

# FYE June

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Dr. Fred Ribich

On behalf of our faculty, I am pleased to welcome you to Wartburg College! Your decision to continue your education at Wartburg is one that will very likely be life-changing. Ahead of you lie many opportunities, challenges, and adventures that will build your skills, strengthen your character, and prepare you for a life filled with both purpose and enjoyment. Wartburg offers you an educational experience that can take you to new heights of accomplishment.

Education, indeed all learning, involves a partnership between teacher and student. Each assumes some share of the responsibility for what is learned. We work in collaboration—together seeking new knowledge, exploring new frontiers, solving problems, unearthing discoveries, and exercising creativity. Yes, it is work; but it is also exciting and even fun. Learn as if it were play—a kind of “work” that is at once both serious and enjoyable! Adopt this attitude and, no doubt, you will gain far more than you ever imagined from your education.

For our faculty teaching is priority No. 1. They put careful thought into teaching courses in ways that invite your participation, meaningfully engage you in working with the course subject, encourage collaboration with others, and challenge you to think in new and innovative ways. From your first experiences with Orange EXCEleration and IS 101 to the elective courses you choose to the upper-division interdisciplinary and capstone courses you’ll take, you will find that our faculty are committed to your growth and development as a person. We will work with you both in and out of the classroom (often through advising) to support you and push you to be as successful as you can be.

Take advantage of the many opportunities that Wartburg offers you to enrich your education: undergraduate research, study abroad, service learning, internships, Wartburg West, the Scholars Program, to name a few. Stretch yourself; test yourself; discover things about yourself that may well surprise you. Read *Persepolis* and discuss it with others on campus; you may discover some things about “growing up” that you hadn’t ever thought about. Who knows? In four years you may look back and say to yourself, “Wow! Look at me now. I’m not the person I used to be!” And we will say to ourselves, “Mission accomplished.” We look forward to working with you—work that is both serious and enjoyable! See you in the fall.

Sincerely,

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## Check your Wartburg email

Throughout the summer, remember to check your Wartburg email account. Campus offices and departments will send you pertinent information for the Fall Term. You received your email 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](http://www.wartburg.edu)) and clicking "Email" in the upper right-hand corner of the page. You will need your username and password.

## From Wartburg ITS: My Wartburg access, email, and password reminder

### My.Wartburg

When you first applied to Wartburg, you received a username and password that allowed you to log on to the Applied Student page of My.Wartburg.

That method of logging on to My.Wartburg works until you register for classes at Summer Orientation, Advising, and Registration (SOAR). At SOAR, you receive a new Wartburg username (firstname.lastname) and password. From this point on and throughout your time at Wartburg College, that new username and password combination will be the way that you log on to most systems at Wartburg, including My.Wartburg.

After you have attended SOAR, you will see some added functionality on the Academics, Advising, and Finances tabs within My.Wartburg. In addition, 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., 2011 Fall Term, 2012 Winter Term, or 2012 May Term. Remember that the Registrar's Office will be balancing class schedules, so your schedule is not official until July 15.

### Email

BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR WARTBURG EMAIL REGULARLY! Email is the official means of communication from the college to all its constituents including students.

### Passwords

Passwords at Wartburg are set to expire every 90 days. If you do not change your password before it expires, you will be locked out of your account. For students who attended the May SOAR day, your passwords will expire August 1. This means you will need to change your password from off campus. The easiest way to accomplish this is within the Outlook Web Agent and is explained on the sheet with your username and password that you received during SOAR.

If you experience technical problems with your login, please email [techline@wartburg.edu](mailto:techline@wartburg.edu).

## Get ready for a new year of life!

Greetings from Wartburg! My name is Brian Beckstrom and, along with my colleague Pastor Ramona Bouzard, I serve as campus pastor at Wartburg. Our office is called "Spiritual Life and Campus Ministry" (SLCM). Along with student leaders we organize worship services, Bible studies, and other events. We also provide support and a listening ear to students, teach classes, and try to get to as many campus events as possible.



Pastor Beckstrom



Pastor Bouzard

We'll tell you more about the specific opportunities for you to deepen and/or explore your faith at Wartburg, but in this column I want to tell you a little bit about what kind of community you'll be joining.

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Wartburg is a College of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). About 30 percent of our students are Lutheran but we have students from lots of other Christian and non-Christian backgrounds. Some of our students are very active in their faith, others aren't totally sure what they believe, and there are plenty who fall somewhere in between.

