New student move-in day, Friday, Aug. 27, was a time to get beyond the boxes, furniture and clothes and begin meeting new people, discovering campus and enjoying a variety of welcome activities. In keeping with college tradition, returning students, faculty and staff lined up in parking lots to greet new students and their families and help unpack vehicles. Welcome committees stationed at each dorm distributed keys and gave directions to rooms while resident assistants offered further guidance in the hallways.

Later that day was a formal orientation program known as the New Student Leadership Seminar. The seminar, integrated into the college’s liberal arts curriculum, is designed to introduce new students to the college mission, values and culture. The program puts new students with groups of their classmates, a faculty or staff leader and an upper-class student mentor for the fall semester. One of the first activities the group did together was attend the annual Welcome Ceremony in Spurlock Center.

During the Welcome Ceremony, faculty and staff formed a receiving line and clapped rhythmically to pop music as mentors led groups of new students through the gym; hugs and high-fives abounded. The ceremony continued with greetings from the campus minister, Franklin College president and Student Congress president as well as introductions of the executive staff. Additionally, lyrics to the “Alma Mater” and college fight song were distributed so new students could join the campus community in a traditional sing-along. After the ceremony, the new student groups continued orientation activities then attended an ice cream reception at the President’s Home and Reception Center.

New student orientation continued on Saturday with a service-learning program called Franklin Offering the Community Unselfish Service (FOCUS); turn to Page 6 to learn more about the program and its impact on students and the Johnson County community. After the FOCUS program, participants convened in Spurlock Center to reflect on their service-learning experiences and watch a slide show recapping the day’s events. The evening concluded with the Student Entertainment Board hosting a Welcome Bash in the Napolitan Student Center, where karaoke, carnival games and mechanical rides were offered.

Sunday was a day of rest, giving new and returning students the chance to organize their rooms and settle in before the start of a busy first week. To keep up the momentum and help new students make a full and successful transition into the Franklin College community, the New Student Leadership Seminar will continue for the duration of the fall semester.
Tibetan monks recently spent several days at the college constructing a sacred sand mandala. Find out more about the symbolic mandala and the monks’ surprising gesture.

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All in the Franklin family

Following in the footsteps of relatives who are attending or have graduated from Franklin College is a family tradition for many students. Within a family, the custom may even span multiple generations. Each student — past or present — represents the family’s Franklin College legacy. This fall, some of the new students who proudly carry on their family’s legacy and share a place in Franklin College history gathered for a voluntary photo.

The new students’ names appear in italics, and their relatives’ names are bold in parentheses. We’re proud to have all of them in the Franklin family:

Class of 2015 legacy students in the front row are: Danielle Sichting (father, Dan Sichting ’85; sister, Ellen Sichting ’14), Hillary Collins (sister, Emily Callahan Miller ’04), Lacey Mourey (sister, Lauren Mourey ’14), Matthew Icenogle (brother, Michael Icenogle ’15), Torie Zeiner (mother, Melanie Parris Zeiner ’84), Hannah Carew (sister, Sara Carew Cook ’04), Michael Icenogle (brother, Matthew Icenogle ’15); Christopher Senac (brother, John Senac ’05), Shelby Pierson (aunt, Melissa Pierson ’93; sister, Samantha Pierson ’13), Kaleb Sullen (mother, Katharina Hugler Sullen ’90), Cameron Maschino, Eric Brockett (mother, Betsy May Brockett ’86) and Luke Snyder (father, Rod Snyder ’87; mother Jill Carter Snyder ’87; sister, Natalie Snyder ’13).

Standing in row two are: Mollie Clark (cousins, Tabitha Brown Fish ’03, Elizabeth Gearhart ’09), Shaughnessy Harrigan (mother, Norma Miller Harrigan ’84; sister, Ashley Harrigan ’11); Andrew Walters (brother Nicholas Walters ’15; mother, Rhonda Andrews Walters ’89), Tiffany Egan-Rojas (sister, Vanessa Egan-Rojas ’12), Kayla Dragstrem (father, Tom Dragstrem ’86), Kendra Rhomemus (sister, Savannah Williams ’09), Sarah White (mother, Cheryl Deckard White ’86; sister, Becca White ’14; uncle, Charles Claxton ’87, cousin, Josh Deckard ’05), Sarah Turner (mother, Lori Lewis Turner ’88; grandfather, Robert G. Lewis ’64; grandmother, Lea Ford Lewis ’62; great uncle, Gordon Lewis ’64), Maura Singo (sister, Brittnee Singo ’11), Kelsey Schilling (sister, Lindsay Schilling ’08); Rebecca Bonomini (brother, Joseph Bonomini ’10), Callan Hughes (father, Daniel Hughes ’87; mother, Diana Alley Hughes ’87; cousin, Pat Brennan ’85); John Hartnett (father, John Hartnett Jr. ’80), Jordan Finke (sister, Jessica Finke Phifer ’09; brother, Josh Finke ’06), Nicholas Walters (mother, Rhonda Andrews Walters ’89; brother, Andrew Walters ’15) and Ethan Kegley (grandfather, William G. Bridges ’54).
Service is key part of orientation

New student orientation included a tradition that began 11 years ago. During their first full day on campus, incoming students were placed in small groups with faculty or staff members and upper-class student leaders, whom they partnered with for FOCUS Day.

FOCUS stands for Franklin Offering the Community Unselfish Service and is a program that introduces the college mission of preparing students for lives of excellence, leadership and service. According to Doug Grant, the college’s service-learning coordinator, other goals of the FOCUS Day program include making a significant difference to nonprofits across Johnson County and helping incoming students develop lasting friendships and connections through meaningful service.

Here’s how FOCUS Day worked: Approximately 400 Franklin College participants walked or were transported to one of 26 nonprofits throughout the Johnson County community, where they performed a variety of service projects over the course of several hours. When the work was completed, faculty, staff and upper-class students led their respective groups in reflective discussions.

When asked what the best part of their day was, a sampling of student responses on a FOCUS Day survey included the following:
- “Getting out of my comfort zone, meeting new people and making a difference.”
- “Spending time laughing with my group while we worked.”
- “The aftermath, when we stepped back and really took in all the hard work we had done.”

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“By showing them the value of service to the community their very first day on campus, FOCUS will hopefully provide a small step toward not only four years, but a lifetime of civic engagement.”

Grant added, “Without the generous support of the Vectren Foundation, this wonderful day of service would not have been possible. The three-year pledge by Vectren to the FOCUS Day program has enabled the program’s continued growth.”

Service work highlights end of summer

Before the start of the busy academic year, campus minister David Weatherspoon led a group of 14 students and young alumni to New Orleans to participate in the ongoing Katrina Relief effort. The group scraped and painted and removed debris from homes still devastated from the storm. The group even helped one woman move back into her home for the first time since Katrina hit six years ago.

The Katrina relief trip, July 30 – Aug. 6, was coordinated and sponsored in part by the American Baptist Association of Colleges and Universities; Franklin was one of nine affiliated colleges and universities that collaborated during the week of service.

“Survivors of Katrina offered great hospitality to all of the volunteers, and they shared a wealth of information about a variety of justice issues such as education, healthcare and other basic needs that are lacking in the areas of New Orleans most devastated,” said Weatherspoon.

The mission opportunities in which Franklin College participates are both educational and service-oriented. Continually, these experiences become transformational benchmarks in the lives of the students who participate.

One participant, Dion Johnson ’14, commented, “It was beautiful to have people from all over the country come together like a family to help our brothers and sisters in need.”

Franklin College has coordinated several previous hurricane relief trips to New Orleans, giving students an alternative spring break option and the chance to engage in service.
College’s service efforts applauded fourth time

The Corporation for National and Community Service announced its annual Honor Roll award recipients in May, recognizing more than 600 colleges and universities for exemplary, innovative and effective community service programs. Franklin College was recognized “with distinction” for the fourth consecutive year and was notably Indiana’s only independent college to receive the special designation.

The Corporation for National and Community Service oversees the annual Honor Roll in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Education, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Campus Compact and the American Council on Education. Honorees are chosen based on a series of selection factors, including scope and innovation of service projects, percentage of student participation in service activities, incentives for service and extent to which the school offers academic service-learning courses.

“Community service is part of our educational mission for all students,” said Franklin College President Jay Moseley. “We want every student to experience the joy that comes when learning and expertise are invested in improving the lives of others. That moment of recognition is a spark that ignites or re-ignites the flame of learning within, the epiphany when education begins to generate existential value and one’s life, in the broadest sense, becomes significant.”

Students give greening report during energy summit

Franklin College was one of three higher-learning institutions selected to participate in the third annual Lugar Collegiate Energy Summit on Sept. 16 at the Indianapolis Museum of Art. The summit series, named after U.S. Sen. Richard G. Lugar, was created to engage, encourage and motivate student leaders to focus on America’s energy security.

**Lydia Robertson ’12, Marianne Tolmachoff ’12 and Kathy Walke ’12,** members of the college EARTH Club, presented information about several of the institution’s sustainability initiatives, including adopting trayless dining in the student cafeteria to help reduce water usage, recycling used cooking oil to produce biodiesel fuel, conducting peak demand analyses to monitor campus energy usage, conducting a variety of campus recycling programs — ranging from paper and cans to electronics and batteries — and installing energy-efficient lighting across campus.

In addition to sharing pride in their college, Franklin students learned ways to change their campus and community, networked with business and government organization leaders and gained real-world professional experience as conference presenters. The energy summit aligned well with the college EARTH Club’s mission to promote an appreciation for the environment and the diversity of plant and animal life through outdoor and community activities.

The green concept has rooted and grown tremendously at Franklin College in recent years and is integrated into a variety of courses as well as implemented by the institution. In 2007, the college entered into the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment, a promise to reduce the campus’ carbon footprint. In 2009, Franklin received the Indiana Governor’s Award for Environmental Excellence as the result of a campus composting program.

The college estimates conserving approximately 1 million gallons of water for the second consecutive year by eliminating tray-service from the student dining hall in 2010-11. In addition, bicycle transportation has continued to grow in popularity among the campus community, giving the college cause to install two parking corrals. These locally manufactured corrals accommodate 70 bicycles and occasionally mopeds.

Marianne Tolmachoff ’12 presents U.S. Sen. Richard G. Lugar with the gift of a Franklin College EARTH Club T-shirt. She was one of three students who represented the college at a recent energy summit named in tribute to Lugar.
Program helps families, students prepare for college firsts

For the second consecutive year, Franklin College is offering a preparatory program for first-generation students and their families. Programming is aimed at helping students and their families better understand and cope with the financial, academic and social demands of pursuing a college degree. With the barriers to understanding removed, student success and retention can be greatly improved, explained David Brailow, vice president for academic affairs.

“First-generation students and families can sometimes find it difficult to become fully engaged in the college experience,” said Brailow. “One of the ways we’re looking to help through this program is by pairing students with a mentor who can help them bridge from high school to their college careers. Another is by providing families with information and resources that can help address the range of feelings and questions they might have. We want them to feel comfortable being part of the Franklin family and confident about their college choice.”

A grant from the Council of Independent Colleges and the Walmart Foundation funded last year’s “Franklin First Scholars, First Families” pilot program. Another grant from the Association of American Colleges and Universities paid for the college to contract with an external research agency to survey the 25 participants before and after their experience.

“The research was designed to help us understand how service-learning, when implemented in an intensive format and carefully integrated with course content and reflection practices, affected student engagement, well-being and success,” said Brailow.

Last year’s data indicate some positive results, including a retention rate for Franklin First Scholars that was 84 percent as opposed to 77 percent overall for the class. In addition, data collected through a student survey at the beginning of the program and revisited at the end showed increases in student satisfaction with the campus culture, specifically in the area of meaningful relationships.

“It’s too early to discuss all the ways in which the data from this program will be used by the institution, but the initial grant is enabling us to collect data from participants again this year,” said Brailow.

“With Franklin’s tradition of serving first-generation college families and a consistent new student enrollment of one-third first-generation students, we believe this program can have a significant impact on Franklin’s future and perhaps serve as a model for similar institutions.”

Mentor paired with two first-generation scholars

Even as the full-time manager of business operations for Franklin College, Brad Jones ’88, a husband, father of two and competitive softball player, has somehow found time to mentor not one, but two Franklin First Scholars.

