Veterans' health care comes to the foreground

By CORY PORTER

University of Iowa officials gathered with veterans in honor of Veterans Day, focusing on the future of veteran health care.

"Health care is an extremely important topic and how we respond to the people that serve our country is obviously a very, very important issue for all of us," said Peter Damiano, the director of the UI Public Policy Center.

A variety of veteran and VA employees hosted a panel Tuesday titled "The Future of Health Care for Veterans" with Damiano, the keynote speaker of the event, talked about the Iowa City VA Health-Care System and its goals in the future.

"Veterans' affairs has been kind of the shining example of what we actually can do if we put down our political parties," he said. "Veterans get in Iowa is pretty darn good."

He also noted that veterans' issues seem to be one thing that a gridlocked Congress can work on.

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Peter Kaboli, the chief of medicine at the Iowa City VA Health-Care System and keynote-speaker of the event, talked about the structure of the Department of Veterans Affairs and its goals in the future.

He noted that the VA's not being a "fee-for-service" system sets it apart from the private sector.

Because all veterans under the VA get the same insurance, he said, they get the same treatment, making it more equitable.

"Basically, everybody that I take care of in the hospital, I know can afford their medications," he said.

Lord replacing is state of the art at the University of Iowa — and a new university study shows it will continue to prove the way for tissue engineering.

The UI Mechanical and Industrial Department established a bioprinting lab in 2011, and since then, it has discovered extensive findings that may change the manner in which organ transplants and drug testing are conducted.

"The department has made significant progress since its inception," said Ibrahim Ozbolat, a UI assistant professor of mechanical and industrial engineering. "At that time, only cells were printed, but now we can print tissues and also print the tissues on animals directly."

3D bioprinting is the process of generating spatially controlled cell patterns using 3D-printing technologies. This process involves a layer-by-layer approach to generate tissue-like 3D structures for use in the medical field of tissue engineering.

The bioprinting makes it possible to print human tissue and even entire organs.

Some of the printed materials — called biomaterials — are stronger than paper and solid materials, including soft tissue and bone. These substances can act as future scaffolding for the growth of actual tissue in the body.

Buses turn to cameras

By BEN MARKS

At the beginning of the current school year, the Iowa City School District addressed a problem — the large number of motorists ignoring the extended stop signs.

The district decided to install an external camera on each of its 105 buses in an effort to decrease these numbers.

Now, although Iowa City's success is yet to be determined, other districts in the area might follow suit with similar programs.

David Duda, chief operating officer for the Iowa City School District, said the cameras were added to the buses as part of the district’s safety initiative.

“Our hope is that it is another tool that can be used to enhance student safety," he said.

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Grants stress sex equality

BY COURTNEY BAYHANN courtneybayhann@uiowa.edu

Women, once overshadowed, have taken center stage. On Tuesday, Christine Grant, a professor of kinesiology at the University of Iowa College of Education, joined an Iowa City School Board meeting to advocate for women's equality in sports. The Kirkwood Region-20 program, opening in fall 2017, offers high-school students the opportunity to take college-level courses at Kirkwood Community College. The Kirkwood board of directors approved the program at their meeting on March 4. The Kirkwood Region-20 program is expected to benefit students by providing them with a head start on college courses while still in high school.

Students get taste of college

BY GRACE PETRARCA grace.petrarca@uiowa.edu

Instead of attending breakfast classes all day, starting next fall, some Kirkwood Regional星空-20 students will spend part of their day attending community college. The Kirkwood Regional星空-20 Center, opening in fall of 2017, will offer a variety of rigorous courses for high-school juniors and seniors. Students will have the option to follow a course track, chosen in consultation with the Kirkwood Community College.

"The choice of students would have to take in account a number of factors," said Ann Feldmann, the assistant executive director of the Kirkwood Regional星空-20 Center. "The rest of their school day, they would be a City High or High Tails or High school student."

The courses were presented at a press conference held on March 4 at the Kirkwood Regional星空-20 Center. The press conference was attended by students, parents, and officials who observed the excitement of this new high-school program.

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New school catches lightning

Students, parents, and officials were invited to a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the new school.

"The colors, decided by the committee, are black, white, and red," said Tony Payam, a board member.

"Last week, our students, parents, staff, and community members of Kirkwood Community College were invited to submit their suggestions for the colors of the school," said Tony Payam, a board member.

"We want to create an environment that is inviting and welcoming to all students," said Tony Payam, a board member.

"We believe that students should have the opportunity to participate in the Kirkwood Regional星空-20 program," said Tony Payam, a board member.

In the high schools to raise interest for participate students, Guidance Councilors, counselors, and meetings, assemblies, and workshops have been given to students.

"Our guidance counselors and our principals have talked a lot about this," said Tony Payam, a board member.

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Veterans

We believe we can make functional tissue and organs for retransplantation or drug testing using bioprinting,” Ozbolat said. “And that is why we have focused on it.”

He said the lab is working on bioprinting bone, blood vessels, pancreatic tissue, bone tissue, and cartilage tissue.

