Paid leave sparks ire

One Board of Regents member said he has ‘great concern’ over the universities’ current paid leave policy.

By HAYLEY BRUCE

Professors placed on paid leave and convicted of criminal charges may no longer be allowed to pay back their salaries.

The House Education Committee unanimously approved House File 139 on Monday, which the measure would require faculty members of regent institutions and community colleges convicted of crimes to repay all salary accrued during paid leave. The bill will now go to the full House.

This bill, sponsored by Rep. Jeff Kaufmann, R-Wilton, would not apply to faculty who do not receive taxpayer dollars, such as UI Professor Gary Hunningshake, who was placed on paid leave while University of Iowa police investigated him for child pornography.

The case closed last year with no charges filed, but UI deal with M.D. draws fire

Under an agreement, the former professor must provide on-site family planning instruction.

The University of Iowa has made a deal with a former professor of obstetrics and gynecology, allowing her to break her non-competition agreement to take a job at Planned Parenthood under the condition she continues working as an unpaid advisor for the medical school.

Former Professor Jill Mead more signed the non-competition agreement. "All my research activities cannot work within the state. Therefore, I have to form a new organization," she said. Mead more is the president of The Daily Iowan.

The contract would end if Mead more notified hospital officials she was leaving in June to work as the medical director of Planned Parenthood, which serves patients in Iowa and Nebraska.

Under the agreement, medical residents and students will have the option to train under Mead more’s clinic at Planned Parenthood for on-site instruction in the full range of family planning — ranging from training on contraception to the legal termination of pregnancy.

"Anti-abortion critics are blaming the agreement, saying it places the university in a relationship with an abortion provider, while pro-choice advocates say it will help train physicians in the field of family planning."

Mead more, the executive director of Prolife Iowa, said her organization would not be against any kind of agreement that would place the university in partnership with Planned Parenthood.

"Abortion is not health care," Mead more said. "We wouldn’t want our young medical staff being indoctrinated into the philosophy of Planned Parenthood.""

Cheryl Ballenger, a senior policy advisor for the Kansas-based group Operation Rescue, told the Associated Press that the deal put the university directly into the abortion business."

"Why else would students be going to the Planned Parenthood in Iowa City to get training from an abortionist who has defended intrauterine abortions in court?" Ballenger said the AP, "Is this just something they would do for anybody, or just for abortionists? To get special treatment because she can provide this training?"

Council mulls local funding for rail service

The rail service would not be built for another five or six years.

By EMILY HOERNER

Downtown Des Moines is in agreement to begin exploring the idea of an intercity passenger rail service, but a $400,000 feasibility study is needed to make it happen.

Last week, the Department of Transportation asked the City Council to authorize a letter to the Governor’s Office agreeing to consider local support for the operational costs of the railroad.

At Monday’s City Council work session, all the councilors supported the idea of looking into finding local financial support for the project, but they did not commit themselves to any set amount.

John Yapp, a city transportation planner, said Beaumont’s office ordered the DOT to find local interest in supporting the plan. Iowa City’s projected $300,000 to $400,000 contribution is reasonable, he said.

"That’s actually a very good number, compared with what it could have been," Yapp said.

Though the rail service wouldn’t be built for the next five to six years, Councilman Jim Proehl said they think they can continue this business because they can provide this training."

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Lawmakers target tobacco "candy"

The bill would restrict some local stores to selling dissolvable tobacco.

By RYAN COLE

Iowa legislators are con- sidering restricting the availability of "dissolvable" tobacco products they say look and taste too much like candy and therefore target minors.

These products, which are not cigars, store tanks, such as CVS, Old Capitol Town Center, and the Tobacco Bowl, 111 S. Dubuque St., would no longer be able to sell dissolvable nicotine if the legislation is passed.

Under the proposal, only customers over the age of 18 and who order the product could continue selling the product. The Iowa Senate could vote on a bill as soon as next session.

Mark Bins and Aaron Konezny, two Iowa lawmakers, said the products are both available and dissolvable tobacco comes in flavors that are popular among minors.

"So the target market is just the same," Bins said. "We just want to prevent young people from being sold as something that is not intended to be sold.

