Richard W. Schmidt, executive vice president for Business Affairs, has been honored by the Indiana General Assembly.

A resolution passed by both the House and Senate recognizes Schmidt “upon his retirement and for his many years of unselfish service to the citizens of Indiana as the vice president for Business Affairs and treasurer of the University of Southern Indiana.”

Schmidt joined USI as chief accountant in 1972 after working at Ball State University and as an auditor in the U.S. Air Force. He subsequently served as controller and assistant vice president for Business Affairs until 1993, when he was appointed vice president for Business Affairs and treasurer.

“During his tenure,” the resolution reads, “Richard W. Schmidt through his exemplary service was presented in May 2001 the Special Recognition Award by the school’s Alumni Association in recognition of his many accomplishments and contributions he has made to the University throughout his tenure.”

In addition to his work at USI, Schmidt also has given leadership to numerous organizations, including the Raintree Girl Scout Council, Evansville Association for the Blind, Community Foundation Alliance, Posey County Community Foundation, St. Mary’s Medical Center Advisory Board, Downtown Evansville Inc., and Southern Indiana Higher Education Inc.

“Richard W. Schmidt has touched the lives of thousands of people throughout his career and each life has been improved through his association with Richard W. Schmidt,” the resolution states.

“The Indiana General Assembly wishes to recognize the contributions Richard W. Schmidt has made to the University of Southern Indiana and the Evansville community and to thank him for his dedication to the state of Indiana and its citizens.”

Schmidt will continue to serve as executive vice president until June 30, when his retirement becomes effective. He holds an undergraduate degree in accounting and a master's in business from Ball State. He and his wife Marilyn, director of USI Career Services and Placement, who also will retire in June, reside in Mount Vernon, Ind., but plan to retire in North Carolina.

Dr. Robert W. Ruble, former associate vice president for Fiscal and Physical Affairs, assumed his appointment as vice president for Business Affairs and treasurer March 1.

Hankins 2002 Distinguished Professor

Making science appealing to students of all ages is a priority for Dr. Marie Hankins, Integra Bank's 2002 Distinguished Professor at USI. The award, announced March 18 at the Pott School of Science and Engineering Technology's Honors Program, will be presented May 5 during Commencement.

Hankins is chair of the Chemistry Department, a post she has held since 1987. Her passion is teaching junior high, high school, and college students science is fascinating, understandable, and fun.

Through involvement in the Indiana/Kentucky Border Section of the American Chemical Society, Hankins has organized chemical demonstrations and hands-on activities for school-aged children during National Chemistry Week each year for the last decade.

In the past two years, she has been instrumental in bringing 100 Girl Scouts to USI for a National Chemistry Week overnight that includes career talks, chemistry demonstrations, science movies, and pizza.

In 1998 Hankins secured a grant from the Alcoa Foundation to fund Kids and Chemistry, an outreach program delivered to 86 elementary schools in southwestern Indiana.

At USI she teaches chemistry to undergraduate majors and non-majors as well as graduate students. She also has served as advisor to the University’s award-winning student affiliate chapter of the American Chemical Society.

With a record of continuous accomplishment in promoting the chemistry profession, Hankins encourages young people to think about and work toward preparing themselves for careers in the field, informing the community about the significance of chemistry in everyday life, and promoting the chemistry program at USI.

The Distinguished Professor Award is made possibly by a generous gift from Integra Bank, and the recipient is chosen by colleagues on the USI faculty. A distinguished Professor, Hankins will receive a grant from Integra, select a student to receive a scholarship in her name, and deliver the Distinguished Professor lecture during the 2002-2003 academic year.

Foroughi honored for community service

Dr. Abbas Foroughi, professor of computer information systems, received the Sydney L. and Sadelle Berger Faculty Community Service Award March 19 during the School of Business Honors Program.

Presented by the USI Faculty and Academic Affairs Committee, the award recognized Foroughi’s dedicated efforts benefiting young people in the area.

Foroughi, who earned the distinction of Rotarian of the Decade 1987-97, is chair of the Rotary Club’s Education Committee, the organization’s largest and most diverse committee. A school board member, he collaborates with public and private schools to implement enrichment programs for school children.

