



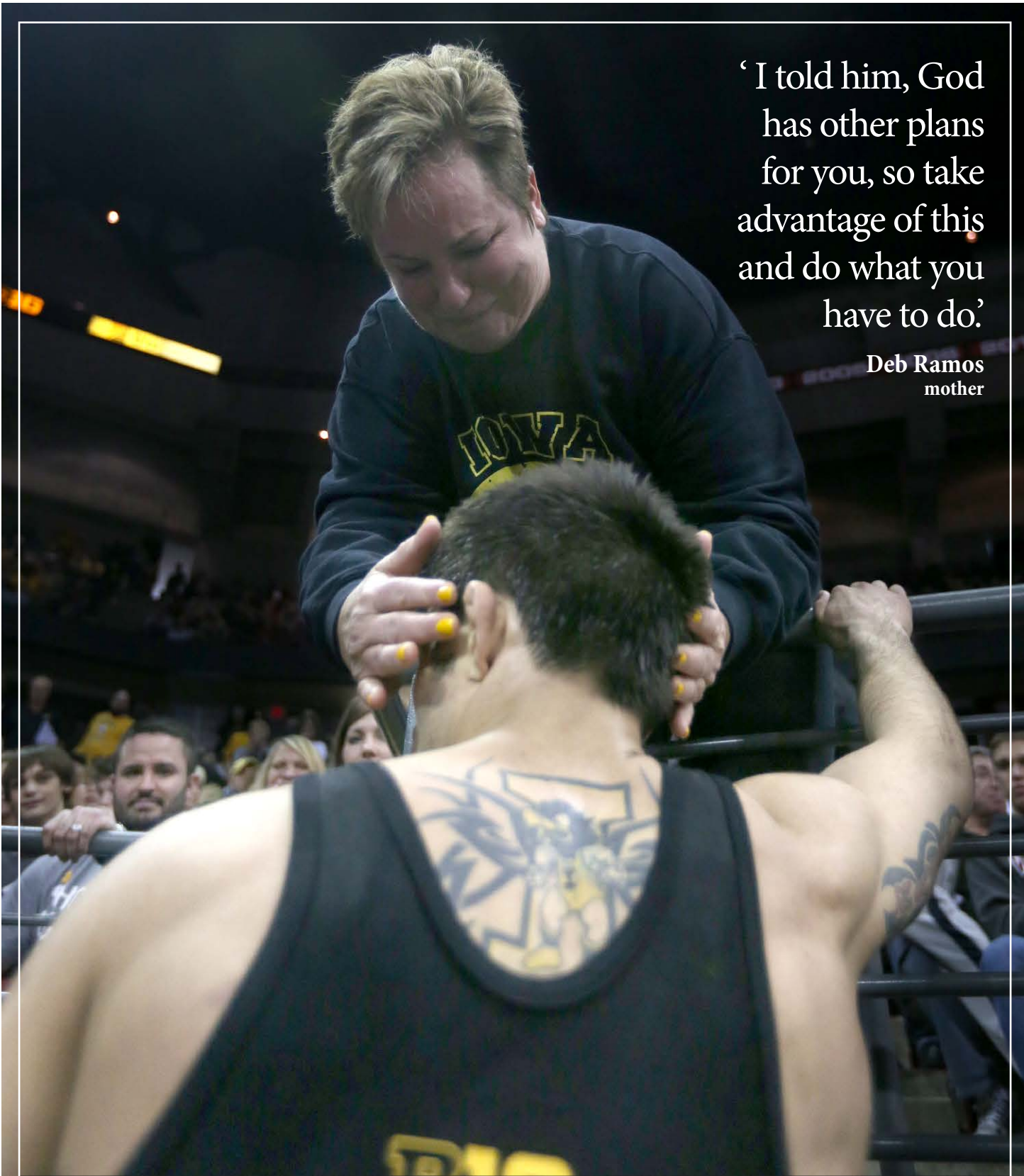
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‘I told him, God has other plans for you, so take advantage of this and do what you have to do.’

Deb Ramos
mother

Tony Ramos embraces his mother after defeating Tyler Graff of Wisconsin, 2-1, and winning his first Big Ten title at the Big Ten championships in Madison, Wis., on Sunday. (The Daily Iowan/Tessa Hursh)

‘The Stare’ still hungry

The journey of Iowa’s Tony Ramos involved a bit of divine luck and a lot of hard work — two things he’ll need if he wants to end his Hawkeye wrestling career as an NCAA champion.

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Long before Tony Ramos became an Iowa fan favorite — before the 115 victories, the 36 pins, the All-American honors and, more recently, a Big Ten title — he was a 4-year-old running across the street to grab a now-forgotten toy.

His family was in Chicago for a weekend, visiting grandma with plans to go to the zoo. While the family congregated in a parking lot across the street from his grandmother’s apartment, Ramos was playing with a toy. His grandmother had bought him that toy the night before, and he coaxed her into buying one for older brother Vince, too.

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Colleges silent on offenders

Officials disagree on how much universities can share about sexual-misconduct convictions.

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In the wake of increased pressure on the University of Iowa to remove sexual offenders from campus, there are concerns the offenders are simply being shuttled to another campus — and that the UI is unknowingly receiving offenders from other institutions.

Currently, the university does not converse with other institutions about students it suspends for sex crimes and does not receive records from other schools. University officials cite the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act, a federal law aimed at protecting the privacy of student records.

However, if the violation is a sexual offense, the institutions are allowed to disclose disciplinary records without permission from the student — even if the case never enters a criminal court, said Frank LoMonte, the executive director of the Student Press Law Center.

“The entire record of the case, in-

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City sees ‘normal’ potholes

Officials expect a typical year for dealing with potholes.

By CHRIS HIGGINS
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The sun is shining, snow is melting, and Iowa City residents are driving over the newly revealed potholes.

City officials predict workers will need to fill around 3,500 potholes as the weather continues to change. Three crews of two workers travel around the city every day to fill 200 to 300 of them, which John Sobaski, the city’s assistant superintendent of streets, said is seasonally average.

“I think we’re keeping up ... this is pretty common,” he said. “It’s amazing how quickly they tally up.”

He also said the department has

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Potholes line an alleyway in between Church Street and Ronald Street in on Thursday. Iowa City is planning on filling 200 to 300 potholes a day. (The Daily Iowan/Margaret Kispert)

100 years of sollicitude



(Collage by The Daily Iowan/ Haley Nelson)

The first African American UI fraternity celebrates its 100th anniversary.

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Philip Hubbard, the first African American professor at the University of Iowa, spent more than 50 years dedicating his life to educating, researching, and administering.

Duke Slater, an Illinois native, played football for four years at the university beginning in 1918.

And this year, the fraternity they both participated in celebrates its 100th year on campus.

Kappa Alpha Psi was the first African-American fraternity at the UI and west of the Mississippi River.

"The University of Iowa is one of the cornerstones of Iowa's ideas and efforts in terms of equality," said Alexander Lodge, an alumnus and adviser for the Gamma Chapter of the UI fraternity.

Last week, the members and alumni celebrated 100 years at the uni-

versity with a recognition ceremony honoring the March 7, 1914, founding of the fraternity.

"The fact that 100 years ago, they allowed a group of African Americans to establish a chapter speaks a lot about the history and mission of the university to build a diverse campus for its students, even back in 1914," Lodge said.

Along with the members of the fraternity, Vice President for UI Student Life Tom Rocklin and Bill Nelson, the director of the UI Center for Student Involvement and Leadership, also helped celebrate the chapter's anniversary.

"It's remarkable when a group of students comes together and creates something that lasts well beyond them, and I think that's something that deserves the university's congratulations," Rocklin said. "I think one of the great opportunities of college is to interact with people who have different

backgrounds from yours and come to understand yourself better by learning about other people."

The chapter currently has two members, UI junior Kyle Davis, a who serves as president, and UI senior Patrick Shelton.

"Even though there are only two of us, we still try to make a presence and effect change on the campus," Davis said. "We try to stay as involved as we can and help pave the way for African Americans, even with the stereotypical notions people may have against us."

