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Wartburg College Implements Energy Efficient Projects for Energy Savings, Job Creation and Greener Campus

January 21, 2011 (*WAVERLY*) - At Wartburg College, students, faculty and staff pride themselves on being “Wartburg Orange”. Lately, that orange pride is also going green with new energy efficiency projects recently underway. The multi-phase projects will save the college an estimated \$260,000 in annual energy-related costs, lead to the creation of approximately 31 new jobs and help bring budget relief for the college.

With nearly \$667,000 awarded through a grant from the Iowa Office of Energy Independence and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds, these projects will create substantial energy savings, new job opportunities for the Waverly area, and contribute to a more environmentally-friendly, comfortable and sustainable campus.

Wartburg will implement energy efficient measures to retrofit at least 3,970 lighting fixtures in buildings throughout the campus. In addition to lighting, other energy efficient equipment is being installed, including a campus wide building automation system, a new highly efficient condensing hot water boiler and fire steam boiler being placed in the Luther Hall, Neumann Auditorium.

“We’ll have savings of \$260,000 annually, so the payback certainly will occur in less than 10 years, which is a very good thing,” said Gary Grace, vice president for administration. “When it’s completed, it will mean that we’ll have saved energy, created jobs and increased resources in our general budget.”

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