Wagner effect disputed

Expert: Wagner’s case could change centuries of separation.

By BRENT GRIFFITHS

Two lawsuits between an ex-dean at the University of Iowa College of Law and a former teaching candidate are heating up, and officials continue to debate what effect a decision in the trial would have on university nations.

Teresa Wagner, a part-time employee at the UI College of Law’s writing resource center, was denied full-time employment in 2006. She first filed a lawsuit against Carolyn Jones in January 2009. Wagner said the former dean didn’t hire her because of her conservative political beliefs, claiming discrimination violated her First Amendment rights.

Wagner’s trial has drawn national attention. However, the effect of a decision in her favor is in a source of disagreement. “A broad decision in her favor would cause us to lose the separation even state universities have from the government... something that’s been going back centuries,” said Walter Olsen, a senior fellow with the Cato Institute. “It will make it far more expensive for states than they already are... to someone, that’s hard to separate from politics.”

But Northwestern University Associate Professor of law Zev Eigen said a decision in Wagner’s favor would not have very much impact in the law. “The decision would have broad implications for future disputes over whether a public college can fired an employee who had filed a lawsuit. But it’s hard to see how it would make a decision in her favor is a game-changer for university-level tenure.”

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Being out in a Latino culture

BY TIERRA SIMPSON

Growing up in a predominantly Latino community, University of Iowa sophomore and member of Lambda Lambertos Latinos International fraternal organization Biagaas Toribio encountered leftist, gay, bisexual, and transgender people who feared coming out because they were afraid of what others deemed socially acceptable.

“Especially in the Latino culture, because there’s such a stigma and the concept that people have against the LGBTQ community that it makes it difficult for individuals to come out,” he said.

As a student at the UI, Biagaas meets people who deal with the same struggles.

“There has been people here in Iowa City who I’ve met who are scared to come out because of their family,” said UI senior Martin Vargas...
DURING his campaign, he expressed willingness to end the war in Iraq and to begin a withdrawal from Afghanistan. For the moment, he is willing to continue fighting in both places. He frequently notes that he intends to keep our troops in Afghanistan until the end of the 2014 timeline. Obama, of course, has not specified a date by which his withdrawal will be completed. Besides the timetable for leaving Afghanistan, Obama’s campaign promise of reducing defense spending, which has been a constant refrain in his speeches, will need to be taken seriously by the commander-in-chief. As the nation’s commander-in-chief, Obama has a unique opportunity to lead the American military community in developing a new spirit of sportsmanship. This new spirit of sportsmanship is needed now more than ever. The start of the Big Ten football season is August 31. The critical weeks of the 2012 campaign are fast approaching. Obama’s campaign should use its campaign offices as a venue to promote the new spirit of sportsmanship. This new spirit of sportsmanship shows we respect the game officials. As a part of our challenge to make a difference in the way fans treat each other, we ask our fellow fans to refrain from booing Penn State when the team enters the field. We ask all students and coaches to be more considerate to each other on the playing field. Additionally, this simple gesture of positive sportsmanship shows we understand that Iowa and Penn State are a part of a shared conference goal, positive sportsmanship. We, as representatives of Big Ten sports, have an opportunity to begin the course of the game by creating the most positive sportsmanship environment as possible. Cheering loyally and politely can be accomplished without degrading our opponents. Big Ten fans, and other organizations and fans who support Big Ten sports and spirit teams to refrain from booing Penn State when they come to Kinnick Stadium. As such, Pussy Riot isn’t just a band. They are a symbol of freedom of speech they’re fighting for.

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Changing how low schools approach their hiring processes

"Not much would change," said "Political ideology is not something a university or law school about to hire a candidate will overlook," he said. "But will that make the door open for candidates to conser- vative academicians?"

"I don’t know," said Oliver. "But they might think twice about it."

According to the Register, "We wanted to make sure that we were getting the big- gest bang for our buck."
The Iowa volleyball team will attempt to build on back-to-back top-five finishes in its last two tournaments when it arrives at the United States Volleyball Association’s college division volleyball event this weekend in Atlanta.

The men’s team will have a first-time challenge, but the women’s team will participate in the event for the second consecutive year.

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The players quickly dismissed the idea. “We didn’t let stuff like that factor into our mindset,” junior Jonas Dierckx said. “We kept our focus on our own game, and we still played hard. I know good things are going to happen.”

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By KEVIN O’LEARY

FIELD HOECKEY

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“How honest do you want me to be about that?” Head coach Kirk Ferentz said. “He ran out of bounds about eight times. And that was OK, as long as the ball didn’t go on the ground. That’s kind of where we were at Saturday. A nice run would really have been good, but ball security is critical, especially at that juncture.”

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Iowa forward Corrine Allen takes aim during the Hawks’ game against Albany at Grant Field on Sept 16. (The Daily Iowan/Nicholas Fanelli)

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