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Boehm named president of Keystone College

Dr. Edward G. "Ned" Boehm Jr., senior vice president for institutional advancement at Marshall University, has been named president of Keystone College in northeastern Pennsylvania.

Announcement of the appointment, effective Oct. 1, was made Aug. 15 by Marty Markowitz, chairman of the college's board of trustees. He said Boehm, who also serves as executive director of The Marshall University Foundation Inc., was selected from a field of more than 125.

"Dr. Boehm has had a personal commitment to higher education over the past 25 years," Markowitz said. "We feel this commitment has prepared Ned for both the honor and challenge of Keystone's presidency."

Boehm, who joined the Marshall administration in 1989, said he was looking forward to becoming a college president.

"While I truly love my work at Marshall University and my relationships with the people of this region, the opportunity to assume the responsibilities of a presidency was one I could not pass up," Boehm said. "My professional career, spanning the last 27 years, has had service as a college president as its ultimate objective. And since my wife, Regina, is a native of Pennsylvania, both of us are eager to make the move to Keystone College."



Boehm

Located at La Plume, Pa., near Scranton, Keystone College has an enrollment of about 1,000 students and a 260-acre campus. The independent college was founded in 1868. "Ned Boehm, through his administrative talents, his vigorous mind and his warm personality, has made an enormous contribution to Marshall University and the Marshall Foundation," Gilley said. "He certainly has earned this opportunity to be the chief executive of a higher education institution and he has the best wishes of all of us."

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Frank Justice selected interim development VP

Frank P. Justice has been named Marshall University's interim vice president for development, according to MU President J. Wade Gilley. The appointment is effective Oct. 1.

Justice, a retired Ashland Oil Inc. vice president, has served the last two years as executive director of the university's Research and Economic Development Center and president of the Marshall University Research Corp.



Justice

He will succeed Dr. Edward G. "Ned" Boehm Jr., senior vice president for institutional advancement, who is resigning to become president of Keystone College in Pennsylvania.

In his new role, Justice will become Marshall's principal fundraiser and will have supervisory responsibility over several areas involved in obtaining private contributions in support of the university. Gilley said he was changing the title of the position to reflect some organizational alterations.

"I'm very pleased Frank Justice has agreed to accept this new assignment," Gilley said. "In addition to extensive administrative experience, he is widely involved in community organizations throughout our region and also has excellent credentials as a fund-raiser. I'm confident he will represent the university in an outstanding manner as the interim vice president for development."

He said an announcement regarding leadership of the Research and Economic Development Center will be made later.

A native of Wanego, W.Va., Justice earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from West Virginia State College in 1967 and an M.B.A. in Finance from Marshall in 1977. He also attended the University of Louisville.

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Ebanks appointed chair

Dr. Bruce R. Ebanks, professor of mathematics at the University of Louisville, has been named chairman of the Department of Mathematics and coordinator of graduate education for Marshall University's College of Science, according to Dr. Thomas A. Storch, dean of the college.

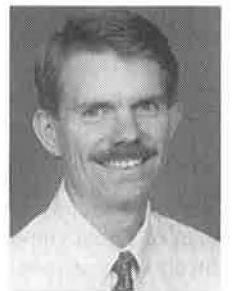
Storch said Ebanks, who also served as director of graduate studies at the University of Louisville, will succeed Dr. Charles V. Peele who will return to the classroom full-time after serving 10 years as chair of the department.

Ebanks received his bachelor's degree with honors from Austin College in Sherman, Texas, and his master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Waterloo in Ontario, Canada.

Prior to joining the University of Louisville faculty in 1985, Ebanks taught at Texas Tech University.

He has had more than 50 scholarly papers in the field of mathematics published in professional journals such as Forum Mathematicum, Aequationes Mathematicae, The Canadian Mathematical Bulletin, the Mathematical Reports of the Academy of Science of Canada and the Proceedings of the American Mathematical Society.

Storch said Ebanks has built a worldwide reputation as a scholar. He has made invited presentations in several countries



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Boehm leaving Marshall

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The Marshall University Foundation had undertaken its most ambitious fund-raising campaign shortly before Boehm came to Marshall in 1989. He completed the \$10 million campaign four months early and \$1.3 million above its goal.

Through his leadership, Marshall in 1993 received a prestigious Circle of Excellence Award in Educational Fund Raising from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) in recognition of outstanding accomplishment during the period 1989-1992.

Boehm also plays a major role with many community and professional organizations. During his tenure as president, the United Way of the River Cities exceeded the previous year's contributions by raising more than \$1.7 million. He has served as vice president of Boys and Girls Clubs of Huntington-Ironton and is a member of the Boy Scouts of America's Tri-State Area Council, the Huntington Area Chamber of Commerce and the Huntington Rotary Club.