Jones cites having a job on campus as one reason it has been easy connecting with Joe Abplanalp ’15 and Jeremy Reed ’15. Jones maintains an open door policy with his mentees and encourages them to visit his office whenever they have a question or need pointed in the right direction. Abplanalp appreciates having Jones nearby.

“If my classes get out early, I stop by and talk with Brad. He is very laid back and easy to get along with. From our talks, I found out we have a lot in common,” said Abplanalp.

One topic the men have plenty to talk about is philosophy, specifically the courses taught by professor David Chandler.

“I told Joe that Chandler’s courses are tough, but he is an incredible teacher who taught me a lot. I even signed up for more of Chandler’s courses after my intro class,” said Jones. Abplanalp said Jones’s stories about his college experiences have been a helpful reminder that every student encounters some challenges.

Jeremy Reed ‘15 agrees.

“I tell Brad what bothers me in classes, and he makes suggestions. He asks me what I’m interested in and makes me feel like I’m part of the FC family. He is always there somehow, and I’ve never even been to his office! He takes time for me if I see him in the cafeteria or outside.”

Both Franklin First Scholars agree their alumni mentor is a valuable resource and someone they feel lucky to be paired with. Jones said the feeling is mutual.

“This is my first year of mentoring, and I’ve really enjoyed getting to know the students, hearing their stories and helping them get started on the right foot,” said Jones. “I know from my own student experience that it’s important to feel like you have someone, who isn’t necessarily an academic adviser or coach, that you can go to for advice. I’m happy I can be that person and help make the students’ experiences good ones. Plus, being a mentor is a great way to give back to the college.”
Academy helps build strong leaders

By Natalie Owens ’14
Pulliam Fellow

The Leadership Academy, co-taught by Director of Leadership Development Bonnie Pribush and Director of Student Activities Keri Ellington, is a new program offered this year. It’s a voluntary course with credit awarded to those who fulfill all the requirements.

“The Leadership Academy provides participants the opportunity to learn with other campus leaders and gain knowledge and experiences that will enhance their leadership abilities as well as improve their organization,” said Ellington.

This past summer Pribush and Ellington sent course information to approximately 60 leaders of student organizations and invited them to apply.

“To apply, students had to submit a list of involvements and an essay telling why they should be selected,” Ellington said.

Based upon the application and essay, 18 students were selected for the leadership-building program.

“We specifically wanted people in positions of power and influence in organizations, like presidents and treasurers” said Pribush. “We want to provide support and information for people in these positions.”

Emphasis is on sharing of information and experiences so that students can swap best practices, mentor each other and improve the overall leadership of their organization as well as their personal skills.

The students meet once a month on a Wednesday night with Pribush and Ellington for about an hour and a half in the Henderson Room in the Johnson Center for Fine Arts. They are also required to attend relevant campus workshops and lectures. During the academy, students often engage in small-group work or impromptu activities that encourage fast thinking and flexibility under pressure.

One participant, Blake Christy ’14, sees the Leadership Academy as a privilege.

“Being only a sophomore, I wondered if I had truly done enough to get noticed on campus. It was flattering and made me realize how much responsibility I have,” he said.

Christy is the recruitment chairman and house director of Phi Delta Theta fraternity, Student Congress judicial board chairman and treasurer of the Chemistry and Chess clubs. He said the Leadership Academy has already been beneficial to him and has provided him with tools to be successful.

“We hope the academy will give the students an opportunity to think carefully about this opportunity and what they’re doing,” said Pribush. “It’s easy to be busy and not reflect on these things. This is an intentional effort to give students time and information to connect with what they’re doing.”

Second grant extends military outreach program

For the second year, Franklin College has received a grant through the Operation Diploma initiative of the Military Family Research Institute at Purdue University. The $39,000 grant is funding outreach and support for the college’s student service members, veterans and their families. The grant is more than three times the amount the college received last year.

Shelley MacDermid Wadsworth, a professor of child development and family studies at Purdue University and director of MFRI, said studies have shown that students who have served or are currently serving in the military often feel frustrated, alone and misunderstood when they arrive on campus. The Operation Diploma grants help promote academic success by tearing down barriers to higher education for this special group of students.

Becky (Rominger) Roberts ’05, a Franklin College counselor, is the Operation Diploma director and oversees the Student-Veteran Support Team, which consists of 11 other college staff members. The team has attended several specialized training seminars to aid in the development of programs and policies to boost academic success of student service members and veterans.

Created in 2008 with a $5.8 million grant from Lilly Endowment Inc., Operation Diploma focuses on raising awareness and engaging Indiana’s postsecondary institutions in creating supportive services and policies for student military service members and veterans. Since 2009, Operation Diploma has awarded more than $2.4 million to Indiana colleges and universities, which have used the funds to produce more effective and supportive services for students.
Monks from the Labrang Tashi Kyil Monastery, one of the world’s six main centers of Tibetan Buddhist learning, visited Franklin College for four days while touring the United States on a goodwill mission to spread information about their culture and teachings on compassion.

“To understand each other, we need to have more dialogue with each other. That’s the way to world peace,” said Arjia Rinpoche, director of the Tibetan Mongolian Buddhist Cultural Center in Bloomington, Ind. The center coordinated the monks’ visit to Franklin.

The highlight of the monks’ visit was their creation of a sacred art form called a sand mandala (circle). The sand mandala is a mosaic of geometric shapes and ancient spiritual symbols that are used as a tool to reconsecrate the earth and its inhabitants. The monks began the mandala by drawing a pattern on a wooden plank they placed on the floor. Then, they spent several hours daily crouched over the mandala, filling all the shapes with colored sand grains.

Traditionally, monks destroy each mandala shortly after completion, an act symbolizing the impermanence of life. During the customary deconstruction ceremony the monks present a portion of the sand to their hosts, and the remaining portion is deposited in a nearby body of water. According to Buddhist beliefs, the water carries the healing blessing to the ocean, and then it spreads throughout the world for planetary healing.

In a rare deviation from tradition, the Labrang Tashi Kyil monks opted to keep their mandala intact and gift it to the college. Their reasoning, said Rinpoche, was to help sustain the harmony they observed in the campus community. He added that the monks were moved by the level of gratitude expressed daily during their creative endeavor. A publicist for the monks said the last time a mandala was saved from deconstruction in the United States was 2010, when one was presented to the Dalai Lama.
Since the gift presentation, the college has coated the mandala with a special hardening gel to preserve the design. The mandala also is encased in glass, ensuring that future generations can enjoy its beauty and significance.

“The gift that's been given to us has been overwhelming,” said campus minister David Weatherspoon. “The form of beauty in this artwork is great, but it's the beauty in the form of a life well lived that is more valuable.”

Drew Mason '14 added, “Sometimes, we feel like we need to segregate ourselves from other religions. But a really cool part of this is learning about these other faiths and taking what we've learned back to our Christian roots.”

1. During a closing ceremony, the monks presented Tibetan prayer scarves, called khatas, to several college representatives, including President Jay Moseley. The scarves usually have religious symbols or mantras woven into the fabric and are given to symbolize love and respect.
2. These metal funnels are called chak-pur. Monks hold a chak-pur in one hand, while running a metal rod on its grated surface; the vibration causes the colored sand grains to flow like liquid onto the geometric pattern of the mandala.
3. After the monks completed the mandala on the fourth day of work, they went about lifting it from the floor to a wooden pedestal. The monks constructed the entire mandala seated on the floor. The low, flat surface allowed multiple monks to work simultaneously, starting from the design center, moving outward.
4. Tibetan temple music is renowned for its two forms of multiphonics singing known as jok-kay (low tone) and bar-da (high tone). In both forms, the designated chant-masters simultaneously croon three notes, creating a complete chord. The chord is accomplished by means of learning to control the muscles of the vocal cavity and then re-shaping it while singing, transforming the body into an overtone amplifier. Here the chant-master (third from left) leads the monks during the closing ceremony.
5. This mandala illustrates “The Four Harmonious Friends,” a parable about interdependence. According to the tale, an elephant, rabbit, monkey and partridge disputed ownership of a tree where all of them had fed. They achieved harmony by working cooperatively, and with their combined strength each one benefited and no one went hungry.
From flowers and balloons to bead necklaces and sweatshirts, Franklin blue and gold dotted the campus during Homecoming activities, Oct. 13–15. Approximately 2,000 spirited alumni and friends gathered for favorite traditions, including recognition dinners, reunions, golf outings and football, but this year’s Homecoming also had some twists.

New special events included the dedication of Grizzly Park athletics complex, an art exhibit of works by students and professors, a preview concert by student choir ensembles, first-time reunions for several affinity groups, a video-recorded story swap for the college archives and men’s and women’s soccer matches. Two teams prevailed, with the football team rolling over Manchester 27–14, and the men’s soccer team beating Bluffton 2–0. Whether it was your first Homecoming or your 50th, we’re so glad you were “home” with your Franklin family. Here’s a glimpse of your activities . . .

1. During Homecoming, several alumni got involved with the college’s oral history project, voluntarily sharing their stories about favorite college professors, clubs and traditions. Here, Seth Rainwater, videographer for Carpe Diem productions, makes final equipment adjustments prior to recording an interview with Kay (Smith ey) Findley ’61. Future college publications will share how you can view the interviews.

2. Members of the Class of ’61 attending the Old Gold Luncheon in row one are: Charlotte (Newby) Thurston, Claudia (Danson) Taylor, Janet (Patton) Bishop and Nadine (Dellekamp) Shelpler. In row two are: Barbara (Falter) Wooldridge, Marilyn (McMillan) Bryant, Georgianna (Thomas) Garloch, Joanne (Strietelmeier) Daniel, Donna (Calvin) Browne and Christina (Sigmund) Siefker. In the third row are: Ruth (Dice) Hiland, Joyce (Spencer) Gill, Jan (Johnson) Spencer, Sonnie (Hon) Perkins, Johnnie Marie (Graham) Foster, Kay (Smith ey) Findley, Wally (Meredith) Wake and Louise (Boyer) Beaman. In row four are: Bill Brown, Dan Maddock, Max Gill, Bob Malinka, Marvin Shepler, Bill Slayback and Wayne Daugherty.

3. The John Dame Society recognizes those who graduated 50 or more years ago. Society members attending the Old Gold Luncheon in row one are: Charlotte (Newby) Thurston ’61, Claudia (Danson) Taylor ’61, Janet (Patton) Bishop ’61 and Nadine (Dellekamp) Shelpler ’61. In row two are: Barbara (Falter) Wooldridge ’61, Marilyn (McMillan) Bryant ’61, Georgianna (Thomas) Garloch ’61, Joanne (Strietelmeier) Daniel ’61, Donna (Calvin) Browne ’61 and Christina (Sigmund) Siefker ’61. In the third row are: Donna (Myers) Minnick ’60, Wanda (Parsley) Bunge ’60, Ruth (Dice) Hiland ’61, Jan (Johnson) Spencer ’61, Sonnie (Hon) Perkins ’61, Johnnie Marie (Graham) Foster ’61, Dewey Findley ’54, Kay (Smith ey) Findley ’61, Louise (Boyer) Beaman ’61, Bill Scheele ’56 and Joella (Boyer) Patterson ’59. In row four are: Joyce (Spencer) Gill ’61, Bill Brown ’61, Dan Maddock ’61, Max Gill ’61, Wally (Meredith) Wake ’61, Bob Malinka ’61, Marvin Beamer ’58, Marvin Shepler ’61 and Tom Cummings ’60.
4. Cluster reunion attendees in row one are: Donna Myers Minnick ’60, Annette (Dellekamp) Boyle ’60, Sonnie (Hon) Perkins ’61, Grace (Angel) Marion ’61, Louise (Boyer) Beaman ’61, Phyllis (Beaman) Baker ’60, Lynda (Freeman) Humphrey ’60, Wanda (Parsley) Bunge ’60 and Myrna (Miller) Sausser ’63. In row two are: Barbara (Schaefer) Doles ’56, Bob Doles ’57, Helen (List) Crawford ’61, Georgianna (Thomas) Garloch ’61, Ruth (Dice) Hiland ’61, Deanna (Tanselle) Baker ’62, Kay (Smitley) Findley ’61, Johnnie Marie (Graham) Foster ’61, Dewey Findley ’54 and Janet (Patton) Bishop ’61. In row three are: Betty (Chastain) Wonn ’60, Joyce (Spencer) Gill ’61, Jean (Ash) Porter ’60, Sandra (Mock) Napolitan ’60, Jerrie (Henry) Suckow ’59, Joanne (Strietelmeier) Daniel ’61, Sally (Thiesing) Earl ’62, Betty (Kidder) Bonham ’61, Wally (Meredith) Wake ’61 and Patty (Hendricks) DeLawter ’63. In row four are: Breck Marion ’61, Max Gill ’61, George Anderson ’59, Barbara (Gamble) Anderson ’60, Steve Suckow ’60, Claudia (Danson) Taylor ’61, Wally Bonham ’60 and J.R. Bishop ’60. In row five are: Tom Schuemann ’63, Dan Maddock ’61, Bill Brown ’61, Tom Cummings ’60, Marvin Beaman ’58, Dudley Daniel (spouse of Joanne Strietelmeier Daniel) and Ray Spencer ’57.