According to the university registrar, African Americans make up about 2.7 percent of the approximately 31,000 students, which makes it hard to find new members, Davis said. Despite the small pool of potential recruits, Lodge continues to encourage Davis and Shelton.

"There's always those faithful few who have to carry on the legacies,"

Lodge said. "I remind them they're part of a chapter with a major presence at the university as the first African American chapter, and that distinction carries a lot of pride with it."

Even though the chapter has reached a major milestone for other African American fraternities, Davis said there is still work to be done.

"A hundred years might sound huge, but the 101st year is even bigger," Davis said. "It sets us back at zero. It's not the ending of something, it's just the beginning."

Kappa Alpha Psi

The university's first African-American fraternity turns 100.

- Established at UI: March 7, 1914
- First year: 14 members.
- Current members: Kyle Davis and Patrick Shelton.

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MISCONDUCT

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cluding the name of the student, the offense for which he was found responsible, and the punishment, are exempt from [the privacy act] if the behavior equates to a crime of violence or a sex crime," he wrote in an email.

According to the U.S. Department of Education's website, the institution may disclose the information to a much broader audience.

"An institution may disclose to anyone — not just the victim — the final results of a disciplinary proceeding, if it determines that the student is an alleged perpetrator of a crime of violence or ... sex offense, and with respect to the allegation made against him or her, the student has commit-

ted a violation of the institution's rules or policies," the website said.

There remains, though, a lack of conversation among colleges and disagreement about how much the school officials can legally share of a student's record.

"If you don't make that information available, then these guys can continue to operate," said Karla Miller, the executive director of the Rape Victim Advocacy Program. "And they do."

UI Dean of Students David Grady said in response to the website's information, he will review the options under the privacy act with the Office of General Counsel.

Miller said offenders are passed from college to college, university to university.

"You'll see a sex offender that moves to another school and another school

and then another, and no one knows it," Miller said.

Since 2011, the UI has suspended 11 students for sexual misconduct. While none of them have returned to campus, some of them are still in school.

"I believe there are some who are attending other institutions of higher education," Grady said.

Officials at the UI said they are unable to converse with other institutions about a student's record, and so they keep quiet.

"[The other schools] may ask, but we can't release that information unless the student signs a waiver," said Monique DiCarlo, the UI's sexual-misconduct coordinator.

Grady agreed and said the UI is only able to let other institutions know if they took sanctions against a student but not why they took those sanctions.

Sexual-assault suspensions at UI

Eleven people have been suspended from the University of Iowa from 2011 to 2013 for sexual misconduct.



SOURCE: UNIVERSITY OF IOWA RECORDS

GRAPHIC BY ALICIA KRAMME

Instead, the UI marks the transcripts of those it suspends or expels with "not permitted to register, Dean of Students." This is an attempt to let the other institution know they should ask more questions.

"That's one of the rea-

sons we put the notation on the transcript," Grady said.

LoMonte said that if students transfer to other schools, it doesn't matter if they have been convicted of a sexual offense — the disciplinary records can still be shared.

"With or without [privacy act] exemption, the transfer school absolutely can and should receive the transfer student's disciplinary history, especially if the student was responsible for serious criminal-level behavior," he said in an email.

POTHOLES

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no budgetary concerns as the transition into spring continues.

Potholes form when water under pavement freezes and expands, causing the pavement to crack and fill with liquid as ice thaws.

Workers use asphalt every day to fill the potholes, but persistent water has made the job more difficult.

"Snowmelt and running water make it harder to hold material in these voids," Sobaski said. "We're unsure it's going to stick."

Sobaski said department workers use cones and detours to prevent drivers from riding over potholes.

Bob Younie, a maintenance engineer at the state Department of Transportation, was surprised city officials expect a typical year in terms of potholes. He predicts there will be a greater number of potholes statewide after the frigid winter.

"Potholes really are a combination of roads wearing out and Mother Nature doing more freeze

and thaw cycles," he said. "I predict there will be more potholes, because what I see are more freeze and thaw cycles and our roads getting older."

Sobaski said the department has been having a lot of trouble with the area near the intersection of Park Road and North Dubuque Street because of heavy construction, university traffic, and the

age of the road. He also noted West Benton Street and Muscatine Avenue as problem areas.

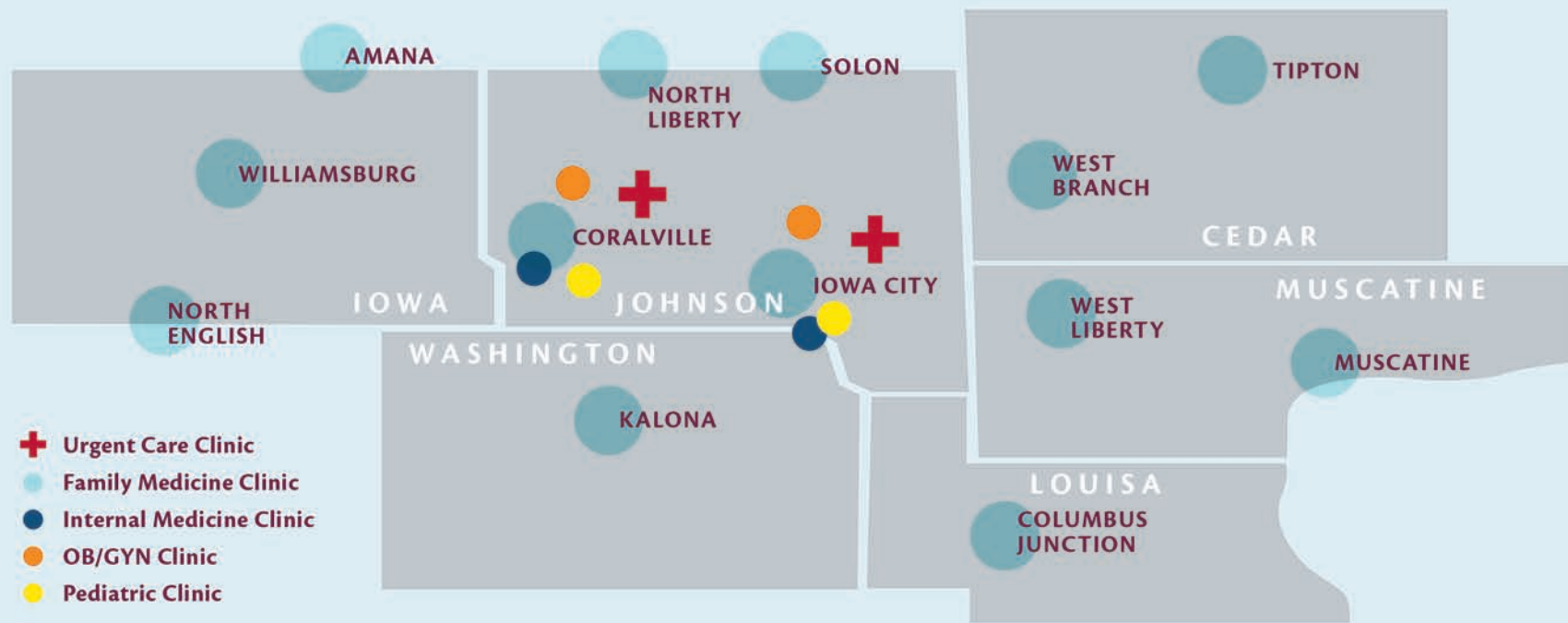
Cambus Director Brian McClatchey said Park Road is a particular concern for bus drivers as well, but said the city responded to it in a timely manner.

He described potholes an "annual annoyance" with some differences this year.

"The difference for this year is that there are more of them," he said. "There are more that are severe than is typical. We've had a few more large potholes than we typically have."

However, McClatchey said, he was pleased with the way the city has handled the issue in general.

"The city's done a pretty good job on getting them filled," he said.



