

Harlan Van Over: Fifth-degree black belt

Kicking, sparring, and breaking boards, **Dr. Harlan C. Van Over** recently earned a fifth-degree black belt following testing at the American Taekwondo Association (ATA) Spring Nationals in Las Vegas.

The USI professor emeritus of business is 86. He is the oldest practicing member of the ATA.

The national testing by a panel of judges required Van Over to complete an 84-movement form (a sequence of techniques from the martial art), spar two matches with partners of his rank, and break boards on the first attempt using two different moves.

Mike Parks, head instructor at the Morris Dynamics Martial Arts Training Center where Van Over trains and teaches, said the judging standards are rigorous. "They don't give you a pass for your age," he said.

In the form, judges look for the speed and power of technique as well as the stance and balance. In the sparring, the participant must demonstrate an ability to attack, evade, and counter. Both of Van Over's sparring partners in the March test were less than 40 years old. To break the boards, he used a side kick and a back-elbow move.

Van Over began studying the martial art that traces its roots to Korea in 1981.

"It was something I always wanted to try," he said. "Then after I got into it, I became more and more interested."

Van Over earned the first belt, orange, in 1981 and progressed through the colors to earn a first-degree black belt in 1985. He has been a certified instructor since 1986.

Parks said Van Over is thorough in his preparation, both for teaching and in his personal training program.

Advancing through the degrees takes years of experience and contributions to the martial art. Van Over earned the fourth-degree black belt in 2003. Practitioners must wait at least four years before becoming eligible to test for the fifth degree. All the while, they accumulate points toward qualifying. Points may be earned by activities such as competing, serving as a judge, and participating in community activities. Van Over assists each year with the Morris Center's board-breaking marathon that raises money for Easter Seals. The fifth-degree guidelines also required certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid.

Van Over was taekwondo world champion in the category for individuals age 60 and over in the 1999 ATA World Championships, held each year in Little Rock, Arkansas. After a tying score in the final match, he scored first in sudden-victory overtime to claim the title. In 2000, he earned bronze medals in forms and sparring; in 2001, he again earned the bronze medal in forms.

As a former world champion, Van Over is highly sought after as a judge. He judges in the Kentucky, Illinois, and Indiana region as well as nationally.

"As a judge, one of the things you look for is attitude," he said. "Students may be capable in doing their sparring or weapons, but

they could be disqualified if they don't demonstrate good sportsmanship."

Van Over said parents often find that participation in taekwondo improves their children's demeanor and teaches life skills. Many children become more responsible, respectful, and courteous after a few months of participation. The Morris Center encourages traits such as perseverance, honesty, and integrity in its martial arts training.

Van Over taught management courses at USI from 1973-75 and joined the University of North Dakota in 1975. He returned to USI in 1977, teaching in both the undergraduate program and the Master of Business Administration program. After retiring from USI in 1988, he was associated for four years with Western New Mexico University. During that time, he served as chair of the business school for a year and then as acting vice president for academics. He and his wife Joan moved back to Evansville in 1997.

Another physical activity that has interested Van Over is racewalking. Over the years, he won a number of racewalking awards in competitions throughout the country.

While Van Over practices taekwondo primarily for the fitness benefits and the mental discipline it requires, he has called upon it for its most basic use.

"There have been only two occasions I've had to use it to defend myself," he said.

On one occasion, two bicyclists were bearing straight for him while he was out for an early morning walk in Santa Fe, New Mexico. He evaded their first approach. When they came at him again, Van Over landed the riders and their bikes on the ground. Both individuals fled the scene. On the second occasion, a would-be challenger walked away upon learning Van Over was a black belt.

Van Over continues to practice and refine his art. He will attend the ATA World Championships in Little Rock in June. He will serve as a judge and compete in one of the weapon categories.

He already has begun to learn the form required for the sixth-degree belt. He could become eligible to test for that level in 2014.

"I'm going to stay in it," he said.

iPhone: Apple's evil plot to take over the PC world UBlog written by Chris Norrick

Just like the recent Hulu commercials, the iPhone is Apple's secret weapon to bring the PC world into the Mac fold. I can't wait! We Mac users have been in the minority of computer users for far too long now. Estimates keep us hovering around just six percent of total computer users. We like to call it the upper six percent.