1. Class of ’71 reunion attendees in row one are: Nancy (Martin) Sigler, Sally (Fischer) Ahrens, Bob Fersch, Lois (Smith) Engebretson, Beth (Campbell) Pyle and Linda (Barteck) Unsworth. In row two are: Joyce (Byer) Shook, Vicki (Fulmer) McComb, Carl Ahrens, Sandi (Wulfhorst) Zets and Ernie Richmann. In row three are: Bob Shook, Don McComb, David Musgrave and Bill Unsworth.

2. Krystel Sloan ’14, Brittany Wehmiller ’13 and Rose Larsen ’14 show their Grizzly pride by donning blue and gold from head to toe.

3. Class of ’66 reunion attendees in row one are: Gay (Wiley) Shook and Susan (Owens) Douglas. In row two are: Charles Bentz, Don Gray, Doug Fulmer, Deb (Brooke) Schuemann and Carol (Stark) Bales.


5. Martin Chastain ’13 lets his nephew, Thaddeus Deitrich, try on his helmet for size. Perhaps there’s a future Grizzly in the making!
6. Homecoming queen Audi Chastain '12 and king Jack Messer '13 are crowned during halftime of the football game.

7. Members of the Homecoming court in row one are: Kati Graber '13, Steffane Christian '12, Katie Prather '13 and Audi Chastain '12. In row two are: Jack Messer '13, Amy Fox '12, Laura Burpo '12, Wes Porter '12 and Joe Hall '12.

8. The 2011 inductees honored at the Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner are: Timothy M. Dant '81, a former captain of the Grizzlies’ wrestling team and a National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) District 21 tournament champion; Daniel C. Helm '75 a posthumous inductee, who was a two-time MVP Grizzlies’ basketball player and a standout professional basketball player in the Belgium league. (Pictured is his father, the Rev. William J. Helm, a 1980 Franklin College honorary degree recipient, who accepted the award in his memory); and Kimberly S. Sheldon '89, who helped lead the Grizzlies’ 1986 volleyball team to the national tournament and is still ranked first at 18.6 in scoring average among all-time women’s basketball players at Franklin.

9. Class of ’81 reunion attendees are: Kelli (DeMott) Park, Timothy M. Dant and Hank Mueller. In row two are: Jeff Madsen, Carmen (Collier) Madsen, Nadine (Poland) Melind, M. Colleen (Sexton) Lahr and Donald Martin.
1. Class of ’96 reunion attendees in row one are: Jessica (Lillpop) Mahoney, Lisa (White) Nobbe, Jane Mitchell, Kelly (Smith) Fulford, Kevin Summers and Amy (Kean) VerSteeg. In row two are: Maleta (Fisher) Schmidt, April (Horton) Moss, Jennifer (Marshall) Donovan, Amy Lower, Erin Rosen and Dawn Courtney. In row three are: Missi Tinsley, Rebecca (Rude) Ogle, Jessica (Schroeder) Briscoe and Jason Fallon.

2. Class of ’91 reunion attendees are: Alice Rademacher, Cindy (Connelly) Baxter, Dawn (Calhoun) Holt, Laurie Malinka and Amy (Malinka) Mitchell. In row two are: Matt Hunt, Donald Burgener, Yolanda (Hattabaugh) Burgener and Joe VanSkyock.

3. Stefanie Davis ’06, Sara Papas ’06, Bryan Shaw, Gabby Kuholski ’07 and Amanda Callahan ’06 attend the first-ever reunion and cookout for alumni who majored or minored in Spanish. The gathering was held in the backyard at LaCasa, the Spanish-theme house for student residents.

4. The 2011 Alumni Council award winners honored at the Hail to Franklin Dinner are: Christopher A. Lynch ’94, a longtime volunteer coordinator of the Touchdown Club tailgate buffets that feed an average of 1,000 people per football game; Dr. Michael P. Flaherty ’94, a physician-scientist specializing in cardiovascular medicine at the University of Louisville’s Jewish Hospital; Dan Maddock ’61, a health care group administrator, instructor in forensic investigation and civic servant; and Bill Brown ’61, a Franklin College trustee, U.S. Navy veteran and retired general counsel, corporate secretary and senior management team member for American United Life Insurance.
5. Pi Beta Phi members show their spirit during the Homecoming pep rally in Spurlock Center. Included are: Natalie Predan ’13, Courtney Cieslak ’14, Ali Norton ’15, Jessica Darmelio ’13, Hope Seibert ’14, Stephanie Beasley ’13, Hannah Dossett ’13, Kori Steer ’13, Jordanne Devney ’14 and Allison Smith ’13, Thereasa Stoakes ’14, Tricia Foster ’15 and Paige Bobles ’13. Dressed as the fairy is Erin Fisher ’13.

6. Class of ’86 reunion attendees in row one are: Betsy (May) Brockett, Tina (Smith) Harmeyer, Susan (Irwin) Brown, Kelli (Van Valer) Stropes, Debbie (Hill) Davis and Wendy (Shuler) Hagn. In row two are: Andy Seward, Andrew Stoner, Bob Bultman, Michael Daniels, Mary Kopil and Kristy Brown.

7. The President’s Alumni and Friends Reception is a Homecoming tradition, held on Friday night, prior to the Hail to Franklin Dinner. Gathered here are President Jay Moseley, Elaine (Harrison) Marston ’52, Ted Marston ’51 and Candace Moseley.
1. Class of ‘06 reunion attendees in row one are: Renee Kean, Katie (Zbrowski) Schindler, Jodi (Rodriguez) Alexander, Lynsie Morgan, Ricka (Goodwin) Cutter, Tosha (Moores) Stahly, Meghann Disch, Danielle (Gibbs) Kinnett, Heather Watson, Jennifer (Nebesny) Whitson, Jenny Johnson, Stacy (Roe) Roth and Amanda Callahan. In row two are: Abbie (Watkins) Covington, Angie (Rayphole) Chastain, Sara Papas, Stefanie Davis, Jason Clagg, Nathan Aker, Clayton Darlage, Kassie (Swart) Coy, Amanda Thomas, Jessie Smith, Ali Wampler, Katie Flidderman, Elizabeth (Bennett) Schleicher, Erin (Bracht) Clark and Amy Gatewood. In row three are: Dan Shearin, Nate Roberts, Devin Lipinski, Brandon McWhorter, Shawn Murphy, Nick Kane, Bryston Cutter, Holly Wehr and Jeremy Votaw.

2. Class of ‘01 reunion attendees include: Philip Butler, Jeffrey S. Arthur, Andrea (Lippens) Teevan, Lisa (Harman) Hogan, Stephanie (Caudell) Oliver, Carrie (Helmich) Schroeder and Laura (Farner) Bridges. In row two are: Susannah (Bridges) Hallgarth, Jody (Bean) Lee, Kat (Allen) Meyer, Melissa (Bowles) Huckaby, Kristy (King) Bechert, Dande (Ward) Cornn and Gretchen Lantz. In row three are: Patty Kuehner, Katie (Mount) Brandelini, Jack Waggoner, Valerie (Little) Benjamin, Laura (Waisner) Alsop, Sarah (Willis) Shroyer and Emily (Hedrick) Biehn.

3. Attendees at the first-ever reception for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered alumni and friends include (kneeling) Steve Polston ’87, Andrew Stoner ’86, Mike Pecen ’94, Nick Kerr ’08 and Megan McCain ’08. Standing are John R. Shafer (college director of counseling services), Jon Dunham (college systems administrator), Michael Schrettenbrunner, Tony Newlin, Mike Daniels ’86, Sal Risinger ’78, Deb Risinger, Candace Moseley (spouse of Jay), Jason Fallon ’96, Jay Moseley (college president) and Joe McGuiness ’00.

4. Amanda (Personett) Shelley ’07, an Alumni Council member, visits the campus bookstore to have David Carlson, professor of religious studies, sign a copy of his new book, Peace Be with You: Monastic Wisdom for a Terror-Filled World.
5. The Franklin College show choir made its debut performance during Homecoming weekend. Pictured in row one are: Mollie Clark ’15, Rachel McCreedy ’13, Keri Walden ’14, Rebecca Bonomini ’15, Chelsie Davis ’14 and Shelby Gentry ’14. In row two are: Whitney Taylor ’15, Kris Lewis ’15 and Melanie Overfield ’13. In row three are: Ross Plotkin ’14, Drew Mason ’14, Danny Thurston ’14, Jesse Hamilton ’15 and Sam West ’12.

6. Sarah Gerkin ’13, Brooke Burton ’12 and Katlyn Kling ’12 form a pyramid as the cheerleaders provide a stable base during the pep rally.

7. Photo booths located around the perimeter of the football field provided the chance to use props and pose for free souvenir pictures. Here, Katie Adams ’14 and Allison Larsen ’14 ham it up!
A walk in the park

Dedication of the Grizzly Park athletics complex on Oct. 15 made this year’s Homecoming weekend one for the college history books. In just 24 months, the college developed the park on 78 acres east of the main campus, upgrading and adding amenities designed to encourage health and wellness in the campus community and Johnson County. A sound mind in a sound body is the underlying liberal arts philosophy with which Franklin College always has operated; Grizzly Park elevates the standard.

The $5.8 million complex, funded entirely through private donations to the current Future Unfolds campaign, has many features named in recognition of alumni and special friends of the college. The main features of Grizzly Park include the H. Dean Evans Track and Field Complex named in memory of Evans ’52; the Behrens Softball Field named in memory of Effie Behrens, a college trustee and 2005 honorary degree recipient who was deeply involved in helping the college remain connected to its American Baptist heritage; and a 10-court tennis complex with four lighted playing areas.

Other amenities in the complex include practice fields for intramurals, youth athletics camps and team practices as well as a 1.5 mile fitness trail for walking, jogging and biking, a hospitality pavilion for award ceremonies, concerts and picnics and extensive green space where students can study and conduct research on plants and wildlife.

During the dedication ceremony, student-athletes, alumni and coaches shared perspectives on Grizzly Park’s significance, encouraging guests to tour the complex and also return for future events. A symbolic ribbon cutting, led by Trustee Margot Lacy Eccles, who gave Grizzly Park its name, concluded dedication of the venue. Plan soon to visit Grizzly Park and see how the college is serving as a strong and active partner in the quality of life for students and residents of Johnson County.
1. Student-athlete Georard Mitchell ’13 tells about the impact the new track and field complex is making in students’ lives.

2. Vera (Pacala) Evans ’54 stands with her sons, Mike, David and Greg ’79, in front of the track and field complex named in memory of their father, H. Dean Evans ’52.

3. Trustee Jim Hoover poses in front of the new tennis complex with honorary Trustee John Grimmer and his wife, Barbara. The men issued a dollar-matching challenge to ensure success of the tennis project fundraising campaign.

4. Cutting the Grizzly Park dedication ribbon are Franklin College President Jay Moseley and Trustee Margot Lacy Eccles. Joining them are Student Congress President Tess Gentile ’13, student-athlete Georard Mitchell ’13, student-athlete Ashley Burton ’12, Trustee Jim Hoover, Director of Athletics Kerry Prather, Eccles’ daughter M.E. Eccles, Board of Trustees Chair Susan (Johnson) Devoss ’65 and Student Congress officer Joe Hall ’12.

5. Franklin College President Jay Moseley welcomes guests to the Grizzly Park hospitality pavilion, made possible by honorary trustee Robert A. Johnson ’40, in honor of his parents, Ralph W. ’11 and Inez Johnson.