What that means practically is that our students are a diverse bunch in terms of their beliefs and practices. We value this diversity because it means that our campus reflects the world in which we live. Although going to college with a group of people who are just like us would perhaps be more comfortable, it would also allow us to stay in our comfort zones. We don't think that's what Jesus had in mind. Although Jesus was compassionate and caring, he also challenged people to grow and change.

As a college of the church, our mission statement reflects this philosophy. It says that Wartburg College is committed to both challenging and nurturing its students. You will see that throughout your experiences here. Coaches, professors, conductors, and staff will push you beyond what you thought possible. But they will also be there to encourage and console you when things are tough. We promise to do the same thing.

See you soon!

Pastor Brian and Pastor Ramona

## 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/vocational 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 and vocational 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, 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 steps to get "in shape" for the adventure of life and a fulfilling career.

## Why should a first-year student care about Career Services?

We know you have lots to do ... classes to find, friends to make, a campus to explore. Career Services has something for you too! We can help you think about potential majors and minors as you begin to form your career and vocational goals. Additionally, we are ready to assist you with your summer job search, job-shadowing opportunities, developing your resume and cover letters, and much more. As you begin your first-year at Wartburg, here are just a few things to think about doing:

- As you become involved in campus organizations and activities, be aware that you are gaining skills and experiences that will be useful as you consider summer jobs, internships and your future vocation.
- Browse our website ([www.wartburg.edu/careers](http://www.wartburg.edu/careers)) to find information about discovering your future major/minor and see how they connect to your future employment plans.
- Use the "What Can I Do With Certain Majors" webpage to learn about majors and careers. <http://www.wartburg.edu/careers/majors-careers.html>
- Be introduced to many kinds of career and vocational programs through career panels, webinars and special programs.
- Apply for the Orange Connection Program, which matches current students with alumni personal and professional hosts in Chicago and Des Moines at their workplaces for two days during Spring Break. [www.wartburg.edu/oc](http://www.wartburg.edu/oc)

Career Services, located in the Pathways Center, offers a variety of services to help make your career and vocational 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 in the Pathways Center, third floor, Vogel Library, 319.352.8615, or [careers@wartburg.edu](mailto:careers@wartburg.edu).

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Derek Solheim

## 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 email password. You can post items or services for sale or shop among the categories.

## Take the Initiative: Apply for Student Employment Opportunities July 15!

Applying for on-campus employment opportunities is easy and convenient!

Knightlink ([www.wartburg.edu/knightlink](http://www.wartburg.edu/knightlink)) is Wartburg's online job board. Knightlink is a great tool that you will use throughout your collegiate career at Wartburg College. Not only are on-campus employment opportunities posted on Knightlink, but volunteer, internship, and part-time/full-time job opportunities are also posted.

Each first-year student will receive an email from the Student Employment Office in their Wartburg email account during the first full week of July. This email will include instructions for accessing Knightlink along with your unique Knightlink password. Your Knightlink username is your full Wartburg email address. If for any reason you did not receive the Knightlink email or have trouble accessing Knightlink, please contact Abbie Kottke in the Student Employment Office by calling, 319-352-8350, or by emailing, [studentemployment@wartburg.edu](mailto:studentemployment@wartburg.edu).

All 2011-2012 student employment job openings will be posted on Knightlink by July 15. On-campus positions tend to fill up quickly, so I would encourage you to review the available jobs and apply as soon as possible. To apply for a specific position, please follow the "How to Apply" instructions listed on the right hand side of each job description. Most on-campus jobs do not require the submission of a resume unless noted in the position information.

Once hired, student-employees should complete the following forms before they begin working on campus:

- Form I-9, Employment Eligibility Verification
- Federal W-4 form
- State W-4 form
- Direct Deposit form (to have your earnings placed in a checking or savings account at your bank of choice) and/or the Authorized Deduction Agreement (to have your earnings applied to your student account)

These forms are available on the Student Employment website ([www.wartburg.edu/jobs](http://www.wartburg.edu/jobs)). If you have already submitted your forms during a SOAR day, an on-campus visit, or via the mail, check your Wartburg email address for any notices implying the incompleteness of your forms or the need for further information. Students may not begin working on campus until all of these forms are completed.

If you missed us on SOAR day, the Student Employment Office will be collecting forms on Sept. 1, first-year move-in day, under the Orientation tent on Clinton Field.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Student Employment Office by calling 319-352-8350 or by emailing [studentemployment@wartburg.edu](mailto:studentemployment@wartburg.edu).

For information pertaining to other student employment policies and procedures, please check out our student employment website and student employment handbook at [www.wartburg.edu/jobs](http://www.wartburg.edu/jobs).

