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Vilbergsdottir said. “It tends to sleep at 12 or 1 o’clock,” “You’re hungry as I don’t a tremendous expenditure of late at night, and after such finish their performance until they are thick around the middle. She says they are “big instead of being tall and healthy. “We’re hungry as I don’t know what, and then you go to sleep at 12 or 1 o’clock,” Vilbergsdottir said. “It tends to build up.”

Iceland is a small country, only home to about 293,000 people. Coming to New Jersey wasn’t entirely different but when she gets to New York, it’s a complete shock. “I get totally lost,” she said with a laugh. “In Iceland, it’s just nature, you can just walk five minutes and you’re alone.”

Weather-wise, the differences between her home country and America aren’t as noticeable. “The hardest winter is better, like December and January here, but the North Atlantic Current makes the weather change at the drop of a hat.”

According to Vilbergsdottir, Icelanders can get “storms, rain, then sunshine all in one day.” Iceland is dark. During the darkest portion of the long winter, they only get 5 hours of sunlight. In the summer, they get only a few hours of darkness.

The small size of the country makes it quicker to pick up new technology. “When I got here, I was like, ‘God, they’re still writing checks!’” Vilbergsdottir said.

According to the CIA’s World Factbook, Iceland has 276,000 cell phones. Compared to the 293,000 people that live there, the rate at which the country adapts to new technology is surprising. “I feel like every 12-year-old has a cell phone in Iceland — here it’s so big that it’s just a slower process,” she said. “They can’t just jump into it.”

Vilbergsdottir has come a long way, literally, since she was enrolled in Songakollin Singing School in Reykjavík. She can be seen as Beatrice in one of two different performances of “Beatrice et Benedict” at the Playhouse March 4 at 8 p.m. and March 6 at 3 p.m.

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However, takes into account for more than just the rate of inflation. “To be able to continue funding all of Rider’s clubs, organizations and other student activities we must look to increase the Student Activities Fee to answer the need of Rider students,” Baum said.

The increase in the number of clubs and organizations was another factor contributing to the need for a raise in the SAF. According to Klemchalk, the SGA approved about 15 new clubs in the past year, and there is currently not a sufficient amount of money for all of the clubs and organizations. For example, club sports do not receive much funding. “The extra money will allow all clubs to be properly funded,” he said.

Junior Ari Bluestein, the president of the new baseball club on campus, said he is looking forward to the fee’s increase. “I am ecstatic about it,” he said, adding that he was hopeful that some of the money would help the team because it is needed. Klemchalk also noted that the extra money would help increase security at future Bronc Buffets and other events that outside guests are permitted to attend.

However, Klemchalk said in order to augment security, about $4,000 is needed. Klemchalk presumes that students will react favorably to the increase in this fee. Sophomore Christina Hofstetter said she definitely supports a raise in the Student Activities Fee if it will help increase the amount of security on campus events.

Overall, Klemchalk believes a raise in the Student Activities Fee will help students have a better time at Rider. “I really think this will benefit all students’ quality of life,” he said.

Sophomore Chris Saverino said that he thought the increase was necessary and that it is insignificant compared to the overall price that students pay each year.

“I think it’s something they should do because we need more activities on campus,” said Saverino. “If you need more money, it has to come from somewhere, and it’s not that much more from what we already pay.”

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Until then, Sgt. Stout and his unit must tighten their belts and endure the cold Iraqi winter as they prepare for an uncertain future.

“Nobody over there supports [the war], that’s the general morale,” Jeffrey said. “They feel like they’re going to be over there forever and there’s no chance of leaving that Iraqi situation alone until we conquer them completely.”

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