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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

UW Fox Valley project vital to campus

The Communication Arts Center for UW Fox could cost \$6.22 per \$100,000 of assessed evaluation in Winnebago County. It could also cost less. It would not necessarily raise taxes by this amount. What happens with property taxes is dependent, in part, upon what other capital projects supervisors decide to build.

Each year the state provides \$7.9 million to the campus for people and equipment. No wonder municipalities want campuses like ours - we're an economic force akin to a moderate sized business.

We emphasize that this Communication Arts Center is a multipurpose, multi-use teaching facility to replace a room that fails to meet ADA requirements, and has multiple health and safety code issues, identified by a counties-funded engineering study.

"Theater" gives a misimpression that this is a place only for dramatic performances. Actually that's the minority of its use. We use the current facility 81 percent of the days of our academic year for 170 different events and classes.

Not all students are able to go immediately to places like UWO or UWGB. 1,731 students, both young and middle-aged, rely on us. The university, through its state funding, has made sure they have first-class teachers. They should not be relegated second-class status in their facilities. In the case of

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UW Fox, it's up to the counties to provide the buildings. (We're the only campus in which support is split between two counties.)

It's been 30 years since the campus first noted the need for a new auditorium. Outagamie County has approved its 38 percent of the total project cost. For the sake of the health, safety, and especially the education of local students over the next 40 years, the time is right for Winnebago to join its northern neighbor in approving its 38 percent share.

**Jim Perry
Menasha**

Bookmobile essential service to families

I was quite astonished to read about the increase in the poverty level in this area. If I'm not mistaken, it has almost doubled in the last five years. I think we can all agree that education is a key to reducing poverty. Would someone please tell me why they would cancel the bookmobile that was used by many families in Oshkosh? I recently watched TV during a city council meeting and heard one of our esteemed members indicating

that he never used the bookmobile. Evidently, he was referring to the possibility of terminating it. I wonder if he realizes one of the employees who worked in the bookmobile had 14 years of service and now will be without a job. This is one of the dumbest decisions this city has ever made.

**Frederic Krueger
Oshkosh**

Global warming needs historical perspective

I don't mean to sound so critical, but I am wondering if someone could ask one of the educated college professors and scientists what global warming really means. I have noted by our local authorities that we have had the warmest December since 1931. Are the icebergs melting differently now than they did that December? Could this be the same as a financial cycle when the Democrats regained power?

**Warren Sibley
Oshkosh**

Doctor's letter eases airport security delay

In Sunday's paper, Dec. 10, 2006, "Security means airline passengers are denied right." The lady said that she set off an alarm due to an artificial knee and hip. She should have a card or letter from her doctor that would explain the reason for setting off the alarm.

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