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Erin Siniff, a veteran and student at the University of Iowa, said returning soldiers stay, “he said.

with a 30 or 40 day hospital cations, I know that they’re treating soldiers, Ozbolat said. A key aspect of the research is a study on the use of bioprinting for perfusable vascular tissue — tissue that can supply an organ, tissue, or cell with nutrients or deliver- ing it through blood vessels.

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Digital Media and News Consumption

Digital media has had a significant impact on news consumption. The rise of social media and digital news outlets has made it easier for people to access news and to share their opinions with others. This has led to an increase in the diversity of voices that are represented in news media. However, it has also led to a decrease in the quality of news consumption. Many people now consume news on social media, where they are more likely to see content that supports their existing beliefs. This can lead to the formation of echo chambers, where people are only exposed to information that confirms their preconceived notions.

The Future of News Media

The future of news media is uncertain. It is unclear how digital media will continue to evolve, and how it will impact the relationship between the general population and the news media. It is important to note that this relationship is not static, and it is likely to continue to change over time. It is important for news media organizations to adapt to these changes, and to strive to provide high-quality, unbiased news that is accessible to all people.
New major not derailed

BY CHRIS HIGGINS

Despite one setback, University of Iowa students and faculty consider a new major track to be widely successful.

When the Engaged Social Innovation track in the interdisciplinary studies major was first announced last spring, a main component was a partnership with the Las Vegas Downtown Project, an initiative to revitalize the city’s business core.

Students would have had the opportunity to participate over a winter break with free room and board. However, the partnership has since been severed in the wake of massive layoffs of project staff.

David Gould, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences associate director for student development and former Downtown Project director of imagination, served as the “lynchpin” between the project and the major track.

He wrote an open letter of resignation on Sept. 30, expressing disillusionment with the initiative’s direction.

“In a way, that’s exciting that it’s not there anymore, because that was easy,” she said. “That was like, here everything’s sort of planned for you, we have these connections for you, you’re going to work and live in Las Vegas, but now it’s like, whoa, what am I going to do for my semester away? Suddenly, I have this total freedom, scary freedom, to figure out where I want to make a difference.”

Keegan said there is heavy interest in scouring winter-break internship projects in Iowa.

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- Slovenský Post-Communist Journey in a Shifting Europe, Pavel Domela, 12:30 p.m., 1117 University Capitol Center
- Under the Moon: Jasper Sittert Quartet, 12:30 p.m., University Capitol Center Recital Hall
- Jasper Quartet at the Writers' Workshop, 3-5 p.m., Dry Creek Founders Reading Room
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- Lecture by artist Nicole Jacquard, 6:30 p.m., 176 Art Building West
- "Stanislaw Lewy, Stanford Award winner, including students from the Philippine Writing Program, 7-9 p.m., Sanborn, 410 J. Gilbert
- "Izana Brass Quintet, 7-9 p.m., Reverose Recital Hall, Tallie Reza
- "How to use the same words in different ways," Andrew J. Fielder, humanities seed grant recipient for today's column

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't let an emotional misunderstanding turn into a temper tantrum. Curb your reactions, and focus your energy on what you can do to feel better about yourself and what you have to offer. Confidence will help you overcome any mishaps.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Make sure you can afford the purchases you make and the entertainment you engage in. Too much of anything will lead to a problem with a friend, lover, or relative. An unpredictable turn of events will work against you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Unrealistic circumstances will arise with regard to helping others. You will make improvements geared toward entertainment, but don't overspend. Renting to someone to help cover your costs will help you get your finances back in order.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Your friends and acquaintances will help cover your costs. You will find it difficult to get what you want out of your journey. Question a relationship that continually holds you back or disagrees with your choices.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Do your own thing. Don't ask anyone to tag along. You will find it difficult to get what you want out of your journey. Question a relationship that continually holds you back or disagrees with your choices.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Learn to use your gift. Your ability to pick up information intuitively will help you gain ground and impress someone who can help you advance. Discuss your plans and following through will show that you mean business.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Stick to what you know, and focus on work and how you can earn a decent living. Don't expect to please everyone, but do your best to set your sights on what will bring you the greatest joy and rewards.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Communication will be the key to getting what you want. Sharing your thoughts and opinions will give you in a position to help gain greater insight into what you want to accomplish. Positive alterations at home and in your personal life will lead to a problem with a friend, lover, or relative. An unpredictable turn of events will work against you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Put business before play. Once your financial affairs are in order, you will know what's left over for fun and games. A change at home can lead to good fortune if you invest wisely and maintain your budget.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't make changes without permission. Partnership problems will arise if you aren't open about the way you feel and what you want to do. A project that will take you in a new direction looks promising, but will require a life change.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Direct your energy into making the changes necessary to improve the way you earn a living. Consider new ways to use your skills, talents, and knowledge in a new and diverse manner, and you will find a new source of income.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Focus on investments, contracts, and how you can earn a decent living. Don't expect to please everyone, but do your best to set your sights on what will bring you the greatest joy and rewards.

