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## Media Advisory

**Event:** *University Chapel Hour and Special Events and Services and the Classics* 

Club to present: "Iraqi Culture in Danger: The Problem Continues"

Date: Jan. 26 (Monday)

**Time:** 4 p.m.

**Location:** Beckman Auditorium, The Ames Library

1 Ames Plaza, Bloomington

**Background:** The lecture will be presented by McGuire Gibson, professor of

Mesopotamian Archaeology in the department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations and the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago. Gibson also directs the Oriental Institute's Nippur Project in Iraq, where he has conducted nine seasons of excavation. He has done other fieldwork and excavation in Kish, Umm al-Hafriyat, and Uch Tepe in Iraq, and in the Eastern Province of Saudi Arabia and the Dhamar area of Yemen.

Gibson earned his Ph. D. from the University of Chicago. In the past, he has taught in the anthropology departments of the University of Illinois, Chicago, and the University of Arizona. He is the author or editor of 12 books and many articles, and currently serves as the President of the

American Association for Research in Baghdad.

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