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WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE ... PUBLIC HEARING - COMMITTEE RECORDS

2005-06

(session year)

Assembly

(Assembly, Senate or Joint)

Committee on Colleges and Universities...

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* Contents organized for archiving by: Stefanie Rose (LRB) (November 2012)

Assembly

Record of Committee Proceedings

Committee on Colleges and Universities

Assembly Bill 776

Relating to: increasing the maximum amount of tuition grants awarded by the higher educational aids board.

By Representative Kreibich; cosponsored by Senator C. Potter.

February 10, 1998 Referred to committee on Colleges and Universities.

February 23, 1998 **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (0) None.
Absent: (0) None.

Appearances for

- Doug Lyke, 621 Hillside Terrace, Ripon, WI 54971
- Rolf Wegenke, representing Wisconsin Assn. of Independent Colleges and Universities, 16 N. Carroll St., #200, Madison, WI 53703

Appearances against

- None.

Appearances for Information Only

- Dr. Paul Ranslow, President, Ripon College

Registrations for

- None.

Registrations against

- None.

February 23, 1998 **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (3) Representatives Kreibich, Hutchison and Olsen.
Absent: (8) Representatives Underheim, Ward, Kelso,
 Hanson, Boyle, Reynolds, Murat and Plouff.

Appearances for

- None.

Appearances against



Ripon College

Conference and Contract Services

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TO: Greg

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300 E. Seward St.
Ripon, WI 54971-
1564

Total piece including cover sheet: 4

FROM: Lisa Stone
Office of Conference and Contract Services
Ripon College

I've reserved the Heritage Room, which is located in Pickard Commons. I've circled the building on the attached map. The room is actually located in the same building as our dining facility, which is run by Marriott. Marriott also controls the Heritage Room. Mark Canaday, the Director, oversees the entire area. I've passed on the room set-up, head table for 13, plus podium, and seating for 25 people. Please fill-out the attached facility use form, and mail back along with the room use fee of \$50.00 (this includes set-up and skirting for the head table). The check should be issued to Ripon College, but sent to my attention.

If anyone in the party is interested in having a quick bite, you're welcome to eat in the dining hall. Marriott has a great selection for \$ 4.00 per person.

If any catering is needed, please contact Mark directly at (920) 748-8169.

Thank you,



Address: Ripon College PO Box 248 Ripon, WI 54971

RIPON COLLEGE

Ripon, WI 54971

Application of Use of College Facilities

The undersigned applicant noted below hereby acknowledges receipt of the "Regulations for Use of College Facilities" and further acknowledges that said applicant shall be bound by said regulations, including the prohibition of eating, drinking and smoking in all areas.

1. Applicant

Name of Applicant: _____

Type of Applicant: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: Day _____ Night _____

