House amends flag laws

A federal judge recently ruled that the state’s flag laws were unconstitutional.

By Tarryn Deutsch

In a unanimous vote, the Iowa House on Tuesday passed the Veterans Affairs bill — including an amendment on flag desecration that changes the state’s flag laws, which were recently deemed unconstitutional.

The new amendment has deleted vague language from the existing law and specifically details flag desecration, said Rep. David Hoadly-D’Cruze, a Democrat. The amendment defines all words that describe desecration, including “deface,” “defile,” and “mutilate.”

U.S. District Judge Robert Pratt of Des Moines ruled on March 28 that the two Iowa flag statutes violated the due-process clause of the 14th Amendment.

Sen. Steve Rosen, the executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Iowa, said the statutes were too vague for a reasonable person to judge what “desecrating the flag” meant.

One of the previous statutes considered wearing a T-shirt or bumper sticker with a flag on it, the display of a flag bumper sticker or any other form of advertising that could portray the flag as being illegal. That statute, drafted in 1890, was out-of-date, necessitating the Veterans Affairs amendment.

Rosen said the amendment will not guarantee First Amendment rights for those using the American flag to protest.

“We have the right to protest,” he said. “I just think people can find other ways to do it.”

For the Iowa American Legion, this is an ongoing issue.

John Derner, the American Legion of Iowa department adjutant, asserted that those who use free speech as a defense for flag desecration have poorly interpreted the law, adding that James Madison wrote the First Amendment and he was strongly against flag desecration.

The previous statutes were recently scrutinized after two flag desecration.

Scott Wayne Roe, an attorney representing the American Legion, said Tuesday’s Senate vote on removing the veterans’ flag law from legislation is an indicator of how much the American public wants flag statutes.

Rudy Giuliani, the former mayor of New York City and a candidate for the Republican presidential nomination, speaks with a Cedar Rapids resident on Tuesday. Giuliani toured the neighborhood and spoke about rebuilding communities, noting his experiences in New York post-9/11.
Tenure change may come

BY ASHTON SHURSON

Changes in the tenure policy could be a step closer for the medical and dental schools if the UI Faculty Senate approves the proposal later this month.

During Tuesday’s UI Faculty Council meeting, the group supported extending the time it takes to attain tenure from six to eight years for Currier College of Medicine and Dental College faculty who have significant patient-care responsibilities as well as other duties. Other UI colleges can request a change in their tenure policy, but they must first have it approved by the Faculty Senate. Currently, it takes six years for someone to become tenured at the UI.

The proposal also allows partial tenure track, an extension one year for each new child at home, with a maximum of three years. Any additional years or circumstances could be requested.

“There was a consensus that this is such a momentous decision for a university to take,” UI Faculty Council President Sheldon Kahr said.

The majority of the meeting was directed toward debate over the proposal and whether the extensions should apply to everyone at the medical school — not just the clinical-track faculty.

UI pathology Professor Malcolm Cohen called the proposal “a very conservative approach” and would arrive at the medical school scientists — who normally don’t work with patients — should be considered under the changes.

“We’re behind the curve,” he said.

The current proposal is based on other schools’ tenure policies, UI Associate Provost Susan Johnson said.

More debate ensued regarding extension because of children. Under the initial plan, there was an unwieldy amount of additional years for each child. But some faculty council members said there were some reservations about the policy extending tenure.

“There is a virtue to the two-year limit,” said Jennifer Gleason, an UI sociology professor. The council decided to remove the two-year cap.

Despite the debate, Kurtz and Glass pointed out that the proposal would always change.

“There is an emerging consensus that this is the minimal first step,” Glass said. “The time limit, we can amend this.”

Faculty Senate will vote on the report on April 24.

— By Ashton Shurson/Intercom

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Natalie Harvey, 20, 427 N. 20, Tipton, Iowa, was charged March 31 with public intoxication.

Melinda Baccam, 28, 2228 Plaen St. Apt. 5, was charged March 28 with possession of a controlled substance and interference with official acts.

Daryl Brown, 18, 2118 Burge, was charged March 28 for one count of public intoxication.

William Lahmon, 20, 730 E. College St. Apt. 11, Iowa City, was charged March 24 with public intoxication.