He is active with the Metropolitan Evansville Chamber of Commerce’s Tri-State Workforce Initiative and was a member of the School Improvement Team for Plaza Park Middle School and the Raintree Girl Scout Council’s Board of Directors. A Girl Scout for many years, his 18-year-old daughter, Leila, was profiled in the recently published Every Girl Tells a Story. Her dream is to start a medical clinic for women and children in Iran.

Foroughi earned a Ph.D. from Indiana University in 1990. He is widely published on topics related to e-business and the
Hope Carroll, instructor in public relations, served as a Distinguished Merit Award winner, the highest recognition bestowed on a student during Honors Week at USI.

A graduate of the University of Evansville, she is the daughter of Dr. Robert A. Carroll, professor of public relations, and the late Dr. Eva Carroll, instructor in mathematics, and uncle of Suzanne Nicholson, USI Foundation Board of Directors, USI Athletic Board, and Student Government Association.

The The Sydney and Sadelle Berger Faculty Community Service Award is made possible by the Berger's son Charles and his wife Leslie.

Junior wins Distinguished Merit Award

Walter Jermakowicz III has been named the 2002 Trustees Distinguished Merit Award winner, the highest recognition bestowed on a student during Honors Week at USI.

A junior triple-majoring in biology, chemistry, and German, Jermakowicz has maintained a 3.96 GPA and speaks fluent English, German, and Polish.

He received a 2001 Washington University Summer Research Fellowship in biology and is presenting a paper at the British Society for Developmental Biology in York, England, this month.

In addition to his academic honors, Jermakowicz has an extraordinary record of service at USI. He is student trustee on the Board of Trustees and serves on the USI/New Harmony Foundation Board of Directors, USI Athletic Board, and Student Government Association.

"I am especially impressed by his desire and willingness to seek out challenges beyond those prescribed by his degree programs," said Dr. Gene Freudenburg, associate professor of mathematics. "Clearly the work ethic, love of learning, and high intellect which Mr. Jermakowicz possesses will lead him to success in graduate school or any other course he chooses."

A 1999 graduate of Reitz High School, he is the son of Dr. Eva K. Jermakowicz, associate professor of accounting, and the late Dr. Walter W. Jermakowicz, who also taught at USI.

The Trustees Distinguished Merit Award recognizes outstanding achievement not only in the student's major but also in the liberal arts and sciences that form the core curriculum of a college education. It is awarded each year to the one junior or senior at USI who best qualifies by virtue of the overall integrity of his or her student life.

Jermakowicz was nominated by the School of Liberal Arts and chosen for the honor by the Faculty Senate Student Academic Affairs Committee. He received the recognition, which includes a $1,000 award, during the Pott School of Science and Engineering Technology's Honors Program March 18.

Breakfast with the President April 3

Join Dr. H. Ray Hoops April 3 when the Student Alumni Association hosts Breakfast with the President from 8 to 9 a.m. in Room 201 of the University Center. During the event, Hoops will respond to campus inquiries from a panel of student organization representatives.

Faculty, staff, and alumni are invited to attend and may reserve tickets, $5.50 each, by calling Alumni and Volunteer Services at extension 1924. March 29 is the ticket reservation deadline.

The event is free to students, who may obtain tickets after showing a valid Eagle Access Card at the University Center Information Desk.

Names in the news

Achievements

Hope Carroll, instructor in public relations, served as a paper discussant in the Newspaper Division at the 27th annual Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication Southeast Regional Colloquium in Gulfport, Miss., in March.

Dr. Robert A. Carroll, professor of public relations, presented the paper "Where is Mass Communication Research Being Conducted?" at the 27th annual Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication Southeast Regional Colloquium in Gulfport, Miss., in March.

In memoriam

Stanley B. Atkinson, 88, Evansville, died March 17 at Good Samaritan Home. The founder and retired chief executive officer of Pepsi Cola Bottlers in Evansville, he was the donor of the Stanley B. and Ruth C. Atkinson Endowed Presidential Scholarship and was the father-in-law of George Ann Griffin, instructor in mathematics, and uncle of Suzanne Nicholson, USI Foundation president.

Active in civic and church affairs, Atkinson had served on the boards of Welborn Baptist Hospital, Vanderburgh County Draft Board, and Community Chest (now the United Way), and had served as Christmas Seal chairman for the Vanderburgh County Tuberculosis Association.

He was active in First Presbyterian Church, where he chaired the board and served as deacon and as an usher for many years.

