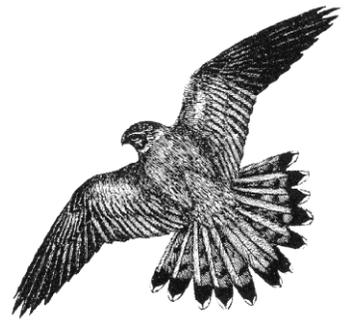


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**Reserve for
Athletics
Program
Thursday
February 28
11:30 a.m.**

RSVP for a special treat on Thursday, February 28th, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. UIRA is providing a two-part program for our members: we will tour the new indoor Football Practice Facility AND hear a wonderful talk by Jane Meyer about the Olympic (formerly “the minor”) sports of the University of Iowa. Jane has been at the University of Iowa as Associate Director of Athletics for many years. Her responsibilities include overseeing the building of new facilities. She knows the place inside out, literally. The program starts in the new indoor practice facility, which is immediately west of the Evashevski Recreation Building and the baseball field. We will view the facility and then move to the Recreation Building. We will then sit down to enjoy a complimentary box lunch, provided by the Athletic Department, while we hear words of wisdom from Jane.

Parking meters are available in Lot 43 just east of the Recreation Building, so there is a one-block walk around that building to the new facility. Since lunch is involved we need an RSVP before February 20 to Richard Walton at richard-walton@uiowa.edu See you there.

**Hear about
the Iowa
Flood
Center:
Wednesday,
March 6,
2013 10:30
a.m.**

Our UIRA program for March will be a presentation by Larry Weber at the Iowa City Public Library, Meeting Room A, 10:30 a.m. until noon.

The Iowa Flood Center was established in 2009 in response to the 2008 flooding which devastated Eastern Iowa. The main purpose of the Iowa Flood Center is to provide research and educational program to enhance Iowa's preparedness for future floods. The presentation will demonstrate the information and technologies available through the Iowa Flood Information System, including rainfall products, community-based watershed information, enhanced stream monitoring and flood plain mapping information.

Larry Weber is the Director of the Iowa Institute of Hydraulic Research (IIHR) - Hydrosience and Engineering, the co-Founder of the Iowa Flood Center and holds the Edwin B Green Chair in Hydraulics. A native Iowan, Larry holds three degrees from the University of Iowa. He serves the state on several water resources-related committees and boards, and he is a member of the Governor's Water Resources Coordinating Council.

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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.

**Being
Active—and
Showing It!
Recent
website
changes**

A few months ago at a UIRA Board meeting, someone commented—and I paraphrase: “We’ve got to become more active.” He was referring to our UIRA organization and members.

As a new Board member, I didn’t quite know what to make of that. Do we need more than the monthly get-togethers where we explore changes in the campus and community and pursue our own special interests, such as health insurance? Or do we need more niche activities, such as reading or travel or photo or movie viewing groups for members with these particular interests? (Ohio State retirees have a “litter pickers” group, and, yes, you can take that literally.)

It occurred to me that UIRA could be more active in letting others know how active retirees are by showing—visually—some of their activities.

That led to development of a brochure encapsulating the UIRA story. Once the brochure was designed and copies reproduced, someone suggested putting it on the UIRA website. You’ll find it at UIRA’s

Homepage (www.uiowa.edu/~uira/). Click on “UIRA: A Quick Take—Printable Brochure.”

That modest success prompted another idea: How about a photographic record of retiree activities, like getting a first-hand account of issues surrounding the proposed Johnson County Courthouse renovation or a report on changes in the University's health insurance program? Perhaps this could be done expeditiously without revamping the entire Homepage (which, by the way, is under consideration).

How about a Photo Gallery? Feather suggested. She set up the site on the UIRA Homepage. I did the production, including taking many of the photos and editing and captioning them.

To view a series of photos about retiree activities and their participation in regional and national events, go to the UIRA Homepage and click “Photo Gallery.”

If you have photos of past events and would like them to be considered for inclusion in the Photo Gallery, send them to: Kenneth-Starck@uiowa.edu

Ken Starck, UIRA Board Member, reporting on UIRA website enhancements carried out by him, Webmaster Feather Lacy and President Nancy Williams.

**Donate to
the UI
Foundation
via
extension of
law**

Congress recently extended legislation that allows seniors who are 70 ½ or older to make tax-free gifts directly from their IRAs to qualified charities through the end of 2013. This “charitable IRA rollover” provision was part of the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012. It permits distributions of up to \$100,000 from an IRA to a qualified charity in 2013. The IRA owner does not report the distribution as taxable income, nor does the owner claim a tax deduction for the gift. The effect will be a “tax wash”. The distribution to charity will count towards the owner’s annual required minimum distribution. For more information about this legislation, consult your financial advisor, IRA custodian, or Susan Hagan, Executive Director, Planned Giving, UI Foundation, at 335-3305 or by email at susan-hagan@uiowa.edu or visit our web page at www.uiowa.edu/~uira (select News & Announcements and 2013 Charitable IRA Rollover).