Sarah Raske, 23, 730 E. College St. Apt. 9, was charged March 30 with public intoxication.

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BY TERRY MCCOY

Nearly 130,000 Iowans are employed by nonprofit organizations across the state — a 47 percent increase since 2001, according to a UI released Tuesday.

The research — compiled by the UI’s Center for Law, Waterman Iowa Nonprofit Resource Center and the Iowa Department of Economic Development — found that Iowans employed by nonprofits earn $3.7 billion in wages in 2005, a 20 percent increase from the $3 billion earned in 2001.

The nonprofit field is only the latest of many community events the signing will coincide with other events taking place that day. Wilburn is set to sign a U.S. Agreement on April 14.

As the state government took the outcome. Mayor Ross Wilburn prepares to sign an environmental agreement.

Nonprofit organizations dealing with medicine and education, and other segments [of this growth] are seeing a larger and larger share of the state’s economy, according to a study released Tuesday by the Iowa Nonprofit Resource Center and the Iowa Department of Economic Development.

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Edwards vows to aid poor, uninsured

John Edwards also advocates cutting off Iraq war funding and helping America’s poor.

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But in a town-hall forum that brought few tough ques-
tions, Edwards emerged seemingly leery of domestic accom-
plishments and made no bones about his increasing op-
opposition to the war in Iraq. Edwards was blasting Bush for the United States’ declining world repu-
tation and policies that favor only the wealthiest Ameri-
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He said that if Bush revises the Iraq troop-with-
drawal plan Congress is bound to force the admin-
istration to consider more radical options. Edwards also
warned of the growing Iraq war casualty toll. He also
promised to make a push for universal health care in the
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Several Democratic presidential candidates have
recently taken up the cause of universal health care.

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Elizabeth Edwards speaks with audience members after a town-hall meeting at Cedar Rapids Prairie High on Tuesday. Edwards introduced his husband, John Edwards, who is running for the Democratic presidential nomination.

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**SECTION 1B**

Rape....

“What was she wearing?”

“What was she thinking?”

“What was she doing?”

The real question is: “Why is he raping?”

It’s past time to stop blaming the victim.

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Rape Victim Advocacy Program 335.6000

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**PUBLIC NOTICE OF STORM WATER DISCHARGE**

The University of Iowa plans to notify Iowa City of a Notice of Intent to discharge storm water into Iowa City’s Natural Resources to be covered under the NPDES General Permit No. 4, “Storm Water Discharge Associated with Municipal Activities for Construction Activity to Construction Activity,” on or about 4/4/07.

Storm water discharge will be from the Eastland South
Utilities project located in SW Quarter of Section 10 and the NW Quarter of Section 75, Township 74, Range 6 West, Johnson County. Storm water will be discharged from multiple points and will be discharged in the following streams: Iowa River.

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**THE VETERANS AFFAIRS AMENDMENT**

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• Does not apply to a flag retirement ceremony conducted pursuant to federal law.

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**E-mail**: Taryn Deutsch

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Giuliani tours centers

The New York senator also discusses universal health care, alternative energy sources, and education during a stop in Iowa City.

In addition to garnering widespread support, she recently proved her financial clout by raising $50 million during the first fundraising quarter. That figure comes with $500 million from her senatorial campaign, oversees her party rivals and could help make the Iowa light in the Oval Office the earliest ever.

Though she has often frequented the Hawkeye State in recent weeks, she visited Iowa City for the first time since her January presidential announcement.

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Speaker Pelosi arrives in Syria

BY ZEINA KARAM

ASSOCIATED PRESS

DAMASCUS, Syria — House Speaker Nancy Pelosi mingled with Syrians in a market and made the sign of the cross at a Christian tomb Tuesday during a visit to pursue dialogue with the country’s leader, President Bashar Assad.

The trip, which Pelosi described as a “peace mission,” included calls for direct talks to help ease the crisis in Iraq and make headway in the long-simmering Israeli-Palestinian dispute.

“Pelosi, a California Democrat, ... she was sched-uled to meet Assad on today. Pelosi, a California Democrat, said Bush denounced the trip, saying it sends mixed signals to Syria’s leader. President Bush denounced the trip, saying it sends mixed signals to Syria’s leader.

