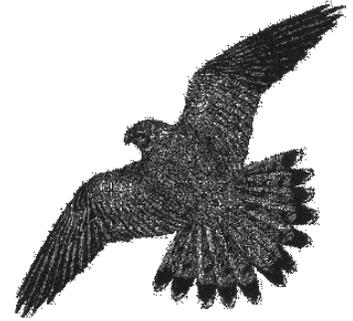


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**Dec. 19 UIRA  
Program To  
Feature Play  
And Tour  
At Englert**

The next UIRA program, to be held at **7:30 p.m. Friday, December 19**, at the **Englert Theatre** in downtown Iowa City, will offer the City Circle Acting Company of Coralville's production of **The Santaland Diaries**, a one-man play featuring popular local actor Tim Budd. The play, based on an essay by satirist David Sedaris, is a humorous account of his experiences as an out-of-work actor in New York who takes a job as an elf helping Santa at Macy's during the holiday season.

Following the one-act play, UIRA members will be treated to a back-stage tour of the renovated historic theatre and a "talk-back" discussion with Mr. Budd; the director, John Harper; and the set designer, Michael Blake.

Tickets are available at the Englert Box Office, 221 E. Washington Street, at a special price of \$10.00 if you identify yourself as a UIRA member. The regular Senior Citizen price is \$13.00. Parking is available on the street and in nearby city parking ramps.

**Program on  
Economic  
Woes Set  
For Jan. 21**

An issue important to us all – our current financial woes – will be the topic of the UIRA's January program. Richard Stevenson, the UIRA President and Professor Emeritus of Finance, will speak on the topic of "*What you always wanted to know about mortgage-backed securities and why we have had so much difficulty with our financial system but were afraid to ask.*" The program will be held on **Wednesday, January 21**, from **1:00 to 2:30 p.m.** in **Meeting Room B (lower level)** of the **Coralville Public Library**, 1401 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Coralville. Free parking is available in the city ramp immediately to the east of the Library's entrance.

**Law Allows  
Charitable  
Rollovers  
From IRAs**

Congress recently enacted legislation that allows seniors who are 70½ or older to make tax-free gifts from their IRAs directly to qualified charities through the end of 2009. The provision, which extended an existing law, was included in the financial bailout package signed by the President. It permits transfers of up to \$100,000 from an IRA each year in 2008 and 2009. The transfers can be used to satisfy required minimum distributions. For more information about this legislation, consult your financial adviser, IRA custodian, or Susan Hagan, executive director, planned giving, UI Foundation, at **335-3305** or by e-mail at **susan-hagan@uiowa.edu**.

**UIRA Needs  
Volunteer  
For Web Site**

The UIRA is looking for a volunteer to update the association's web site and keep it current. Anyone interested should contact Dick Stevenson at 351-5134 or by e-mail at **richard-stevenson@uiowa.edu**.

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**Jonathan  
(Jon) Cryer**

Jon is Professor Emeritus from the Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science. He retired in 2001.

He is married to Judy, and they have two sons and one daughter.

Jon is active in the community, and music groups he plays with often perform in retirement homes and at the Senior Center. Among the instruments he plays are the euphonium and string bass. Along with Richard Caplan and Jan Nelson, Jon was a member of the trio that performed for the UIRA at our Annual Banquet last May. He sings in the *Indigo Blend* quartet and the First Methodist *Chancel Choir* and *Chamber Choir*.

Besides his musical activities, he is interested in computers, bicycling, and woodworking. Since he retired, he has published several books and has done limited consulting.

**Jane  
Jakobsen**

In addition to being a UIRA Director, Jane has been President of three UI organizations: Associated University Women, Staff Council, and Women in Science and Engineering (WISE). Her extensive volunteer Activities include the Johnson County Lung Association, the Planning and Zoning Commission of Iowa City, the Ecumenical Towers Board, being an Elder of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, and the General Assembly Council and Board of Pensions of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

She is married to James (Jake). Jane and Jake have two children and two grandchildren. Janet is Professor of Religion and Women's Studies and Director of the Center for Research on Women at Barnard College. Their son, Tom, is Systems Analyst for his own company. Granddaughter Emily graduated from the University of Iowa in 2007, and Grandson Craig is a sophomore at Washington University in St. Louis.

Her hobbies and interests include travel, volunteering, and reading.

**UIRA  
Welcomes  
New  
Members**

**Please welcome our Association's newest members:**

Joan Houghton

IMU

Michael J. O'Connell

Facilities Management

**Why No  
Benefits  
Meeting?**

We have received questions regarding the lack of a scheduled UIRA meeting about retirees' health benefits. After discussions with Richard Saunders, Associate Director of Human Resources, this traditional UIRA Benefits meeting was not scheduled because there are no changes in the health benefits for UI retirees this year. The meeting will return to the UIRA schedule in future years as the UI retirees' health benefits programs are modified.

**How We Can  
Help UI Arts  
Programs  
Recover**

During the November 10th program about the impact of this summer's floods on the UI Arts Campus, the panelists were asked how the public can now be of help. The response? **Please attend performances (concerts, plays, exhibits) wherever they are scheduled to be presented!!** The dates, times, and locations for these performances are on the web sites of the various University Schools and Departments. We can continue to enjoy our talented student and faculty performers, just in different, and perhaps seemingly unusual, places.

**Deadline for  
January  
Gray Hawk  
Copy**

**Friday, December 19**, is the deadline for submitting items for the January issue of *The Gray Hawk*. 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](mailto:dpjensen@mchsi.com)**.