2. Authorized Representative

Name: _____ Title: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

3. Facility Requested

Name/Type of Facility Requested: _____

Date(s) and Hours Requested: _____

Date(s) and Hours of Event: _____

4. Personnel/Equipment Requested

College Personnel Requested: _____

College Equipment/Services Requested: _____

5. Event

Name/Type of Event: _____

Sponsorship of Event: _____

Estimated Attendance: _____

Admission or Other Fees: _____

Reason for Fees: _____

6. Relationship Of Applicant/Event To College

Explain: _____

7. Insurance Coverage

Explain: N/A JS

8. Special Considerations

Food/Beverages: _____

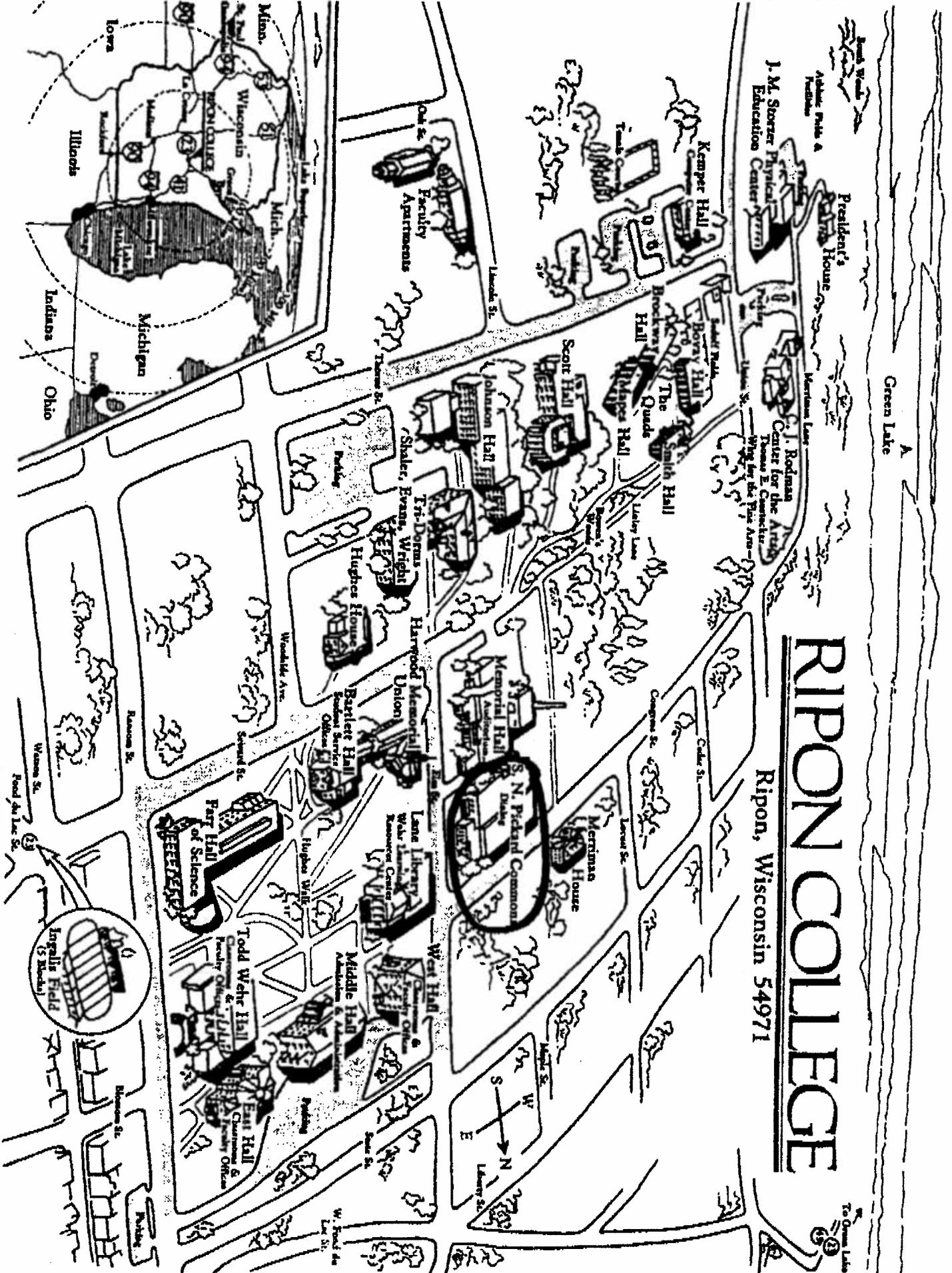
Alcoholic Beverages: _____

Sub-Contractors/Other Organizations: _____

Other Requests: _____

**Note: Return Completed Application To
Office Of Conference and Contract Services!**





RIPON COLLEGE

Ripon, Wisconsin 54971

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Assembly Committee Travel Approval Form

Chairperson's Name Rep. Bob Kreibich

Room # 107 West Building State Capital Phone 266-0660

Name of committee Colleges + Universities

City and date (If more than one hearing outside of Madison is being scheduled, please list each of them.)

City Ripon (Ripon College) Date 2/23/98
Appleton (Lawrence University) 2/23/98

Purpose of hearing (Please include Bill and LRB numbers.)
- Hear testimony on Governor's budget adjustment higher ed. proposals
- Hear testimony on LRB 4880/1 regarding the Wisconsin Tuition Grant

Is a page requested to attend? Yes No
Is an overnight stay required? Yes No
Will a state car be needed? Yes* No *(If yes, contact Mary Ellis at 266-1108)

Date of this request February 9, 1998
(approval MUST be granted prior to trip)

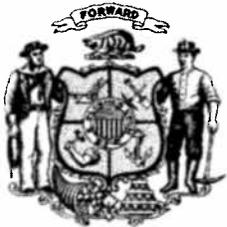
Date Feb. 9, 1998 Rep. Bob Kreibich
Chairperson's signature