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COLUMN

The age of adulthood



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I'll never forget the day after I got my driver's permit. I started to pull out of the parking lot after baseball practice and, as I did, I lightly bumped the curb of the median between the entrance and the exit; panicked, I slammed on (what I thought was) the brake and shot over the median. Scared and embarrassed, I shifted into reverse and flew back off the median — afraid to accidentally hit the gas again — I shifted into park rather than hitting the breaks. I was 15 and in the eyes of the state of Minnesota, I was adult enough to drive an automobile.

While I eventually did learn how to drive, at least well enough to get my license, that is, I'll never forget the lingering thought from that day: Am I ready for this?

Nearly four years later, I find myself asking a similar question. When do I really become an adult?

In the eyes of the Jewish community in which I was raised, I became an adult at the tender age of 13; in the eyes of the Motor Vehicle Department of Minnesota, I was pretty much an adult at age 15 and completely an adult by 16; in the eyes of the film industry, I became an adult at 17; whereas in the eyes of the tobacco industry and the voting laws of the United States, I became an adult at age 18; according to alcohol laws, Vegas, and car-rental companies, however, I've got a few years yet to go.

It seems to me that the United States is having an age-of-adulthood crisis.

Some of the age restrictions applied to young

adults around the country are reasonable, based on my own experience. For example, as the year following my 15th birthday progressed, I became more comfortable driving, and by the time my 16th birthday came around I felt road-ready.

However, there are plenty of national age restrictions that feel far too arbitrary. For example, the dozens of R-rated movies I had seen by my 17th birthday, with very few adverse effects, speak for themselves in terms of my adulthood when it comes to viewing mature content in a theater.

What is it about turning 21 that prepares me to gamble and to handle alcohol? Most of the people I have met who are 21 are basically as mature as their 20-year-old counterparts, except for the fact that they have an added sense of entitlement that comes with the ability to purchase and consume alcohol, legally.

According to NPR, 80 percent of college students admit to drinking. The same article also claims that a recent paper published by the *Journal of Studies on Alcohol and Drugs* says about the debate over lowering the drinking age: "case closed." Its study argues that the national minimum drinking age of 21 saves lives. Period.

The paper also addresses the common argument in regards to lowering the drinking age of how well European countries with drinking ages of 18 or lower handle alcohol consumption, stating that this model is simply a working part of European culture and that this wouldn't be the case in the United States.

So perhaps the drinking age debate really is over, which is just fine — I've got no problem waiting until I'm 21 to purchase alcohol. I'm asking for one thing: I just need someone to tell me when I'm an adult.

EDITORIAL

Graduation rates rising

The four-year graduation rate at the University of Iowa has crept up to 51.1 percent for the class that entered the UI in 2009, according to a report from the state Board of Regents presented at the regents' Wednesday meeting in Iowa City.

That four-year graduation rate is up from 48.2 percent for the class that entered the UI in 2008. Six-year graduation rates are higher but have remained flat, approximately 70 percent in recent years.

The UI compares favorably with public research universities around the country, but these statistics are nevertheless a little shocking — only slightly more than half of students entering the UI graduate on time. Still, these numbers somewhat promising — the trends are moving in the right direction. As college costs balloon and the benefits of a college degree rise in an increasingly polarized job market, ensuring the timely graduation of its students should be a top priority for the university.

One of the crucial components of timely graduation is ensuring that students stay enrolled in school. Student retention, particularly during the first year, has been a major focus of the UI and the regents. They've implemented a number of first-year programs and academic-advising strategies in an effort to turn more first-year students into sophomores.

These efforts have translated into a modest rise in retention rates over the last decade. Last fall, the UI retained 85.8 percent of the entering class of 2012, up from 83.2 percent a decade ago.

This modest increase is more of a coup than it seems on its face — as retention has increased at Iowa, it has fallen on average at four-year schools across the country. According to data from ACT, the average first-year retention rate was 71.9 percent in 2013, down from 74.8 percent in 1992.

The positive graduation and retention trends at the UI seem to indicate that, at least around here, the promise of higher education may finally be living up to expectations.

Since the early 1980s, when the economic benefits of a college degree began to become more pronounced, the proportion of U.S. high-schoolers choosing to attend college has grown. As the number of higher-education students rose in subsequent decades, the number of college dropouts increased as well, effectively deflating graduation rates across the country.

This phenomenon was likely due to an aggregate decline in the academic ability of college students as higher education opened up for more than just the nation's top high-school students. That explains why retention graduation rates are highly correlated with academic performance and why the nation's most selective schools boast retention rates near 100 percent.

So, on a national level, college has been underwhelming somewhat as a tool for extending social mobility. For too long, the increased flow of American students into universities has led to a disproportionately small rise in college graduation and a significantly larger number of students slipping through the cracks, collecting debt, not degrees.

We hope that that phenomenon is indeed changing here. The UI has done a good job of holding on to its students and graduation rates are rising. We encourage the university to continue its efforts to put its students on a path toward on-time graduation.

YOUR TURN

Do you think the UI needs to do more to raise graduation rates?

Weigh in at dailyiowan.com.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Re: The IOUs are piling up

The huge debt the average Americans got stuck with and which constitutes revenues shifted into the grasping hands of the hoarders of the nation's wealth came when the nation stopped paying its bills via Ronald Reagan's trickle-down economics, which was made worse under Bush-Cheney. When their Secretary of the Treasury Paul Henry O'Neill openly stated the policy was a national disaster, Cheney publicly countered, "Reagan proved deficits don't matter." And O'Neill was fired within the month.

Every dollar of what has become the debt went someplace, and that someplace has been to a few at the expense of the many that constitute a declining middle class, working poor, totally destitute and younger generation finding it difficult to get promising jobs that will let them much dent their educational debt.

While this huge shift of wealth has occurred, the nation has neglected building the energy and transportation infrastructure for a new age of free enterprise for all, and freedom from the imperialism of international oil and the rationing of opportunity by those that want more of the same

favoritism at the expense of the Americans people.

The forgoing letter calls for more of the same kind of disastrous policy that has, over the past three decades, ground down the American Dream and neglected the people. Trickle down has not worked, and it will not work.

Sam Osborne

Re: End abstinence-only education

And miss a Catholic minority trying to impose its rules on the entire population? No way.

Catholic orders and hospitals

should operate in a secular world and act like a secular business, but they are allowed to exist as privileged entities with special rules.

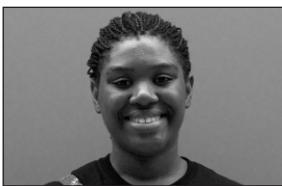
Joseph Haga

I agree. During the advent of school "sex education," a friend was dinner host to would-be clients. My friend's two young sons interrupted dinner with excited debate over the correct pronunciation of "penis." My friend later lamented, "Why can't these kids learn about sex where I did? In the street."

Ross Rayner

COLUMN

We, too, are Iowa campaign



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Historically, activism has had a significant role in shaping public policy. There's greatness in numbers, even more when students mobilize themselves. We've seen this recently with columns and rallies by young men and women advocating for the UI administration to properly address attitudes and policies relating to sexual assaults on campus.

That being said, there's a rise in social activism online by college students across the country speaking out against racial microaggressions and unwelcoming campus climates.

Last fall, the University of Michigan's Black Student Union used Twitter to share their experiences while attending a predominantly white institution through the nationally trending hashtag #BBUM (Being Black at the University of Michigan).

This has initiated dialogue among other students, and organizations at several universities have echoed these sentiments in their photo and web campaigns.

While academic institutions are perceived to be progressive, liberal spaces, they really aren't when it comes to race and cultural competency. It isn't enough to have diversity offices and cultural centers, nor is it enough to admit people of different backgrounds to make pamphlets and fliers more colorful. Greater efforts need to be made to foster inclusion for students of color so that they are more inclined to stay, graduate, and be proud to call UI their own.

In California, an undergraduate student at UCLA created a YouTube video titled "The Black Bruins." The spoken-word performance addresses how problematic it is when the number of NCAA championships UCLA has won exceeds the number of current black male freshmen.

UCLA law students put together a short video documentary called "33" that explores the burden of blackness

in the classroom, being the spokesperson for an entire race, and how distressing and isolating it is.