My belief is that the iPhone is finally going to change that trend for the better. The iPhone's huge popularity among non-Mac folks is our new gateway drug, our Trojan Horse, our evil plot to take over the PC world. It sneaks into unsuspecting PC owner's hands and before you know it, they fall in love with the elegant and intuitive interface and the sheer genius of its design. Soon they may decide to check out the full-blown version of its operating system on a desktop or laptop Macintosh. Perhaps this will lead to a future Mac purchase? That's our ultimate goal.

When I heard the new USI email system upgrade was going to include support for ActiveSync technology I could hardly hold in the excitement. I knew this amazing "Push" technology was going to get even more people excited about the iPhone on campus.

For those that don't know, Push is the term used for constantly and wirelessly syncing to the mothership. In this case, that's the USI Exchange 2007 Server. That server keeps all your email, contacts, and calendar. You may think that your data is stored on your local computer, but most of it resides on the server. That's how you can check your email via the web interface anywhere in the world.

Using Push syncing is just like editing calendars or contacts on your desktop computer. As soon as you make a change on the iPhone, it shows up on your desktop and vice-versa. No more plugging the phone in to sync up – it's always in sync! As you read email on the phone, the messages are marked read in Outlook. If you add a calendar event or new contact while on the road, when you return they are already in the system, no plugging-in required. You can even accept Outlook meeting requests on the iPhone. An added bonus is you can now send email through the USI Exchange Server. Before the update you had to either turn off Wi-Fi and use the AT&T outgoing email server, or keep Wi-Fi turned on and use another outgoing server such as Google. Everything works as it should now.

The iPhone has been set up since the v2.0 firmware to use ActiveSync via an Exchange Server, so as soon as my email account was moved to the new system I began figuring out how to set it up. With a few settings provided by Carol Schmitt (programmer/analyst 1 in the Computer Center), I was up and going in just a few short minutes. I've documented the steps so you too can enjoy this new technology.

Here are the five simple steps to help welcome your new black turtleneck overlords (that's a Steve Jobs joke, you know, because he always wears black turtleneck sweaters... oh never mind).

Before starting, be sure to delete any POP or IMAP USI email accounts you've previously set up.

1. Go to: Settings > Mail, Contacts, Calendars. NOTE: You also want to turn on "Push" under Fetch New Data which is essentially instantaneous sync. This does negatively affect battery life.

2. Select "Add Account"

3. Select "Microsoft Exchange"

4. Enter your email address, domain, username, and password as shown then select Next to verify your account. Now enter the Server "exchhub.usi.edu" as shown.

5. You can now select what you would like to sync. NOTE: If you turn on Contacts or Calendars it will erase your local iPhone data and replace it with data from the Exchange server. NOTE: Select "No Limit" to retrieve ALL your old mail on the server.

That's it. To sync music, movies, bookmarks, etc. you will still need a wired connection to a Mac/PC and the latest iTunes software. Enjoy!

Openings remain for USI Day at Churchill Downs

There are still openings for the Saturday, June 20 USI Day at Churchill Downs in Louisville, sponsored by the Greater Louisville USI Alumni Chapter.

Gates open at 11:30 a.m.; post time is 1:15 p.m. Cost is \$35 adults, \$23 children ages 12 to 5, and children age four and under are free. Price includes admission, reserved seating in Millionaires Row Level 4, lunch buffet, USI souvenir, race program, tax, and gratuity.

If you live in the Evansville area, a round-trip motor coach from USI will be offered for an additional \$20 per person.

To make reservations, call USI Alumni Services at 812/464-1924.

Two new degree programs approved

The University of Southern Indiana Board of Trustees on Saturday, May 9, 2009 approved a graduate degree program in communications and an undergraduate degree in biochemistry. The programs are expected to begin in 2010.

The new Masters of Arts in Communication will be offered as a two-year program for full-time students or a three- to four-year program for part-time students. It was listed as the second most highly needed graduate program in the USI service region in the 2007 President's Taskforce on Workforce and Economic Development. The program will require completion of 36 semester hours and is expected to begin in fall 2010. Individuals earning the degree can pursue careers in advertising/public relations management, human resources, communication in healthcare and business organizations, media management, communication training, and communication consulting.

The baccalaureate degree in biochemistry, which is expected to be offered in spring 2010, will be offered with existing courses and one new course. The program, which will be comprised of a minimum of 124 semester hours, will prepare biochemists for scientific careers in biotechnology, pharmacology, and environmental chemistry, or graduate study or professional school in medicine, pharmacy, and related fields.