6. A bronze sculpture of bear cubs named Ruff and Tuff is located at the west entrance to Grizzly Park. The sculpture was a gift from Trustee Margot Lacy Eccles, who with generous financial support gave Grizzly Park its name. Posing with the sculpture during a tour of the park are Cheryl Calhoun (Dawn’s mother), Dawn (Calhoun) Holt ’91, Dana (Engleman) Kean ’95 and Amy Belisle ’98.

7. The softball complex fundraising committee included Trustee Christi Fields ’74, Board of Trustees Chair Susan Johnson DeVoss ’65, honorary chair and former Franklin College women’s athletics coach Ruth (Doub) Callon ’52 and pioneering women’s athletics administrator and accomplished coach Jane Betts ’62.

8. This aerial view gives a glimpse of Grizzly Park and its main venues for track and field, tennis, softball and baseball.

PHOTOS BY RENEE KEAN ’06
On a cool autumn day, a Franklin College student dodges raindrops as she hurries across campus, taking a shortcut through the manicured front lawn of the home belonging to Franklin College President Jay Moseley and his wife, Candace.

It’s a scene that’s repeated most days during the school year. You’ll see no fences on this property, no “Keep off the grass” signs or stern looks out front windows. In fact, the couple couldn’t be happier to share their space.

“We’re right in the midst of campus,” Candace said. “We have students living just south of us. And they know it’s OK to walk on our lawn because we’re neighbors. You’ll see a lot of activity out there.”

Creating and fostering that warm sense of welcome was key to the Moseleys when they moved into the 4,000-square-foot home almost nine years ago, after spending 11 years in Lexington, Ky. With approximately 1,000 students on a 187-acre campus, Franklin College offered a small-town feel, complete with a “know-your-neighbors” sense of community, that appealed to the couple.

“I think it’s good for the kids to see the president walking to work down the mall, and I’m sure they see us when we reach out to get our newspaper in the morning,” Candace said, laughing. “I think that that’s good for everybody.”

“College life has been our life,” Jay added. “The two are indistinguishable in some ways.”

The Franklin residence was built in 1976 specifically to house the college president. In 1990, the home underwent
a 1,900-square-foot expansion to better facilitate academic and social events with faculty, staff, students and alumni. The kitchen and dining room received more square footage to allow for catering and serving of meals, a guest area and outdoor patio were added, and the home was made accessible both inside and out.

Officially designated as the President’s Home and Reception Center, the house serves a dual role. It’s, of course, a private residence, with four bedrooms and two bathrooms on the second floor and a full finished basement (where the Moseleys’ two cats have their own quarters). But its main floor must provide both personal space for the couple and a public gathering spot for as many as 200 guests.

When the Moseleys moved in, the first floor was already furnished with items owned by the college. So they faced a challenge: Incorporating their belongings with those already in place and creating a home in which they and their guests felt at ease.

They started with the home’s exterior, painting doors red and shutters and outside trim in three soft shades: rose, “petal blue” and celadon.

“A president’s house can seem foreboding or like a place set apart,” Candace said, “and we want the opposite. We want to seem very open and friendly and be a place where people feel comfortable coming.”

Inside, they chose coordinating woodwork colors — from the living room’s fireplace mantel to the kitchen cabinets — in all main floor rooms, using the same shade as the crown molding in their former Lexington home.

“It all worked together,” Candace says. “It made it seem more like our home, but it also worked perfectly (with the President’s Home).”

Last summer, they installed hardwood floors in the library, living room and family room, replacing two-decades-old carpeting. The new floors match the home’s existing oak floors in the entry, dining room and kitchen, with a special touch: a transitional border of maple, walnut and Brazilian cherry between the old and new flooring.

Every room on the main floor flows into the next — key, the Moseleys say, to...
comfortably accommodating larger groups. From the spacious entry hall, visitors can have their coats stored in the adjacent library, where coat closets hide behind the burnished wood paneling. They can then choose to enter the living room to the left or head down the hall to the kitchen and dining room; between those three spots awaits the east-facing garden room, with a wall of windows overlooking the college’s new 83-acre athletics complex.

Outside that room, the living space extends to a patio perfect for hosting warm-weather gatherings. Once surrounded by a brick wall that the Moseleys felt gave off a “bleak” feel, it recently received a mini-makeover with a more open, and thus more welcoming, railing.

“It looked a little bit like a fort out there with the brick wall,” Candace says. “So we got rid of the fort look, we think.”

Back inside, the living room provides the first glimpse of the Moseleys’ ability to incorporate their personal history into the home while maintaining that of Franklin College. A table from the college is flanked by chairs from Candace’s family. The couple decided to let the home’s existing college-owned grand piano take up residence in the school music department and installed their own, special because their two children, now grown, learned to play on that instrument. Above the piano hangs a portrait of Candace’s grandmother, herself a pianist.

“We always have her picture by the piano,” Candace explains. “When the children would practice and do something very nice on the piano when they were little, we would say, ‘Grandmother is smiling.’”

Today, the piano often is played by Franklin College students at receptions and other events hosted by the Moseleys. Also in the living room, Candace displays one of her favorite pieces: a delicate multilevel, glass-enclosed, bowed-front storage cabinet that belonged to her great-grandmother.

“It’s moved all over the place — we’ve moved it, my mother moved it, my grandmother moved it. I think it’s got a guardian angel over it,” Candace says. “I don’t know that it’s a valuable piece, but it has a lot of sentimental value.”

Tucked behind the living room is a casual family room, where more college furnishings reside, including two chairs with a needlework-style fabric. Above them hangs an actual needlepoint from Candace’s family.

The garden room — perhaps her favorite in the home — takes on a Native American theme, thanks to a collection of pottery, baskets and weavings thoughtfully selected in Arizona by the late Joyce Tull Hutcheon ’36, a college trustee who donated them to the home. Around a glass table sit chairs with needlepoint designs that match motifs in the donated pottery; Hutcheon crafted one of them.

One wall of the garden room displays a mural painted by another college alumna, Kelli (DeMott) Park ’81. The design depicts the iconic Wellhouse found on the western end of the college’s open mall area.

“Years and years ago, there was a saying that you weren’t really a Franklin woman until you’d been kissed at midnight in the Wellhouse,” Candace says.

Park’s mural replaced one originally painted by alumna Karen (Sturdy) Yarnall ’74; that mural, also of the Wellhouse, had to be removed during the 1990 renovation.

Guests can stroll from the garden room into the adjacent large formal dining room, anchored by a table that can seat 20 when all leaves are used; it once belonged to the mother of college trustee Jim Hoover. Above the table, a domed space curves upward, housing a chandelier. Underfoot lies an antique Oriental rug, a gift by trustee Margot Lacy Eccles.

On top of the table rests a rose medallion bowl belonging to the Moseleys. The delicate piece, Candace notes, has led “a charmed life.” Jay once traveled via airplane with it firmly held in his lap to keep it safe in transit.

The nearby kitchen is a popular gathering spot for both family and college guests, with an expansive island perfect for laying out a casual spread of food — or for the Moseleys’ three grandchildren to spread out games and toys. It is here that freshmen students gather for a “welcome to campus” event at the beginning of each school year, making their own ice cream sundaes from a generously stocked buffet before heading outside to the flower-and-plant-lined patio for music and games.

“That’s something you don’t have the opportunity to do at every college,” Candace said. “Only a small college like Franklin can give the president that opportunity to give the students . . . They come in their shorts and T-shirts, and it really is very informal. Ice cream puts
everybody at ease . . . The setting makes everybody comfortable."

The 1990 renovation included the addition of workhorse kitchen appliances such as a six-burner Viking stove and a spacious refrigerator. Nearby, a separate and smaller catering kitchen provides an area for unloading food, a heavy-duty dishwasher, an ice machine, a plate warmer and other supporting players that help the Moseleys host a large group.

"It’s more than what you would need for a family, unless you’re a serious, serious cook on your own,” Candace says about what she calls the “workable” kitchen. "But for what happens in this house, it’s really great."

It would seem that the Moseleys’ guests agree. In addition to the annual ice cream social, the couple host pizza dinners for the Student Foundation, student government events, a fall party for faculty and staff, special speaker events — the list is seemingly endless.

“We love it at Homecoming,” Candace said, “when we have a reception, and we have current students and alums, some of them for their 50- and 60-year reunions, all scrunched in the house together. We really love that.”

But doesn’t it all get to be a little too, well, public? Absolutely not, the Moseleys stress.

“A college campus is a wonderful place to live,” Jay said. “People are so friendly here, and we both really love being on the campus — except when it’s empty. A college campus is very empty when it’s empty. It’s eerie.”

Candace added, “People think, ‘Oh, you must love all the peace and quiet (during school breaks).’ If we wanted peace and quiet, we wouldn’t live this life.”
Call for nominations

The Franklin College Board of Trustees Honorary Degrees Committee is seeking nominations for honorary degree recipients and speakers for the May 2013 baccalaureate and commencement ceremonies. It is tradition to award honorary degrees to the baccalaureate and commencement speakers and to a third person whom the college wishes to recognize.

Please keep in mind the purposes of awarding an honorary degree are to recognize great achievement and acknowledge great contributions to the college, and to bring honor and repute to the college. Nominees should be individuals recognized nationally and/or internationally for their significant contributions to a career field, society and/or humanity or be individuals with a connection to the college and who are widely recognized for significant contributions to a career field or society. Nominees need not possess an advanced degree, but achievements should be such as to be appropriately recognized with the highest honor the college can bestow. Intellectual and humanitarian achievements have the highest priority.

The college does not shy away from controversial figures, but persons speaking and receiving honorary degrees should exemplify the five values of the Franklin College mission. Current employees of the college are not eligible for honorary degrees under normal circumstances.

In nominating a candidate for an honorary degree and/or as commencement speaker, the nominator should make an effort to determine whether there is a strong likelihood that the person would accept if the offer were made. All nominees will be reviewed by the Honorary Degrees Committee.

Nominators should suggest possible avenues of approach for the nominees. If nominators know the person or know of connections to that person, that information should be included with the nomination. Please send letters of nomination to David Brailow, vice president for academic affairs, by Dec. 31, via e-mail at dbrailow@franklincollege.edu or by postal service in care of Franklin College, 101 Branigin Boulevard, Franklin, Indiana 46131.

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Errors and omissions

We regret and apologize for the following errors and omissions in the Franklin College Reporter summer issue:

- An article on the Men’s Chorus misidentified Jordan Doles ’13 as Tyler Schmidt ’13.
- An article on Harold Shymkus ’50 and Mary Beth (Newsom) ’53 included inaccurate class years.
Prof's art recognized with award of excellence

In the Heart of Darkness We Find the Truth, an acrylic and oil painting on panel, by assistant professor of art David Cunningham, was selected for the Award of Excellence in Honor of Eleanor Turner Wasmuth during the 67th Annual Wabash Valley Juried Exhibition.

The exhibition took place at the Swope Art Museum in Terre Haute, Ind., this summer. There were over 300 submissions for the show, and Cunningham was one of only eight artists recognized with an award.

“I entered this show as a way to market my work, to connect with other artists, to promote the college art department and most importantly to share my ideas and work with the public,” said Cunningham.

“The judging of the work is a way of getting feedback from other professionals outside of my circle of friends and colleagues. When recognized with an award it means that the juror connected with what I did in a meaningful way. It reassures me that the work I am making is doing what it is intended for — connecting with and moving others.”

Cunningham received his bachelor’s degree in fine arts from the University of Evansville and his master’s degree in fine arts from Indiana University. His compelling, realistic images have been included in solo and group exhibitions in galleries and museums throughout the United States such as the Water Tower in Louisville, Ky., and the Stage Gallery in Merrick, N.Y. In 2003, he received the Eli Lilly Award of Distinction in a show juried by curator Lawrence Rinder of the Whitney Museum. In 2010, he was honored with an award for his piece Meditation on the Infinite during the Contemporary Realism Biennial art show at northern Indiana’s Fort Wayne Museum of Art.

In addition to teaching painting and drawing courses, he offers courses in ceramics and in color and design; the latter focuses on the basics of composition in a collage medium.

To learn more about his work, please visit www.davidhcunningham.com.

Additional support needed to meet arts grant challenge

There’s never been a better time to support the arts and the creative people behind the arts at Franklin College!

If the college raises $50,000 by March 1, 2012, the Allen Whitehill Clowes Charitable Foundation will match the funds dollar for dollar. Following a successful fundraising campaign, Franklin College will direct the combined $100,000 to the Allen W. Clowes Visiting Artist Fund.