He also has been secretary and director of Leadership Tri-State, was a member of Leadership West Virginia's 1992 Class and serves on the National Advisory Council of Tandy Technology Scholars. In 1994, the Marshall University Alumni Association named him an Honorary Alumnus.

A native of Washington, D.C., Boehm began his career in higher education in 1968 at The American University there, holding several positions prior to becoming director of university development in 1977. He left there in 1979 to become dean of admissions at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth. He was associate vice chancellor for academic affairs and an assistant professor in the School of Education at TCU before accepting the Marshall position.

Boehm earned his B.S. degree from Frostburg (Md.) State University and his M.Ed. and Ed.D. degrees from The American University.

Justice is interim VP

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Before joining Ashland Oil in 1970, he worked eight years with Dun & Bradstreet in Huntington and Charleston and two years as a domestic trade specialist with the Charleston Office of the U.S. Commerce Department.

He held a number of staff positions at Ashland Oil before being selected as vice president, public relations, in 1979. Subsequently, he served as vice president of Ashland Services Co. and in 1985 was named corporate vice president. He also serves as board chairman of Equal Opportunity Finance Co., a small business investment company owned by Ashland Inc.

Justice has served as chairman of the board of both the West Virginia Chamber of Commerce and the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce. He also is active with The West Virginia Roundtable Inc., having been treasurer, board member and member of its executive committee, as well as president of Roundtable Venture Fund Inc., a venture capital firm.

Ebanks appointed chair

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including Canada, Hungary, Yugoslavia, Poland, Spain, Germany, Italy and Austria.

"We are fortunate to have been able to attract a person of Dr. Ebanks' abilities and qualities," said Storch. "He has a good deal of experience in the area of delivery systems in undergraduate mathematics classes which will help us maintain the momentum of change that we have initiated in the way we teach math at Marshall."



United Way of the River Cities officials recently attended Marshall University's campaign kick off luncheon. Pictured above are, left to right, Dr. Lynne Welch, dean of the MU School of Nursing and chair of Marshall's United Way campaign; Dr. Barbara Harmon-Schamberger, chair of the state employees United Way campaign; Kheng McGuire, director of the River Cities United Way, and Bobbi Carr, a United Way ambassador.

MU campaign continuing

The deadline for making pledges to the Marshall University United Way of the River Cities campaign will be Sept. 9, according to Dr. Lynne B. Welch, dean of the MU School of Nursing and campaign chairperson. Marshall's goal is to raise \$65,000 for the United Way.

Marshall employees who make "fair share" pledges (one percent of an employee's salary with a minimum pledge of \$24) by Sept. 1 will be eligible for a drawing for one of three prizes: a weekend for two at The Greenbrier, a trip for two to Marshall's football game with The Citadel in Charleston, S.C., or a trip for two to Marshall's football game at Western Carolina with an overnight stay at Pigeon Forge, Tenn.

The MU United Way Planning Committee held a kick off luncheon Wednesday, Aug. 16. Members of the committee are Sherry Brooks, Becky Hamsher, Chris Maniskas (loaned executive), Robin Wilson and Welch. Dr. Barbara Harmon-Schamberger, West Virginia secretary for education and the arts, gave the luncheon keynote address. Harmon-Schamberger is serving as state employees United Way chairperson.

Contributions and pledges can be given to the following MU United Way campaign captains:

Division	Captain
Academic Affairs	Dr. James Harless/Reginald Spencer
College of Business	Alan Wilkins
College of Fine Arts	Peggy Egnatoff
College of Education	Sandra Parker
College of Liberal Arts	Dr. Robert Bookwalter
College of Science	Dr. Ralph Taylor
Community and Technical College	Peggy Wilmink
Enrollment Management	Beverly Bunch
Finance	Martha Deel
Institutional Advancement	Becky Hamsher
Multicultural & International Programs	Tammy Maynard
President's Office	Sandy Hockensmith
Physical Plant	Joyce Adkins
Residence Services	Charlotte Hardin
Research Corporation	Julia Dickens and Tracy McDowell
School of Medicine	Beth Hunt
School of Nursing	Dr. Linda Scott or Mamie Cole
Student Government Organizations	Brad Boberski

To obtain further details about the Marshall University United Way campaign contact the captain in your division or Robin Wilson in the School of Nursing, 696-5272.

Holocaust victims topic for lectures by Chodoff

Psychiatrist and psychoanalyst Paul Chodoff, internationally known for his work with Holocaust survivors, will speak in Huntington Sept. 7 and 8.