Approved Disapproved

Date 2/9/98 Scott R. Jensen
Speaker



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Rep. Rob Kreibich
107 West
State Capitol

Fax

To: LOREN BOONE From: Greg Gasper
Of: Ripon College Pages (including cover): 2
Fax: 920-748-9262 Date: February 13, 1998
Phone: _____ Re: Press release

Urgent For Review Please Comment Please Reply Per Your Request

• Comments:

LOREN → Rep. Olsen will be doing the
press for the 2/23 hearing.
Give me a call if you
have questions!
Thanks!
Greg

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

February 13, 1998

Contact: Rep. Luther Olsen, 608-266-8077

ASSEMBLY TO HOLD HEARING IN RIPON

Madison... "I am very excited that the Assembly Committee on Colleges and Universities has chosen Ripon as the site of a public hearing later this month," said State Representative Luther Olsen (R-Berlin).

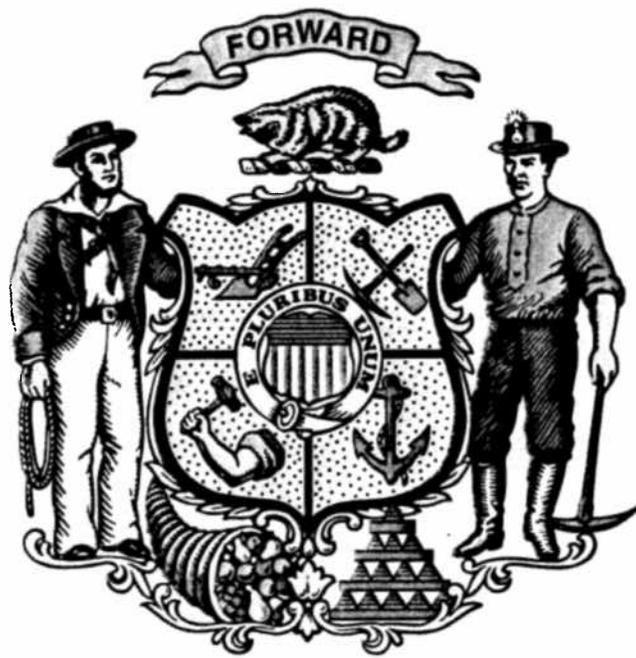
Rep. Olsen announced that the Assembly Committee on Colleges and Universities will hold a public hearing at Ripon College on February 23rd at 12:30 p.m. in the Heritage Room in the Pickard Commons. "This is a great opportunity to see government in action, and to participate in the legislative process," said Olsen explaining that he hopes to see many people from the area testify before the committee.

The committee will be hearing testimony on Assembly Bill 776 which increases the maximum amount of tuition grants awarded by the higher educational aids board. "This is an important bill to the college community as well as to parents who will be sending their children off to college soon." Olsen expressed his concern that the cost of a college education continues to rise at the same time that the need for a college education increases.

In addition to hearing testimony on the bill, the Committee will also hear comments from citizens regarding the Governor's various higher education proposals. "Governor Thompson has suggested we give a tax break to help families pay for the cost of college. I think this is an interesting idea," said Olsen.

In his State of the State address, Governor Thompson proposes to give families a \$3000 per child tax deduction for tuition and expenses at any state university, technical college, private college or Minnesota reciprocity school.

"I hope that area residents take advantage of this opportunity to let legislators know their concerns about the cost of higher education," said Olsen.



PRESS RELEASE

Contact: Name
 Phone

February 17, 1998

RIPON -- State legislators on the Assembly Colleges and Universities Committee will be holding a public hearing at Ripon College on Monday, February 23 at 12:30 p.m., according to the chair of the committee, Rep. Robin Kreibich (R-Eau Claire). The public hearing will provide an opportunity for persons to testify on the Higher Education Tax Deduction which has been proposed by Governor Tommy Thompson.

"I hope that students, parents and members of the community take advantage of this opportunity to share their thoughts on this proposal with legislators," stated Kreibich. "This is a chance for the public to not only see state government at work, but also participate in the legislative process."