The fund will be used to endow a visiting artist program, enabling Franklin College to host an acclaimed regional artist in residence for four weeks while the artist teaches a specialty studio course for students. Additionally, the college will display samples of the artist’s work in the campus gallery and host a public lecture, where the artist will discuss his/her inspiration, technique and creative process.

The visiting artist program will put Franklin students into contact with art they would not otherwise experience and strengthen relationships between regional arts organizations and Franklin’s faculty members.

The proposed program honors the legacy of Allen Clowes, a longtime friend and donor to Franklin’s art program. He advocated fueling a student’s artistic creativity and intellectual curiosity through exposure and engagement with other artists. After receiving an honorary degree from Franklin in 1964, he was a periodic visitor, attended social functions and arranged for the display of artwork from his personal collection on campus. During his lifetime, he provided generous support for the college’s art department and, upon his death in 2000, he bequeathed the college an endowed fund to support promising art students who wanted to attend Franklin.

At the time of this magazine’s publication, the college had raised $20,000 toward the $50,000 goal. You can help Franklin College claim this $50,000 opportunity by supporting the matching-grant challenge and doubling the impact of your gift on the education and future of young artists. To learn more about this gift opportunity, please call the Office of Institutional Advancement at (317) 738-8040.
In the spirit of the liberal arts, Franklin College encourages students, faculty and staff to go, be and do as part of a healthy lifestyle. A campus Wellness Program, now in its second year, offers free lectures, workshops and activities to help individuals make changes and manage personal wellness factors, including body, mind, spirit and environment. One of the keys to wellness is balance, finding simple but meaningful ways to experience joy, engage fully with friends and family and serve our communities.

We recently asked some faculty and staff members to share examples of the activities, hobbies and interests that help them find balance and benefit from a purposeful life. We think you’ll be surprised by the breadth of experiences that enrich their lives and, in many instances, thereby the campus community. In the first two articles in our new series on faculty and staff, you’ll read how some of their experiences have impacted campus discussions, inspired colleagues and students to try new things and intensified their personal passion for lifelong learning and wellness. Our series begins with journalism professor Hank Nuwer and Franklin College Vice President for Planning, Plant and Technology Lisa (Combs) Fears ‘89.

During his extensive freelance writing career, Nuwer has gone bullriding, ridden in a race car and worked as a sheep ranch hand, among other adventures, to provide

Journalism professor Hank Nuwer and his skydive instructor descend peacefully to the ground after a tandem jump.

By Hank Nuwer
Journalism Professor

The brilliant blue sky greeted me as I looked out the open door of a small plane over Greensburg, Ind. A second later, I dropped like an anvil toward the ground at well over 100 miles per hour.

It’s funny how thoughts can crawl uninvited into your mind at such a time. A few lines from James Dickey’s poem “Falling” came into my head. The poem concerned a 29-year-old stewardess thrown through a plane’s emergency door in midflight. Unlike the unlucky stewardess, I had a harness and parachute to rely upon, as well as the tandem skills of skydiving trainer Jay Stokes of Greensburg Skydive. Putting the poem out of my head, I marveled at the unobstructed view of the Honda plant, a golf course and the lush, pastoral scenery of Decatur County.

My skydiving adventure was my own birthday present to myself this summer, an opportunity to add yet another bucket-list adventure to a lifelong series of adventures.

My Pulliam School of Journalism colleague Ray Begovich agreed to accompany me to the jump. We met at a Denny’s off Interstate 74, and there I had a single toasted cheese sandwich, ignoring Begovich’s joking suggestion that I consume something “nice and greasy” before my jump.

At registration I stepped on a scale and had a moment of worry. My scale at home shows me at 227 pounds, much of that from weight training, but the airport scale shot towards 235 pounds, the point where a jumper gets disqualified.

I closed my eyes. The female attendant cooed. “You made it by just two pounds.”

Begovich and I went out to the takeoff strip, combating the near-100-degree temperatures with bottled water. We huddled beneath a protective tent canopy to fight the heat, coming out every time we saw the colorful chutes dance in the sky.

I took the time to chat with jumpers awaiting their turn. A 19-year-old man with a studious face was nervous, telling me he wasn’t sure he could go through with the jump. Two women named Brittany and Jayla were almost giddy with excitement. Brittany was an experienced jumper. I peppered her with questions, which she kindly fielded.

Then, after Begovich snapped a photo of the three of us, they boarded the plane, together with the nervous boy. A few minutes later I photographed their incident-free fall to earth.

Then the instructor was beside me. He painstakingly went over details. How I needed to wrap my legs around his from behind upon jumping. How to control the parachute’s direction after deployment. How we would land on our rumps because
his readers with vivid firsthand accounts of extraordinary professions and people. Nuwer may be best known for his nonfiction work on the topic of social hazing. He has given lectures on hazing education at approximately 100 colleges and private high schools across the United States, and he has addressed the topic of hazing as a guest on numerous national TV and radio programs. He holds an honorary doctor of humane letters from Buffalo State College, his alma mater, and his manuscripts are part of the Hank Nuwer Collection in the BSC Library.

In her role as vice president of planning, plant and technology, Fears manages approximately 55 people and oversees massive campus improvement projects. Additionally, she’s a part of Franklin College history, on record as the first-ever female vice president. Much of her time over the last two years has been consumed with coordinating the renovation of Branigin Athletic Field and the construction of Grizzly Park athletics complex, an 83-acre addition to campus. Fears led the college’s strategic planning process, first in 2006 and again in 2010. She also led the campus master planning process culminating in a facilities master plan adopted by the board of trustees in 2009. Prior to serving as vice president, she was director of the college’s information technology department. She earned her master’s of science degree in computer information systems in the spring of 2003.

my weight would put strain on his legs if we landed standing up.

Without wasted effort, he strapped the parachute and safety harnesses to me. He asked if I wanted a pink or purple chute.

I said pink but he gave me a look, so I switched to purple.

In no time, the plane returned from releasing my friends and it was my turn. The noise of the engine upon takeoff was loud, but I could hear the instructor talking to me reassuringly as we gained elevation fast. He had said most first-time jumpers had to be pushed through the door when it opened, and for that reason I dropped through that door without urging — determined not to require a push.

All went according to plan. Stokes tapped me on the shoulder, a prearranged signal for me to flap my wings like a falcon. The wind against my bare arms provided cooling relief. The jolt when the chute opened surprised me. Our tandem team shot up a few feet before we began floating over farmland. I’d sport bruises the color of my chute the next day.

The instructor let me take the hand controls. I thrilled at steering us toward the landing strip where Begovich waited with cell camera in hand.

The landing was perfect. I hit the ground as if toppling into an easy chair. The instructor and I shared a hug.

“You’re probably the calmest first-time skydiver I’ve seen,” he said.

At that moment I wished I had purchased two jumps for the day.
Making music and memories

By Natalie Owens '14
Pulliam Fellow

Franklin College Vice President for Planning, Plant and Technology Lisa (Combs) Fears '89 thinks everyone has a song in their heart; there just needs to be an outlet.

Fears has always loved music but didn’t pick up her first stringed instrument until 15 years ago; she now plays six instruments. Although she takes lessons from veteran musicians, she also has learned much about music simply by experimenting. She is fearless about making mistakes while learning and tries to instill her children with the same confidence. When both her children began showing strong interest in music last year, Fears encouraged their curiosity by enrolling them in guitar and mandolin lessons, but that was just the beginning.

“I also thought it would be great for them to get together and play with others and just have some fun,” she said.

So, Fears, her children, two of their friends and another parent began having informal jam sessions. As word spread about their group, interest grew at Fears’ children’s private school.

“Every week we started adding new kids,” Fears said. “The kids told their friends, and it just kept spreading.”

From the start, Fears’ only rule was that parents must attend with their children and participate in the class, either by picking up an instrument, singing or dancing. The band of nine has since morphed into a 32-member group of parents and children collectively called “The Mighty String Beans,” a name the children concocted.

The youngest child in the group is 3, and the oldest is 14. Their weekly meetings have since moved from Richardson Chapel to Custer Theatre.

“The numbers just got too big. Not everyone could fit on the stage, so we had to move,” Fears said.

Since the group has become more formal, Fears has started giving instructions on how to take care of instruments and how to apply concepts of music theory.

“I want it to be fun,” Fears said, “but I also want them to learn. We go over things like rhythm, notes and chords.”

Instruments in the band include guitar, piano, mandolin, drums, violin, viola, banjo and bass, among others. Fears encourages participants to explore the variety of instruments and to pick up a new one each week, but many of the children have a favorite instrument and have begun taking formal lessons in addition to playing with The Mighty String Beans. This adds to their knowledge of music and teaches them skills that can also be used daily.

“It’s not just about playing music. It’s also about gaining confidence, working together, respecting one another, understanding that everyone learns and that no one is a natural,” she said.

When the group began, there was not a distinct leader. After the children gave Fears a conductor’s baton last Christmas her role changed.

“I just didn’t see myself as the leader. That baton or ‘magic wand’ gave me the confidence to lead,” Fears said.

A highlight of each session for the children is sharing time, when group members have the opportunity to demonstrate something special they have been working on independently.

“That is their time,” Fears said. “Kids you wouldn’t think would be up in front of people performing are.”

Andy Roesener ’89 and his wife began bringing their two daughters to the sessions last year.

“I wanted them to be around people who were smart, talented and who they could look up to. It’s also a great thing for them to learn to play an instrument,” Roesener said.

He also said the group has helped his daughters build confidence, make friends and improve social skills.

“They love hanging out with their friends and performance time. They like that they get to perform and be exposed to kids who are older and more advanced and want to play with them,” Roesener said.

The Roesener family, like many others, comes to the campus before the group meets to eat together and socialize in the student dining hall.

“I think this group is filling a void for some kids and families,” said Fears. “It’s entertainment without television and video games. These families are committed together. They want to come and play.”

Last April, the group put on a small concert at the Franklin United Methodist Community. In the future, Fears hopes to focus less on performing and more on learning and having fun.

“It will be interesting to see how long this group can function,” she said. “I hope it will continue for many more years. I will continue to do it as long as its fun.”
Women golfers capture 12th HCAC title

By Kevin Elixman
Sports Information Director

Franklin College ran away from the field in the second and final round of the 2011 Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference women’s golf championship, capturing its 12th league title on Oct. 9.

The Grizzlies, who trailed Transylvania by three shots in a competitive opening round on Oct. 8, were 24 strokes better the next day and outdistanced the Pioneers by 24 shots in the final team standings at Eagle Rock Golf Club. Franklin earned automatic qualification for the 13th annual NCAA Division III national championships, which will be played in Angola, Ind., in mid-May of 2012.

Led by medalist and HCAC MVP Brittany Stephens ’12, Franklin finished with a two-day team total of 676, followed by Transylvania with 700, Hanover with 702 and Anderson with 718.

The top eight individual finishers automatically earn All-HCAC honors, and the Grizzlies captured three of those eight plaques. Stephens finished with a two-day total of 161.

Avery Brown ’13 was second among all individuals with a 167, and Brittany Brownrigg ’12 placed sixth with a total of 172. Linda Greathouse ’14 trimmed 20 shots off her opening-day score and finished 14th with a 180 total and freshman Sarah Craven ’15 was 19th with her 188 total.

Franklin fifth-year coach Roger Lundy was named HCAC Coach of the Year for the fourth time.

Volleyball team digs East Coast

By Garrett Day ’15
The Franklin Staff Writer
and Amy (Kean) VerSteeg ’96
Editor

The volleyball team traveled to Hoboken, N.J., in September to compete against four schools in the two-day Stevens Institute of Technology Ducks Classic. Franklin’s head coach and assistant athletic director Mary Helak, who previously worked for Stevens, coordinated the trip. The trip’s purpose was twofold, she said.

“Anytime a young team has the chance to go against some tough competitors, it’s a learning opportunity. It gives players the chance to gauge the level they’re playing, and the next level they can go,” said Helak.

Beyond volleyball, the trip gave Helak the chance to help players broaden their personal horizons with a visit to New York City.

“Two of the players had never been on an airplane before,” said Helak. “I think experiencing one of the biggest cities in the world, surrounded by the hustle and bustle, amid incredible diversity, was a great bonding opportunity for the players and a great way for them to see life as it exists outside of Franklin, Indiana.”

