A real Yule tree, from Iowa, tall-tale country

There are 15,000 Christmas-tree growers nationwide, and around 100 of them are located in the state of Iowa.

By CHASTITY BILLARD
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Lying against the white, snowy earth, Brian Fuhrmeister joked with his 5-year-old son while preparing to chop down the family’s first Christmas tree.

“All right, Lukas. I’m going to cut down the tree,” the 25-year-old said with his hands at his sides.

Brian Fuhrmeister and another Iowa Farm Bureau member chopped down the tree for Christmas after they were children, and they now pass the tradition to their children, Lukas and 6-month-old Laci.

The Fuhrmeersters are not the only Iowans to buy a real tree.

As long as the tree is real, it doesn’t matter where it comes from, he said.

“I think that more people want to have the tradition that they pick out a new tree each year, he said.

Supporting the tree farms this holiday season.

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**UI crime incidents down**

UI's statistics have shown a significant decrease in crime incidents on campus.

In 2018, there were 1,291 incidents, whereas in 2021, there were only 523 incidents, a decrease of 60.26%.

The decrease can be attributed to various factors, including increased security measures and better awareness among students.

**Regents OK UI projects**

The Board of Regents approved several UI projects, including the construction of a new medical school.

The new school will be located on the Iowa City campus and is expected to open in 2025.

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Law enforcement in Blackburg, Va., say they received reports about an armed suspect opening fire on campus around 12:30 p.m. local time Thursday.

Law enforcement officials had sent out a VT Alert notifying the campus of the danger.

By the day’s end, officials reported two dead, including one police officer. No other fatalities or more alleged gunshots were heard.

In 2007, a gunman killed 32 people at Virginia Tech.

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Opinions

By Rick Perry

I would most want to be someone who feels, for instance, that the store downtown. So far it is only the downtown businesses. The store is. I am not one of those who believes feeling I would somehow forget what to say if they were interesting. New has shown he can balance a cancer-stricken wife and an extramarital affair simultaneously, with all, while maintaining a flyby-night even Mitt Romney would envy. But there are others reasons Gary doesn’t seem to be a marked able. Being an innate gold-digger. I am immediately drawn to a snobby rich guy like Newt because, come on, Newt is more likely that person’s eyes on me. Don’t think Rick Perry because of his corporate-donation money, but now I just want him to stop spreading anti-Christian hate and ignorance. I refuse to recognize former Sen. Rick Perry was the man assaulting a UI student.

The HawkAlert was sent 10 hours ago with a man who escaped nearly an hour after the UI Police were notified of a man who escaped near campus. He was last seen 10:30 p.m., nearly an hour after the UI Police were notified of a man who escaped near campus.

If Obama ran against one of these three candidates, it would force him to clearly explain his plans for the budget and why his approach is better than alternatives using funding left and right. He would have to defend the need for a federal Department of Education and hopefully, a change in electoral politics toward some level of improvement in national education standards. He would be continuously challenged on his plans on the federal obesity Act. He would even shift his position. As for the other candidates, they would take action based on their positions, which include and force Obama to be the candidate we want him to be.
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lower (in Iowa), incomes are also lower, and debt repayment is a significant payment," Downer said. UI in-state undergraduate students will see a 4.75 percent tuition increase — $1,130.
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**Legal office seeks help**

By KRISTEN EAST

The University of Iowa spends less on providing legal advice to students than any school in the Big Ten.

Greg Bal, supervising attorney for UI Student Legal Services, said he doesn’t think adding a staff attorney is much to ask, given that his office serves 2,000 students per year, which equates to the highest client-per-attorney ratio.

Bal said UI’s hopes lie in hiring a part-time attorney to assist him by January, before the spring semester begins.

“The idea is to have someone in place by next semester when it’s our busiest time,” he said.

The part-time attorney would be responsible for providing legal services to UI students, representing law students in their clinical work, and promoting the office’s services, Bal said.

The UI Student Government allocates $154,000 for Student Legal Services. Adding one part-time attorney would cost $20,000 and $10,000 from the UI Student Government and UISG and other UI offices, respectively.

With a projected $14,000 budget for 1.5 attorneys, Bal said, the UI would still have the lowest budget among similar offices across the Big Ten.

