitchenettes. Each student room is furnished with desks, chairs, dressers, closets, single beds, and window blinds.

3. What are the rules regarding dorm lofts?

Lofts must conform to the following guidelines:

- Lofts must be freestanding and not attached to the wall, ceiling, or floor.
- Lofts must be placed against a windowless wall and not block an exit.
- Existing bedsprings and mattresses must be incorporated into the loft design.
- Lofts must be constructed using nuts and bolts or screws rather than nails.
- A distance of at least 30 inches must be maintained from the top of the mattress to the ceiling.
- Lofts may not be used in The Residence, Grossmann Hall, Löhe, or Founders Hall.

Strotman Building Center, a Waverly company, sells lofts. Contact them at 319-352-3077. You may also wish to check out eWart, Wartburg's online classifieds page (see page 5 or this newsletter).

4. What should I bring?

A detailed list will be published in the *August FYE*. Students may not bring appliances with exposed heating elements, i.e., electric hot plates and small George Foreman-type grills. In addition, toaster ovens, toasters, waterbeds, power tools, uncovered halogen lamps, and candles are not allowed.

5. How large can the refrigerator/microwave be?

Refrigerators may not exceed 4.5 cubic feet or 1.5 amps. Microwave ovens may not exceed 1.1 cubic feet or draw more than 650 watts.

6. What kind of phone service does the college provide?

The college does not provide phones in rooms; students must bring phones. Voice mail is provided with every room's phone line. College personnel may be trying to reach you and may NOT have your cell phone number.

7. How big are the rooms?

Each residence hall has a different room style, and within each hall, room specifications may vary slightly from room to room. The following numbers can be used as a general guide, but please be aware that individual rooms may differ. Floor plans are available at www.wartburg.edu/reslife.

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| • Clinton Hall | 11'9" x 13'11" | • Centennial | 11'7.5" x 14'2" |
| • Hebron | 11'11" x 14'6" | • Vollmer | 11'9" x 14'1" |

8. Is storage provided?

No student storage is provided in the residence halls. Student must make other arrangements. For one option, go to <http://www.ramkerstorage.com/>.

9. Is the campus a safe environment?

Residence halls are locked between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m., Monday through Friday, and between 11 p.m. and 9 a.m., Saturday and Sunday. Students have a room key, and a student identification card serves as their building key. Security officers patrol the campus and perform outside checks of the residence halls.

10. When do I move to campus?

Thursday, Sept. 3—First-year students move into dorms
See page 4 of this newsletter for other details.