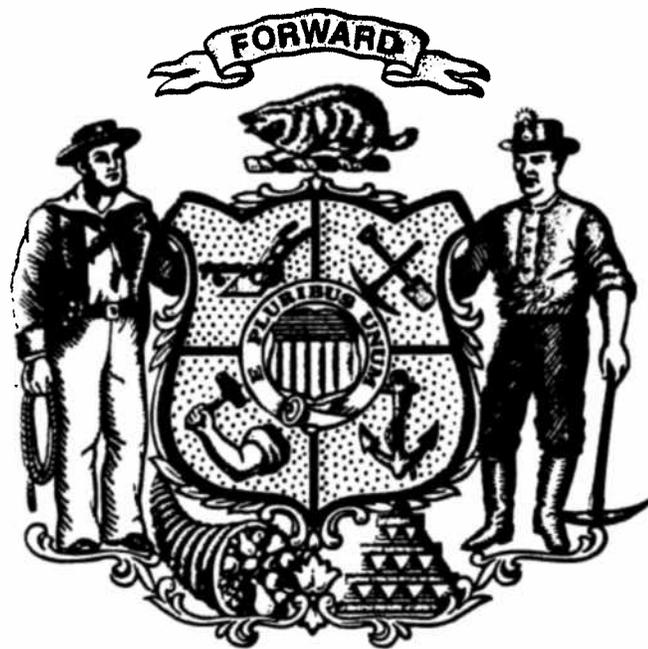
In his State of the State address, Governor Thompson proposed to give families a \$3,000 per child tax deduction for tuition and expenses at any state university, technical college, private college or university, or Minnesota reciprocity school.

"As one of 21 private colleges and universities in the state, Ripon is honored to be able to host this hearing," stated Ripon President Paul Ranslow; "it is important for state legislators to understand how private institutions, such as Ripon, serve a public purpose in meeting the educational needs of the state."

"The Governor's proposed tax deduction builds on the notion that students and families must share responsibility for financing their education," added Ranslow; "government, colleges and universities, and students and their families must all play a role."

The hearing will be held in the Heritage Room of Pickard Commons on the Ripon College campus.

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Testimony By

**Dr. Rolf Wegenke, President
Wisconsin Association of Independent
Colleges and Universities**

**1997-99 STATE BUDGET ADJUSTMENT BILL
HIGHER EDUCATION TAX DEDUCTION**

Assembly Committee on Colleges and Universities

February 23, 1998

Good Afternoon. Representative Kreibich, Members of the Committee. My name is Rolf Wegenke, and I am president of the Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, or WAICU. WAICU is an association of the twenty-one independent or private four-year, non-profit colleges and universities in the state. I appreciate the opportunity to appear before you today and share my comments on the Higher Education Tax Deduction proposed by the Governor in the 1998-99 budget adjustment bill (AB 768 / SB 436).

I have always subscribed to the theory behind the British phrase that one "takes" a degree, as opposed to the more common American phrase that one "receives" a degree. No one can give you an education. Teaching and learning are a collaborative process between the professor and the student.

Education is also a collaborative process among the colleges and universities, the government, students, and their families. Wisconsin's private, or independent, colleges and universities, by

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COLLEGE *Milwaukee* MOUNT SENARIO COLLEGE *Ladysmith* NORTHLAND COLLEGE *Ashland* RIPON COLLEGE *Ripon* ST. NORBERT
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their emphasis on the individual learner and on cross-disciplinary studies and critical thinking skills, are fully engaged in this collaboration. Their small class size (just 17 students, on average) and over 150 years of emphasis on a rigorous curriculum demonstrate the depth of this effort.

There also needs to be a collaboration on the financing of education -- one which involves the college or university, the government, and students and their families. Wisconsin's private colleges and universities receive no subsidies from the taxpayers. However, 80 percent of all students attending an independent institution of higher learning in Wisconsin receive financial aid. Over 70 percent of the grant aid is from the colleges and universities themselves and from other private sources. The remainder comes equally from state and federal student aid programs. Clearly, the independent sector is doing its part. A national study completed a few years back showed that all ten of the top ten providers of student aid in Wisconsin were private colleges and universities.

The role government is highly significant. Government funds are targeted to the poorest of the poor. This student aid stands as an opportunity for advancement -- a doorway to a better life for individuals and a stronger economy for the state.

Then comes the student and, in many cases, his or her family. They, too, are joined in partnership to finance educational opportunity. Governor Tommy Thompson has proposed a \$3,000 tax deduction for college and university tuition. This is truly help for those who help

themselves; help for those who "fall through the cracks" for most governmental student aid programs; help for those who make sacrifices and and save.