#DBKGU or "Dangerous Black Kids of Georgetown University" featured photos of students with a list of accomplishments and accolades to combat anti-black prejudices amid the controversy over Stand Your Ground laws.

Just last week, Harvard students of color created an online movement and a theatrical performance, "I, Too, Am Harvard," to counteract not being heard nor being accepted by their mostly white peers and faculty.

There is a unique set of experiences that students of color are subject to at a predominantly white institution. It's important for white educators and students to understand that these are not isolated incidents — the ongoing ignorance and insensitivity students of color receive is something that is widespread.

The dialogue happening on campuses around the country has come to Iowa. Tuesday evening, UI's NAACP, Center for Diversity

and Enrichment, and a faculty member at University Counseling Service hosted a discussion in which both students of color and whites offered solutions in changing the racial climate.

On Wednesday, the NAACP and the UI Black Student Union invited students to participate in an "I, Too, Am Iowa" photo campaign. Pictures were uploaded to itooamio-wa.tumblr.com.

But this is only the beginning.

The administration has an obligation to be more proactive and initiate programs meant to bring awareness to a majority-white space. Racial insensitivity and cultural competency need to be addressed on a systemic level.

The same way the UI administration has made it a priority to make the campus climate safer for students in the aftermath of sexual assaults, it needs to make that happen when it comes to racial insensitivity on campus.

Students of color deserve to feel safe, accepted (not tolerated), and part of the university.

We, too, are Iowa.

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Men's gymnastics goes video-friendly

Iowa men's gymnastics uses Go Pro cameras to promote itself.

'We're just trying to get the audience and the fans a little more involved and give them a little more feedback on what we're doing during the season, and the Go Pros are an insight into what the gymnasts are seeing.'

- Ben Ketelsen, assistant coach

By JACK ROSSI
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No. 7 Iowa men's gymnastics
Where: Devaney Sports Center, Lincoln, Neb.
When: 4 p.m. Saturday

The Iowa men's gymnastics team is trying out new ways to reach out its audience, and the most recent idea involves Go Pro cameras and Twitter.

"We're just trying to get the audience and the fans a little more involved and give them a little more feedback on what we're doing during the season, and the Go Pros are an insight into what the gymnasts are seeing," assistant coach Ben Ketelsen said.

This past weekend, when the Hawkeyes traveled to Minnesota, they brought along their sports-information staff. While with the team, the staff came up with the idea to put Go Pro cameras — a small video recording device that can be attached to the recorder's body to give a first-person view — on athletes.

Wearing the camera during competition is against the rules, but in practice, their time is their own, and the gymnasts took full advantage of it.

"We brought along our sports information staff this time, which we have yet to do, and she was trying to be creative, and we strapped a camera on one of the guys during a workout prior to the competition," head coach JD Reive said.

With the footage record-

ed, Iowa then put it on Twitter via the hash tag InsideIowaMGym. These videos were then posted on YouTube for everybody to see. Junior Mitch Landau was the only gymnast to record while wearing the camera, and despite it being a bit uncomfortable, he caught the parallel bars, pommel horse, and high bar on video.

"It was pretty cool; it was fun to see the different perspectives, and I think it would be fun to see other things, such as rings," he said. "I am not sure if it would work with floor or vault, but I think some of the other stuff would look pretty sweet."

The coaches know that there are a lot of people who cannot travel with the team, and bringing them closer to the action is important for their fans. The cameras, in addition to the Facebook updates and live feed the team has used this season, have garnered praise.

"I have had responses about the Twitter stuff and live feed that we have been doing during the meets,"

Ketelsen said. "People really like the live feed, especially because they can almost be at the meet with the team without actually being at the venue."

The coaches like these ideas and hope that by doing this, they can reach out to more young gymnasts and gymnastics fans to expose what they do on the weekends.

"I do believe we need to think outside the box and be a bit more creative with what we're doing and connect to the market that wants to watch us," Reive said. People need to be able to find out what we're doing."

Bringing the sports-information staff can be difficult at times because busy schedules for both student-athletes and the staff. However, the plan is to continue the live streaming and social media updates. These things can be really beneficial for the gymnastics community.

"For the rest of the season, we're going to try to at least do the live streaming so if you can't make it to the Big Tens or NCAA, then you'll still be able to be there from the live streaming of Twitter," Ketelsen said.

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BASEBALL

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more than a decade.

One of the best Iowa teams in recent memory, the 2007 Hawks won a school record 12-straight games, 10 of which were Big Ten victories. Ranked 15th nationally, the Hawks finished fourth in the Big Ten that year, their highest finish in eight seasons.

He remembers how much respect he and his teammates had for then-head coach Jack Dahm, something that this current edition of the Hawks have expressed a hundred times over for first-year head coach Rick Heller.

"[Heller] is a players' coach, no doubt," Wooldrik said. "The guys just really respect him, and he really knows how to get the best out of guys. He's not trying to reinvent the wheel."

Besides the level of respect for their new coach, Wooldrik sees similarities



Iowa baseball director of operations Matt Wooldrik walks along a net during practice on March 5. Wooldrik competed at Iowa from 2003-07. (The Daily Iowan/Callie Mitchell)

between the 2014 Hawks and the 2007 team that set records.

Relaxed and confident from a hot start, the Hawkeyes are on pace to shatter the records set seven years ago.

"Guys are having fun," Wooldrik said. "And that breeds winning right there. They've started believing in themselves and have really started attacking each game the same way, so if they continue to do that, I see no reason they can't have success."

Experience can be in-

valuable, especially on a team that's just now getting its first real taste of success.

And while he's seven years removed from his playing days, Wooldrik remembers plenty about what it takes to win in the Big Ten, something that has helped him connect to his players early on.

"I can relate some of my experiences to the guys and help them out any way I can, both on the field and off the field," Wooldrik said. "It's a great group of guys, and it's been a lot of fun so far."

SPORTS

Softball heads to Texas

Fresh off the Iowa softball team's bye week, head coach Marla Looper will go back to the place she once called home. The three-game series against the Longhorns will be the team's first game since March 2.

Looper spent 11 years as an assistant in Texas before coming to Iowa.

"It's challenging as a coach to go back to your alma mater or former place of employment because you get a little excited, and sometimes your energy gets used elsewhere," Looper said. "So I need to calm down a bit before the game starts."

The Hawkeyes are trying to turn the corner after starting the season on the

wrong foot. The team is 4-10 so far, 1-4 in their last five games.

Texas seems to be an important matchup to see how the team has improved over the last week.

"We did a mini team camp, and the kids worked hard," Looper said. "By the end I saw a little more competitive fire than I've seen all year."

— by Jack Rossi

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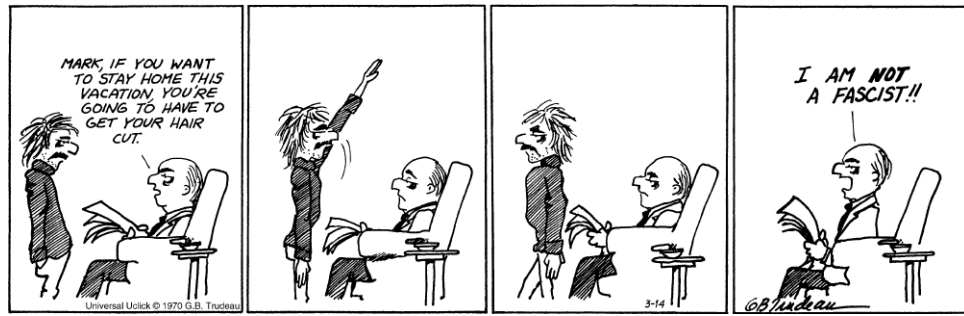
'80s Hits EXPOSED:

- Belinda Carlisle has admitted that the Go-Gos actually wanted fame, wealth, and health coverage, in addition to paid leave.
- Any sounds that emanate from the Earth's mantle are strictly of the "snap" and "crackle" varieties.
- According to Kurt Loder's tell-all book, he fell at the 1983 Grammys and Cyndi Lauper did not catch him — she wasn't even waiting.
- An audit of W-2s, shipping-concern records, and interviews with pier and dock managers strongly suggest that Johnny fabricated his work history.
- Not everybody wants to rule the world; some of us are perfectly happy being low-paid humorists.
- "Jack and Diane" are actually John Cougar Mellencamp's nicknames for his testicles.
- Surveillance footage shows quite clearly that not only could you get away, you also walked.
- I can't deny wanting to use your love tonight, but can it be the platonic type — wherein you help me repair a hole in my drywall and install my new stereo? Also, Josie will be home in like, two hours, so we'd better hurry.