For the Grizzlies, the Stevens-based volleyball classic presented some unusual challenges, starting with the absence of
Soccer program honors its pioneer

Franklin’s first coach for varsity soccer, John McLachlan, recently was honored for his work in establishing what has become a flourishing athletics program for men and women. McLachlan began Franklin’s program in 1984 and coached for four years. McLachlan was inducted into the Indiana Soccer Hall of Fame in 2007.

Several of McLachlan’s former players, along with his son, Neil, made a gift to the college this fall, directing their funds toward helping renovate Branigin Athletic Field and naming center field the John McLachlan Center Circle. The college presented McLachlan a recognition plaque during the annual alumni exhibition soccer match on Sept. 16.

Current head men’s soccer coach Shaun Mahoney ’97 said, “The positive impact John has made on soccer at Franklin College and on youth soccer in the Columbus, Indiana, area is unmatched. So many of us are currently coaching and still playing the game because of the passion John instilled in us as kids and then later as young adults. It is significant to me that John’s name will be a part of the soccer tradition we continue to build at Branigin Field.”

Corporate gift honors alumni, supports athletics

A central Indiana business recently made a $100,000 gift to Franklin College honoring Ted Marston ’51 and Von Boll ’52, retired Cummins business executives with distinguished careers.

Cummins chairman and CEO Tim M. Solso presented the company’s gift last May during a campus visit coinciding with the Franklin College Board of Trustees’ spring meeting. With the gift, Marston and Boll each had the opportunity to direct half of the funds to projects of their choice.

Boll, a college trustee also serving as chair of The Future Unfolds campus improvement campaign, directed $50,000 toward new tennis courts in Grizzly Park, while Marston, an honorary trustee, allocated $25,000 to the new softball complex and $25,000 toward developing an education major prize fund.

Cummins has long been a friend of Franklin College. In recent history, Solso was Franklin’s 2006 commencement speaker and an honorary degree recipient. From 2007–09, Cummins partnered with the college in sponsoring a free public lecture series on ethical leadership. The series brought notable guest lecturers to Franklin College, including James Morris, former executive director of the United Nations World Food Programme, and Patricia R. Miller, co-president and co-founder of Vera Bradley, maker of distinctive handbags and accessories.
The importance of mentors

By Amy (Kean) VerSteeg ’96
Editor

As a high school student with limited financial means and no one in the family able to offer college advice, navigating through applications and financial aid forms could have been a series of blind turns for Devin Anderson ’86. Fortunately, his life took a right turn when someone recognized his potential and began mentoring him.

Terry Hoeppner ’69 followed the instincts that told him Anderson, with his promising academic and athletic abilities, was a first-generation scholar who could thrive at Franklin College. Hoeppner, then a defensive coordinator for the Grizzlies’ football program and head track coach, began talks with Anderson in his junior year at Woodlan Junior/Senior High School in Woodburn, Ind., and helped give him the confidence to envision a future at Franklin.

“Terry was a phenomenal person, with a magnetic personality. I hadn’t met many people in my lifetime who could inspire someone to try their hardest; Terry had that gift,” said Anderson.

Anderson followed Hoeppner’s advice, eventually enrolling at Franklin, where he enjoyed playing football and running track, but the journalism program really won him over.

“I was interested in news and artistic photography,” said Anderson. “At one point, I taught darkroom instruction as a work-study job, but an internship with a newspaper during my sophomore year made me question whether I was pursuing the right career. But, for me, going to college more than four years wasn’t an option, due to finances, so I stuck with journalism.”

The circumstances proved fortuitous, giving Anderson the chance to sharpen his communication skills while learning from professors he admired. Among them was Bill Bridges ’56, who Anderson said, “had genuine enthusiasm for journalism, was always smiling and generally positive.”

Another professor from the journalism department, Ann Rittenhouse, invited students to cookouts at her home and shared stories about her career with a PR agency. “I thought it was really cool that she had all these stories from the trenches,” said Anderson.

Beyond professors, Anderson became acquainted with college staffers such as Tom Armor, then the career planning and...
placement director. Armor introduced Anderson to Ann (Grahame) DeVore ’58, who was running for Indiana state auditor and seeking an intern to assist with photography, newsletters and media relations. At the time, Anderson didn’t realize a Winter Term internship with DeVore would be pivotal. That realization came after graduation, when DeVore contacted Anderson twice about joining her campaign full time.

“I wasn’t sure politics was for me, but there weren’t many alternatives. I literally was interviewing for a job selling nuts and bolts over the phone. Luckily, Ann reached out to me a third time, and I accepted — just one week before I needed to be out of the KDR house,” Anderson recalled.

Anderson joined DeVore’s team as campaign manager and was thrilled when she won office in November 1986.

“Ann is a very warm person. Watching her campaign showed me the power of being able to connect with people at a personal level,” said Anderson. He spent the next three years working with DeVore at the Indiana Statehouse, where he said he learned “a ton” and made significant contacts, including U.S. Sen. Dan Coats, whose campaign he eventually joined as political director in 1989.

“I had just wrapped up three years of traveling around the state with Ann, so I had some good contacts and was still very much invested in the political arena,” said Anderson. He continued to work with Coats through the Senate special election in 1990 then as Executive Director of the Indiana State Republican Party through the 1994 election. Immediately following the election of ’94, he became chief of staff for David McIntosh, who was just elected to Congress.

“What I liked most about politics was having the sense I was truly being of service to my state and country,” said Anderson. But, after 12 years, he was ready for a change.

“I committed to help McIntosh get through his first re-election, but at that point I knew I didn’t want a career in politics. I felt like I had served, and my aspirations were being redirected toward building wealth and my financial future,” said Anderson.

As Anderson considered his next career move, he reflected on the mentoring relationships that had meant most during his career in politics, and he knew he had to get in touch with Al Hubbard, who had been Republican chairman during the Coats years. Hubbard also was owner of E&A Industries, an acquisitions firm founded in 1977.

“Al was my business mentor,” said Anderson. “He was chairman of the state Republican party during my last year as executive director and I’d stayed in touch with him throughout my career in politics, and I hoped he’d give me a shot at joining his company. I had zero business experience, but I had lots of people experience.”

Anderson’s people experience proved to be an asset. In his first year with E&A Industries, Anderson led the acquisition of Gilchrist & Soames, a manufacturer of amenities for upscale and luxury hotels. As the creative driver, Anderson was involved in every aspect of operations, down to choosing color palettes for soap and shampoo packaging.

“The most challenging and most important aspect of my job is finding the right people and putting them in the

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3.6 GPA while holding two campus jobs and one off-campus position, said the three sources of income keep her fed and her car insured. Spending money on impractical things isn’t an option, said Gentry, an English major.

“As a senior, I’m fully aware of the study-abroad opportunities available, but I’ve always thought about those trips with longing, I didn’t imagine I’d ever have enough money saved at one time to pay for a study-abroad opportunity.”

Assistant professor of English Susan Crisafulli, the Winter Term trip’s co-leader, couldn’t imagine making the trip without Gentry.

“I’ve had Leah in class four times and have been really impressed with her work ethic and all that she’s been able to achieve, despite her background, so I was quite willing to find any way for her to go,” said Crisafulli.

She, together with Bart Meyer, the college’s vice president for institutional advancement, began combing the college’s alumni network for potential scholarship funders. Lincoln responded and with his gift made Gentry’s dream come true.

“I’m still in disbelief,” Gentry said. “Words can’t express how grateful I am to Mr. Lincoln, but I want to impress upon him that I look at this as the opportunity of a lifetime, and I’m so grateful for his generosity. Education was really important to my mom, for me, so I know this would mean a lot to her, too.”
Prepping pint-sized scholars for successful futures

By Amy (Kean) VerSteeg ’96
Editor

The next generation of Franklin College Grizzlies might include several first-graders from Pleasant Hill Elementary in Crawfordsville, Ind., where teacher Amanda (Page) Clark ’05 and her colleagues are trying to prepare pint-sized scholars for a future that includes college.

Pleasant Hill is in the second stage of becoming a member of the No Excuses University Network. The program is based on a book and practices of Damen Lopez, who founded the No Excuses University Network of Schools in 2004. Schools in the network begin promoting a comprehensive college readiness model starting in kindergarten.

“Last year, when we adopted the No Excuses philosophy, we focused on building awareness and pride. We wanted to get students and parents familiar with the concept and terminology to help reinforce that we’re all partners in their child’s future,” said Clark. “So far, I’ve gotten lots of positive feedback from parents about the program.”

To give the No Excuses program visibility throughout the school, each class adopted a college or university and teachers decorated their rooms with pennants, posters and other symbols of pride.

For Clark, it was the perfect opportunity to pay homage to her alma mater and turn her classroom into what she refers to as the Grizzly Room. Beyond the blue and gold furniture, Clark has incorporated the Franklin theme by teaching her students how to growl like Grizzlies and recite a Franklin chant. Last year, Griz, the college mascot, even visited Clark’s classroom, and the Office of Admissions provided T-shirts for all her students.

Clark also took her class on a field trip to the college, where they toured facilities and visited with several professors who told about the courses they teach and how those classes help people prepare for careers. Additionally, Clark’s college mentor, Linda Airey, a professor of education, conducted an interactive science lab for the children.

“Amanda (Page) Clark ’05 and her class of first-graders at Pleasant Hill Elementary pose with Grizzly paws.

“For the children to be able to say their first visit to a college was in first-grade makes me feel really good,” said Clark. “Every bit of exposure to the concept of college underscores the importance of learning and doing well in school so that the children can do what they want as grown-ups.”

The students in Clark’s classroom engage every day in activities designed to help them build self-confidence, leadership skills and pride, tenants of the No Excuses philosophy. From revolving classroom duties called “den jobs” to data charts, which the children must update every day to account for their behavior choices and goals for improvement, Clark finds ways to emphasize citizenship that is safe, respectful and responsible.

“I feel like what I’m doing in my classroom is an extension of the Franklin College philosophy instilled in me during my college experience,” said Clark. “I often tell students how my college experiences have helped shape me as a person and as a teacher. It’s amazing how many of those examples I’ve been able to tie into social studies and other units.”

What has most surprised Clark since adopting the No Excuses philosophy in her classroom two years ago is how quickly the children learn and embrace the philosophy.

“A significant part of this program is focused on behavior and choices, and learning how to make modifications for improvement. I think it’s remarkable for a child who’s being disciplined to tell me, ‘I’m not showing my readiness, or I’m using an excuse.’ That’s when you realize they’re making the connection between actions and consequences.”

The best part of the program, Clark said, is the pride she sees among the children.

“Pride is contagious. When the students see me get excited about their accomplishments and when they recognize I believe in them, they just shine,” she said.

“I realize we can’t make a child go to college someday, but the bottom line is that elementary education is the foundation for all future academic achievement. Pleasant Hill’s adoption of the No Excuses philosophy is a reflection of our commitment to helping every student, without exception, become proficient in reading, language arts and math. There are no excuses for a child to miss that opportunity.”
Judging books by the covers

By Amy (Kean) VerSteeg ’96
Editor

You can judge his book by its cover, but if you’re looking for a thrilling journey through the world of police work, courtrooms and corruption, you’ll want to delve into the first chapter, says author Dan Moore ’74, a circuit court judge for Clark County in southern Indiana.

When Moore wrote his new novel, Your Honor, he deliberately named a key character Judge Franklin, after his alma mater; it’s his way of thanking the college and professors who profoundly impacted his undergrad experience.

Moore majored in political science and has been a trial attorney for most of his adult life, having served as a private criminal defense attorney, public defender, appellate counsel in criminal and civil cases and, for a brief time, a deputy prosecutor. With each experience, Moore has gained perspective on the judicial system.

“The legal system provides so much for the human predicament,” he said.

The predicaments in his novel center around the main character, an aggressive and idealistic attorney whose career begins spiraling downward after a string of deaths occur in the local jail and come under investigation. Another character central to the suspense story is Judge Franklin, a strong distinguished jurist.

In composing the Judge Franklin character and developing the story plot, Moore drew from his career observations and personal experiences in the court system. Moore said he also drew significant creative inspiration from his father, who’d worked in maintenance and as a laborer most of his life.

In describing his father, Moore said, “He was unafraid to challenge a bad idea or harsh terms imposed on people by employers or others. He knew what was fair in a larger sense and believed in that concept, in every situation. He also taught his children to keep their word when they gave it.”

