

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The answer to the question: Bill Clinton

Regarding his (Richard Cohen's) bleeding heart article on poor (Monica) Lewinsky he states, "Where, pray tell, is the man who is remembered just for sex?" In his narrow mindedness, I would remind him of Bill Clinton.

William Born
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Communication Center fills academic need

Some ask why UW-Fox Valley in Winnebago County needs a new Communication Arts Center. The fact is the academic needs of first and second year students on this campus are no different than those on any campus. However, many at UW-Fox Valley might never realize their dreams of acquiring a college degree if it weren't possible to begin their education at this affordable, accessible college with highly qualified professors.

Facilities anywhere need to keep up with repairs and current safety laws. UW-Fox Val-

ley's auditorium - used 81 percent of the year for a growing variety of presentations on current issues, academic lectures and performances - has not been upgraded in over 30 years. It no longer meets required codes. Serious electrical, heating, ventilation and structural safety issues place occupants in danger. They are required to sit on folding chairs on portable bleachers with flimsy railings. It's an accident waiting to happen. Students had better auditoriums in their high schools. Requests in 2002 to upgrade this facility were turned down by Winnebago County. Should this be placed on the back burner again?

It is more important than ever for students to learn effective and creative communication skills right from the beginning of their first college year in order to build on that knowledge. This proposed teaching facility is vital to a Liberal Arts curriculum at any college. It should be approved now before it's even more expensive to build, and while substantial financial support already has been approved by Outagamie County, State of Wisconsin,

and UW-Fox Valley Foundation. Winnebago and Outagamie Counties have reaped the benefits of their wise 1959 decision to support this campus. Thousands who went on to graduate at UW-Oshkosh and elsewhere are now vital contributors to Fox Valley. This college deserves continued attention and support.

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Local taxing draining vitality out of city

Even though it wasn't reported, thousands of local residents were recently robbed by a habitual thief who is never satisfied with the hefty piles of cash extracted from his victims.

This kleptomaniac takes more from Oshkosh residents every year. Despite that, he always pleads poverty and demands more to pay for his big-spending, wasteful ways.

The perennial victims are Oshkosh residents saddled with outrageously high property tax bills. As you might

guess, the perpetrator in this racket is an inept city government with the arrogance and detachment from reality of a Third World dictator.

Who needs vampire movies? Local government's lust for taxes and socialistic regulations is draining the vitality out of Oshkosh at a pace that would make Dracula envious.

Al Doyle
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Ford's comment during visit was class act

As is with most presidential visits, the entourage was about 45 minutes behind schedule. There I was directing my high school band students in a performance of "On Wisconsin" as President Ford walked the fence line at the Winnebago County Airport.

To my surprise he stopped in front of the band and extended his hand to me. As we shook hands he said, "Thanks for having the band here today and I'm sorry we made you wait so long."

In my book, that's class.

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