Andrew R. Juhl thanks Christopher O, Duane L, and Crystal W for contributing to today's Ledge.

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BY GARRY TRUDEAU



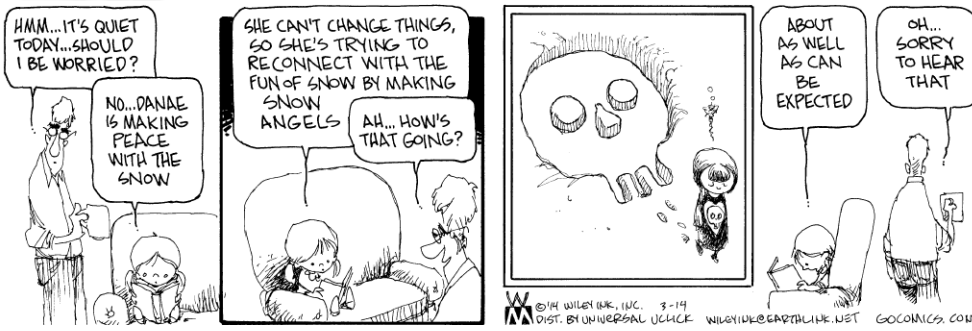
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- **English Language Discussion Circles**, noon, S126 Pappajohn Business Building
- **"Blood Diamonds, Before and After the Phenomenon,"** Todd Cleveland, Augustana College, 1:30 p.m., 315 Phillips Hall
- **Pi Day Celebration**, 2 p.m., Seamans Center
- **Biology Seminar**, "Canalization and transcriptional control in the *Drosophila blastoderm*," John Reinitz, University of Chicago, 4 p.m., 101 Biology Building East
- **National Theater Live, War Horse**, 7 p.m., Englert, 221 E. Washington
- **Ballroom and Latin Dancing**, 7:30 p.m., Old Brick, 26 E. Market
- **Time Stands Still**, by Donald Margulies, 7:30 p.m., Unitarian Universalist Society, 10 S. Gilbert
- **Absurd Person Singular**, Mainstage Series, 8 p.m., Theater Building Thayer Theater
- **Gloria**, 4, 6:15, & 8:30 p.m., FilmScene, 118 E. College
- **Donnie Darko**, Bijou After Hours, 11 p.m., FilmScene

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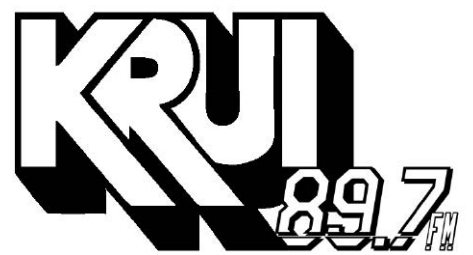
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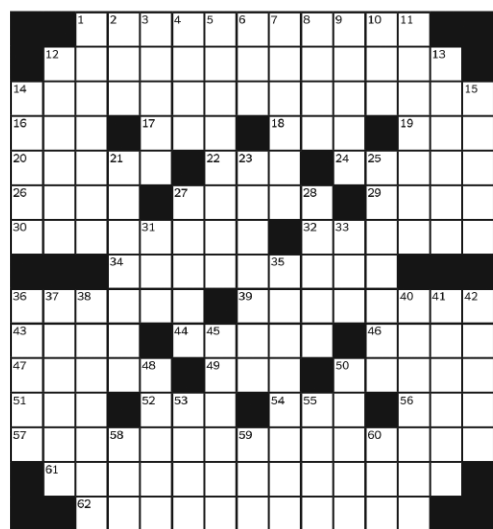
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Edited by Will Shortz No. 0207

- ACROSS**
- 1 Drill command to rifle carriers
 - 12 Bit of nonsense famously replacing "strangers in the night"
 - 14 1979 Abba single
 - 16 Emblem of a pharaoh
 - 17 Hooley
 - 18 Show with an early episode titled "Crate 'n Burial"
 - 19 Dragon roll ingredient
 - 20 Like grade skippers
 - 22 N.Y.C.-based grp. with its own police department
 - 24 Potential fire hazard
 - 26 Philatelic collectible
 - 27 Littermates compete for them
 - 29 Not had by
 - 30 Sty chore
 - 32 Like Lesbos and Lemnos
 - 34 Patriotic chant
 - 36 Synthetic fiber used in bicycle tires and bulletproof vests
 - 39 Fourth-brightest star in the sky
 - 43 Big Green rivals
 - 44 John P. Marquand's "The Late George ___"
 - 46 Family name in "Look Homeward, Angel"
 - 47 Part of a U.S. president's name that's Dutch for "neighbors"
 - 49 Something one might hang in a street
 - 50 Davis of the screen
 - 51 Nabokov heroine

- DOWN**
- 1 Florida food fish
 - 2 Permanent data storer
 - 3 "Your Movie Sucks" author
 - 4 One of Utah's state symbols
 - 5 Paste holder?
 - 6 Passport detail
 - 7 It helps produce a kitty
 - 8 Fivers
 - 9 Longtime first name in TV talk
 - 10 Century-starting year
 - 11 Nobody's opposite
 - 12 Wretched
 - 13 Code broken by some singers
 - 14 Startled reactions
 - 15 John with an Oscar and a Tony
 - 21 Turn off a lot
 - 23 Solution for toys in the attic?
 - 25 Common standard for model railroads
 - 27 Twinkling topper
 - 28 Flip
 - 52 Throughout, in verse
 - 54 Suffix of saccharides
 - 56 Prefix with saccharides
 - 57 Is guilty of petitio principii
 - 61 Got a +2 on
 - 62 500m or 5,000m competitor, say



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- 31 Spot that may be on the environment, briefly
- 33 Fig. that's in the neighborhood
- 35 Query after a wipeout
- 36 Food stuck in preparation
- 37 Lost
- 38 Witchy women
- 40 Worse for wear?
- 41 Not printed up?
- 42 Container for a round
- 45 Like much baby food
- 48 "I would surprised"
- 50 Plague
- 53 Actress Jennifer of "Pride and Prejudice"
- 55 Sonic creator
- 58 More than nibble
- 59 Snap targets, for short
- 60 Mooring rope

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- ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Reach back into your friendship bag, and pull out someone from your past who you miss or feel you have more in common with now. Times are changing, and so are you. Express your thoughts and form alliances. Attend a reunion.
- TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Get your facts straight before you share your thoughts and concerns. A unique offering will help you bridge a gap that has been forming between you and someone you want on your team. Don't let personal matters interfere with business.
- GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Don't skip a beat. Say what's on your mind. Advancement is likely if you reach out to someone influential you have worked with in the past. Don't let an emotional situation cloud your vision or stand between you and your professional goals.
- CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Be cognizant of the changes others make, but don't feel it's necessary for you to follow suit. Someone you think has an interest in you may have ulterior motives. Don't reveal anything that might jeopardize your reputation. You'll be drawn to unusual lifestyles.
- LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Use finesse when you express your thoughts, ideas, and intentions. Stand out, and make your point clear. Your bravado will lead to options you hadn't considered in the past. Greater earning potential will be yours if you offer a unique service.
- VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Emotional disillusionment is likely to leave you confused. Don't take anyone or anything for granted, and don't let anyone take advantage of you or what you have to offer. Focus on socializing or fun activities with good friends or youngsters.
- LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Listen, but don't feel the need to be a follower. You are much better off drawing your own conclusions and doing things that make you feel good about the way you look and who you are. Romance should be on your agenda.
- SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Keep your plans a secret, and you'll avoid interference. Get out — interact with people who share your thoughts and interests. A networking function or trade show will help you decipher your next move. Don't give in to emotional blackmail.
- SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Stay on top of what's going on around you. Don't believe everything you hear. Focus on your personal goals and being the best you can be. Improvements you make at home will help raise your standard of living. Put comfort first.
- CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Rethink the way you live and your personal goals. Incorporate your unique style into what and how you do things — you will attract attention. A personal connection will need nurturing if you want to keep it alive.
- AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Keep the momentum flowing. Wheel and deal, and put extra effort into your personal budgeting and investments. Set up a good health routine that will improve the way you look and feel. Love is on the rise.
- PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Focus on ways to help others, and you will receive plenty in return. The people you associate with will help you develop and express an idea you want to put into play. Invest in your future by investing in yourself.