The Caneel product comes in several flavors, including mint, chocolate, and peanut butter. In addition, the packaging includes a child-resistant lock and is sold in packs of 10. The products also come in small plastic bags.

I submit that the dissolvable tobacco products are intended for minors and are not intended to be sold to them. These products are designed to be sold to adults.

Dissolvable tobacco

Some of the bills’ proponents say the products would include flavors, such as chocolate, peanut butter, and mint, but dissolvable products would be marketed towards children.

A spokesperson for Camels said the products would be sold in packs of 10. The company would also have a child-resistant lock and would be sold to adults.

The bills would also allow the state to fine businesses that sell dissolvable tobacco to minors.

By EMILY NOINER

In their first discussion of a dissolvable tobacco city ordinance, Iowa City councilors said they have some concerns about the legality and wording of such a policy.

On Tuesday night’s work session, councilors discussed the possibility of enacting a city ordinance for a sanitary area for city residents.

Councilors voiced concerns about the wording for "sanitary." City Manager Steve Mina said there may be more harm done by misunderstanding the policy because the city does not have a sanitary area for federal inspections.

"I don’t care how much explanation you do, I think there are questions about that, and that’s serious concerns we need to make sure the community understands the policy," he said. "We don’t want people to drive down a path where the City Council is trying to keep the federal government from coming into the community.

Sanitary cities

Under the proposal, all law enforcement agencies in the United States would have to follow the same sanitary city ordinance.

Sanctuary cities

Two years ago, when a similar policy was supported in Iowa City, it was told it should have its federal funds cut if the city, violate its federal immigration status.

Tom Williams in June was concerned about being funded by federal programs and therefore disapproved of approving such a policy.

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Lemuel Seese sits in The Tobacco Bowl on Sunday. Seese is among a variety of dissolvable tobacco products that are sold in Iowa City, but he said the store doesn’t sell to minors.

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While the university has taken some criticism for the amount of time it

The question of revoking a tenured faculty member has strong special
case, and deliberately lengthy, he said. This can include asking the person to
resign, entering into mediation, holding a hearing, or a potential appeal
process that can go up as high as the state Board of Regents.

"Tenure is an essential element of academic freedom, and revoking that
matter that requires that a careful, thorough, and thoughtful review," Moore
wrote in an e-mail.

Regent Robert Dewsor said while he does not yet
know the specifics of the bill, he supports the prin-
ciple behind it.

"When there has been a conviction ... [those on paid leave] have to be
established to have committed these offenses beyond a reasonable
doubt," he said. "And I don’t see any reason why people who have been
convicted of something of that nature should be required to
burden the taxpayers or other payers of funds to the universities."

Though the regents have not formally
changed the current
vested paid-leave policies or
disciplinary process, Dewsor said he thinks the current system is
worth studying and sug-

gested putting a cap on
the amount of time an employee could remain on
paid leave.

"I have great concern over the way the policy is
now," he said. "A faculty member has the right to
voluntary to try to drag this out because payment con-
tinues."

He believes the univer-
sity should be in a place
to complete the Hulming-
hake situation, though
some legislators said they understood the pace of progress during the paid
leave.

"It takes time to do an investigation, it really just
does," said Sen. Bob
Dworsky, D-Coralville.

Kaufmann said if he were confident his bill is going to
pass the House, and he hopes it will make it through the Senate.

"Laws are also needed to send a message, and I think this bill is going to
send a huge message to any faculty member and employees and at univer-
sities and community colleges," Kaufmann said.

UI Associate Provost for Faculty Tom Rice, who
oversees the process for faculty, did not
return calls seeking com-
ments on the university’s paid-leave policy.

"I think the returns of doing this investment is sub-
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Even if students know their rights, an Iowa City ordinance, written by Paul O'Neill, which was introduced by City Councilor Sarah Palfi, could make it easier for landlords to evict tenants. The ordinance was introduced to help landlords with evictions, especially for non-paying tenants. The Feb. 25 "Don't Get Evicted" event, which was organized by the Iowa City Legal Clinic, Iowa City Housing Authority, Community Legal Services to help students learn their rights as tenants, was already too late for this year’s rise in discriminatory house rentals. Landlords in Iowa City are using the ordinance to evict tenants who have three criminal violations.