Both programs will be submitted to the Indiana Higher Education Commission for review and approval.

First phase of Recreation and Fitness Center expansion is open

The first phase of the USI Recreation and Fitness Center's new 45,000 square foot expansion is open as of Monday, May 11. The regular entrance on the west side of the building will be closed as work begins on the second phase, but a new entrance on the south side of the RFC is open.

Students and employees will have access to new cardio and weight lifting areas. The cardio area includes 45 new pieces of equipment including treadmills, elliptical machines, and stationary bicycles and 20 new strength machines. This area also has 12 large screen plasma televisions and 15 pieces of equipment have personal entertainment monitors. The expansion also includes a new abdominal and stretching area and free weight area, as well as two group exercise rooms.

The second phase of the expansion will open in August and will help the Department of Recreation, Fitness, and Wellness reach its goal of better serving the USI community. Scott Wood, program coordinator for Recreation, Fitness, and Wellness, said, "The new Recreation and Fitness Center will allow students to work out and also relax."

When the second phase of the expansion is complete, the Recreation and Fitness Center will boast two new lounge areas. One will feature plasma televisions, wireless Internet access, comfortable furniture, and a Freshens serving smoothies and sandwiches. A quiet lounge will mimic the quiet study rooms in Rice Library, but will be available for campus organizations to reserve for meetings.

Students also will have access to an outdoor adventure and storage equipment room that will allow students to check out tents, sleeping bags, sleeping pads, backpacks, camp chairs, cookware, lanterns, and wet/dry bags.

There also will be a rock climbing wall which will be available for classes, workshops, and competitions and a game room which will

have table tennis, billiards, board games, and video games.

For more information, contact Wood at 812/465-1216.

President H. Ray Hoops addresses Class of 2009; Commencement photos

Dr. H. Ray Hoops, president, delivered the Commencement address to the Class of 2009 on May 10, 2009. He will conclude his 15-year presidency at the University of Southern Indiana when he retires in June. Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels describes President Hoops as one of Indiana's most effective college presidents who will leave a substantial mark on both the University and the entire southwest region of the state of Indiana. His message to the graduates offers words of wisdom with a splash of light-hearted humor. The graduates gave him a standing ovation at its conclusion.

"In my 43 years in higher education, starting when I became a faculty member in Michigan in 1966, I have never missed a commencement ceremony of my institution. I can tell you, from memory, who many of the speakers were and something about their usually important messages. For those commencements that had personal significance, it is a different story. I hold a bachelor's degree, two master degrees and a Ph.D. My wife completed her Ph.D. after our marriage and my daughter has a bachelor's and a master's degree. I attended all of those commencements. I cannot, for the life of me, remember who the speaker was at any of those commencements nor can I recall even part of any of the messages. I think, for those who are graduated in commencement ceremonies and their families, whether or not they realize it at the time, it is an emotional period where the importance of the day overwhelms anything a speaker might say. I do not expect to alter that pattern for the graduates and their families today. Nevertheless, it is my assigned task to delay your being graduated for another 10 minutes and I intend to do so.

"This is a day to recognize the achievements of those to be graduated and the families and friends who supported them. It is also a time to celebrate what those achievements will mean for the futures of these graduates as a group. For making a solid future a high probability, higher education is the closest thing we have to a silver bullet. As a statistical average, today's university graduates will be more prosperous; will have more stable, satisfying family lives; will be healthier, both emotionally and physically; will live longer; and will be far less likely to commit crime or be dependent on society's resources rather than their own. They also will have the joy of contributing more to their communities, regions, states, and the nation than will the statistically "average" citizen of their age group who does not possess an equivalent educational attainment.

"However, while what this ceremony represents about what these graduates have achieved is profound, it may well be far more important to all of us, all of society. It would be a rare commencement speech that did not repeat the hackneyed bromide that these graduates are the hope for the future. The reason the statement has persisted for all its lack of originality is that it is profoundly true.

"John F. Kennedy said 'From those to whom much is given, much is expected.' And though we are here to celebrate the achievements of the graduates, much has been given by many to make these achievements possible. Parents and family have sacrificed in almost all cases. University personnel and the faculty in particular, have made theoretical opportunity a reality. The political structures of the state have formed and supported the University of Southern Indiana, making your achievements within reach. The taxpayers of the State of Indiana, the vast majority of whom do not hold university degrees and do not participate in the individual benefits of higher education, have joined individual donors in making your institution the least costly to attend in the State of Indiana. George Peabody said "Education is a debt due from present to future generations." The ceremony here today represents the payment of that

debt. But the debt produces a debt. These contributions have been made partly from a feeling of duty to the generation from which these graduates come; but, largely, because higher education is a societal good to an even higher degree than it is an individual good.