The Governor's proposals not only help college students and their families; they help every single citizen in Wisconsin. Wisconsin is already in transition to the information age. Studies show that the fastest- growing occupations in the next century will require a college degree. Many Wisconsin employers cannot find the educated employees they need. If we don't invest in education now, our economy will not support the quality of life that makes Wisconsin special. And, if we don't support the state government's helping those who help themselves, we run the risk of having government bear all the costs down the road.

This concludes my remarks. I again wish to thank the committee and would be happy to answer any questions you may have.



RIPON COLLEGE

Founded in 1851

Office of Development

920-748-8351

February 27, 1998

Mr. David C. Dies
Vice President for Public Policy
Wisconsin Association of Independent
Colleges and Universities
16 North Carroll Street, Suite 200
Madison, WI 53703-2716

Dear David:

It was good to see you on campus last week and thanks to you and Rolf for your work on behalf of Ripon College and private higher education.

As promised, I am forwarding written versions of the testimony given by our students at the legislative hearing held on our campus on February 23. Enclosed you will find statements from the following students (their year in school is in parentheses):

Matthew D. Becker (Junior)
4109 Chestnut Avenue
Delavan, WI 53115

Dante Houston (Freshman)
1929 West Monroe Street
Milwaukee, WI 53205

Christa Rebeck (Junior)
305 N. Park Avenue
Fond du Lac, WI 54935

It is our understanding that you will pass this information along to Representative Robin Kreibich, Chair of the Assembly Committee on Colleges and Universities, per his request.

Thanks again and I hope to visit with you when I am in Madison.

Best regards,



David M. Minor
Director of Corporate and Government Relations

Enclosures

Matt Becker
Speech for
Assembly

Hello my name is Matt Becker. First, I would like to say that I am honored and privileged to be able to represent the Ripon college student body here today. Being a part of Ripon is certainly one of the most important things in my life. My decision to come to Ripon was the best I have ever made. It is that decision that I would like to talk with you about today.

I am currently a Junior here at Ripon. I have to say that the two and a half years I have spent at this college have been jam packed. I have learned more about myself and what I can accomplish than I ever would have believed possible. I came to Ripon not really knowing what I wanted to do with my life. I really didn't know what classes I wanted to take or how I was going to find my direction. Ripon helped me tremendously in this area. The liberal arts education I am receiving has allowed me to explore all my options and make sure I knew what I was doing when I chose my major. I am now a very happy speech major. I know what I want to do and where I want to go in life. With my speech major I am looking forward to a career in advertising and marketing. Unlike a lot of friends I have that go to other colleges I am not nervous about the future, I am excited.

I come from a relatively small town in southern Wisconsin called Delavan (it's next to Lake Geneva). My parents are school teachers in the community. My mother teaches kindergarten at a local parochial school and my father teaches physical education at the public school. My mother also works at a local bank part time and my father is the manager at the Delavan Lake Yacht Club along with their teaching. Needless to say they are very busy people. My parents like most parents want the best for their children and they really pushed me to come to Ripon. Both of them having to hold two jobs does not make it easy on the family. I also have two younger

brothers. Mark is a freshman here along with me at Ripon. Tommy is a freshman at Delavan Darien High School. My brothers and I have all had jobs since our freshman years in high school. Mark and I along with participating on the varsity basketball and soccer teams have jobs here on campus. This summer I hope to have an internship with an advertising agency. We try and be as helpful as possible to our parents but this is a very up hill battle financially. Basically anything that will allow us to pinch a penny or two is done. You can obviously see the wonderful effect that the proposed tax deduction would have on my family and me. With two children in college and one still on the way I am sure I can speak for my parents and say that the tax deduction would be a very needed and welcomed asset.

I love my parents and I know that they love me. I only hope one day that I can truly understand the commitment that they have put into the education for my brothers and I. When I see how tough it is for my family currently putting two kids through private college, I thank God for the opportunities that I have. It makes me feel terrible to think that somewhere there is a twenty one year old guy out there a lot like me who because of financial reasons was unable to have these same opportunities.