Gregory Bal, supervising attorney of UI Student Legal Services, told The Daily Iowan that the director of the "Don't Get Evicted" lecture, is worried that these provisions may cause landlords to evict tenants who are students. Students often seek advice from Student Legal Services when they know they're about to lose their housing.

"Sometimes, it's unfortunate, students have to come to us and ask for our advice, and there's nothing we can do," Bal said. "A lot of times they're just evicted, and there's no legal remedy for the entire population.

The lecture aims to educate residents on their rights, and help them understand that they are not entitled to evict tenants. The purpose of the ordinance is to make tenants more aware of their rights, and avoid situations where landlords are willing to make sacrifices in order to control their rental units.

But a housing ordinance passed in 2003 enforces justice.

Iowa City Ordinance 03-082 offers eviction to the most attractive means for landlords to avoid the rental permit suspension for one year. This ordinance is one of the most reasonable to rent on a separate occasion.

According to the ordinance, landlords may be issued a reduced rent penalty instead of a criminal violation, ranging from ten dollars to drug possession to disorderly conduct in one rental unit. The penalty is capped at one rental unit of the separate occasions.

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"No, my name, many names of which I have never met a single bear thinking about the Iowa City Public Library really deserves an Oscar for Sound Mixing."

"Why is Christopher Walken pretending to be a peacock?"

"Meryl Streep is actually a diamond in the same way that Yoda is actually a Jedi Master."

"What did Aristotle Benning's hair—"

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Keeping herself in stitches

One local author writes about how knitting can improve people’s lives.

By KENDALL MCCABE

Just off the alley between Mainman Road and Iowa Avenue, tucked in the back of Beadology, is the Paper Nest.

The business, no bigger than a room, is owned by Ka­mil­len Edwards, an assistant professor at the University of Iowa Center for the Book. Edwards is one of the artists working in the specialty paper field, and she is responsible for the creation of the paper projects that the Paper Nest produces.

Edwards started knitting as a child, and she continued to do it as a hobby throughout her life. She started teaching herself to knit in college, and she has been teaching her students how to knit ever since.

Edwards said she enjoys knitting because it is a relaxing activity, and it allows her to be creative and to express herself. She also enjoys the fact that knitting can be done anywhere, and it is a portable activity.

Edwards said she has been teaching knitting for about 10 years, and she has taught hundreds of people how to knit. She has also written several books on the subject, and she has been featured in several magazines and newspapers.

Edwards said she enjoys teaching knitting because it is a fun and creative activity, and it allows her to help others to discover their own creative talents. She said she enjoys seeing the joy that people get from learning how to knit, and she enjoys watching them improve their skills over time.

Edwards said she is excited about the future of the paper field, and she believes that it will continue to grow in popularity. She said that there are many different types of paper and supplies available for people to create with, and she believes that this will encourage more people to explore the field of paper and to create their own works of art.

Edwards said she is also excited about the future of the University of Iowa Center for the Book, and she believes that it will continue to expand its offerings and to attract more students to the program. She said she is excited to see the center continue to grow and to provide more opportunities for people to learn about and to create with paper.
Molnar-Young shine in doubles

Iowa's Jessica Young and Sonja Molnar are ranked No. 32 in the latest rankings.

By NICK SZAFRANSKI

Jessica Young and Sonja Molnar know a little something about doubles.

Young, a senior, and Molnar, a junior, have been pivotal partners on Iowa's tennis team and have ascended to a No. 32 national ranking. The duo — which holds a 6-1 season record — has been one of the Hawkeyes' few bright spots this spring.

To have a successful doubles team, each player usually has different strengths that create a whole greater than the sum of its parts. Both of these Hawkeyes, each player, know each other's strengths that create a whole greater than the sum of its parts.

"Their chemistry is good," head coach Katie Young said. "We are very good, "

While having different strengths is key, maintaining supportive of the court is equally as important.

"She is one of my best friends. We grew up playing along really, really well," Young said of Molnar. "She has a big smile and is likeable in personality. You know when you play against her, you know she is really good at the net and moving. Both of their serves create a lot of backup, and that works really well."

During the ascending to a No. 32 season, as a sophomore, Molnar paired up with Whitney Wolf and Keri Harris. During the spring, Molnar and Molnar are ranked No. 32 in the latest rankings.