God not only plays dice, He also sometimes throws the dice where they cannot be seen.

— Stephen Hawking

Hawkeyes play like 'Cat litter

Iowa's loss to Northwestern is its sixth loss in seven games.

By JACOB SHEYKO
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INDIANAPOLIS — Before the Big Ten Tournament, doubt had begun to creep into the minds of Iowa men's basketball fans. They no longer saw a team that could make a deep tournament run; instead, they saw one clinging to an NCAA Tournament spot.

Thursday night, six-seed Iowa gave fans more reason to doubt as the Hawkeyes were bounced out of the Big Ten tourney with a 67-62 loss to 11th-seeded Northwestern.

"I think when you're losing, it's never one thing," Iowa head coach Fran McCaffery said, trying to describe what has gone wrong.

Coming into this game, the Hawks had the Big Ten's top-ranked offense, averaging 82.6 points per game. But in their matchup with the Wildcats, baskets were hard to come by.

Iowa — a team typically praised for its depth — struggled on seemingly every possession to get a clean look. Never getting anything going in transition, Iowa had to rely on its half-court offense.

The result was a 32.3 percent shooting night from the field, including 6-of-24 shooting from 3-point land. That was a result of numerous factors, McCaffery said.

"Offensively, we're struggling," he said. "Is that execution? Is it offensive patience? Is it poor execution in transition?"

This slower paced, grind-it-out style of play seemed to favor Northwestern — which averages 59.5 points per game.

"Our whole plan coming into this game was to keep it in the 60s," Northwestern head coach Chris Collins said. "We would have to make some plays and execute, and that's

what we were able to do."

Someone who's shown they can adjust to any style of play is senior Devyn Marble, who finished with a team high 25 points, but he took 18 shots to get there.

With every punch that Iowa threw, Northwestern responded with one of its own.

Whether it be following Jarrod Uthoff's three-straight 3-pointers to put the Hawkeyes up by 6 in the first half, or when Iowa seemed poised to close out the first half on a big run, each time, the Wildcats responded with a run of their own.

"I think that part of that is experience," Northwestern's Drew Crawford said. "As guys get more comfortable on the court, we get more comfortable with each other. Basketball is a game of runs; there are always going to be teams going on runs against you, and you have to be able to deal with that adversity."

The final dagger for Iowa was a Tre Demps fade-away jumper in the middle of the lane with 54 seconds left on the clock. The shot put Northwestern up by 6 points and forced Iowa to finish out the game on 3-point attempts after Northwestern foul shots.

Iowa's NCAA Tournament fate will be decided March 16, and if the Hawkeyes' name is called, it will likely be for a much worse seed than one would have predicted a couple of weeks ago.

"You can't start pointing fingers and blaming each other. My conversation after the game was very positive," McCaffery said. "I believe in this team and the character that we have in that locker room."

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Iowa center Adam Woodbury fights for a rebound against Northwestern in Bankers Life Field House on Thursday in Indianapolis. Woodbury ended the game with no rebounds. The Hawkeyes lost to the Wildcats, 67-62. (The Daily Iowan/Joshua Housing)

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Melsahn Basabe totaled just nine minutes of play.

Only six Wildcats saw the floor for more than two minutes Thursday. In addition, Tre Demps and Drew Crawford — Northwestern's top two players — both logged 40 minutes, showing that a reliance on depth sometimes isn't the best course.

Iowa players and coaches have admitted that fa-

igue has been an issue for the team recently. But knowing the type of minutes some Northwestern players were able to play Thursday — and adding in the fact that McCaffery's bench has swallowed any opportunity for the head coach to overplay anyone this season — the excuse grows weaker and weaker.

McCaffery has stayed with his rotation use, saying it will always be determined with a game-to-game, situation-based process. But if his reli-

ance on certain players continues to plague Iowa against clearly inferior opponents, there may be no one to blame for Iowa's gut-wrenching collapse other than the architect of the team's revival.

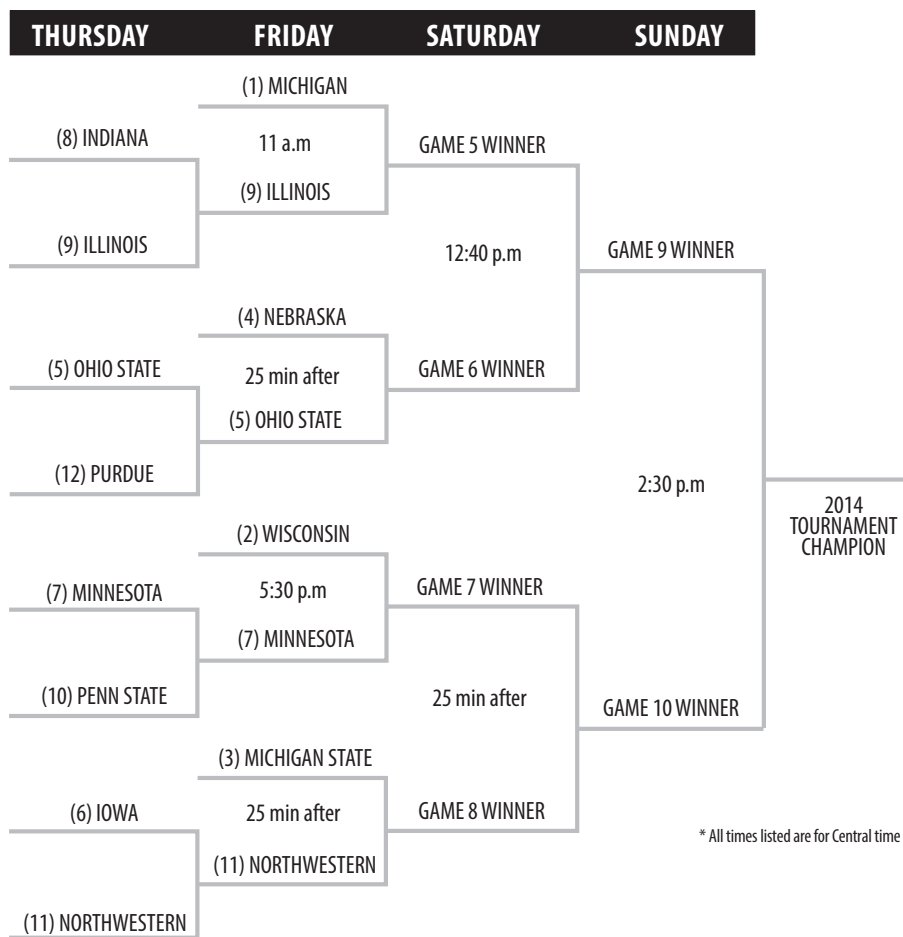
"There's no magic formula; you just have to keep working," McCaffery said. "What we've said over these last two weeks is you work your way out of things like this. You don't talk your way out of it. You don't fake your way out of it. You work your way out of it, and you stay

positive. "We'll stay positive as coaches. But we'll stay positive as one another."

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Marble	36	8-18	1-5	8-8	0	4	2	25		
Gesell	29	0-10	0-5	1-2	1	2	0	1		
Olaseni	24	2-8	0-0	2-2	8	1	2	6		
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After Vince saw the toy, Ramos ran back over the crosswalk to get his brother's. There was a stop sign. "The guy in the car was looking back at his baby," he says, "and he just smoked me."