Dan Moore ’74 has written a suspense novel titled Your Honor.

Another of Moore’s muses was former Franklin College assistant professor of English Thomas K. Ehret. The advice and constructive criticism Ehret gave throughout Moore’s college experience “were encouraging to someone who could have a future in writing,” he said.

Your Honor is available through Amazon.com’s Kindle Store and Smashwords.com.

Trophy memorializes alum, challenges student-athletes to excel

By Natalie Owens ’14
Pulliam Fellow

A traveling trophy named “The Cannon” has been created for an annual matchup of Johnson County high school rivals, Greenwood Community High School (GCHS) and Franklin Community High School (FCHS). “The Cannon” was constructed in memory of Rick Cannon ’77. He graduated from GCHS in 1973 and later taught and coached at FCHS until 1981.

The trophy was created to pay tribute to Cannon’s love of the game of football and his association with both schools. The Greenwood vs. Franklin varsity football game, the “Cannon Clash,” was played Oct. 8, 2011, at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis. The game centered around the theme of bringing awareness to cancer research and cures.

Two of Cannon’s friends, Rob Shirley and Jeff Davis, worked together to create the traveling trophy this summer, 17 years after Cannon’s death.

“Rick was first diagnosed with lung cancer after graduating from GCHS in 1973,” said Shirley. “Doctors told him he would not run or play football again, but he proved them all wrong when he re-invented himself and became the place-kicker at Franklin College after walking on to the team. Rick was not a ‘slow down and do nothing’ type of person. He met the cancer head-on and continued on with his plan for his life — to be a science teacher and football coach. He was not going to be deterred.”

Cannon went on to coach at FCHS before coaching and teaching at several high schools in and around Atlanta, Ga. He died in August 1994 at the age of 39 from cancer.

“The Cannon” trophy commemorates Cannon’s dedication to excellence and is a remembrance of what he stood for as well as a challenge for current student-athletes to rise to the challenge in athletics and academics. Greenwood took home the trophy in October after defeating Franklin 51–33.
The '50s

Don Dilmore ’50 has published his seventh book, God, Hold Me While I Cry. It’s the life story of a woman born in Nazi Germany who marries an alcoholic American soldier and experiences numerous hardships as a result. The book tells how she becomes a staunch American with a strong religious faith. Don also writes articles for Sunday School and other Christian magazines.

The '60s

Virginia Poyner ’66 competed in her 20th World Duathlon Championship on Sept. 25, 2011, in Gijon, Spain. She holds the world record, having participated in more of these events than any other individual. Her other great accomplishments include being a great-grandmother.

The '70s

Mark Elliott ’79 has been named assistant superintendent/high school principal for Millcreek-West Unity Schools in West Unity, Ohio.

The '80s

Lynn Grayson ’83 has been named co-chair of the Environmental and Workplace Health & Safety Law Practice at Jenner and Block law firm in Chicago. She is recognized as one of the country’s leading environmental attorneys by Chambers USA, The Best Lawyers in America, Illinois Super Lawyer and Leading Lawyers Network and serves as co-editor of the firm’s blog, Corporate Environmental Lawyer.

Carol Medlicott ’83 has published the book Partake a Little Morsel: Popular Shaker Hymnals of the Nineteenth Century. She searched period diaries and archived hymnals of the 1800s to locate longburied musical material, then transcribed the songs from Shaker text to modern musical notation. According to her book, the hymns are virtually unknown today but were used and beloved for decades across the Shaker world, from Maine to Kentucky. Her book offers a glimpse of the endless range of theological and spiritual ideas addressed in the hymns. Carol is a professor at Northern Kentucky University and resides with her husband in Cincinnati, Ohio.

The '90s


Andrew E. Stoner ’86, has published his fourth book, Wicked Indianapolis, available from The History Press. The book shares overlooked aspects of Indianapolis history, ranging from the unseemly to the deviant to the disastrous. Andy is completing his doctorate in public communication at Colorado State University.

Susan Canady ’90 recently accepted a director of chapter services position with the Zeta Tau Alpha International Office in Indianapolis. She previously worked for 12 years in the division of student life at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis.

Trena M. Paulus ’91 and David P. Atkins married on May 28, 2011, at Country Manor Acres in Townsend, Tenn. Trena, David and his children Ernest, 16, and Kate, 9, live in Knoxville, where they are both employed at the University of Tennessee.

Casey Patterson ’93 has made a career change after 11 years teaching sixth-and seventh-grade math and science. She’s now the executive director of Teach Plus in Indianapolis. She also is enrolled as an inaugural member of the Marian University Turnaround Leaders Academy.

The '00s

Heather (Willis) Neal ’97 and her husband, Davey, are the parents of a daughter, Vivian Lane, born on Sept. 13, 2011. She joins a brother, Chase. The family resides in Whitefield, Ind.

Marc Steczyk ’97 and his wife, Emi, are the parents of twins, Casey Townes and Dylan Mac. The family resides in Ferdinand, Ind., where Marc is the town manager and Emi is an instructional assistant at Cedar Crest Intermediate School.

Yancy Cottrill ’99 was admitted to the New York Bar in June 2011. He is attending Central European University and pursuing a master’s degree in international business law.

Megan (Grimm) Jewell ’00 and her husband, Brian, are the parents of a daughter, Ada Elizabeth, born on Jan. 21, 2011.
associate director of development research and prospect management for Northeastern University.

Jason Wiesmann '00 recently began a new position as assistant principal of the Southport Academy in Indianapolis. He and his wife, Kim, have three children, Luke, 7 months, Ali, 7, and Addy, 5.

Emily (Hedrick) Biehn '01 has joined the State Bank of Lizton as vice president, commercial banker. She has 10 years of banking experience, most recently as a vice president in the business banking group of PNC in central Indiana. She and her husband, John, reside in Brownsburg, Ind.

Jenna Porter-Jacek '02 and her husband, Chris, are the parents of a son, Sagan Christopher, born on Aug. 25, 2011. The family resides in Greeneville, Tenn.

Megan (Engle) Ciaccio '03 graduated from the IU School of Medicine in 2008 and completed her pediatric residency training in 2011. She recently joined the staff of Clown Pediatrics. Megan lives with her husband, Nick, and daughter, Annabella Rose, in Greenwood, Ind.

Brad Goedeker '03 and Marissa (Knecht) '02 are the parents of a daughter, Holly Marie, born on March 26, 2011. The family resides in Greenwood, Ind.

Christina Musgrave '03 recently became a registered dietitian and accepted a position in Houston, Texas, with a company providing customized corporate health promotion and wellness programs. She is working toward completion of a master’s degree in nutrition science.
Clint Neff '03 and his wife, Susanna (Bridges) '03, are the parents of a daughter, Clare Evelyn, born on Sept. 30, 2011. Clare joins a brother, Gavin. The family resides in Franklin, Ind.

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Jasmin Hashi '09 and the cast of “NCIS Los Angeles”

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OBITUARIES

The ‘30s

Arch C. West ‘36 died Sept. 20, 2011. He was inventor of the Dorito corn chip and is credited with taking the product from conception to market. His accomplishments also included serving as a lieutenant in the Navy during World War II and working several years for an advertising agency on Madison Avenue in New York before he was recruited to serve as marketing vice president for the Frito-Lay company in Texas. He was a founding member of Ridgeview Presbyterian Church and served on various boards of directors. After retirement, he and his wife, Charlie, volunteered on FEMA’s disaster relief team. While a Franklin student, Arch was a member of Kappa Delta Rho fraternity. West later served on the Franklin College Board of Trustees from 1966 to 1975 and attended his 60th class reunion over Homecoming weekend in 1996. He was preceded in death by his wife, Hazel. Survivors include three children and a brother, Richard Staff ‘46. He was a resident of San Diego, Calif.

The ‘40s

Eleanor Jane (Dixon) Hoilman ‘41 died May 8, 2011. She attended Franklin College for only two years because of economic reasons but spoke fondly all her life of her time at Franklin, according to son Dave. She was preceded in death by her husband, Bernard. Survivors include two sons and three grandchildren. She was a resident of Palm Bay, Fla.

Francis ‘42 and a sister, Evelyn (Innis) Witzerman ‘48. She was a resident of Birmingham, Ala.

George B. Staff Jr. ‘42 died June 21, 2011 after a brief illness. He was a resident of San Diego, Calif. He was preceded in death by his wife, Hazel. Survivors include three children and a brother, Richard Staff ‘46. He was a resident of San Diego, Calif.

Arline C. (Chakmak) Heath ‘43 died May 15, 2011. After her graduation from Franklin College, she attended the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public and International Affairs. She worked for RCA and the Pennsylvania Department of Employment. Arline loved the symphony, ballet, dachshunds and good grammar. She was an 85-year member of First Baptist Church. Survivors include four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She was a resident of Lebanon, Pa.

Dwight Paul Heath ‘43 died June 8, 2011. His accomplishments included serving in the U.S. Army Air Corps and the Army Corps of Engineers. He had a nearly 40-year career with Union Carbide Corp. in West Virginia, retiring in 1984 as head of the distribution department. He volunteered with the Boy Scouts of America and earned the Silver Beaver Award in 1972. He sang in the Grace Presbyterian Church choir and was a math mentor for children in his community. Survivors include his wife of 66 years, Sophia (Middleton) ‘43, three sons, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He was a resident of Victoria, Texas.

The ‘50s

The ‘60s

The ‘70s

The ‘80s

The ‘90s

Obituary for Eleanor Jane Hoilman

Eleanor Jane (Dixon) Hoilman was a lifelong resident of Franklin, Indiana. She attended Franklin College for two years, but due to economic reasons, she left to join the workforce. She later became a stay-at-home mother, raising her two sons, Bernard and Dave. She was a member of the Delta Zeta Sorority and P.E.O. Sisterhood. Survivors include her husband, Dr. Robert D.

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Rev. Robert C. Hathaway ’45 died March 14, 2011. He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy, and his son, Ronald. Survivors include a son, four grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and a brother, Thomas Hathaway ’49. He was a resident of Rochester, N.Y.

Edith (Clouse) Keller ’45 died June 25, 2011. She and her husband were owners of Gateway Hardware and members of the Northeast Racquet Club. She was also involved with community and Larchmont Avenue Church activities. Survivors include her husband and Larchmont Avenue Church and development of Franklin College. She was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority. Survivors include her husband, Tom, and two daughters.

Gene (McCurry) Kneeburg ’46 died June 29, 2011. Upon graduation, she moved West and worked for a phone company, where she was a business office supervisor. Gene was associated with the Assistance League of San Pedro South Bay and a supporter of the San Pedro Cancer Guild. She continued to follow the growth and development of Franklin College throughout her life. She was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority. Survivors include her husband, Tom, and two daughters.

Howard Charles Ehler ’46 died Jan. 22, 2011. He was a U.S. Army veteran, who earned the Purple Heart and Bronze Star. After an honorable discharge from service, he enrolled at Franklin College, where he was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity and was a quarterback on the football team. His career in business included positions with Standard Oil, Amana Freezer Corp., North American Van Lines and the Gas Company of New Mexico. He was a founder of the Executives’ Association of Greater Albuquerque. Survivors include his wife, Esther, four children and four grandchildren. He was a resident of Dexter, N.M.

Fred Graper ’48 died July 21, 2011. He served in the U.S. Army and was an FBI agent. He later became a special agent and retired from that position. Fred was a member of the Presbyterian Church and was active in his community. He was preceded in death by his wife of more than 60 years, Agnes. Survivors include three daughters, two sons, 13 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. He was a resident of Cape Girardeau, Mo.

The ‘50s

Willis “Coach” G.H. Dunker ’50 died June 27, 2011. He was a U.S. Navy World War II veteran. While at Franklin College, he received an all-state honorable mention as a football center and was the captain of the baseball team and president of the Letterman’s Club. He was also a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. Upon graduation, he received a master’s degree from Indiana University. He taught at numerous schools in southern Indiana from 1963–1985 and was also a baseball and football coach. His notable accomplishments included being the only Indiana coach to have a player on the first all-state football team and one on the first all-star state baseball team. He also was the founding father of the Indiana Baseball Coaches Association. In 1998, he and his brother, Don, were the first brothers to be inducted into the Indiana Baseball Hall of Fame. Survivors include his wife, Barbara (Doell) ’51, two children, two grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He was a resident of Batesville, Ind.