Online course improves resume skills

A how-to course on writing a resume will begin on the Web April 10. Offered by the Online Instruction Center - a new service available from the Center for Human Resources Development in USI's Extended Services Office - the six-week non-credit course is one of many personal and professional development classes now available on the Internet.

"You can read your lessons and ask questions of your instructor at times that are most convenient to you," said Larry Bohleber, center manager.

Created by Stephanie Donaldson, a member of the National Resume Writer's Association, the Resume Writing Workshop helps people learn about the technical aspects of today's job search and how to write a powerful resume.

"Employers can advertise to more job candidates than ever, and those prospective employees can locate employers anywhere in the world," Donaldson said. "In order to be competitive today, people post their resumes on Internet home pages, in online resume banks, and on news groups."

Workshop participants will take part in a self-assessment exercise to discover their strengths and weaknesses, learn how to write persuasive cover letters, and make the most of their work experience. The course consists of 12 lessons, and all materials are available on the Web.

Visit www.ed2go.com/usf for a demonstration and additional information. Click on "Personal Enrichment" and then select "Resume Writing Workshop." USI employees are eligible for partial fee waivers. To learn about the waivers, visit www.usi.edu/extserv/training/on-line_learning.htm.

For more information about courses offered by the Online Instruction Center, e-mail Bohleber or call 812/464-1854.

Read Notes ONLINE:
www.usi.edu/newsinfo/newnotes.asp
Humanitarian and philanthropist Edward F. Harrison, Evansville, died March 17 at his home. A major scholarship donor to University of Southern Indiana and University of Evansville, the Edward F. Harrison Scholarship at USI was established in 1991 to benefit students in pre-med and nursing. He took enthusiastic interest in the Harrison Scholars, never missing an opportunity to attend a donor function to meet with his students.

Harrison was a founding member of the Student Aid and Counseling Service, an organization that helps award scholarships to college-bound Evansville students. As a 43-year member of the Rotary Club, he was past treasurer of the YMCA and was a life member of the Optimist Club, serving as its president in 1995-1996. Especially close to his heart was the Junior Optimist Club and the Summer Camp Program at Camp Carson for abused and underprivileged children. He also directed the Thomas and Evelyn Ingle Memorial Scholarships to students attending Evansville's three universities.

Harrison was a founding member of the Student Aid and Counseling Service, an organization that helps award scholarships to college-bound Evansville students. As a 43-year member of its board, he was instrumental in its development and served several terms as president.

Harrison was a retired Army Reserve Colonel, served in the Armed Forces in Okinawa in the 1940s, and was recipient of the European and Asiatic theaters of war. He later was active in Morningside Cumberland Presbyterian Church and Christian Fellowship Church.

Harrison's memberships also included Evansville Rotary Club, Reed Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite, Hadi Temple, Evansville Country Club, and the Kennel Club of Evansville.

A veteran of the U.S. Navy, Atkinson served during World War II and was awarded service medals for the American, European, and Asiatic theaters of war.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, March 22, at Alexander East Chapel. Memorial contributions may be made to the Missionary Fund at either Morningside Presbyterian Church or Christian Fellowship Church, or online at www.mem.com.

For more information or to make a reservation, call 812/479-2980.

Art honor

A public reception honoring professors of art John McNaughton and Lenny Dowhie will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday, March 23, at the New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art.

“John McNaughton and Lenny Dowhie: Wood and Ceramics,” an exhibit celebrating their 25-year association, will remain on display through May 4. Exhibit hours are from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call 812/682-3156.

Celebrating diversity

Writer, actor, comedian, and teacher Teja A Robedala will present “Gene Therapy: Healing Racism” at 8 p.m. Monday, March 25, in Carter Hall.

In his interactive program about diversity and what it means to be human, A Robedala offers an entertaining and poignant look at the history of racial definitions; the differences among race, culture, and gender issues; ideas that broaden the perspective of identity; and ways to break down barriers created by stereotypes and assumptions.

The Activities Programming Board is sponsoring the free event in conjunction with USI’s celebration of Diversity Week.
WalkAmerica
March of Dimes WalkAmerica will begin at 9 a.m. A pril 27 at the Super Kmart parking lot.

Seventy-six cents of every dollar raised by WalkAmerica benefits programs that help save babies’ lives. Last year’s USI team raised $1,083.

