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**Search for
Life
Thursday
January 17
1:00 p.m.
Coralville
Public
Library**

Professor Robert Mutel will present a program titled: **Alien Worlds: The Search for Life on Extra-Terrestrial Planets**. In the past decade an entirely new field of astronomy has blossomed: The search for life on planets beyond the Earth. New technological advances have allowed us to discover nearly 1000 new planets orbiting stars beyond the Sun. Mutel will discuss the history of extra-solar planets, what we know about development of life on Earth, and how astronomers are using this knowledge to search for life on planets in our solar system and beyond. A professor in the Department of Physics and Astronomy at the University of Iowa, Robert Mutel is a pioneer in the use of remote astronomy for education and research. His research interests are in mainly in radio astronomy, especially using very long baseline interferometry (including the VLBA) to study active galaxies, active stars, and interstellar turbulence. His main avocation the past fifteen years has been road biking, especially longer distances ('ultra cycling').

The program will be in the Jean Schwab Auditorium on the lower level of the Coralville Public Library. There is parking in the library parking lot, lower level, with direct access to the lower level meeting rooms. If you do park above on the main level, however, please avoid parking in the first two parking aisles, which are reserved for Library patrons.

**Tour the
new indoor
UI football
practice
Tuesday
February 26**

We will tour the **new indoor football practice** facility and hear about our **Olympic sports** program on Tuesday February 26 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. UIRA will provide a tour of the new Indoor Football Practice Facility, followed by a talk by Jane Meyers about the Olympic (formerly “the minor”) sports at the University of Iowa. Jane has been at the University of Iowa Associate Director of Athletics for many years. Her responsibilities include overseeing the building of new sports facilities. She knows this place from the inside out – literally. RSVP required and lunch will be provided. Watch for further information in the February *Gray Hawk* issue.

**Save the
date
Wednesday
March 6**

“Iowa Flood Center: A critical resource for all Iowans” program by Larry Weber, Larry Weber is the Director of IIHR-Hydroscience and Engineering. Details in the next issue of the *Gray Hawk*.

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Nominate new UIRA officers

Nancy Williams, our UIRA president, has appointed a Nominating Committee, below, to present a slate of officers at least 30 days before the April annual meeting. You are welcome to suggest names for the slate, or to nominate yourself.

Nominating Committee: Sharon Scheib, chair (e-mail address Sharon@tenlongview.net); Charlie Anderson, Ruth Dawson, Nancy Lynch, and Bill Oglesby

Open positions include:

- President-elect: serves as Program Chair the first year and President the second year
- Treasurer: three year term
- Director: three year term. The vacant Director position is the Membership Chair. This position maintains a spreadsheet of the Association membership.

Volunteer to preserve history

This sounds like a wonderful opportunity for UIRA members to help our University Libraries.

Nancy Williams, UIRA President

DIY History: Your chance to help preserve Iowa history:

About the project: UI Libraries' digital collection includes hundreds of thousands of items—far more than library staff could ever catalog alone. We need your help in converting these documents into a format people can use. Our goal is to make these digitized artifacts searchable, allowing researchers to quickly seek out specific information, and general users to browse and enjoy the materials more easily. Please join us in preserving our past by keeping historic records accessible, one page or picture at a time.

We're currently seeking help with four collections:

- Szathmary Culinary Manuscripts and Cookbooks Iowa Byington Reed Diaries
- Iowa Byington Reed Diaries
- Nile Kinnick Collection
- Civil War Diaries and Letters

More information at the website: diyhistory.lib.uiowa.edu/about.php

**Register for
UI Senior
College
Courses**

The UI Senior College will announce another rich schedule of offerings for the Spring 2013 Session. At the time of this writing, the courses have not been announced but will be available at the beginning of January. For information about courses, instructors, time and place of classes, availability and registration can be obtained from the Alumni Association at www.iowalum.com/srcollege/ or by calling Jane Kirsch at 319/335-3294 or 800/469-2586. A brochure is available upon request.

Please welcome our new members

Mary Jo Abbott	Pharmacy, UIHC
Claibourne Dungy	Pediatrics, UIHC
Madgetta Dungy	College of Medicine
Jane Engeldinger	Obstetrics-Gynecology, UIHC
Jun Kimura	Neurology, UIHC
James M. Smith	Pediatrics Genetics, UIHC
Pat (Mary) Timmins	State Hygienic Laboratory
Bronwyn Van Fossen	Internal Audit

**Deadline for
February
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The deadline for submitting items for the February 2013 issue is Friday, January 25th. Please send them to E. Ann Ford by regular mail at 10 Forest Glen, Iowa City, IA 52245, or via e-mail to e-ann-ford@uiowa.edu

**New on the
UIRA
webpage**

Ken Starck has added a wonderful printable brochure to the UIRA website. Visit www.uiowa.edu/~uira and select **UIRA: A Quick Take Printable Brochure**. Ken is also posting pictures from UIRA programs. Thanks, Ken!

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