Always remember that you are absolutely unique. Just like everyone else.

— Margaret Mead

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Random thoughts

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By KYLE MANN
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It’s time to see just how much better this Iowa volleyball team has become. Riding a four-match winning streak, the Hawkeyes will travel to Penn State today for a match with the No. 4 Nittany Lions.

Penn State visited Iowa City on Oct. 4 ranked third in the nation and defeated the Hawkeyes handily in straight sets. That was the weekend Bond Shymansky threw his rotations into experimentation mode, and the team was largely in a state of instability.

The team has made significant improvements since then, however, and after having settled into a more consistent lineup and rotations, has put together a winning streak that Iowa volleyball hasn’t experienced in a decade.

“We really felt like as a group we laid a pretty big egg two months ago when Penn State rolled into Carver,” Shymansky said. “But I feel like we’re a much more competitive unit now than we were back then.”

Early in the Big Ten season, the team felt it struggled with first contact and not being able to get passes into its offensive system, and the squad also searched for an attacker to step up alongside Lauren Brobst. As the team has started to win, much of that is to the credit of addressing those weaknesses.

“The first contact part of our game has progressed immensely from what it was at the beginning of the year,” Brobst said. “We’re doing a lot better at handling balls in serve-receive than we were.”

By shoring up their ability to initially defend an attack and transition seamlessly into their own, the Hawkeyes have seen a drastic increase in the diversification of the offense around Brobst.

Brobst has averaged more than 14 kills per match during the winning streak, while Alessandra Dietz — who has been solid all season long — has averaged 7.5. Julianne Blomberg, a major contributor to the improved first contact, has also notched a pleasantly surprising 6.5 kills.

The most dramatic differences, however, have come from the freshmen right side hitters coming into their own for Shymansky.

Taylin Alm has been playing her best volleyball in recent weeks, and she has been good for an average of 9.5 kills during the streak. Jess Janota hasn’t been far behind, tallying 8.5 per match in the same span.

“I’m glad to be a part of this program while it’s changing,” Dietz said. “It’s great to see some of the freshmen on the team and some of the underclassmen have already gained so much experience and maturity on the court. It’s awesome to see that come together and contribute to our success.”

But Shymansky has been preaching it for two months now: They’re not freshmen. They’re starters and full-blown impact players. As each set决胜 into her role coming down the home stretch, Shymansky sees another opportunity to show how far his team has come and continue the streak against No. 4 Penn State.

Follow @KyleFMann for news, updates, and analysis about the Iowa volleyball team.

V-ball seeks big upset
Iowa volleyball at No. 4 Penn State

When: 6 p.m. today
Where: Stabler Arena, University Park, Pennsylvania

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BEN TEN 

No matter what coach or player you discuss, that is the impression it has left. Iowa football has four wins under first-year coach Kirk Ferentz. The Big Ten program was known for its lack of success. Iowa did not want to be the first time Maryland left its star receiver. Last season, he missed the final six games with a broken leg. "We're in pretty good shape now," Edsall said. "That's probably you'd say, test-worthy. That's why we are.

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Iowa kept playing solid defense, and punter Connor Kornbrath had a punt go 54 yards for the Iowa offense.

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Iowa notebook

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By DAVID HENRY
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Kirk Ferentz entered his regular Tuesday press conference a few minutes late, and he
hid the microphone, welcomed everyone, and began to take questions.

One reporter asked if Ferentz was able to put a finger on an exact reason Iowa has been
so inconsistent.

“You’d think,” the Iowa head coach said. Iowa fans know their team came out two
weeks ago and beat the rest of Northwestern 46-7, only to follow up with a 54-11 loss to Minnesota Nov. 8.

“Thinking about the past, living in the
time, this [week] is just going to be anoth-
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The riddle of the Hawks

Men’s basketball vs. Hampton, Friday
Carver-Hawkeye, 6 p.m.

Upstate, Peoria, Illinois, 1 p.m.

Men’s tennis at Illinois 50K Charity Park, 6 p.m.

UPCOMING HAWK-EYE SCHEDULE

Iowa’s soccer team is ranked No. 3 nationally.

As the sunlight slowly faded in the west-
ern sky on the Sunday evening of Iowa’s Big
Ten Tournament loss to Wisconsin, so did the
chances to cap off an encouraging season un-
til trip to the NCAA Tournament.

Normally jovial, DiIanni had a slightly
brooding look on his face after the game, a look that is reserved for a man who
was dreaming of a Christmas crumble.

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Iowa had a harder time on the road than it
had expected, and finally the Hawkeyes
were thrust into a grueling season-ending
matchup against a team that had already
beaten them twice this season.

The Hawks fought so well to beat Georgia
Tech recently and were ranked No. 6 but
their season didn’t go as planned in the Big
Ten Tournament.

The Hawks were denied the chance to
play in the NCAA Tournament because
their season didn’t go as planned in the Big
Ten Tournament.

Iowa didn’t make it to the NCAA Tourna-
ment.

The Hawks haven’t been successful in the
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