

## Journalism prof gives national TV interview

When media outlets need expert commentary on the topic of social hazing, they often call Franklin College journalism professor Hank Nuwer.

Nuwer's investigative reporting on hazing began in the mid-'70s, when he wrote his first hazing article for *Human Behavior* magazine on the importance of bystander intervention following the 1975 death of football player John Davies at the University of Nevada, where he was

then a graduate student. Since then, Nuwer has given lectures on hazing at approximately 100 colleges and private high schools across the United States and been interviewed on numerous national TV and radio programs.

In January, as investigation continued into the death of a Florida A&M University marching band member, Nuwer's phone rang practically non-stop with requests for media interviews. One national news crew

even came to Franklin for a face-to-face interview.

The CBS News "Sunday Morning" program crew and staff correspondent Tracy Smith recorded an interview with Nuwer on Jan. 13. The crew spent several hours setting up lighting and equipment in the Napolitan Alumni House before Smith and Nuwer talked. Additional footage was recorded of the two walking outdoors while conversing. The news story, "Seeking an end to hazing deaths," aired on CBS on Feb. 5 and is available via the Internet.

## Awards recognize staff for excellence, leadership, service

The college's 18th Annual Employee Appreciation and Holiday Luncheon took place in December. Highlights included presentation of the Margaret Hommell Staff Service Excellence Award to Carolyn J. Owens, executive secretary for the social sciences division.

Colleagues selected Owens for the staff service award based on her willingness to help others, excellence in internal and external customer service and outstanding work ethic. The award is named in memory of the late Margaret Hommell, a Franklin College staff member who served on the award selection committee for several years and passed away in October 2006.

After Owens' successful teaching career and 10 years at Butler University as the director of education for Clowes Memorial Hall, she joined the staff at Franklin College in 2008, serving as executive secretary in the social science division. Owens made a significant impact through her contributions, including reorganizing financial record-keeping for the division, helping develop a college-wide hiring process and assisting in seven searches to fill academic positions.

A native of Franklin, she graduated from Franklin Community High School, then Florida State University, with honors. She completed her graduate work at Indiana University in Bloomington.

Both of her parents, **Roger '29** and **Gertrude (Deer) Owens '28**, were graduates of Franklin College.

Besides Owens, several other individuals were recognized at the Employee Appreciation and Holiday Luncheon for their service. The following list reflects those who celebrated milestone anniversaries in their employment history:

- **5 years:** Douglas Burker '93, David Cunningham, Jennifer Fry, Renee Kean '06, Brad Kinder, Maureen Pinnick, Travis Schneider '14 and Gordon Strain.
- **10 years:** Daniel Andrews, David Brailow, Sara Colburn-Alsop, Elizabeth Deckard, Jonathan Dunham, Keri Ellington, Richard Erable, Ellis Hall, Jill Radford, Lora Roberts, Benton Sammons,



Carolyn Owens joins Franklin College President Jay Moseley at the lectern as he reads comments from letters nominating her for the Margaret Hommell Staff Service Excellence Award.

**Marti (Dorrel) Schrock '93**, Bryan Spetter and **Brooke (Wagoner) Worland '99**.

- **15 years:** Svetlana Rakic, Kerry Smith '90 and Dedaimia Whitney.
- **20 years:** Scott Armacost, Alice Heikens and Thomas Patz.
- **25 years:** Cheri Barnhizer, Timothy Garner '79 and Samuel Rhodes.
- **30 years:** David Chandler and Bonita Pribush.
- **40 years:** Carole McKinney and Cheryl Stewart.

