Our February program will offer UIRA members an inside look at the preparations for a UI dance performance. We will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 16, in the Space Place Theater (Room 101) in North Hall, where George de la Peña, chair of the University’s Department of Dance, will explain the process of choreographing and producing a dance work. Afterward, we are invited to attend a dress rehearsal beginning at 7:00 p.m. for the department’s upcoming concert by faculty choreographers and graduate students. Attendees are advised to arrive by 6:15 p.m. to allow time for parking and seating.

**Directions:** The Space Place Theatre is located on the first floor of North Hall, which is at the north end of Madison Street. Drive past the IMU, continuing to the end where you will find North Hall. Parking is available in the ramp on the right as well as on the west side of the building. If you park in the ramp, it’s best to drive to the top level which is in the open air. When you exit the car and look north you will see a sign, “Space Place Theatre,” which will direct you up 10 steps to a campus walkway. A short distance north you will enter the main east entrance to North Hall. Walk west part way down the hallway where you will have two options – descending two flights of stairs on your right or taking the elevator on your left to the first floor. Then walk a short distance west. On your left you will see the entrance to Space Place Theatre (Room 101). If you approach North Hall from the parking lot west of the building, you will enter on the first floor and can proceed directly to Room 101. The UIRA Program Committee enthusiastically recommends this program and thanks Helen Chadima, associate professor emeritus of dance, for assisting in the arrangements.

We will have an opportunity to visit the new State Hygienic Laboratory at the University of Iowa on Thursday, March 3, at 1:30 p.m. We will meet first with Director Christopher Atchison, then tour the new facility, which last year replaced the laboratory’s outdated home in nearby Oakdale Hall.

For 105 years, the Hygienic Laboratory has served Iowa as the state’s environmental and public health laboratory. It has played a significant role in many national concerns, including the anthrax attack of 2001, Iowa floods, H1N1 influenza pandemic, spinach and peanut butter food recalls, and the Gulf oil spill. The Laboratory also routinely tests clinical and environmental samples for surveillance and performs newborn screening for all babies born in Iowa, North Dakota and South Dakota.

**Directions:** The Hygienic Laboratory is located on the southeast corner of Oakdale Boulevard and Highway 965 intersection in Coralville. Visitor parking is on the east side of the building or behind it. The visitor entrance is at the northeast corner of the building.
Don’t forget these events being planned by the UIRA Program Committee for later this spring:

- **Monday, April 4, at 3:00 p.m.** We will meet at the Coralville Public Library for a presentation on post-flood issues at The University of Iowa by Rod Lehnertz, Director of Facilities Planning, Design and Construction.

- **Wednesday, April 20, at 11:30 a.m.** The UIRA Annual Meeting will be held at the University Athletic Club. There will be a cash bar and informal visiting beginning at 11:30 a.m., with luncheon served at 12:00 noon. After the luncheon we will hold our business meeting and be treated to a musical program by Steinway artist Dan Knight.

**Deadline for March Gray Hawk Copy**

Friday, February 18, is the deadline for submitting items for the March issue of *The Gray Hawk* newsletter. Please send them to Dwight Jensen by regular mail at 13 Lakeview Drive NE, Iowa City, IA 52240 or via e-mail at dpjensen@mchsi.com.

**UIRA’s Web Page is a Valuable Resource**

The UIRA web page -- [www.uiowa.edu/~uira](http://www.uiowa.edu/~uira) -- is a valuable resource for our members. Be sure to visit it frequently. The **News and Events** page contains listings of current events and important announcements. The **Resources** page has links to other useful web sites and perks available to UI Retirees. Also included are copies of back newsletters, officers, bylaws, current program information, answers to many of your questions, and more.
Classes are filling up, but there are still openings in eight of the courses being offered by the UI Senior College for the Spring 2011 session. Classes meet for two hours once a week for four weeks and are open to anyone interested. Cost is $30 for each course.

Courses still available, listed by title, dates, time, place, and instructor, are:

- **The DNA Information Bonanza: Analyzing Human Evolution and Disease at a Molecular Level.** Thursdays, February 3, 10, 17, 24 from 3:30-5:20 p.m., Room 1-107 Bowen Science Building. Instructor: Gary Gussin.

- **Love and Illusion in Shakespeare (and O'Neill).** Mondays, February 14, 21, 28 and March 7 from 10:00 a.m.-noon, Room 2520 University Capitol Centre. Instructor: Miriam Gilbert.

- **Mapmaking and the History of Iowa in Maps.** Tuesdays, February 15, 22 and March 1, 8 from 2:30-4:20 p.m., S301 Lindquist Center. Instructor: H. Dee Hoover.

- **The Soul of Cinema.** Tuesdays, March 22, 29 and April 5, 12 from 9:00-11:00 a.m., Illinois Room Iowa Memorial Union. Instructor: Rev. Emory Gillespie.

- **The Politics of Us vs. Them.** Wednesdays, March 23, 30 and April 6, 13 from 10:00 a.m.-noon, University Athletic Club. Instructor: Douglas K. Madsen.

- **Scott Joplin: King of Ragtime.** Fridays, March 25 and April 1, 8, 15 from 10:00 a.m.-noon, Parkview Church. Instructor: David Evans.

- **Interesting Common Legal Issues.** Tuesdays, April 19, 26 and May 3, 10 from 3:30-5:30 p.m., Room W55 Chemistry Building. Instructor: Bruce Haupert.

- **Don Juan and the Stone Guest Legends in Opera.** Fridays, April 22, 29 and May 6, 13 from 10:00 a.m.-noon, Parkview Church. Instructor: Arthur Canter.

More information about courses, instructors, time and place of classes, availability and registration can be obtained from the Alumni Association at [http://www.iowalum.com/srcollege/](http://www.iowalum.com/srcollege/) or by calling Jane Kirsch at 319/335-3294 or 800/469-2586. A brochure is available upon request.