Donald Finter ’50 died June 2, 2011. He was a decorated Navy veteran and served on aircraft carriers in the South Pacific during World War II. In addition to his bachelor’s degree in economics from Franklin College, he received an MBA from American University in Washington, D.C. He spent 40 years in the communications industry, working for companies such as Sperry Rand, Western Union and RCA. He retired in 1992 from Bellcore. He was the president of two tennis clubs as well as a licensed pilot. Survivors include his wife, Lucille, and two sons. He was a resident of Westfield, N.J.

Gareth “Gary” B. Matthews ’51 died from colon cancer April 17, 2011. He earned a master’s degree from Harvard University in 1952. After studying at Tubingen and the Free University of Berlin and serving in an intelligence unit in Germany in the U.S. Navy, he received his doctorate from Harvard in 1961. He went on to have faculty positions at the University of Virginia and University of Minnesota before joining Harvard as a full professor in 1969. Although he retired officially some six years ago, he continued on as professor emeritus, lecturing and serving as the department’s undergraduate adviser. His books Philosophy and the Young Child, Dialogues with Children and The Philosophy of Childhood have been translated into numerous languages. Franklin College awarded Gary an honorary degree in 1984 in recognition of his professional accomplishments. Survivors include his wife, Mary, three children and seven grandchildren. He was a resident of Boston, Mass.

Loyd G. Smith ’51 died June 22, 2011. He had an outstanding track and field career at Franklin College, competing in the javelin throw at 57 meets and finishing in first place 34 times. Remarkably, his freshman year of college was the first time he had ever seen or even picked up a javelin. He educated himself about the javelin and its techniques by borrowing...
books from the library. During his collegiate career, he set 29 throwing records, including some of the best throws in the state of Indiana and in the nation. His record at Franklin stood for 24 years. In 2010, Loyd was inducted into the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Hall of Fame for track and field. He also played varsity basketball four years for the Grizzlies and held five different records. At the time of his graduation, he held single-game school records for points (36), field goals (16) and free throws (10). He also had the single-season mark for free throws attempted and made, hitting 136 for 197 foul shots. After his graduation from Franklin, Loyd continued to support Grizzly athletics by attending home games and awards events. He also participated in amateur track and field meets, made a living in business and devoted himself to being a loving husband and father. He was preceded in death by his wife, Adele. Survivors include six children, 13 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. He was a resident of Lawrenceburg, Ind.

Doris Jean (Coffey) Wohn '52 died Aug. 24, 2011. She was a member of Tri-Delta sorority during her time at Franklin College. She went on to earn her master’s degree in education and taught at schools in Franklin and later Bloomington. She loved reading, traveling and entertaining. Survivors include her husband, Fred, and two children. She was a resident of Ames, Iowa.

Robert R. Brown '54 died Sept. 12, 2011. He was a U.S. Army veteran, who went on to work for Eli Lilly and Co. and subsequently as executive director of the Indiana Home Builders Association, while attending Indiana University School of Law–Indianapolis in the evenings. After receiving his law degree, with honors, in 1963, he formed the law partnership of Whitcomb & Brown in Seymour, Ind. He also served as counsel to the Democratic caucus of the Indiana House of Representatives, where he drafted Indiana’s Horizontal Property Regime (Condominium) law. In 1965, he was appointed prosecutor of Jackson County, and was elected to that post in 1966, where he served until his election as Circuit Court Judge of Jackson County. He was admitted to the Bar of the Supreme Court of the United States in 1971. He served as judge of the Jackson Circuit Court from 1971 until his retirement in 1999. After his retirement from the bench, he served as a senior judge and certified mediator throughout Southern Indiana and joined the Seymour law firm of Montgomery, Elsner & Pardeeck, where he successfully mediated over 500 cases. Throughout his career, he was a committed community leader, serving on numerous boards of directors. In recognition of his service to Indiana, he was named a Sagamore of the Wabash by four state governors. Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Donna (Mohr) '57, three children, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was a resident of Brownstown, Ind.

Donald A. Henry '54 died Aug. 10, 2011. His passions included bridge, gardening and bird watching. He was a life master of the American Contract Bridge League and a deacon of Summerville Presbyterian Church. Survivors include three children, 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He was a resident of Rochester, N.Y.

Alfred Lee Pike '54 died June 23, 2011. He served two years in the U.S. Army and received a master’s degree in education from the University of Illinois. His career included serving as recreation director for Central Indiana’s Greenwood Parks Department. He also held positions with Manual High School, having taught physical education and biology and coached cross-country, track and field and wrestling. After 32 years he retired and went to work for Franklin College as a field events coach. He was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. Survivors include his wife, Barbara, three daughters, two grandchildren and a great-granddaughter. He was a resident of Indianapolis.

Joe Allen Barnett '55 died June 21, 2011. He was a U.S. Army veteran and attended Franklin College, Butler University and Ball State University, majoring in education. During his 30-year career in education, he was a principal at Edgewood Elementary School and also taught history and biology before retiring in 1993. Joe was a member of the Nineveh Masonic Lodge for over 50 years. Survivors include his wife, Marilyn, and a son. He was a resident of Elwood, Ind.

The '60s

August William “Bill” Carson '61 died Aug. 1, 2011. He was the executive director of the Indiana Builders Association for 42 years, retiring in 2006. He was recognized by the Indiana Senate and House of Representatives for his accomplishments and was named a Sagamore of the Wabash by five Indiana governors for his civic service to the state. While at Franklin College, Bill played football and baseball and was a member of student government and Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. Survivors include his wife, Paulette, two daughters, a son, a stepson and six grandchildren. He was a resident of Fishers, Ind.

Judith M. Conquest '67 died Nov. 15, 2009. She was a resident of Tampa, Fla.

Rev. Peter Russel Sanborn '67 died June 13, 2011. After his graduation from Franklin College, Peter attended Andover Newton Theological School. He was called to the ministry while a camper and staffer at Pathfinder Lodge. He was devoted to his faith and was tireless in caring for the dying and the bereaved. His formal ministry took place at several churches on the East Coast. He also shared his ministerial gifts in his final years in Florida. He was preceded in death by his wife, Phyllis. Survivors include two daughters and three grandchildren. He was a resident of Melbourne, Fla.

Jenifer (Shinn) Tait '69 died July 2, 2011. After her graduation from Franklin College, she earned a master’s degree from Smith College and a master’s of school administration from the University of Hartford. Jenifer began working as a school social worker for the Manchester Board of Education in 1972. She continued as a head of the social work department and ended her 37-year career as the director of student services. She was a member of South United Methodist Church and numerous community groups. Survivors include her husband, Russell Tait '69, a daughter and two grandsons. She was a resident of Manchester, Conn.
OBITUARIES

The ’70s
Charles Deedman ’71 died April 6, 2011. He attended both Franklin and Middlebury colleges, receiving a degree in journalism. He began teaching golf at the age of 18 and continued all his life, eventually becoming a professional golfer. Charles spent the spring and summer seasons on the East Coast instructing at several golf courses. Survivors include two daughters and two grandchildren. He was a resident of Wilmington, Vt.

David M. Yohn ’71 died Sept. 11, 2011. He was self-employed as the owner of Snack Techniques. David had a passion for British cars and was a member of the Philadelphia Area Lotus Society and Lotus Limited. He was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity. Survivors include his wife, Patricia, a daughter and two granddaughters. He was a resident of Lancaster, Pa.

Frank Vanzo ’73 died June 22, 2010. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends and watching football and baseball. Frank was a member of First United Methodist Church, Sullivan Masonic Lodge and the Scottish Rite, Valley of Terre Haute. Survivors include his wife, Anne, and a daughter. He was a resident of Sullivan, Ind.

Joni Jayne (Beeler) Heuchan ’78 died Aug. 29, 2011. After graduating from Franklin College, she earned a master’s degree in education from Indiana University. She was a teacher in central Indiana’s Franklin Community School Corp. for 34 years, teaching at Needham, Hopewell and Creekside Elementary schools. She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star, Tri Kappa Gamma and Franklin Memorial Christian Church. Survivors include three children and four grandchildren. She was a resident of Franklin, Ind.

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Dr. Harve E. Rawson died July 20, 2011. He was dean of faculty at Franklin College from 1994-96. Prior to joining the Franklin faculty, he enjoyed a 32-year career as professor of psychology at Hanover College, which dedicated a psychology lab named in his honor. A highlight of his career was serving as one of the first psychologists to work on NASA’s Apollo program. He was a widely-published author of research articles in professional journals and had published nine books of his personal experiences and interests across his career. He gave more than 500 professional presentations. In addition to his academic career, he had a lifelong interest in driving innovation in treatment of both the aging and underprivileged youth. The Englishton Park Children’s Program, which he founded in 1969 and where he served for 25 years as director, was dear to his heart. In 1999, Harve and his wife, Joyce, established an endowed student scholarship at Franklin College to assist high school graduates from southern Indiana’s Jefferson County with funding their education. Harve was preceded in death by Joyce. Survivors include two sons and four grandchildren.

The ’80s
William “Scott” Robinson ’84 died July 30, 2011 after a two-year battle with lymphoma. He worked with Mitchell Construction for many years. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, camping, sports and woodworking. Survivors include four children and his companion, Nancy. He was a resident of Newton, Ind.

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New endowment supports undergrad research, career preparation

Thirteen years into her career, chemist **Amy Belisle '98** recognizes the value of giving students a glimpse of what working as a scientist would be like, and she realizes the importance of having an edge in applying for graduate school and jobs. So she’s helping open the door to opportunity wider for Franklin students. Belisle made a recent gift to the college, establishing an Endowed Fund in Undergraduate Field Biology Research.

“Yes, a solid academic foundation is important, but practical experience lasts a lifetime,” said Belisle. “This endowment will support independent student research projects that are centered on field biology, and it will give students the chance to work closely with faculty mentors toward their personal and professional goals.”

As a quality control specialist in the pharmaceutical industry with Rhode Island-based Amgen Inc., Belisle’s days run the gamut from testing the purity of chemicals used in the manufacturing process to guiding colleagues through analyses and trouble-shooting processes. Several of the skills she uses daily are the byproducts of her Franklin education.

“Professor (Nazir) Khatri and Professor (Tom) Hodge made chemistry accessible through their ability to translate their respective subject matters into real world applications, which I have found consistently helpful in my day-to-day job activities,” explained Belisle.

Another influential professor, Alice Heikens, was Belisle’s academic adviser and work-study supervisor, laying the groundwork for what has become a lasting friendship.

Belisle said, “Dr. Alice Heikens had a significant impact on my FC experience on so many levels. Her passion and enthusiasm for botany and field biology helped keep me excited about science, and her genuine interest in all her students’ academic success made learning personal. On top of that, her dedication to excellence in her discipline challenged me to work harder and raise my own expectations of how to measure success — anything of value requires hard work.”

Belisle concedes that getting undergraduate students involved in independent research projects is key to their development of a strong work ethic and the critical-thinking skills that will help them go on to make a difference in the world.

“Franklin is not just a college; rather it is a community for learning and growing into the persons we are meant to become,” she said.

The college has invested Belisle’s gift so that its earnings will be available in perpetuity. Annual earnings from the Endowed Fund in Undergraduate Field Biology Research will finance student projects that include research, service, stewardship or professional development. Eligible students must be pursuing a degree in the natural sciences, have a demonstrated interest in field biology and must submit a description of their current and future interests in biology as well as a project proposal and budget. The annual recipient(s) will be selected by field biology faculty and the vice president for academic affairs.

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My name is Jack Messer ’13, and I’m majoring in journalism/public relations. I grew up in the small town of North Manchester, Ind. Once I toured FC, something just felt right, and I knew I didn’t want to be anywhere else. I really can’t describe it.

I was especially attracted to the Pulliam School of Journalism. The professors are extremely personable and have helped me out in numerous ways. Whether in the classroom, during office hours or through an internship, the students, faculty and staff really function like a family here.

My involvement on campus has included the college newspaper, first as a designer and then as a design editor in my sophomore year. I currently work in the Office of Admissions as a student ambassador and serve as vice president of Kappa Delta Rho fraternity. This is, by far, one of the best experiences I’ve had! I’m proud to be part of such an impressive legacy and tradition that FC has bestowed over the years. Go, Griz!

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