To register for the 2002 USI team or to obtain more information, e-mail team co-chairs Janet Johnson or Madonna Shaw, senior administrative assistants in Human Resources.

Women’s history
In conjunction with Women’s History Month, The David L. Rice Library is exhibiting two displays honoring women who have made special contributions to the University.

“Looking at USI’s Phenomenal Women” and “USI Women in Their Own Words” will remain on view through the end of March.

SpringFest talent
SpringFest, a two-day carnival organized by USI students, is looking for area bands, chorale groups, magicians, clowns, and other acts to perform A pril 19 and 20, during the event on campus.

For more information, e-mail Tim Buecher, SpringFest advisor and director of Career Counseling, or call extension 1136.

Colloquium lecture
Dr. Julia Galbus, assistant professor of English, will present “Interdisciplinary Narratives: Ethics and Nussbaum’s Literary Pursuits” in USI’s Liberal Arts Colloquium at 3:30 p.m. Friday, March 22, in rooms 201-202 of the University Center.

Galbus holds a Ph.D. in English from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale and M.A.s in English and philosophy, both from Marquette University. She joined the USI faculty in 1997 and has directed the Humanities Program since January 1999.

Newsletter deadline
Friday, March 22, is the deadline for submitting information for the next online issue of University Notes. Submissions received after the deadline will be published at the discretion of the editorial staff.

Submissions may be made via e-mail to Libby L. Keeling, associate editor. Submissions for the “Marketplace” column should be sent to Karen Altstadt, online editor.

Job openings
For job openings, visit the Human Resources Web site at www.usi.edu/hr/. Information also is available on the bulletin boards in the front lobby of the Wright Administration Building and outside the Human Resources Office, or by calling the USI Job Line at 812/465-7117.

Early registration
Early registration for summer and fall 2002 will be March 28 through A pril 12. Automated registration will begin March 28, and the classifications of eligible students as well as instructions can be found on Page 7 of the summer and fall 2002 class schedules.

Walk-through registration, in the office of the student’s advisor, starts A pril 1. Additional information is available on Page 3 of the summer and fall 2002 class schedules.

Tutor training
Dr. Susanna Hoeness-Krupsaw, assistant professor of English, and Dr. Nancy McNeely, instructor in English, will conduct a Tutor Training Workshop for the Literacy Center Saturday, March 23. The training session will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Ivy Tech. To register, call 812/429-1222.

Marketplace

For sale
1908 E. Mulberry St. - Must see! Full-brick ranch home; garage, fenced-in yard, one block from University of Evansville; two bedrooms, one bath, basement, formal dining room, nice inside! Call 812/401-8990 for appointment.

1948 International KB-3 long-bed one-ton pickup truck - complete, runs fine, good tires, never restored, same family for 35 years. NADA book prices - low retail: $2,775; average retail: $4,925; high retail: $7,925. Will take $3,500 OBO. Call Vince Frazier, 812/985-7309 (home), 812/464-1839 (work).

1995 full-size Chevy special-use conversion van - seats five, huge cargo/storage space in back for camping gear, dogs, bikes, etc. Roof rack, towing package, power, very good condition, 87,000 highway miles, well maintained and cared for; $8,500. Call 464-1950.

Old beat-up bicycle - $5. Contact lcleek@usi.edu.

Solid oak drop leaf table and four cushioned chairs - $275; oval coffee table - $75; two end tables - $80 for both; velvet rocking chair - $40. All in excellent condition. Make an offer. Call 476-3660.

Solid cherry wood oval coffee table and matching end table - new condition, $100 each. Call Pat, Ext. 1831.

Singer serger sewing machine - three-thread, one-horsepower motor, heavy-duty, with table, $300 OBO. Call Vince Frazier, Ext. 1839.

Apartments
Serene one-bedroom apartments in quiet, historic neighborhood - Apartment No. 1 has hardwood floors, blinds, sunroom, lots of storage, veranda, large fenced yard; includes stove, refrigerator, heat, water, and refuse; $395/month, references required. Apartment No. 2 offers built-in bookcases, carpeting, breakfast room, sunroom, lots of storage, veranda, large fenced yard; includes stove, refrigerator, heat, water, and refuse; $410/month, references required. Call 423-8859.

Friday, March 22, is the deadline for submitting information for next week’s “Marketplace.” Submissions may be made via e-mail to kaltstadt@usi.edu.