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President Becky talks new logo, budget changes and much more in wide encompassing interview

By Zach Hiney, Editor-in-Chief

President Becky Ehretsman is entering her third full year at Wartburg College beginning in Fall 2024. After officially being named the next president in March of 2022, Ehretsman has overseen some big changes, including the Wartburg Commitment, resident hall upgrades and now a new logo. Ehretsman spoke about the importance of the new logo in relation to its history to the Wartburg Castle and Martin Luther.

"I'm really excited about the ability for all of us to tie our heritage and our history into our brand so that we can all tell the story clearly and easily," Ehretsman said. "And here's our new logo, the W for

Wartburg College, the iconic Garamond W now reformatted to have the castle between. It's a good representation of that heritage and history."

That new logo will be the face of Wartburg College as it continues to go through some changes to adapt to modern higher education. Another one of those big changes was some budget restructuring this past summer. Some students saw scholarship money change as a result of those budget changes and complications with this past year's FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Ehretsman acknowledged the impact this had on Wartburg students from Iowa.

"The FAFSA has changed and we know this impacts our Iowa students," Ehretsman said. "We've had students who have lost federal and Iowa aid because of the land that their parents farm and if they have siblings in college."

These changes have affected a number of students on Wartburg's campus. Ehretsman is aware of that and wants students to know what she's doing to try and fix it going forward.

"The first thing I want to tell the students is that when you don't see my car on campus or you don't see me, one of the places that I am is advocating to our local, state and national government about what we need for our Iowa families and our Iowa students," Ehretsman said. "We are aware of it and the presidents in Iowa are working together to talk to our legislatures to make sure we're advocating for you and for your

families.

Any students dealing with the fallout from those changes are free to talk with the financial aid office about their specific situation. Another change on campus this year is the lack of a sustainability coordinator. In lieu of that, Ehretsman spoke about how the college is still trying to prioritize sustaining its campus.

"We're having conversations with David McCullough, and I really want to lift him up as a leader of sustainability on campus," Ehretsman said. "David is working with the Earth Club; they're creating their goals for this year and we're thinking about how we create a campus that really is thinking about our Earth and our environment and ways that we can help contribute to those things."

One thing that doesn't change on campus is homecoming and this year's event is looking like it could be one for the books. There's a special ceremony this year for a building on campus that Ehretsman spoke more about.

"Thursday afternoon [of Homecoming Week], we will rededicate the W and we'll name it after Jack and Kris Ohle," Ehretsman said. "President Ohle was here in the late 1990's to the early 2000's and he really envisioned the Science Center as well as the W. President Ohle had a huge impact on the physical plant of this campus and we're really excited to celebrate him and Kris."

In addition to that rededication, Homecoming

staples like Kastle Kapers, the parade and the football game will keep students, parents and alumni entertained.

As she begins her third full year at Wartburg, President Ehretsman knows how important students are to the campus culture at Wartburg. She shared her appreciation for the student body and talked more about why she loves Wartburg.

"I love this college, the students are incredible," Ehretsman said. "I always feel

blessed to know each of you, to meet you, to hear your stories, to travel with the choirs and be with our athletes at games. Getting to know our students makes this an easy college to fall in love with."

To watch the full interview with President Ehretsman, check out [Knight Wire](http://Knight_Wire). Also stay tuned to Knight Vision News and KWAR to see more coverage of the interview.

Letter from the Editor: A little different

By Zach Hiney, Editor-in-Chief

Hello and thank you for reading this issue of the Trumpet. Welcome back to campus Knights! If you're reading this, that means you've found the new home of the Trumpet. I'm not going to bury the lead. The Trumpet will no longer be printed. It will be fully digital going forward.

When I first found out that this change was happening, I was upset. I'm a big believer in print journalism and the Trumpet laid a lot of foundation for that over the years. After taking some time to think about the decision, I began to get excited over the opportunities a fully digital paper

brings. Opportunities to reach a bigger audience, incorporate multimedia aspects and work with the other amazing student organizations in the department.

While the format of the Trumpet has changed, the goal has not. The Trumpet strives to tell student-oriented stories with student voices. The student is the most important thing to the Trumpet and that hasn't changed.

As I return for my second and final year as editor-in-chief of the Trumpet, I'm incredibly blessed to work with such a great team, and I'm really excited about the content we're going to create this year. I hope you enjoy this issue of the Trumpet.



Above: Wartburg's new logo featuring the castle. Photo courtesy of Wartburg College website.