Ramos took the front bumper to the stomach and disappeared under the car. The driver slammed on the brakes. Only Vince, who was just a year and a half older, saw the incident; the rest of the family turned to look after hearing the screeching tires.

If it was in God's plan, that wouldn't have been the end of it. There wouldn't have been the 115 victories or the Big Ten title. There wouldn't have been the story of a boisterous kid from Carol Stream, Ill., who achieved those highs after first experiencing lows. There wouldn't have been the tale of a 5-foot-4 senior looking to stand tall above the rest of the country after redeeming himself and capitalizing on opportunities given.

But God had a different plan for Tony Ramos, which began on that day in Chicago when he, miraculously, crawled out from underneath the car.

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Right now, at 23, near the end of his senior wrestling season, Ramos is reading Mike Tyson's book. When he was younger, he watched a documentary on Iron Mike and picked up on the little things that made him great. That's where his signature stare came from. In Ramos' "Iowa Way" video, he said Tyson stared his opponents in the eye before each match, and if they looked away, he could see fear.

Ramos identifies a lot with the Tyson that once stood atop the boxing world, and the similarities between the two are striking. There's the confident mindset, the belief in the coaching, and the dedication to training.

"He was so afraid to lose and upset the people around him that it made him such a competitor," he said. "It made him work that much harder, because he didn't want that feeling of defeat or upset the people who got him to go down the right path."

Even more, there's a part of Tyson's story in which he moves in with his coach, Cus D'Amato, in order to better his boxing and have more opportunities to succeed. That's when his career really took off.

Ramos also moved in with his coach and oldest brother, Frankie Defilippis, before his freshman year at Glenbard North High School so that he, too, could better his wrestling and take advantage of more opportunities.

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Ramos and brother Vince spent their high school years living with Defilippis, who bought a house not far from Glenbard North after graduating from Eastern Illinois. The living situation allowed them to get a better wrestling experience than if they had lived with their parents in Johnsbury, Ill.

Defilippis worked 12-hour days so he could support both his younger siblings, which meant Ramos learned a lot on the fly. He learned how to grill chicken and cook noodles, how to separate laundry, that he had to wake up for school on time and do his homework each night. He equated it to a college atmosphere while still in high school.

There were a couple of ground rules set for Ramos since Defilippis wasn't always home to keep an eye on him. Generally speaking, he could do whatever he wanted so long as he wrestled tough, trained hard, and didn't get in trouble with the cops.

Defilippis, now 33, knew how to bring out Ramos's best wrestling. In order to tap that potential, Defilippis used an incentive system. The bets ranged anywhere from golf clubs to a brand-new Hummer. More recently, Defilippis and a family friend bought Ramos a shotgun after he pinned Jimmy Gulibon — which explains why he pointed toward Frankie as he walked off the mat afterward.

"Everything about him, from Day One, was to be the best," Defilippis says. "He wants to win every sprint, every long run — everything."

The incentives added fire to someone who hated losing. Ramos once took a video-game controller and bashed it over Vince's head after losing some now-forgotten game when they were younger. During wrestling practices in high school, when Vince continually beat Ramos, he threw punches to try to get even. Even now, during games of Uno with the wrestling team, if he loses, he'll throw his cards and walk out of whichever house they're playing in.

So with Ramos succeeding on the mat, and staying clear of the cops, he and his friends ran wild. They never drank or smoked, but they were rambunctious in every sense of the word. Ramos once poured a bucket of cold water on Vince while he was sleeping, causing Vince to chase him down and put a hole in Ramos' bedroom door. Another time, he and his friends took a shopping cart through the Wendy's drive-through.

"They said we needed wheels," Ramos says now, grinning.

It was the kind of freedom that most high-school kids would certainly enjoy, but that lifestyle came to an abrupt halt once Ramos set foot in Iowa City. That unruly, carefree behavior nearly undid Ramos before he wrestled his first varsity match.



Iowa 133-pounder Tony Ramos points at his oldest brother, Frankie Defilippis, after pinning Jimmy Gulibon of Penn State at the 5:22 mark in Carver-Hawkeye on Dec. 21, 2013. (The Daily Iowan/Tessa Hursh)



Tony Ramos' oldest brother, Frankie Defilippis, reacts after his brother pins Jimmy Gulibon of Penn State at the 5:22 mark of the bout in Carver-Hawkeye on Dec. 21, 2013. (The Daily Iowan/Tessa Hursh)



Tony Ramos lifts weights during practice on Monday. (The Daily Iowan/Tessa Hursh)

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He's sitting in the Iowa wrestling film room the Monday after winning his 133-pound Big Ten title. The day is packed: After an interview, Ramos is set for a light workout before a night class. He has just two weeks left in his college wrestling career. It's something he has trouble believing, something he doesn't want to admit just yet.

But on this Monday, he's in the mood for admissions. He talks about his redshirt freshman year, when, he says, he did some "stupid stuff." Ramos produces a half smile, deciding just how far to go with this story.

"We — [Ryan] Morningstar, [Joe] Slaton, and [Rick] Loera all got in trouble," he begins. "They were all throwing a party my freshman year, and I ordered a stripper for

it. They all had to do community service. Morningstar had to sit out of the All-Star meet. He had to sit out of a couple [regular-season] meets for it, and it wasn't even his fault. I really felt bad about that."

The guilt wore on Ramos and was inflicted further on the first day of practice when he injured his knee. The team doctor said he'd have to sit for four to five months. Instead of basking under Tom and Terry Brands' tutelage, he dug himself into a canyon of trouble. It didn't help that he started skipping class — "I don't think I went to class from Thanksgiving Break until the day I had my first final," Ramos says — to the point where he was ineligible at that first semester's end.

Tom Brands drove out to Illinois and met with Defilippis to talk about Ramos. "He said he'd never had a kid who doesn't drink

Tony Ramos 133 pounds

Hometown
Carol Stream, Ill.
High School
Glenbard North

Career Accomplishments

115 career wins
36 career pins
Fastest pin: 1:33 (2013-14)
2014 Big Ten Champion
Two-time All-American
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2013-14 Season

Record: 27-2
Led team with 12 pins
and 76 dual points
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(by InterMat)

and doesn't party cause as much trouble as Tony," Defilippis remembers.

The first step in the maturation process came when Brands called Ramos into his office before the spring semester. He remembers Brands saying he's on his way out, that he's causing too much trouble and that he can go upstairs and talk to Associate Athletics Director Fred Mims. Ramos said he wanted to stay and that he knew he needed to get on the right track.

"Guys struggle in this sport, probably more than other sports, I would say," Brands says. "But he dug himself out of the hole. He was accountable. There were some very hard-hitting conversations between the coach and the athlete, and a lot of them were one-sided, and he owned up to it."

Ramos started going to class with a purpose that spring, pulling a 3.5 — the second step, he says, in his maturation. He's since held a grade-point average well above what's needed to compete. He started training harder and paid closer attention to his diet. As Brands said in Ramos' "Iowa Way" video: "He came in, he shut his mouth, he opened his ears, and he went to work."

"It was a moment where I had to change, and I had to change fast," Ramos said. "And a lot of that had to do with all the freedom I had in high school, being able to do crazy things. And I felt like I could do things like that here, too, but it's different, because everyone is watching everything you do."

"It puts a bad image on the university. You're a student-athlete. You can't do things like that."

In that moment, everything clicked for Ramos. His mental toughness and perseverance overtook the unruly kid who grew up in the suburbs of Chicago and started to sculpt the man he is today. He knew he only had four years to wrestle at the University of Iowa and he shouldn't waste any of that time.

Of course, that was the second time Ramos learned the value of time. The first time was back in a hospital in Chicago after disappearing underneath a car on a crosswalk when he was 4.

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Ramos doesn't remember riding in the police car to the hospital. The first thing he recalls is lying on the hospital bed, his foot crushed and suffering third-degree burns, the damage to his insides unknown. The

RAMOS

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doctor had him drink a dye that allowed physicians to see his insides during a CT scan to check for internal bleeding.