"It does not diminish the achievements that the award of degrees here today symbolizes, to say to the graduates, you have been given much and much is expected of you. Your family and friends, your university, and your professors hold high expectations; but so does your community, your state, and society as a whole. The future, not just your future, but a much more inclusive future, is about to be entrusted to you. Kennedy's quote came from the Book of Luke 12:48. What I don't think Kennedy included was the phrase which followed, 'But even more will be demanded from the one to whom much is entrusted.'

"It's a little scary to have so much responsibility entrusted to you, isn't it? As a group or as that statistically representative individual I described earlier, you are not only up to it, but will perform magnificently. However, no one of you can take any comfort in what the degree you are being awarded here today means for your own individual future. You must make that happen. You must make it happen. As important as the step represented here today is, it is just that...one step.

"Universities, contrary to popular belief, do not prepare you for a job, cause you to be an ethical person, or even educate you, though all of these often happen as a result of your university experience. First, universities expose you to a lot of information. That is important but not unique. Almost all that information is available to you in any good metropolitan library. The thing that the modern university does uniquely well is to provide you an opportunity for personal growth and development. Your academic community has the responsibility for encouraging - even motivating - you to take advantage of the opportunity provided, but only you can actually seize it and make it a part of yourself. You must continue growth and development for the rest of your life if you are to truly meet your potential, make your contribution, and repay the debt created by the debt payment made to you. But the good news is that, in the human condition, accomplishment builds on accomplishment. The act of your being here today attests to your understanding of that immutable fact. I think you will find this accomplishment will redound as one of the most important of your life for the rest of your life.

"At this moment, many of you feel insecure about your immediate futures. The economic situation is the most difficult in the memory of the majority of us in this room today. For you, the major issue in your minds may be a job...a job now. It is difficult to offer you comfort on that matter today. However, what is true is that this group of graduates faces a bright future. All the demographics of our nation dictate that there will be more demand for skilled and educated people going forward than there will be individuals to meet that demand. Though I know it is difficult, it is important that you focus on career versus job and on a future longer than the short term. If that is not helpful, and I suspect it is not, I apologize.

"There has never been a commencement speaker who successfully resisted the temptation to advise the graduating class on how to live the rest of their lives. I shall not be the first. I am going to offer that advice in two ways: first, from my own construction, the "nine notable nevers of childhood. While stated in the negative, I hope you will be able to see them for the positives they really are intended to be. Secondly, from some obvious and some less obvious philosophers, seven sagacious sayings.

"The first of the notable nevers is

- **Never leave your crayons out in the sun.** Treat things of value as valuable. This is particularly true of relationships. Value in your life must be safeguarded and nurtured. Most importantly, you

must recognize what is truly important to you so you can treat it with care.

- **Never pet the dog that just bit Jimmy.** If you cannot learn from the mistakes of others, you are doomed to suffer the results of a myriad of ills that need never plague you if you can simply learn by example.

- **Never leave the first grade.** If you have ever watched first graders in a classroom, you quickly saw that learning is a joyous undertaking for them. Some people lose that joy in learning. Keep the joy of learning for your entire life.

- **Never pick a fight with a kid nicknamed "Knuckles."** When anything in your life announces that it is dangerous, it probably is. There are risks enough which you should take. There is no need to take those which should be avoided.

- **Never jump off the top of the slide.** For a child, sliding down the slide itself is a scary adventure. You should expose yourself to some unsettling adventures, but do so in a calculated way.

- **Never watch the tag game all recess.** Get involved in the game of tag, don't just watch. Get involved and stay involved in your own life.

- **Never wish for a toy just because you saw it on television.** If you have ever watched the toy ads on children's television, you know how misleading they are. You will be bombarded with "toy ads" the rest of your life. Do not be swayed.

- **Never be unkind to your next door neighbor because she's a girl.** Not only will she make you really sorry someday, but you must build your relationships on the true character of individuals, not on characteristics unrelated to that true character.

- **Never tell the teacher a fib that you were late because your bicycle had a flat tire.** If you do, tomorrow it will have a flat tire. I want to close with the wisdom from some well-known and some not so well-known philosophers.