Susan Hagan, UI Foundation

**Deadline for
March Gray
Hawk Copy**

The deadline for submitting items for the March 2013 issue of *the Gray Hawk* is Friday February 22nd. 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

Please Welcome the Following New UIRA Members

Note: If you are a new member but have not seen your name listed, please e-mail Ruth Dawson at rbdawson@inav.net

Peggy Bush	College of Medicine
Dennis Bush	Spouse
Harlo Hove	UIHC
Kathryn Hove	Spouse
Mary B. Ross	UIHC Pharmacy

Register for UI Senior College Courses

The UI Senior College has announced a rich schedule of courses for the Spring 2013 Session. Classes fill rapidly, so plan to register soon. Classes meet for two hours once a week for four weeks and are open to anyone interested. Registration is \$30 for each course. Following is a brief list of the courses. 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/> or by calling Jane Kirsch at (319) 335-3294 or (800) 469-2586. A brochure is available upon request. Senior College Committee: Peggy Houston, Chair, (319) 351-1438, Claibourne Dungy, Bea Furner, Judy Hendershot, H. Dee Hoover, Al Hood, Val Lembke, Lola Lopes, Sharon Scheib, Nancy Williams, Larry Wilson.

Session 1 After the Drought: What Has Happened and What to Do Now. Tuesdays, January 29; February 5, 12, 19 1:20 - 3:30 p.m. Johnson County Extension Building, 3109 Old Highway 218 South (Fairgrounds) Registration Deadline: January 22 Class Limit: 90

The effects of drought and heat will be addressed by guest speakers, each discussing their area of expertise. A wide variety of topics will be covered, including the effects on trees, animals, lawns, and perennials. One session will cover water conservation and xeriscaping.

INSTRUCTOR: Judy Stevens has been a Linn County Master Gardener for 11 years. She has taught many classes, as well as answered questions on local radio, TV, and on Linn County's Hortline, a call-in show for questions on horticulture. Stevens has also shared her passion for gardening with many groups and organizations.

Session 2 Iowa's Treasure: Center for the Book. Fridays, February 1, 8, 15, 22 2:30 - 4:20 p.m. First class: Room 15B North Hall Last three classes: W228 Chemistry Building Registration Deadline: January 25 Class Limit: 40

The Center for the Book is an innovative arts and research program dedicated to the past, present, and future of the book. The first class will be a hands-on tour of the facilities in North Hall. It will require being on your feet and getting a bit wet (papermaking). Other hands-on activities that day (printing, binding, and calligraphy) will be a bit messy, but not seriously so. Presenters at the three meetings in the Chemistry Building will include

graduate students and faculty specialists who will discuss papermaking, printing, calligraphy, bookbinding, and the history of the book.

INSTRUCTOR: Tim Barrett joined the UI Center for the Book as its paper specialist in 1986 and served as its director from 1996 until 2002. He continues to teach courses that address the history, technique, science, and aesthetics of hand papermaking. In 2009, Barrett was a recipient of a MacArthur Fellowship, popularly known as *the* "genius grant."

Session 3 The Human Body: Its Systems and Stories. Wednesdays, February 6, 13, 20, 27 3 - 4:50 p.m. 1117 MERF Registration Deadline: January 30 Class Limit: 50

The human body is something we all know a little about, because we all have one. But too often, a deep understanding of how the body's systems work and how they work together is left to our healthcare providers. We will explore the functional anatomy of four different body systems (musculoskeletal, nervous, cardiovascular, and genitourinary) and what happens when things go wrong. We will use a variety of instructional techniques, including didactic lecturing, case presentation, analysis of radiographic imaging, and dissection of a 3D virtual cadaver, to find the inner relationships of the body's structures and paint an integrated picture of what it truly means to live within a human body.

INSTRUCTOR: Dr. Darren Hoffmann is a graduate of the UI and has been a lecturer of anatomy and cell biology in the Carver College of Medicine for seven years. He teaches gross anatomy and other related disciplines to medical and dental students. Hoffmann has won numerous teaching awards and is a consultant to a 3D design company called Cyber-Anatomy.

Session 4 Existentialist Philosophy. Thursdays, February 21, 28; March 7, 14 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. 202 Senior Center Registration Deadline: February 14 Class Limit: 50

Existentialist Philosophy is, above all, a philosophy of the individual with its emphasis on the uniqueness of each person, the contingency of human existence, and the importance of free choice. After a general discussion of existentialism at our first meeting, we will, in subsequent meetings, examine the ideas of the three most important existentialists - Soren Kierkegaard, Friedrich Nietzsche, and Jean-Paul Sartre.

INSTRUCTOR: Laird Addis retired in 2004, after 41 years on the UI Department of Philosophy faculty, with a year in the Netherlands as a Fulbright professor. He taught undergraduate Existentialist Philosophy many times and a graduate course on Nietzsche a few times. Addis is the author of six books, including most recently *Mind: Ontology and Explanation* in 2008 and *Nietzsche's Ontology* in 2012.