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“One of the key issues will be the Bush administration’s criticism of her trip to Syria,” Pelosi said in a Rose Garden news conference Wednesday. Pelosi said she hoped to rebuild relations with Syria, which accuses President Bush of trying to destabilize it.

The United States accuses Syria of allowing Iraqis to form insurgent groups, and trying to destabilize the government. Syria denies the allegations.

Relations reached a low point in early 2005 when Washington withdrew its ambassador to Damascus to protest the assassination of former Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri. Many Lebanese blamed Syria — which had troops in Lebanon at the time — for the assassination. Damascus has denied involvement.

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Senate approves body-piercing ban

DES MOINES, Iowa — Children could have their ears pierced, but other body piercings would be banned under a bill moving through the Legislature.

On a 47-2 vote, the Senate narrowly approved the measure, which would ban anyone younger than 18 from undergoing body pierc-ing or other “body modification,” such as tongue-splitting or branding. It’s already illegal for minors to get tattoos.

The measure also would require businesses that provide body pierc-ings to obtain permits from the Iowa Department of Public Health. Owners of tattoo and body piercing businesses could be fined up to $500 for operating without a permit. Violators could also have their com-mercial property confiscated.

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Iowa must free speech-use of flag

When U.S. Secretary-General Kofi Annan visited Iowa on March 20, he encouraged Iowa residents to protect the democratic freedoms of the entire nation. After speaking with leaders of the Iowa National Guard and the Governor, Beallah, he began his visit by waiving the American flag over the State Capitol to promote public discussion on the war in Iraq and other important issues.

Do you think Iowa should have a law to protect the U.S. flag?

Iowa City resident Jim Zessemos, a Vietnam veteran, said, "Yes, I think the American flag is a symbol of the freedom and democracy that has protected its citizens. Therefore, I believe it is important to have laws in place to protect it against any form of desecration.

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Anna Wiegenstein

A year ago, I wrote my first commentary for the tabloid section of Pete Wentz. The general the- eme was: "With his numerous online battles, overzealous journal entries, suicide attempts, and, oh, yeah, those pictures of his phal- lin, Wentz was underneath the most messed-up teen idol to hit the pages of J-14 in recent memory.

Now, I return with an update. Wentz still possesses more issues than a maga- zine stand. Don’t believe me? Well, read it from the man himself, types and all: “I’ve secluded myself. I refused to get on airplanes or buses. I stopped talking to all of my friends completely...” pretty much broke down in front of everyone but in a very secretive way.”

I can quote this not because I have access to one of Pete Wentz’s numerous ser- mons, but because, through the magic of the type-jazzing professional, I actually landed Fall Out Boy’s frontmwan where

Falling in, falling out

Years into her journalistic pursuit of Fall Out Boy’s Peter Wentz, a crass course reporter finds a new, probing way to connect with the star — important messages.

BY MIKE JOYCE

THE DAILY IOWAN

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She's the self-taught bassist for a go-nowhere band that doesn't even have a name. She's dating the boho singer who works at the zoo and has a thing for kangaroos. She's edgy, dreamy, still young (in mind if not in body), and a hipster on the cusp of something big. And she's also a bit pathetic, a bit of an alcoholic, and she has a hard time letting go of, well, anything, be it old men or old feelings. So after she breaks up with her boyfriend (but not before one last hurrah inside a display at a museum), she takes a job working at her ex-boyfriend's gallery as a part of a conceptual art piece — she is taking complaints from anonymous callers, one of whom relates his erotic escapades with women and ponderings on life. She falls desperately, stupidly, in love. Or lust, at least.

Thus begins our introduction to Lucinda Hoekke, the protagonist of Jonathan Lethem's latest book, You Don't Love Me Yet, from which the author will read today at 7 p.m. at Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque St.

With this novel, his first since the National Book Critics Circle Award-winning The Fortress of Solitude (2003), Lethem returns to the West Coast comicality of earlier works, such as 1997's As She Climbed Across the Table. The 43-year-old's last two novels, Fortress and Motherless Brooklyn (1999) were set in Lethem's native city, Brooklyn. Fortress in particular was largely autobiographical, detailing Lethem's experience coming of age as a white minority in a black neighborhood. The jacket for Fortress trumpets the book as “the story Jonathan Lethem was born to tell.” So after such a monumental undertaking, how does one carry on?