The seven sagacious sayings:

1. **Beverly Sills:** "There are no shortcuts to anywhere worth taking." True satisfaction, joy, and sense of accomplishment come from tackling the difficult. I would add that it is better to fail to attain an attempted high goal than to succeed in a low one.

2. **George F. Davis** (great philosopher descended of slave parents and grandfather of the first doctoral student I ever directed): "Don't nothing happen so bad don't no good come of it." Truly successful people, in my experience, turn the unfortunate things that happen to them into opportunities.

3. **Winston Churchill:** "Always be ready to learn, even if you do not like being taught."and Henry Ford: "Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at 20 or 80. Anyone who keeps learning stays young. The greatest thing in life is to keep your mind young."

4. **Harry S. Truman:** "Some of the Presidents were great and some of them weren't. I wasn't one of the great Presidents, but I had a good time trying to be one." It is the attempt to reach high rather than really getting there that is important.

5. **Richard Nixon:** "It is easier to do the right thing than to know what the right thing is." Perhaps an unlikely source, but great wisdom expressed. Even for those who have decided that their lives will be ethical and honest, determining what will define that course will require diligence, effort, and study. The corollary to Mr. Nixon's quote is that of James Thurber: "I'd rather know some of the questions than all of the answers."

6. From **Stacy Robinson** (student worker in my office at another university, a talented wide receiver who later had a fine professional career) when asked if he might be too small for professional football: "I'm supposed to catch the ball, not beat it up." It is important to know what your real objectives are.

7. **Jack Welch**, then Chairman of General Electric: "Control your own destiny or someone else will." Mr. Welch's quote also comes with a corollary from Will Rogers: "Even if you are on the right road, if you just sit there, eventually you'll get run over." My last sagacious saying, not on my list of seven and aimed at me, rather than the graduates today is from the great philosopher Chi Chi Rodriguez. "No speech can be truly bad if it is truly short."

"Thank you for being here today. Thank you for listening to me, and thank you for letting me be the president of this wonderful university, the University of Southern Indiana, for these 15 years."

View a slideshow of the 2009 Commencement at http://www.usi.edu/photography/photos/2009_commencement/.

Caution: USI entrance construction underway

Construction to convert the entrance intersection at University Boulevard and Clarke Lane to a roundabout interchange is underway at the University of Southern Indiana.

Construction of the roundabout is being done in two phases. For Phase One, the east lanes of University Boulevard are closed, and the west lanes allow for two-way traffic.

Clarke Lane east of the campus entrance intersection is closed to the four-way stop sign and parking lot A is closed. Traffic is allowed to cross east lanes of University Boulevard at the entrance to the parking lots along the boulevard, beginning with lot B.

East lanes of University Boulevard are closed to the Art Studio, where the two-lane section of University Boulevard begins. Directional signs mark the changes at the entrance and along the boulevard.

Steve Woodall, director of Security, said, "It is important for drivers to pay attention to the signs. Slow down when coming on campus and be aware of workers and public safety officers in the construction area."

He recommended allowing more time for the morning and evening commutes to help with traffic flow at peak hours. The campus speed limit of 15 mph will be enforced.

The Vanderburgh County Sheriff will help with traffic throughout the summer.

Phase Two will begin as soon as Phase One is complete. Details about road changes for the second phase will be posted before the first phase is completed. The project is expected to be completed by August 21, barring weather-related delays.

If you have visitors or events planned on campus for the summer, plan to caution them to the construction-related traffic changes at the entrance and send them to the USI web site for construction updates (www.usi.edu) and the traffic pattern map.

Temporary entrance to UC created

The main entrance to the University Center has been closed and a temporary entrance has been created on the north wall of the building (facing the Wright Administration Building and Orr Center).

Starting Monday, May 18, workers will begin to demolish the University Conference Center ("The Bridge"). As of today there is no access between the University Center and the expansion site (the former library).

The temporary entrance will serve the University Center for the rest of the summer, and perhaps into fall. "Hopefully that main entrance will be open by the fall semester, but that is weather-dependent," said **Fred Kalvelage**, USI construction manager.

Because of the nature of construction and its many contingencies, all of this information is subject to change at any time. For more information, call Kalvelage at 812/461-5266.

Head coach resigns

University of Southern Indiana has announced the resignation of **Rick Herdes** as the men's basketball head coach. The resignation is effective immediately.