Session 5 Who's There? The Questions of Hamlet. Mondays, April 1, 8, 15, 22 1 - 3 p.m. 2520D University Capitol Centre Registration Deadline: March 25 Class Limit: 60

Hamlet is probably Shakespeare's most famous play, and it's certainly his longest; written, we think, around 1600, at the midpoint of Shakespeare's 20-year career as a playwright, it's both a play very much of its own time, and continuously relevant and fascinating through the centuries. What makes this play so special? We certainly can't answer that question definitively, but we'll look at the play through a series of perspectives: the background of Elizabethan revenge tragedy; the complex structure of relationships between family members and between friends; the central character's direct connection to the audience; and, of course, the variety of interpretations created in the last 70 years. Any text of the play is fine, although I'll also order some copies at Prairie Lights (available in the spring)

INSTRUCTOR: Miriam Gilbert has taught for the UI Department of English since 1969. She is particularly interested in performance as interpretation, whether through researching

past performances or watching current ones. She has a second home in Stratford-upon-Avon, England.

Session 6 Hearing Loss: Understanding and Meeting the Challenge. Tuesday and Thursdays, April 2, 4, 9, 11 (Class meets twice a week for two weeks) 9 - 11 a.m.

Wendell Johnson Speech and Hearing Center Lobby Registration Deadline: March 26

Class Limit: 30

We will provide information on the nature and causes of hearing loss, as well as techniques and technology for improving communication in our noisy, fast-talking world. Interactive lectures will cover speech-reading, help in noisy environments, tinnitus, hearing aid technology, cochlear implants, and the causes of hearing loss. Small group sessions will also provide hands-on experience with assistive listening devices. Participants with hearing loss are encouraged, but not required, to enroll with a communication partner (e.g. spouse, friend), who must also enroll.

INSTRUCTOR: Diane Niebuhr is a clinical associate professor in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, where she has been for 28 years. A licensed/certified audiologist, her primary area of interest is the rehabilitation of adults with acquired hearing loss. Helping them understand hearing loss, learn coping strategies, and make behavioral changes to improve communication has been the focus of her teaching

Session 7 The Imagination of Mars in Science Fiction (and in Science).

Wednesdays, April 17, 24; May 1, 8 2:30 - 4:20 p.m. 228 Chemistry Building

Registration Deadline: April 10 Class Limit: 60

No subject has been the object of more works of science fiction than the famous Red Planet. Few subjects in scientific inquiry have been as influenced by science fictional imagination as Mars. We will celebrate the importance of Mars for BOTH science and science fiction as documented in Professor Robert Crossley's magnificent study *Imagining Mars: A Literary History*, and in works of science fiction such as Ray Bradbury's equally magnificent *The Martian Chronicles*.

INSTRUCTOR: Brooks Landon is the UI Herman J. and Eileen S. Schmidt Professor of English and has written widely on science fiction literature and film. He is the author of *Science Fiction After 1900: From the Steam Man to the Stars*.

Session 8 Change Your Life—Put Some Ethical Meat on Your Bones. Fridays April 19, 26; May 3, 10 9:30 - 11:20 a.m. W55 Chemistry Building Registration Deadline: April

12 Class Limit: 70

At the beginning, we'll discuss how to make an ethical decision. It's harder than choosing right from wrong: If you could save only one of two lives, which SHOULD you save? Yes, I know...you already know all there is to know. I bet you don't. I'll give you some simple homework that I guarantee will change your lives. During class, I'll assign many real ethical dilemmas for us to analyze and discuss. I bet you two cents that you'll not be the same person at the end of the course. Who knows? Maybe there is room for improvement.

INSTRUCTOR: Bruce Hauptert recently retired after more than 40 years as a partner in a prominent Iowa City law firm. A UI engineering and law graduate, he practiced general law and has also served as the president or as a member of the boards of directors of more than a dozen Iowa City civic organizations.

Session 9 Highlights of Birding in the United States and Iowa. Tuesdays, April 30; May 7, 14, 21 9 - 11 a.m. Kent Park, Education Conservation Center Registration Deadline: April 23 Class Limit: 40

Join experienced birders to sample Iowa birding via photo-rich presentations covering Iowa City backyard birds, birds of Hickory Hill Park, birds of Waterworks, Prairie Park, and unusual birds of Iowa. Then enjoy topics highlighting popular U.S. birding destinations, including northern Minnesota, southern California, and southeast Arizona. The course will begin with an introduction to birding resources. Also, if you wish to see the spring migration firsthand, join experienced birders at 7:30 a.m. for optional guided walks during the birds' most active time of day. Meet at the Education Conservation Center.

INSTRUCTORS: Course coordinator **James Scheib** is a retired educational psychologist and the webmaster for the Iowa City Bird Club. **Rick Hollis** is a research assistant in pathology. **James Fuller** is retired from the UI College of Dentistry faculty. All three have decades of experience birding in the U.S. and Iowa and have made many presentations on bird-related topics.