Above: The Student Success Center is located across from the Den and is open from 8-4:30 Monday-Friday. **Photo courtesy of Zach Hiney.**

Student Success Center undergoing big changes with aim to help students

By Chloe Rehmert
STAFF WRITER

The Student Success Center has seen some changes with the 2024-2025 academic year. The Information Center has merged its services have merged in other offices on campus. Many are now offered at the Success Center, in addition to its previous roles, such as resume and cover letter help to students.

Greg Kneser, Dean of Students and Vice President of Student Life, commented more on the reasoning as to why this merge occurred.

"There were wonderful staff there. Good people working hard, you know," said Kneser. "It was a good service, but, you know, was it the best use of resources? Or could we figure out another way?"

The Student Success Center now handles flower deliveries, phone call inquiries, and cookie boxes for the scholarship club. In addition, the center also serves students through resume, cover letter, and academic assistance.

Acquiring these new tasks, third-year student Bailee Dawson explains how the merging has affected her job at the center:

"I would say it's a little more work. It's not anything that's too hard, but it's definitely another challenge, like directing calls or like taking those orders from other people too."

Another student employee of the center, third year Hayden McCormac, had similar sentiments.

"This morning, it made it a little busier than it would have been. We got about four or five packages all at the same time, which wasn't very fun, but, overall, I'd say it's not too much more to put onto us."

Some tasks, such as office supply donations for students, have been reworked entirely. Rather than hosting a resale, the center asks that those interested in donation should direct them to Waverly's thrift store, Trinkets and Tog's, instead.

In addition, the phone system for inquiries and questions has been re-structured into a phone tree. Kneser clarified that these changes were made with the student in mind.

"[Students] are probably more comfortable with using a phone tree or electronic ticketing than some other people that these services were initially designed for," Kneser said.

Even with new responsibilities, McCormac mentioned how valuable the services available to students are.

"I think this office is a great resource for students and I believe that it's here for a reason," McCormac said. "It's a little unfortunate that most students don't want to, don't feel the need to, or go to some higher-level staff to do them instead, when we are trained to do it, and I feel we're very capable."

Dawson noted another service of the center not well-known.

"People don't realize that we are also an academic tool, because we can help with classes and help you get set up with your mentors, we



Above: The now vacant Info Desk located in front of the Lyceum in the Student Center. All of its duties have been shifted to the Student Success Center. **Photo courtesy of Zach Hiney.**

have all those capabilities too," Dawson said. "Our staff is really friendly, and we love working with people. It's a little daunting, those big projects, but ultimately, they're trying to help you. It's not as

intimidating as it seems."

Students with questions or interest in utilizing these services can stop into the Student Success Center, located in the Saemann Student Center, across from

the Den. Donations of office supplies can be made to Trinket's and Togs from 9am-7pm Monday-Friday and 10am-5pm Saturdays, across the street from the Joe's Knight Hawk on Bremer Ave.



Above: Greg Kneser is in his third year as the Dean of Students. **Photo courtesy of Wartburg College website.**

List of services provided by Student Success Center

- **Resume Reviews**
- **Cover Letter Reviews**
- **CV Reviews**
- **Internship Assistance**
- **Grad Program Assistance**
- **Pick-up center for packages that are dropped off**
- **Home to international and multicultural student assistance**

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Choirs at Wartburg preparing for year of music

By Lauren Simpson, STAFF WRITER

The Wartburg Choir is an internationally recognized choir. For many years, the choir has toured many places around the globe. During the 2024-2025 year, the choir plans to tour the Pacific Northwest, hitting many cities in Oregon, Northern California and Washington. The Choir will also host local concerts throughout the year including Homecoming, and their annual "Christmas with Wartburg."

Over 450 Wartburg students are participating in some form of music ensemble this year, according to Wartburg College's website. Wartburg has five choirs, two bands, two orchestras, and various smaller ensembles. One of the most popular ensembles on campus is the Wartburg Choir, with 80 members this year.

Stephen Krcma, the Wartburg Choir president, has been a member of the choir for the past 4 years. He has an immense amount of appreciation for the choir and believes it was a cornerstone of his college experience.

"It's a privilege to come back to the choir," said Krcma. "The Wartburg

Choir has inspired me in many ways. Working with younger musicians at the middle and high school level encouraged me to change my major as a third year, from Music Therapy to Music Education."

The Wartburg Choir and other ensembles commit themselves to service in the community and surrounding areas. Through camps and festivals, they work with over 2000 students in middle school and high school annually. These camps include Meistersinger, All-State Camp, RitterSing, and The Meistersinger Honor Choirs. They also work with many different choral ensembles while on tour.

Beyond their national tour this year the Wartburg Choir plans to perform many other times throughout the year. They plan to collaborate with the Nebraska Wesleyan Choir. The choir has already started preparing pieces for many of their upcoming performances and are only eight rehearsals in.