Good afternoon,

Thank you for being here today and allowing me to speak. My name is Christa Rebek, and I am a junior here at Ripon College, from Fond du Lac, double majoring in Theatre and Music. Since attending Ripon College, I have had many opportunities that have opened up to me. Last fall, the music department received four opera tickets from an alum. Three students and one professor were chosen to fly to New York, attend an opera, and take part in an alumni meeting, where they would have the chance to meet Ripon College graduates from the area. I was lucky to have been one of these students. I was also fortunate in receiving an "Irene Ryan" nomination for my role in "The Miser" this past fall. The school allowed me to travel to Indianapolis, Indiana with a fellow actor, and compete against 200 actors in this region. Finally, I recently attended what's known as "statewide" auditions, in which the college prepared me for auditions with producers from all over the state. These auditions helped me set up jobs for the summer and possibly for after graduation.

These are only three of the many opportunities students have here. I would never have had any of these experiences had financial aid not been offered to me in order to attend Ripon College.

To say I need financial aid is an understatement. Like many of the students here at Ripon College, I don't come from a family of money or drive a fancy car. I come from a family of six children. My youngest brother and sister still live at home, my twin brother is in the U.S. Marine Corps., and my older and younger brother are in the UW-system. It's my older brother's attendance at UW-Madison that sparked my interest in Ripon College. We had all attended small schools all our lives. My brother's stories of not knowing many people and the professors not knowing your name was not something that I wanted in my education. Here at Ripon College, I knew that I would get the personal attention I both wanted and needed.

When I first chose Ripon College, my parents were both happy and scared. They knew it would take a lot of work on both our parts. I worked 40 hours a week in a factory during the summer, and they helped me financially as best they could. Along with financial aid I was given a \$1000 music scholarship, the Stafford loan, the Perkins loan, and various grants. I realize that I will be paying off loans for years after graduation, but that's one of my many sacrifices. This proposal benefits us ⁱⁿ some way or another and as my mother puts it, "Every little bit helps."

I am only one of hundreds of thousands of students from all over that rely on financial aid for schooling. Like me, they make sacrifices because education is important to both themselves and their parents. And like me, they would not be in college without the financial aid. I have been pleased with the performance of Ripon College, and I'd like to see others continue to have the chance to experience that as well.

Christa Rebek

Testimony of Mr. Dante A. C. Houston at hearing on 2/23/98

Introduction: "When a man's education is finished, HE is finished."

Thesis Statement: I am not here to speak to you on a technical level in regard to the bills that are on the table, I am here to give you the student body's perspective on how this will affect us.

Overview

I. My Ripon College Experience --

- A. Dante Houston, 1st year student majoring in psychology
- B. My involvement on campus has been one that benefits both school and community. My activities are Black Student Union, Forensics, Student Judiciary board, Environmental Group of Ripon, Habitat for Humanities, Theta Chi Fraternity, and volunteering for activities sponsored by Admissions for prospective students.

II. My Family Background --

- A. Very low-income family, 4 older sisters, and 1 younger brother. I am the first to attend college. Without the assistance of financial aid, this would not be possible. Sacrifices have and will continue to be made for me to attend, however, that's the price you pay for a quality education.

