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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Remember Don't forget the UIRA program at the new **UI Campus Recreation and**
Nov. 16 Visit **Wellness Center on Tuesday, November 16.** We will meet at **10:00 a.m.**
To New UI in **Room E218-20** for a short program on Recreation Services programming,
Wellness followed by a tour of the facility. The daily drop-in fee has been waived for
Center those attending, so feel free to stay afterwards and work out if you wish.

There is ample public parking near the facility. Public parking is available in Lot 11 west of the County Jail (enter from Madison street). In addition, there is surface parking in the metered area south of the University Library and a nearby city parking ramp adjacent to the University Capitol Centre.

UI Health Plans May Change In 2012

As previously announced, there will be no changes in UI retirees' health insurance plans for the coming year, except for a modest increase in premiums, but some adjustments are being considered for 2012.

CHIP II, one of the two UI health insurance options for faculty, professional and scientific staff, merit-exempt staff and retirees, has very low enrollment with fewer than 3 percent of the contracts. As a result, Chip II is no longer financially viable and will be discontinued in 2012. The UI Vice Presidents' Group has charged the Funded Retirement and Insurance Charter Committee (FRIC) with reviewing criteria to determine what significant problems/needs a new plan should address that UI Choice does not currently address adequately. UI Choice may be the sole health insurance option (with or without modification), or there may be two plans (UI Choice and a new plan) to meet existing needs. FRIC is seeking input from constituent groups. FRIC co-chairs are George Herbert <george-herbert@uiowa.edu> and Sheldon Kurtz <sheldon-kurtz@uiowa.edu>.

UIRA Welcomes New Members

Please welcome the following new UIRA members:

Roger Anderson	Bioengineering
Susan Anderson	Spouse
Susan Benton	Rehabilitation Therapies, Children's Hospital
Barbara Farrell	Orthopaedic Surgery
Patrick Farrell	Spouse
Gary L. Hagen	Material Services, UIHC
H. Dee Hoover	College of Education
Myrene Hoover	Spouse
Carolyn S. Taylor	Pathology
Katherine Walden	Women's Health Center, UIHC

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	Jon Cryer	Director
	Ruth Dawson	Director
	Jane Jakobsen	Director
	Feather Lacy	Director
	Gene Spaziani	Director
	Ken Yerington	Archivist (<i>ex-officio</i>)

No UIRA Events in December No UIRA programs have been scheduled for December. The Program Committee wishes all members a Happy Holiday season and an enjoyable celebration with family and friends.

Deadline for January Gray Hawk Copy The next issue of *The Gray Hawk* newsletter will be the January issue, which will be published late in December for delivery around January 1st. The deadline for submitting items will be **Friday, December 17**. 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**.

Watch for January Program Details The Program Committee is now working on UIRA programs for the coming year. A visit to ACT is being arranged for January. Founded in Iowa City in 1959 as the American College Testing Program, ACT is an international independent, not-for-profit organization that provides a broad array of assessment, research, information, and program management solutions in the areas of education and workforce development. Watch for details of this and other 2012 programs in the next issue of *The Gray Hawk* newsletter.

Let us know If you move, Or change E-mail or Phone No. Have you moved, or do you have a new e-mail address or phone number? The UIRA needs your help in keeping your postal and e-mail addresses and phone number current so we can keep you informed of program announcements and other relevant information. If you have moved or changed e-mail addresses or phone numbers, please notify the UIRA Membership Chair, Marion Johnson, by regular mail at 2107 Norcor Avenue, #6, Coralville, IA 52241 or by e-mail at **marion-johnson@uiowa.edu**.

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