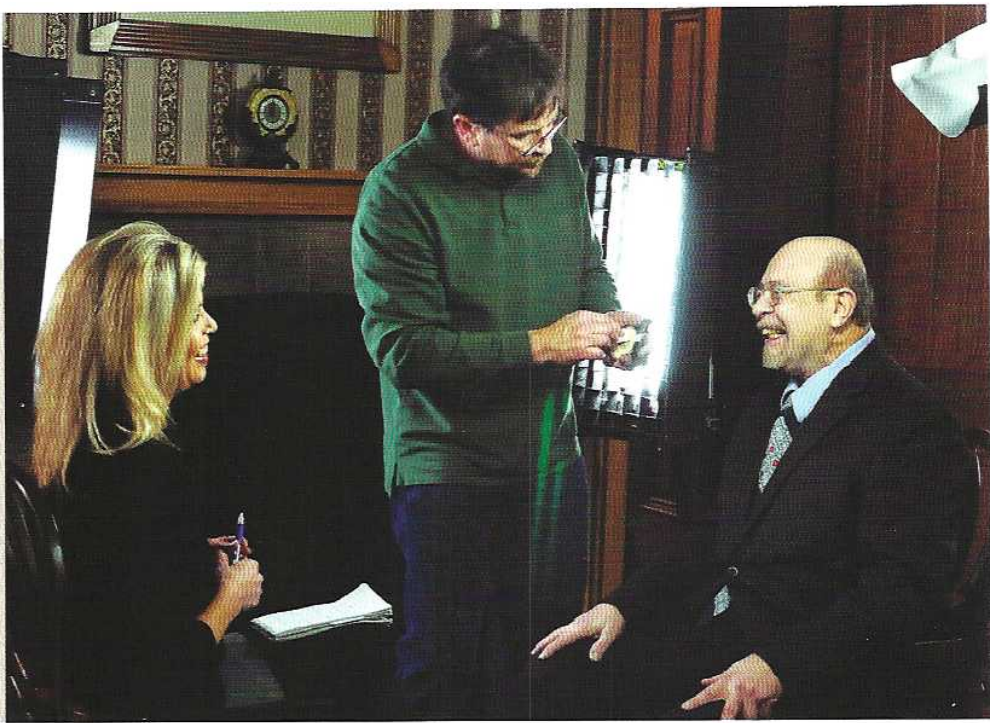
Adjunct faculty honored for their years of service with the college include the following:

- **5 years:** Jay Hunsucker '75
- **15 years:** Marcia Grossnickle

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Nuwer's most recent book is *The Hazing Reader*, an anthology of hazing articles written by well-known hazing experts. He also has written *Wrongs of Passage*, *High School Hazing* and the groundbreaking *Broken Pledges: the Deadly Rite of Hazing*.

*"Sunday Morning"* news correspondent Tracy Smith and journalism professor Hank Nuwer receive instructions and get final touch-ups from a crew member before recording of their interview begins.



## Scholarship supports theme-house experience

A new annual scholarship will help give students a Spanish-language immersion experience close to home.

The La Casa Scholarship is funded by husband and wife Dan Alsop, assistant professor of education, and Sara Colburn-Alsop, associate professor of Spanish, with additional support from friends and benefactors. The scholarship covers the costs of rooming at the Spanish theme-house at 301 Elm St., on the Franklin College campus.

The house, informally referred to as La Casa, is Sara and Dan's brainchild.

A few years ago, when the college administration requested theme-house proposals, the couple, who share a love of Spanish language and culture, partnered in developing plans for a place where students could have an immersion-style experience without ever leaving campus. Their vision came to fruition in the fall of 2010, when the first occupants took up residence. Since then, 18 students have lived at La Casa at least one semester.

Dan said, "We think La Casa creates a unique, enjoyable and beneficial complement to the classroom portion of the Spanish program. The scholarship helps a student with financial need who can make significant contributions to making La Casa successful. In some cases, this support may be what makes on-campus residence possible for such an individual."

"The students selected for the house are majoring or minoring in Spanish and have agreed to speak only Spanish in the home's common areas," said Sara.

La Casa residents meet with faculty members once a week over dinner, where they speak only Spanish. The residents also attend cultural events on campus as part of their immersion experience. In honoring their original vision, Sara and Dan encourage the student-residents to help promote La Casa as a place where students, faculty and staff of all Spanish-speaking abilities are welcome.

Residents often host coffee hours, craft sessions and guest lectures inspired by Spanish-speaking countries.



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Dan Alsop, assistant professor of education, Sara Colburn-Alsop, associate professor of Spanish, and Franklin College President Jay Moseley sign documents finalizing the creation of an annual scholarship.

Gifts to the La Casa Scholarship Fund will sustain this annual source of financial aid for student-residents. Designate your gift to La Casa to help promote interest and participation in language and cultural diversity at Franklin College. To make a gift, contact the Office of Institutional Advancement at (317) 738-8040.