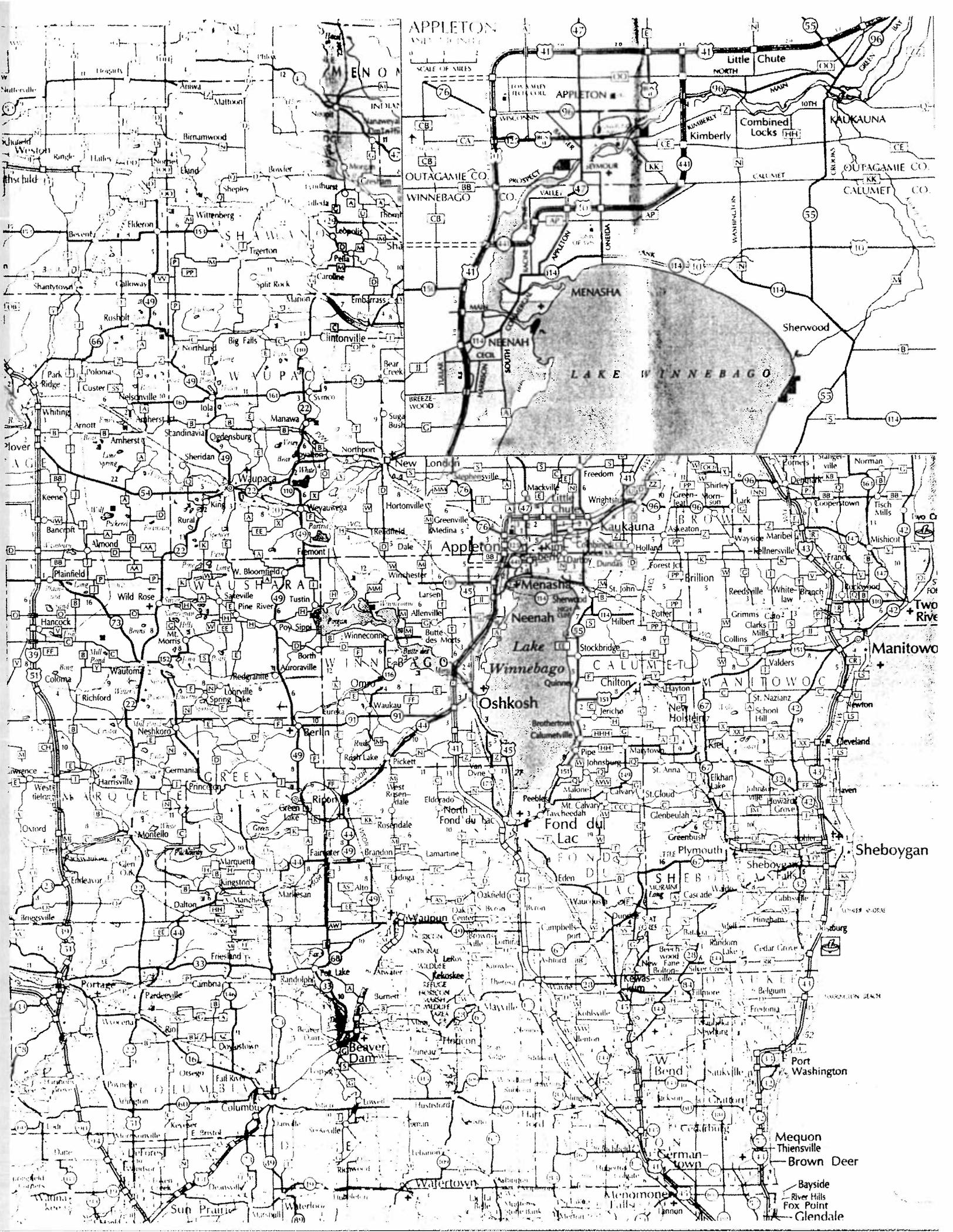
III. Financial Aid and My Choice to Attend Ripon --

- A. Financial aid packages play a major role in a student's choice to attend a particular college or university. Ripon College is dedicated to making the choice to attend plausible for many students through their many merit and talent based scholarships as well as grants. Because Ripon can only cover 70% of the costs in many cases, the State should and must pick up the slack of the other 30%. It is quite unfortunate that in today's society money is the subject and may deter some from choosing a school that they really wanted to go to.
- B. On a personal note, I was positive that Ripon College would come up with a package to suit my needs. So that wasn't a factor when I chose to attend. When I visited as a prospective student the environment created by the students and faculty was phenomenal. I was actually allowed to participate in classes, unlike larger colleges that I visited that merely suggested I sit in the rear of the class until the end of lecture.

Any form of financial aid is greatly appreciated. The proposed bill would benefit not only my family, but others as well.

In conclusion, as mentioned earlier in a quotation written by our unknown poet, "When a man's education is finished, HE is finished." I am not yet done with my education and I will do any and everything in my power to continue. I strongly urge that you vote yes on the proposal.





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FEBRUARY CIVIL HEARINGS

- 1- Ripon College 920-748-8111
- 2- UW-Sukesh 920-424-1234

End of Feb lots of hearings - Not sure

- 23rd perhaps?

~~UW-D Paul - Conf. Center - 424-1123~~

~~- Send him press release~~

424-1121 Fax: 424-0429 (920)

~~Underleim says no!!~~

Ripon Coll. - Lisa Stone 920-748-8144

- FRANKING INFO

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Kramerick

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KAREN KOWEGER

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920-832-6502

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12:30 - 2:30 or 3:00

- Send letter to Spkr's ofc. - Julie

MARCH CIVIL HEARINGS

- 1- Hayward - Lac Courte Oreilles 715-634-4790 Dribwa Community College
- 2- Rice Lake - Wisc - Barron Co. 715-234-8176 Sandy Uekatel x5401

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Margaret Madden
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Pat to president

Jam King
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