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But You Don't Love Me Yet maintains a semiautobiographical air Lethem said he was in part, thinking about his life as a drifting “Snowman living in Northern California.” “There's something very comic and pathetic but still sort of touching,” he said. “Before you can actually be something, you have to pretend. I did have this sort of feeling of kind of bluffing.”

But the Complainer — now Carl, and Lucinda's lover despite his apparently disgusting appearance (“His shirt gaped at the buttons, permitting sproutage of unruly hairs. He looked essential, sexual, a fist-like ruddy bulb”) — hears them play and demands entry into the band. They are, after all, his words. They fume, grudgingly and to their ultimate demise.

The book's premise, that of intellectual-property borrowing, relates to Lethem's recent interest in copyright law and the commodification of art. Influenced by the Free Culture movement and open source theory, Lethem wrote an essay for Harper's exploring his concerns with the way artistic freedom is restricted by laws of possession. Using this as a springboard, he has decided to use You Don't Love Me Yet as a guinea pig — he is giving away the film rights to his book on May 15 with just minimal restrictions, including that the filmmaker agrees to release all rights to the project after just a brief five years, allowing other artists to adapt and modify it. “It's kind of a provocation,” Lethem said. “I wanted to see if I could throw some of the assumptions into confusion.”

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Not quite love when the Moon has amnesia

Jonathan Lethem's newest novel explores ideas about 20-something confusion, kangaroo-snatching, and intellectual-property law.

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Hawkeye hoops lands a humble winner

By JASON BRUMMUND

Todd Lickliter, a coach's coach from hoops-driven Indiana, listened to advice from his own father, John, as he pondered moving his family of five to Iowa. He was selling, not a wall. Barta compared their chance to coach the Hawkeyes in the Big Ten.

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Coaches’ Origins

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Steve Alford 1985-89

Coach Years Overall Big Ten

Lickliter was selling, not a wall. Barta compared their chance to coach the Hawkeyes in the Big Ten. "They didn’t have to offer twice. I couldn’t pass on the feeling we would have no Desert," said Barta. "My head swiveled over to the Hoosier State for another basketball coach with expectations for a better fit."

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LICKLITER HAS POSTSEASON MAGIC

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A near-perfect sprint to finish outs in the Horizon League, Butler won a school-record 29 games this season and earned an appearance in the Sweet 16, where the Bulldogs lost to eventual national champion Florida. Lickliter was named national Coach of the Year by the National Association of Basketball Coaches on Sunday.

But during Monday morning’s interview, Lickliter didn’t mention it. Barta learned of the honor through Stevenson President Gary Fethke’s wife, Carol — an exhibition of the Hoosier State's biggest basketball boost.


Hawks find right man

DAN PARR

Depending on whom you watched, Todd Lickliter’s introductory press conference looked like the debut of a new comedy duo or a funeral.

Lickliter and Athletics Director Gary Barta laughed at each other’s jokes — even if they weren’t that funny and had been told five times already in the almost 45-minute affair judging from those two, they had never been happier. With a straight face, Barta compared their partnership to a marriage.

My head swiveled over to the row of Hawkeye basketball players leaning against a wall.

The cackling that belied into the microphone wasn’t contagious. If they were laughing what Lickliter was selling, not a single face showed.

Guard Austin Johnson’s expression bordered on the look of a kid who found out there would be no dessert until he finished his vegetables.

Oddly enough, freshman Tyler Smith, the subject of mounds of speculation concerning his future with the team — must have found his pre-game meal on a lollipop and kept a poker face. He seemed the most enthralled with the media.

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YOUNG FRATERNITY

More than half of the teams in the Big Ten have hired new basketball coaches in the last three years — including three in the last three weeks. While such coaches as Tubby Smith and Kelvin Sampson were matched from the powerhouse SEC and Big 12 conferences, athletics directors haven’t shied away from digging around the mid-majors.

Iowa coach Todd McCaffery came to Columbus from Xavier, and Purdue head Matt Painter was at Southern Illinois before joining the Boilermakers.