"They told me it was apple juice," he said. "Worst apple juice I've ever had in my life."

The last thing he remembers is his father entering the hospital room, slamming cabinets and punching walls. When Ramos came to, he had been transferred to the Children's Memorial Hospital. He had stitches in his head. The doctors couldn't cast his foot. But he was alive, and to his mother, that meant something.

"At that point in his life," mother Deb said, her eyes tearing up, "I told him, God has other plans for you, so take advantage of this and do what you have to do."

Deb's orthopedic surgeon didn't know when Ramos would walk again, so she rented a wheelchair for him. About a week after he returned home, he sat outside in that wheelchair and watched the neighborhood kids play T-ball in the cul-de-sac. Then, Deb noticed movement outside the window.

"That little [kid], he was dragging his foot behind, but he was walking," she remembered, smiling, the memory fresh in her mind. "And I called my orthopedic, and he said, 'That's unheard of, especially at that age, to have that kind of mentality.'"

It was a huge moment in Ramos's life, if only because that was the first time he learned how quickly four years could pass. The lesson is more relevant today than ever, during his final college wrestling season.

"I could've been dead at 4 years," he said. "It really puts it into perspective how quick something can go. I guess that's what made this college experience ..."

He paused for a moment, perhaps not wanting to realize that his Hawkeye career has just one tournament left.

"It's not going to last forever," he continued. "It teaches you that time is precious and to not waste it."

Coming into the 2013-14 wrestling season, Ramos had just a couple of things he wanted to accomplish: win a Big Ten championship, and win an NCAA cham-

pionship. The two would put a golden stamp on an otherwise successful Iowa wrestling career.

The latter is, admittedly, the more important of the two — which is why, after he secured the former a week ago in Madison, Wis., the celebration included a trip to Longhorn Steakhouse, and then he went home and went to bed.

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After this year's Senior Night in February, when the Iowa wrestling team pounded Michigan, 26-6, Ramos stuck around afterward and signed autographs. He stood on the floor and took pictures, then moved to an aisle of stairs leading up to the concourse and signed more memorabilia.

Each kid — boys and girls, ages 4 to 14, wearing anything from over-sized singlets to simple Iowa T-shirts — beamed with joy, knowing they'd get their turn.

Through it all, Ramos remembered years ago when he waited and asked for Brian Urlacher's autograph after a Chicago Bear football game. Urlacher walked right by him, upsetting Ramos. His father told him then: "If you ever get to the point where people want your autograph, you sign every one of them."

And so he does, "until they throw him out," his mother said and laughed. Ramos loves his fans. He takes countless pictures with them during tournaments. When he was in Colorado last summer, a security guard recognized Ramos and his Iowa wrestling gear and brought him to meet Peyton Manning. On Twitter, Ramos is constantly retweeting every picture of a younger wrestler impersonating his stare.

He has spent the last four years becoming the Iowa wrestler whom everybody wants to watch, if only because he puts on a show each time he steps on the mat. It's something he prides himself on. Former Iowa student and famous actor Ashton Kutcher made an appearance at the Iowa-Penn State dual meet in December, in which Ramos pinned Jimmy Gulibon. Kutcher met Ramos afterward, and they traded compliments on how great they were at their respective jobs.

Here, another similarity between Ra-



Iowa 133-pounder Tony Ramos grabs fiancée Megan Eskew's hand after defeating Tyler Graff of Wisconsin, 2-1, to win the title at the Big Ten championships in the Kohl Center in Madison, Wis. on Sunday. (The Daily Iowan/Tessa Hursh)

mos and Iron Mike surfaces. Tyson's performance in the ring helped sell tickets and put prospective fans in the seats of whatever venue he fought in. He commanded the attention of casual boxing fans because they knew he'd put on a show. He was the athlete everybody wanted to watch.

At the prime of his career, Tyson held all three major boxing titles in the heavy-weight division. He was aptly named "The Baddest Man on the Planet."

Ramos is on a similar path, working to win both the Big Ten and NCAA titles in the same year, labeling him the best He has just a week left to prepare for the second part of that journey that's involved both divine luck and capitalizing on opportunities. He'll likely need a little bit of both in order to finish his career on top of the podium, and he's not wasting a minute.

No plans are set for if he finishes first — "Have to focus on the task at hand first," Ramos says, smiling — but it's safe to assume that, should he end his season with a national championship, the celebration will include more than just a trip to Longhorn Steakhouse.



Tony Ramos' parents, Deb and Al Ramos, react after their son pins Jimmy Gulibon of Penn State at the 5:22 mark of the bout in Carver-Hawkeye on Dec. 21, 2013. (The Daily Iowan/Tessa Hursh)

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SO MUCH FOR DEPTH



Iowa forward Jarrod Uthoff is fouled in the game against Northwestern at Bankers Life Field House on Thursday in Indianapolis. Uthoff was 3-of-3 from beyond the arc. The Hawkeyes lost to the Wildcats, 67-62. (The Daily Iowan/Joshua Housing)

By RYAN PROBASCO
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INDIANAPOLIS — “What the hell just happened here?” Roy Marble Sr. said, puzzled as his son’s Hawkeyes fled the floor following their demoralizing 67-62 loss to Northwestern in the opening round of the Big Ten Tournament.

Marble’s confusion has become common among Hawkeye fans and followers as of late. The loss to the Wildcats moved Iowa to just 1-6 in its last seven games, popularizing the notion that Fran McCaffery’s squad could be moving towards the bubble of the NCAA Tournament.

“Throughout games, we’ve given up too many quali-

ty shots to opponents, and they’ve been making them,” senior guard Devyn Marble said. “Everybody’s a Division-I player, so if you give them open shots, they’re going to knock them down. I think we have to work on our communication and our rotations.”

If there’s anything that’s proved to be untrue about this Iowa squad, it’s the belief that the depth of this roster could carry it when other teams are fatigued late in the season.

Outside of Marble and Jarrod Uthoff, the rest of Iowa’s players managed just 20 points. Aside from Marble, McCaffery’s starters totaled just 7 points.

“I thought Uthoff and Marble played great, but we were able to do a pretty good job on the other guys,” Northwestern head coach Chris Collins said. “Our

whole goal going into this game was to keep this game in the 60s, if we could, and give ourselves a chance in the last five minutes. Let’s have some game pressure on them, and then we would have to make some plays and execute, and that’s what we were able to do.”

For Iowa, Aaron White totaled just 5 points in 28 minutes. Usually reliable point guard Mike Gesell shot 0-for-10 from the field. And senior power forward

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BENCH NEWCOMERS

Wooldrik returns to spur Hawkeyes on



Iowa baseball director of operations Matt Wooldrik talks with head coach Rick Heller during practice on March 5. All the members of the baseball coaching staff are in their first year at Iowa. (The Daily Iowan/Callie Mitchell)

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As an outfielder for the Hawkeyes from 2003-07, Matt Wooldrik started 44 games his senior season, hitting .323 with 22 runs and 22 RBIs.

Now, in his first year as director of baseball operations, he is one of those responsible for building the Iowa baseball program back to its former prominence after several down seasons.

Wooldrik, an Iowa City native, has eaten, slept, and breathed Iowa baseball most of his life. Now that he’s back with the team, he wants to make the Black and Gold great once again.

“I’ve always had a passion for baseball, especially the Hawkeyes, and the University of Iowa has always been close to my heart, so when the new coaching staff got together and got hired here, I jumped on the opportunity to join any way

I could,” he said.

While he’s only been at it for a half year, Wooldrik’s transition into the front office has been smooth for both him and the team.

“The guys really took to the new staff from Day One and have just been really welcoming and open-minded,” he said.

He knows what it was like to win as a Hawkeye.

During his senior year, 2007, Wooldrik helped lead the Hawkeyes to a 31-23 record, the best the program had seen in

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Bench Newcomers

Rick Heller is in his first season as the head coach of the Iowa baseball team. This is the fifth in a five-part series on the new Iowa coaching staff.

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