Dr. Chodoff will give a free public lecture at 8 p.m. Sept. 7 at the B'nai Shalom Congregation at 949 Tenth Ave. in Huntington. His topic will be "The Psychiatric and Psychological Consequences of the Holocaust." A reception will follow.

He will present a similar program tailored to medical professionals at the grand rounds of the Department of Psychiatry of the Marshall University School of Medicine. That talk will be at noon Friday, Sept. 8, in the sixth floor conference room of St. Mary's Hospital. Reservations are necessary, and can be made by calling 696-7084.

Chodoff, a clinical professor of psychiatry at George Washington University School of Medicine in Washington, D.C., has worked extensively with survivors of the Holocaust. He has published widely on the Holocaust's impact, and last fall led off a lecture series on its psychiatric and psychological outcomes at the United States Holocaust Museum.

"Dr. Chodoff has the clinical knowledge and the insight that allow him to convey the experiences of these survivors and also to put that kind of suffering into the broader perspective of what it means to our society," said Dr. Daniel Cowell, chairman of the Department of Psychiatry at Marshall. His department is sponsoring Chodoff's visit, with assistance from Bristol-Myers Squibb Co.

Chodoff is a former president of the American Academy of Psychoanalysis and has served as associate editor of the American Journal of Psychiatry. He has served on the American Psychiatric Association's Committee on Human Rights and its Committee on International Abuse of Psychiatry. A native of Philadelphia, he graduated from the University of Pennsylvania and Jefferson Medical College.

More information is available from Cowell's office at 696-7084.

Speakers to be speakers

"The Speakers," a program featuring Chuck Chambers, speaker of the West Virginia House of Delegates, and Vern Riffe, former speaker of the Ohio General Assembly, will be presented at Marshall University Thursday, Sept. 7, at 6:30 p.m. in the Francis-Booth Experimental Theatre in the Fine and Performing Arts Center.

Dr. Alan B. Gould, executive director of Marshall's John Deaver Drinko Academy for American Political Institutions and Civic Culture, said the program will focus on the impact of new congressional initiatives and the states' legislative responses.

"Both of our guest speakers are highly regarded state legislators," said Gould, who will serve as moderator for the event. "They will present their views, observations and opinions of their state's reactions to the new national initiatives."

Each speaker will be given 10 minutes for introductory remarks, followed by prepared questions from the moderator and then by questions from the audience.

The program, which will be followed by a reception, will be open to the public free of charge.

To obtain further details contact Marshall University's John Deaver Drinko Academy for American Political Institutions and Civic Culture, 304-696-3183.



STUDENT RECEIVES BOOKS FOR COMING IN FIFTH

The newly renovated Marshall University Bookstore held an open house last week to celebrate its grand reopening under the management of Follett College Stores of Elmhurst, Ill. To mark the occasion, store manager Mike Campbell, left, and Marshall President J. Wade Gilley, right, decided to give the use of free fall semester textbooks to the fifth student to enter the remodeled store. The lucky student was Tiffani Asbury, a sophomore education major at Marshall. She is the daughter of Sherry and Carlton Asbury of Ona.

Theatre tour scheduled

Marshall University's Department of Theatre and Dance is sponsoring a London/Stratford Theatre Tour at the end of the fall semester.

The 11-day tour, Dec. 28 through Jan. 7, will include six nights at the President Hotel in London with continental breakfasts, three nights at the Moat House in Stratford-on-Avon with full English breakfasts, transportation between sites, a half-day orientation tour of London and a seven-day regional travel card (bus/subway).

Participants will see three theatre productions, tour the National Theatre, the Globe Theatre, the Royal Shakespearean Company, production studios, theatrical training studios, Shakespeare's birthplace and other sites, according to Mike Murphy, associate professor in the Department of Theatre and Dance.

Murphy said the itinerary has been designed to allow participants free time to travel or explore London on their own.

"This tour is for everyone but has been packaged and scheduled with Marshall faculty, staff and students in mind," said Murphy. "The trip will take place over the Christmas break. Participants can celebrate the holidays with their families, go to London and return without missing the start of the spring semester."

The cost of the tour will be \$1,299 per person which includes round-trip airfare from Cincinnati to London, service charges, taxes and departure fees.

To obtain further details contact Murphy at Marshall University's Department of Theatre and Dance, 304-696-2517.

Reception set for Boehm

The Division of Institutional Advancement is hosting a farewell reception for its senior vice president, Dr. Edward G. "Ned" Boehm Jr., who will become president of Keystone College in La Plume, Pa., effective Oct. 1.

The reception will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 12, in the Erickson Alumni Center. Everyone on campus is invited.

Marshall faculty and staff achievements

DAVID N. BAILEY, director of continuing medical education (CME) in the School of Medicine, was an invited speaker at the CME Workshop presented by the Office of Medical Applications of Research of the National Institutes of Health of the Department of Health and Human Services held July 17 at Rockville, Md. His lecture was titled "The Evolvement of CME."