The two latest hirings follow the contrasting conference trend, as new Michigan head coach John Beilein last found success at West Virginia, a large Big East school, while Lickliter’s Butler Bulldogs to a pair of Sweet 16 trips — a level the Hawkeyes didn’t reach in eight seasons under former coach Steve Alford, who left for the University of New Mexico last month.

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New Iowa men’s basketball coach Todd Lickliter (left) and Hawkeye Athletics Director Gary Barta speak at a press introductory conference on Tuesday evening in Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

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Beilein takes Michigan job

BY JOHN RABY

It was planned to be a meeting where John Beilin told his West Virginia players how to prepare for off-season workouts. Instead, he told them goodbye.

Beilein, who took the Mountaineers to a second-place NCAA Tournament finish and a second-round NIT championship, is moving on to Michigan.

“Beilein is a coach who has run programs like mine,” Big Ten athletic director Joel Maturi said. “They don’t come along very often. He’s a special coach, and things come to an end.”

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Coach of the Year humble

LICKLITER

Lickliter left the Hawkeye faithful eager for October after meeting with fans

BY ERIC MANDEL
THE DAILY IOWAN

The Hawkeye band ran out of songs, and the cheerleaders lacked ample reasoning for another round of energetic cheerleaders. Everyone was ready for new Hawkeye basketball coach Todd Lickliter to make his entrance.

As a montage of historical Hawkeye basketball played for the second time in a row on a Carver-Hawkeye Arena scoreboard, thousands of fans turned their backs to the north tunnel in anticipation of witnessing the newest Iowa head man head to their families. After viewing the coach's introductory press conference video that took place minutes earlier, supporters eagerly awaited meeting the man in person, giving them a much-needed chance to skip the rumors and pass their own judgments.

The first impression, while built on a mere hour of halftimes, left many excited.

"He was good," junior Alex Lynch said before the precipitation began. "It looked more like the [Kirk] Ferentz style than the [Steve] Alford style. You could tell he's a passionate guy and cares more about his integrity than his ego.

While the atmosphere created by the roughly 4,000 fans — ranging from smiling infants to long-time Hawk alumni — wouldn't be described as electric, the anticipation was evident. During the minutes between the band's galloping variations of Journey classics and "The Iowa Fight Song," the announcers who had watched their beloved Hawkeyes go unnoticed to the NIT stood an anxious for something to clap about.

Just then, the wish came true for the horde of gold as the anti-Alford shuffled through the hallway in a humbly, almost embarrassed manner behind an amp-ed up Herky and Athletics Director Gary Barta, whose pearly chompers flashed brighter than the cameras snapping shots of the gracious reception.

As soon as Lickliter took his place on the podium, Barta was not alone in his gravitational pull.

A chorus of applause met Lickliter as he delivered his pleasure about becoming a Hawkeye, as well as his appreciation of the fans and his present team.

"He seemed genuine and charismatic," said future Hawk and current high-school student Eric Lynch. "He seemed more team-oriented and more person-friendly."

"I really liked the story of how he didn't tell [Gary] Barta about the national Coach of the Year award," said NorthMahaska high-school junior Dustin German.

The description of Lickliter's genuine nature bounced around from fan to fan, becoming his most notable and defining characteristic after addressing the public. The new leader's quiet confidence and passion washed onto everyone in attendance.

"He goes all out with the players, which is a testament to a good coach," said Brent Mekken, who was standing with wife Mary and 4-month-old baby. "I think he's a great fit. I'm excited for basketball to change."

Judging from the open reaction Tuesday night in Iowa City, Mekken is not alone.

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Cheers
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Buckeyes return to Value City Arena on Tuesday in Columbus.

By RUSTY MILLER

COLUMBUS — Ohio State basketball guard Ron Oden says he may have come too close to that decision.

"Greg and I spoke last night," Ohio State Athletics Director Frank Broyles said in an interview.

"I don't think he's going to swallow all those emotions right now and say, 'You know what, I'm still very excited about our ball club,'" Heath said.

"You know what, I'm still very optimistic about the team's progress," he added. "I think all his main concerns was getting his pitching staff more innings. Dahm said he needed time to think about the basic questions before he could make the right decision. "I think we have the chance to be a very good ball club.""
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