Herdes completed his eighth season as the head coach in March after directing the team to a 27-7 overall record, the GLVC West Division championship, and an appearance the NCAA Division II Midwest Regional. He finishes his career at USI ranked second all-time in wins with a 200-59 record (.772) and led the Eagles to 25-or-more wins in six of the eight seasons.

Herdes also was an assistant under former USI Head Coach **Bruce Pearl** for nine seasons and helped lead the Eagles to a 231-46 mark (.834).

The NCAA and the Great Lakes Valley Conference have been informed of an internal review of the men's basketball program after irregularities were discovered.

"Integrity and compliance are two of the cornerstones of all of our programs," said USI Director of Athletics **Jon Mark Hall**. "We will do what is right and will address mistakes that have been made, no matter what the outcome is. I feel that the issues are contained within the men's basketball program alone."

"This men's basketball program has a great tradition," continued Hall. "We will begin a search immediately for someone to lead this program."

USI to submit violations concerning men's basketball program to NCAA

The University of Southern Indiana Department of Athletics will submit five violations concerning irregularities in the men's basketball program to the NCAA by the end of the week.

Three of the violations are related to extra benefits concerning transportation, one concerning academics, and the last concerning improper communication with a prospective student athlete.

As a result, the USI Department of Athletics will self-impose the following penalties:

1. Two players are deemed ineligible from the beginning of the 2008-09 season. Reinstatement of the student athletes by the NCAA remains a possibility.
2. Forfeiture of all men's basketball games from the 2008-09 season.
3. Return of \$9,362 in funds provided by the NCAA Division II for the men's basketball team's participation in the 2009 NCAA II Tournament.

Anyone can attend free readings at RopeWalk Writers Retreat

The University of Southern Indiana's week-long RopeWalk Writers Retreat (June 7-13) gives participants the opportunity to attend workshops and confer privately with prominent writers. But even if you're not registered for the retreat, you can attend free craft lectures and readings by the distinguished 2009 RopeWalk faculty: **Marianne Boruch** and **Andrew Hudgins** (poetry), **Benjamin Percy** (fiction), **Kyoko Mori** (creative nonfiction), and special guest reader **Erin McGraw**.

RopeWalk Writers Retreat is held in Historic New Harmony, Indiana, an ideal setting with its retreat-like atmosphere and history of creative and intellectual achievement. All readings will be held

in the Atheneum/Visitors Center. Craft lectures will be held in the Barn Abbey.

Here's the schedule:

Sunday, June 7

Reading by Andrew Hudgins, 6 p.m. Reception to follow.

Monday, June 8

Reading by Erin McGraw, 7 p.m. Reception to follow.

Tuesday, June 9

Kyoko Mori craft lecture, 9:30 a.m.

Ben Percy craft lecture, 10:30 a.m.

Erin McGraw craft lecture, 1 p.m.

Reading by Kyoko Mori, 7 p.m. Reception to follow.

Wednesday, June 10

Ben Percy reading, 6 p.m. Dinner reception to follow (reservations required).

Thursday, June 11

Andrew Hudgins craft lecture, 9:30 a.m.

Marianne Boruch craft lecture, 10:30 a.m.

Friday, June 12

Marianne Boruch reading, 6 p.m. Closing dinner reception to follow (reservations required).

All of the receptions except those on Wednesday and Friday are free and open to the public. Dinner receptions on Wednesday and Friday require tickets and reservations (call for ticket price: 812/464-1989).

RopeWalk Writers Retreat is an annual program of the University of Southern Indiana. For the complete schedule, go to ropewalk.org or call USI Extended Services at 812/464-1989 for more information.

Announcements

Anthem representative coming to campus

Anthem representative **Cheryl McKissic** will be on campus on Tuesday, May 19 from 1-4 p.m. to answer any questions or concerns you may have regarding your health insurance coverage. To make an appointment to meet with McKissic, contact **Amy Miller**, benefits supervisor, at 812/464-1781. Appointments will be 15-minutes long. Please remember to bring any applicable paperwork you may want to discuss.

Juliano featured in *Evansville Courier & Press*

Joy Juliano, instructor in Teacher Education and a teacher at Culver Elementary School, was featured in an article in the May 13, 2009, *Evansville Courier & Press* titled Culver students learn joy of helping others.