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Iowa junior Jessa Hansen gains confidence as she rises in the national rankings.

By Molly Irene Olmstead

Junior Jessa Hansen scored a 9.95 on floor exercise against Iowa State in the Field House on Feb. 25. She is ranked No. 7 in the NCAA in floor exercise and first in the region, and Big Ten, but she is just now becoming comfortable in competition.

Two days after her career-best performance — the best score the GymHawks have seen in any event since 2008 — head coach Larissa Libby didn't let Hansen warm up on floor during general warm-ups at the Master's Classic in Lincoln, Neb., on Sunday.

After a "serve-racking" was performed, Hansen took the floor and scored 9.90. Despite being fatigued and sore, "I told her, 'Jessa, you don't need to do any warm-ups. You've got this. You've hit every routine,'" assistant coach Linas Gaveika said. "She finally trusted herself now. Everybody else knew she could do it, but Jessa didn't know." This year, Hansen has handled the transition well, despite her previous problems with anxiety. Her ability to cope with the stress of training is one of the reasons why she is on the higher end of the upperclassmen. "I believe in her," Libby said. "If your body can handle it, you've got to do. [Hansen] is a very pleasant kid to work with because she never doubts you when you tell her to train; she fully trusts the coaching. It's a perfect example of her ability to cope with problems with anxiety."

In practice, Gaveika knows the GymHawks on floor and gives each athlete assignments for the number of repetitions of certain elements in her routine. However, if Hansen begins to doubt herself or her performance, she continues to work past the requirement until she's comfortable, Libby said. "Gymnastics, it's a very repetitive sport," Gaveika said. "If your body can handle it, you've got to do. Hansen is a very pleasant kid to work with because she never doubts you when you tell her to train; she fully trusts the coaching. It's a perfect example of her ability to cope with problems with anxiety."

Junior Jessa Hansen performs a floor routine during the women's gymnastic meet against Iowa State in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Feb. 21, 2010. This season, Hansen is ranked No. 7 in the region.
Austin seems to fit that description. When asked when the group would be without him, Woody said, "I don't want to think about that," then he added, "I wanna give a guy with talent an opportunity." Last year, the Hawks didn't have anyone with that kind of depth to enter in the triple jump. Based on his natural ability alone, assistant coach Criz Robertson thinks Doris could simply show up and be No. 1.

Iowa, now not only has the best triple jumper in the Big Ten but one of the deepest depth of its program. "If every team in the Big Ten had one or two good athletes, as we did, they'd go to the next level," Woody said.

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Iowa head coach Fran McCaffery talks with guard Matt Guttes during the Iowa/ Northwestern basketball game in Carver-Hawkeye Arena in Iowa City on Sunday, Feb. 26, 2012. (Leistikow/DMN)

Tracksters develop their depth

Throughout a shift in the recruiting process and the evolution of team leadership, Iowa is building the core and increasing the depth of its program.

By AMY TAYLOR

Hawkeys had more than just a couple of standouts at the Big Ten champions this past season. This year's Iowa women's track team scored 56 points, only 2.5 points away from the fourth-best finish in school history.

Head coach Layne Anderson described Saturday's finish as the final day of the competition, as an elevatedexpr, “cautious.” With four members of the track and field team and senior Bethany Prouty in the final picture in the 6,000-meter almost-bad beating, Hawke finished on a high note.

Even though junior runner Betty Fazu and senior Jordan Weir set school records in the distance medley relay scored major points Feb. 26, Anderson said low scores needed improvement next year — as well as many other areas of their game.

"It's not a season we're too proud of," Prouty said. "But again, we've tried to have the kind of finish that you know, that we think that that's a good representation of what we're trying to do as a program." Anderson added that the core of the team, the two seniors, will team with develop-
ing two freshmen and on this new place.

"It's a first for us," Hendricks said.

Hendricks has been circled for the Big Ten. "This year's Iowa women's track team finished 21st in the Big Ten, but the Hawks also have a very strong team," senior captain Tiffany Fanara added. "The Hawks always believe in the team that's ahead of them, but the depth, they've got to step up. The depth of the track and field team is tremendous.

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