Homecoming is one of the choir's busier weekends in October. The Wartburg Choir will have their alumni reception/rehearsal, their concert, and other small events. Illy Mathew Maniano's "Gloria," is one piece that

the choir will perform during Homecoming and during this year's production of "Christmas with Wartburg."

Christmas with Wartburg is one of the biggest ensemble performances each year, showcasing roughly 350 student performers. The Wartburg Choir has already started to prepare four pieces for this year's production. Dr. Lee Nelson, Conductor for The Wartburg Choir, has been working on planning this concert for almost a year.

"I couldn't be more excited for Christmas with Wartburg this year," said Nelson. "I'm very excited because we commissioned the opening of Christmas with Wartburg so all of the performers will be part of a new world premiere written by Dr. René Clausen."

One challenge members of The Wartburg Choir and other ensembles involved with Christmas with Wartburg will face is scheduling conflicts. Due to the yearly calendar, the academic calendar has been shifted leading to Christmas with Wartburg landing the week before finals.

"It's going to make rehearsals and academics extremely tough, trying to balance the stress of the day, stress of the music, performances, and the fun



Above: The first picture of the 2024-25 Wartburg Choir. Photo courtesy of the Wartburg College Choirs Facebook page.

that we can have to bring this wonderful show to as many people as possible," said third year student Jon Huber, entering his first year in Wartburg Choir.

The Ensemble Directors are working to hopefully make this time easier for students by talking with professors early on in the school year. This scheduling conflict affects many due to the number of students and faculty involved with the concert.

There will be multiple opportunities to catch the Wartburg Choir perform. The Homecoming Concert is free and will also be live-streamed. It will be on the Sunday of Homecoming Weekend,

which occurs from October 17-20, 2024. Christmas with Wartburg is December 6th in Des Moines at Lutheran Church of Hope and December 7th-8th in Waverly. Tickets will go on sale in early November. Check out the [Wartburg Choir website](#) to see more details about their upcoming concerts.

Volleyball looking to maintain hot start in 2024

By Caleb Kammerer, SPORTS EDITOR

It is no question that the Wartburg Knights' volleyball team had a down year last year. They went 11-19 in the regular season, including 3-5 in American Rivers Conference play. This was under co-head coaches Jennifer Walker and Doug Frazell, who have been successful in their Wartburg careers (570-291 and 231-94, respectively). But this year, the Knights have a chip on their shoulders.

"We play sports to win," freshman middle hitter Anna Sash said. "We all have that competitive mindset. So, it's having fun, winning, making connections and getting titles."

Wartburg returns six starters

from last season's team, including Emerson Kracht and Allison Feigenbaum. But Sash and her fellow freshman teammate, Kaylee Koudelka, have been two instant positives for a Wartburg team that debuted with a 5-4 record. But this does not discredit the work that the returners on this team have done.

"Everyone on the team has been a leader to us somehow," Koudelka said. "Especially with our positions, Liv [Anderson] has helped me a ton, and everyone is encouraging."

And that leadership has helped Sash and Koudelka in huge ways. Through the first nine matches of the season, both Sash and Koudelka rank within the top four in kills (Koudelka with 62 and Sash with 44), and top six in total attempts (198 and 85,

respectively) on the team. This has already been credited to the work that the two athletes have put in with the rest of the team.

"They've helped our transition into college, especially with us moving in two weeks earlier," Koudelka said. "They helped us with moving in and finding our groove on this team. Everyone was super welcoming."

Sash resonated with that statement, speaking about how practicing with strong players has helped her adjust.

"Allison [Feigenbaum] has been a good help for me," Sash said. "To have somebody to watch, to have somebody to play against in practice who is so good."

And that practice has done wonders for the team chemistry. At this level, it is

difficult to find a team at the college level that does not have a love for the sport. The Wartburg volleyball team is no exception to this.

"Not everyone in high school has the same passion for volleyball," Koudelka said. "So having a team that loves volleyball as much as you do has been fun."

In addition to their practices with the rest of their team, the two freshmen have had success adjusting to the college skill level, thanks to their help from teammates.

"High school always has games where the team on the other side of the net isn't as good," Sash said. "You're able to cruise more. But in college, every team is going to be good, and every team is going to be fast-paced."

Wartburg was picked

to finish fifth in the A-R-C preseason poll, but that does not deter the Knights. At the end of the day, the goal is still to win titles.

The next opportunity to support the volleyball team is their home invitational. The Knights will host St. Olaf College on September 20 at 7 p.m. in Levick Arena, before playing a double header against the University of Wisconsin-Superior and the College of St. Benedict at 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., respectively.