“It can definitely fit in the budget,” he said. “It isn’t an extravagant request.”

Not only is UI Student Legal Services seeing an increase in student cases this year, he said, the number of students who use the office for representation is also growing.

An increase in students seeking legal counsel is also a trend among other Big Ten universities.

Officials from other schools said their offices are equipped with an adequate number of attorneys.

Mary Ann Midden, one of three staff attorneys at the University of Illinois College of Law, said “a number of factors” influence how many attorneys an office employs at the school.

For the 2010-11 school year, 1,177 students received in-office services at the school.

“It’s based on the amount of work that goes on in the office and how many students come in,” Midden said.

Randall Frykberg, the director of Student Legal Services at Indiana University, said the number of students seeking legal services has almost doubled in recent years.

“The number of attorneys must certainly have to do with the size of the student body,” he said. “It’s going to be a reflection of the commitment that the university has to providing legal services for students.”

Frykberg said students seek legal counsel because seeing a human being for help in certain situations is essential.

“In a legal sense, someone has to hear the particulars of a student’s case,” he said. “There’s value in having someone there with you, someone to tell you ‘OK.’”

The University of Michigan employs five full-time attorneys to aid the some 2,000 students who seek legal advice annually.

But officials at Michigan said a greater number of attorneys isn’t mainly used to aid a larger student population.

The Student Legal Services director at Michigan, Douglas Lewis, said that each attorney at the university focuses on a specific aspect of law.

“Staff size is not based on the client population, necessarily,” he said. “It has to do with the needs of that population, and how many cases an attorney can handle at a given time.”

Bal said the UI has not advertised the position yet but hopes to do so as soon as the job position and budget is approved by UISG and other UI officials.

A UI student consults with supervising attorney Greg Bal at the Student Legal Services office on Thursday. The majority of legal cases Bal works with students involves alcohol violations, possession of marijuana, and landlord issues. (The Daily Iowan/Ya-Chen Chen)

**Percussive holiday pops**

Iowa Percussion and the PanAmerican Steel Band will hold a winter-theme holiday show at the Englert Theatre tonight.

By JORDAN MONTGOMERY

After an intense November concert series, Iowa Percussion will welcome the holidays with a percussion performance focusing on the season. Iowa Percussion and the PanAmerican Steel Band will perform a free show at 7:30 p.m. tonight at the Englert Theatre, 223 E. Washington St.

“The Englert is a great venue for us,” said Sue Orban, marketing manager of the University of Iowa Division of Performing Arts. “Past bands, we don’t have any performance space of our own, so we work with the University and Iowa City community to find spaces that accommodate our ensemble and that are easily accessible to the students and community.”

The bands will play for an audience of all ages. They will perform seasonal pops music, featuring songs of the season.

“We will play things festive and that the Little West African Drummer Group will perform their Noël-themed percussion at the UI since her fifth year at the university.

One of the musicians who will perform is Dubuque native Christine Augspurger, an undergrad student since the Johnson County Crisis.

The concert will provide some fun holiday music and offer a little help to others who said

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By SAN LOUWAGIE

The last time the Iowa men's basketball team matched up against an elite inside-outside player, men's basketball team Iowa State tonight.

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Iowa's shooting struggles this season can't be overlooked, and the starting five will need to step up beginning today.

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In which the coach has said the wrestlers have shown tremendous improvement this season. Dziewa said he saw differences in the team right away and felt that the team included more long-distance workers, and he noted that the stress of finishing well on the mat can wear on athletes.

But Danielle Carty said the ropes are prepared for that.

"Every second I was a freshman, we always talk about (finals week) like a month before the invitational," Carty said. "I think it's a learning experience. Make sure you're ahead on everyone, keep up with everything, because you will be all at once. So we've been preparing us girls in advance so they know what to expect this week."

Carty said the team is actually excited to be in terms of the development for the Big Ten and NCAA championships. She has been surprised by Northern Iowa's efforts.

"They're really good, we've had some great matches this week with that. This is what we've been waiting for this whole season."

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Today's events
How I celebrated National Brownie Day yesterday:
• Made brownies. Yes. They turned green.
• Brought brownie Girl Scout vest out of my chest.
• Decided I could use my
Brownie Girl Scout vest at a new time.
• Wore my Brownie Girl Scout vest around campus.

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