## Fall Move-in Dates

### Orange EXCELeration

#### **THURSDAY-TUESDAY, SEPT. 1-6**

Orange EXCELeration: Student Orientation Program

#### **THURSDAY, SEPT. 1**

All first-year students move in to residence halls  
Opening ceremonies and dubbing of Knights—2:30 p.m., Neumann Auditorium

#### **FRIDAY, SEPT. 2, 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. 4**

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

#### **WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 7**

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

## Orange EXCELeration

What is Orange EXCELeration? It's Wartburg College's enhanced student orientation program. This year's Orange EXCELeration theme is "iWartburg." Prepare to discover new ways of looking at your life and the world by doing your summer reading:

This program is 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!)
- Read Chapter 1 of *The Things They Carried* for your first class at 8 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 2. 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. SCH 101 students, check your email for instruction from the Scholars Program director since your assignment is different from *The Things They Carried*.
- Read *Persepolis* (yep, the whole book!) by Wednesday, Sept. 7. 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., Thursday, Sept. 1, in Neumann Auditorium! If you have any questions, don't forget about our website, [www.wartburg.edu/orientation](http://www.wartburg.edu/orientation).**

## Financial Aid News

The Financial Aid Office will be busy this summer processing the aid accepted on the award letters mailed to students in the spring. Be sure that you have returned your award letter and submitted any missing documents required for processing your aid. 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), documents we need are missing from your file.

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## Testing Services: College Level Exam Program—CLEP

Please review the following information about the CLEP program.

- 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 2011-12 fee for taking a CLEP exam is \$85 (an additional \$25 processing fee will be charged to student 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 Kelly Beck, Pathways Academic Success Associate. You can also reference the following websites: [www.collegeboard.com/CLEP](http://www.collegeboard.com/CLEP) or <http://www.wartburg.edu/pathways/testing/CLEPscores.pdf> for course equivalent information.

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- Return to Financial Aid Details and click on View Financial Aid Documents. Documents with a status of Not Received are the ones that are missing.

You should have received email instructions on how to complete the missing forms. If you can't locate these instructions, contact [financialaid@wartburg.edu](mailto:financialaid@wartburg.edu) or call us at 1-800-772-2085, ext 8262.

## 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 either the vice president for student life or the Pathways academic success associate. 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 <http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/transitionguide.html>

<http://www.wartburg.edu/pathways/disability.html>

You may also contact Kelly Beck, Academic Success Associate, Pathways Center, [kelly.beck@wartburg.edu](mailto:kelly.beck@wartburg.edu) for further information specific to Wartburg College on this process.



Kelly Beck

## Campus Security

As 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. We lock the building 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, you can request a security escort to and from a parking area or to any building on campus by calling Campus Security at **9999**. You can use the exterior building phones, parking lot phones in B, C, D, and N lots, or your cell phone (just call **319-352-9999**). Program this number into your cell phone.
- 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 who register before July 20 will receive their parking registration decal in their campus mailbox upon arrival to campus this fall.

Wartburg uses an emergency notification system to inform students, faculty, and staff of incidents that could affect their safety. Communication is made via phone, text, and email. The college will automatically enroll you for email and campus phone notification. We encourage you to add your cell phone for cell phone and text message notification. You may also add an additional phone, such as your home phone. When you have your Wartburg College email username and password, go to the Wartburg College website and type in: [info.wartburg.edu](mailto:info.wartburg.edu). Follow the instructions and add your phone numbers. We conduct a message test three times a year; once each term, and once during May Term.

If you have any questions about security on campus, visit our office in the Saemann Student Center, email us at [campus.security@wartburg.edu](mailto:campus.security@wartburg.edu), or call us at 319-352-8372.

John Myers, Director of Campus Security and Safety



John Myers

## 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. Each student room is furnished with with one desk, chair, dresser, closet, and single bed, per student, and window blinds.

### 3. *What are the rules regarding hall 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. COLLEGE-ISSUED FURNITURE MUST NOT LEAVE YOUR ROOM. Resident Assistants will be doing a furniture inventory during the first month of school after move-in to assure that all college owned furniture remains in each room.

*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*. Please keep in mind that 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 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 phone service in rooms, effective Sept. 1, 2011. Phones will be available in each hallway, RA room, and RA office for students to use.

### 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](http://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. Within each residential area there is a live-in professional Residence Life staff member and a staff of Resident Assistants. Security officers patrol the campus and perform outside checks of the residence halls.

### 10. *When do I move to campus?*

Thursday, Sept. 1—First-year students move into the residence halls  
See page 5 of this newsletter for other details.