For a closer look at the upcoming schedule, updated stats and much more, check out the volleyball team's [page on GoKnights](#).

Women's soccer looking to retain culture despite senior departures

By: Ali Parkhurst
STAFF WRITER

After ending the 2023 season with a conference record of 4-4, the Wartburg Women's Soccer team said farewell to numerous valuable players including Belle Dietrich, Camryn Ray and Madison Frush as the class of 2024 ended their collegiate careers. Head coach Emily Ryan, entering her fourth season at the helm, commented on the loss of those players.

"These three seniors last year played significant minutes and were impactful members of the program for four years," Ryan said.

Despite losing three major components of their team, returning athletes have shared how they have adapted to the change this season. Ryan noted that the returners on the team have stepped up as leaders and are eager to see improvement following the 2023 season. Returning senior Lauren Kirkle shared how she has stepped up so far this season.

"I know that I can make an impact on the team, and how teammates look up to me, so I want to keep improving on my leadership and how I can be a positive leader on and off the field," Kirkle said.

The team's tactical game has been a focus for Ryan in the 2024 season.

"We are playing a new system this year and our team has dove into this with passion and excitement as we work through learning and gaining confidence in our offensive and defensive goals," Ryan said.

Second year Sami Webster shared how the seniors have impacted the team, as well as her personal season so far.

"Our seniors take their role seriously and continue to encourage and push us to become better every day,

not just on the field but in the classroom and in who we are," Webster said, "The pieces have just fallen into place and every member of the team is working together both on and off the field."

Kirkle stated that the team sticking to their off-season workouts has made a difference so far.

"Coming in fit is huge because now we don't have to spend additional time on fitness during practices and we can instead use this time to practice more things like technical work," Kirkle said.

In preparation for the 2024 season, Webster, as well as the rest of her team, spent the summer on fitness and lifting routines to ready themselves for the upcoming games. Webster shared that she continued to play soccer in the off-season,

"I made sure to play pick up soccer just to make sure that I was still having fun and setting my mindset in the right place for the fall," Webster said.

During their first weeks of the season, the Knights currently hold a 2-3-1 record with wins against Illinois Wesleyan University and Dominican University and a tie against the College of Saint Benedict. As the rest of the season continues, Ryan shares that the team is taking it "One day at a time," as the weeks progress.

"We are focused on the process of improving each day and being resilient through the inevitable challenges we will face," Ryan said.

Webster noted that the upcoming games are impactful for her and the team.

"Luther is always a rivalry game and specifically this year it falls on our senior night, so that would be a huge win," Webster said. "On the other hand, Simpson is a stellar team and will be a great competition. It's towards the



Above: Sami Webster is off to a hot start in the 2024 season, scoring 2 goals and 4 points in 6 games. Photo courtesy of Wartburg Athletics Facebook page.

end of our season, so it will be a perfect closing game to our regular season."

As the rest of her season continues, Kirkle is hoping to finish out her soccer career strong.

"I want to leave this program knowing that I gave everything in me and was also a successful leader on the team," Kirkle said.

As the season progresses, Webster shared her hopes for the upcoming weeks.

"Our goal is to win in our conference regular season and win the conference tournament as well to get a bid the NCAA tournament," Webster said.

To attend upcoming games for this season, [click here](#) to view the schedule for the rest of the season.



Above: Lauren Kirkle is one of the senior leaders on the team and has contributed 2 assists. Photo courtesy of Wartburg Athletics Facebook page.

Knights Upcoming Home Sports Schedule

The Knights are in action at home across multiple sports over the next week, starting tonight.

Thursday, September 19: Wartburg Men's Soccer vs Cornell College at 6 p.m. at Salzwedel Field

Friday, September 20: Wartburg Volleyball vs St. Olaf College at 7 p.m. in Levick Arena

Saturday, September 21: Wartburg Invitational Tournament: Wartburg vs UW-Superior at 11:30 a.m. and St. Bens at 1:30 p.m.

Sunday, September 22: Wartburg Women's Soccer vs University of Wisconsin Stevens-Point at 1:30 p.m. Wartburg Men's Soccer vs Wisconsin-Whitewater at 4 p.m. Both games will be at Salzwedel Field.

Tuesday, September 24: Wartburg Volleyball vs Grinnell College at 7 p.m. in Levick Arena

Wednesday, September 25: Wartburg Women's Soccer vs University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire at 6 p.m. at Salzwedel Field

Thursday, September 26: Wartburg Women's Tennis vs Nebraska Wesleyan University

For live streaming of these events and plenty more throughout the semester, check out [Knight Vision](#) streaming.