Volunteers Needed for Freedom Festival

The Growth Alliance for Greater Evansville (GAGE) is bringing a whole new energy and excitement level to the 31st annual Evansville Freedom Festival by mixing new heart-pounding, soul-shaking events with old-time traditional favorites. One new attraction this year is Concerts on the Barge to be held on Friday, June 19 and Saturday, June 20 featuring Billy Currington, The Bacon Brothers, and Big Bad Voodoo Daddy.

GAGE is in need of volunteers to assist in making this exciting event run smoothly and efficiently. For your convenience, there is a volunteer sign-up sheet located on the (O:) drive in the folder

titled "Alumni & Volunteer Services". Please save the document after adding your name and contact information.

As a thank you for devoting your time, GAGE will provide the following benefits to volunteers:

Festival T-Shirt: These shirts will help staff, volunteers, and the general public to identify the festival volunteers at each location.

Festival Access: So that volunteers can experience the festival they're helping to create, we give them a free wristband so that they may access the events free of charge.

Credentials: Some key volunteers may be issued special credentials which are nontransferable and must be used by the volunteer to whom they were issued (i.e. liquor license for beer servers).

Unique Volunteer Events: Each volunteer receives a ticket to the volunteer appreciation party, slated for August 8. To keep the energy going, various events and gatherings are held for volunteers throughout the Festival. Volunteers can also enjoy the Volunteer Oasis, an exclusive hospitality venue for volunteers to rest, get a snack, and touch base with the volunteer coordinator.

Contact **Lisa Schaefer** at 812/465-1215 or ljsschaefer@usi.edu for additional information.

2010 Fiscal Year Banner Requisitions

Banner purchase requisitions for the 2010 fiscal year will be accepted by Procurement Services after Friday, June 5, 2009. These requisitions must be entered into Banner as fiscal year 2010 using the order date and transaction date of 01-Jul-2009. Requisitions entered not using the date above for the 2010 fiscal year will be deleted. The requisition will need to be re-entered into the correct fiscal year using the proper date.

Procurement Services will begin processing these requisitions in an effort to issue the purchase orders on or as soon after Thursday, July 2, 2009 as possible.

If you have any questions regarding the Banner processing of your requisitions, contact Procurement Services at ext. 1982.

2009 Fiscal Year Requisitions

Banner purchase requisitions for the 09 fiscal year budget will be accepted by Procurement Services through Friday, June 5, 2009. This deadline is necessary to allow Procurement Services ample time to complete the processing of your Banner requisitions and issue the purchase orders prior to the end of the fiscal year, Tuesday, June 30, 2009. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this deadline, please contact Procurement Services at ext. 1982.

All Banner requisitions entered after Friday, June 5, 2009, must be entered as fiscal year 2010 requests by entering the order date and transaction date as 01-Jul-2009.

The Procurement Services staff is ready and willing to help you with your Banner requisition questions. If necessary, a Procurement Services staff member will visit your department for one-on-one training.

Slavkin to participate in Holocaust Institute for Teacher Educators

Dr. Michael L. Slavkin, associate professor of education, has been accepted to participate in the Holocaust Institute for Teacher Educators (HITE) June 1-5 at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington D.C. The event is sponsored by the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE).

Student Health Center summer hours

Summer hours for the USI Student Health Center are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday thru Friday. Regular business hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. will resume on August 17.

USI Day at the Colts

The Greater Indianapolis USI Alumni Chapter invites you to the USI Day at the Colts on Sunday, September 13. Join us for the Indianapolis Colts 2009 regular season home opener against the Jacksonville Jaguars. Kickoff time is 1 p.m. at Lucas Oil Stadium. Group ticket price is \$84 per person for a seat in the red loge level. Deadline to order tickets is June 1. Call USI Alumni & Volunteer Services at 812/464-1924 to order tickets.

USI Day at Churchill Downs

The Greater Louisville USI Alumni Chapter invites you and your family and friends to join them for the perfect view of the finish line in the company of fellow USI alumni for USI Day at Churchill Downs on Saturday, June 20 in Louisville. Gates open at 11:30 a.m.; post time is 1:15 p.m. Cost is \$35 adults, \$23 children ages 12 to 5, children ages 4 & under are free. Price includes admission, reserved seating in Millionaires Row-Level 4, lunch buffet, USI souvenir, race program, and tax and gratuity.

A round-trip motor coach from USI will be offered for an additional \$20 per person.

To make reservations, please respond to this email prior to May 14 to receive advance tickets by mail. For further information, call USI Alumni Services at 812/464-1924 or email alumni@usi.edu.