BRUCE McALLISTER, assistant professor in the Division of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, is scheduled to participate as medical coordinator and head athletic trainer in the Aquatics Division at the 1996 Olympic Games being held in Atlanta next July.

A paper titled "Fingerprinting Petroporphyrins Structures with Vibrational Spectroscopy: II. Resonance Raman Marker Bands for the Exocyclic Rings of Nickel Tetrahydrobenzoporphyrins and Nickel Cycloalkanoporphyrins" by Dr. J. GRAHAM RANKIN, assistant professor of chemistry, has been published in *Organic*

Geochemistry, 1995, 23 (5), 419-427. Co-authors are R.S. Czernuszewicz of the University of Houston and T.D. Lash of Illinois State University.

Dr. ROBERT P. ALEXANDER, distinguished professor of management, attended the annual West Virginia Forest Conference held July 14-15 at Canaan Valley. ALEXANDER serves as a member of the Forest Management Review Committee, the state Forest Steward Commission and the Urban Forest Committee.

Dr. TONY B. SZWILSKI, professor of environmental engineering and science, recently returned from a two-week mission to China. He was invited by the International Labour Organization (ILO) to take part in a workshop near Beijing to implement two recent ILO conventions ratified by China—the Chemicals Convention 1990 (No. 170) and the Major Industrial Accidents Convention 1993 (No. 174). The measures call for the Chinese ministries of Labor, Chemical Industries, Agriculture, Mines and Health to establish a national system for ensuring safety in the use of chemicals and major hazard control. SZWILSKI has been chief technical adviser to the ILO, United Nations, for mine health and safety in China since 1992.

Dr. ROBERT L. DINGMAN of Marshall University's Department of Counseling and Rehabilitation was the guest editor of the July issue of the *Journal of Mental Health Counseling*. The special issue was titled "Disasters and Crises: A Mental Health Counseling Perspective." DINGMAN co-authored the opening article that carried the same title as the journal and another article titled "The Mental Health Counselor's Role in Hurricane Andrew" that appeared in the issue. DINGMAN will serve as an associate editor of the journal through 1996. He recently accepted the position of chair of the Public Awareness and Support Committee for the American Counseling Association for the 1995-96 fiscal year. He served as a member of the committee during 1994-95.

Activities Fair planned

Marshall University's Office of Student Activities and Organizations will sponsor an Activities Fair on the Memorial Student Center Plaza on Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 5-6, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The purpose of the fair is to acquaint students with activities and opportunities that are available to them, according to Marie Brown of the Student Activities and Organizations Office.

Representatives from student organizations will be able to distribute information about their organizations and recruit new members. Brown said representatives from all university organizations and departments are encouraged to participate to acquaint students with programs and services.

Special entertainment has been included in the Activities Fair this year for the first time. Singer and songwriter Steve Free of Lucasville, Ohio, will perform Tuesday at noon. Free, a Shawnee Indian, is generally classified as a folk singer. The Sound, an acappella group that specializes in rock, pop and soul music, will perform Wednesday at noon.

To register or obtain further details contact the Student Activities Office in Memorial Student Center (Room 2W38), 696-6770.

Vickers will be honored

The College of Education will host a reception in honor of Dr. Carole A. Vickers Tuesday, Sept. 12, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center Alumni Lounge.

Vickers, who previously announced her resignation as dean of the College of Education, is returning to the faculty effective Sept. 1 as a distinguished professor of home economics.

Everyone is invited to attend the reception.

Library hours announced

Marshall University's James E. Morrow Library will observe the following fall semester schedule, according to Josephine Fidler, director of libraries.

The library will be open Monday through Thursday from 7:45 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Friday from 7:45 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from 1 to 10 p.m.

Fidler said the library will be closed Saturday, Sunday and Monday, Sept. 2-4, for the Labor Day holiday.

University employee dies

Brady Dale Burger, 69, of Huntington died Wednesday, Aug. 9, in St. Mary's Hospital.

He was a supervisor of Physical Plant Support Services at Marshall University.

Burger was born Jan. 16, 1926, in Branchland, a son of the late Winfield Scott and Stella Snodgrass Burger.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, having been stationed in Europe, and was in the Army Reserves.

A 1942 graduate of Guyan Valley High School, he attended Marshall for two years.

Burger served as a Sunday school teacher, youth group worker and deacon at Twentieth Street Baptist Church and at Highlawn Baptist Church where he was a member at the time of his death.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Helen Adkins; one Gillett grandchild and three Westfall grandchildren.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Suzanne Joyce and Calvin Gillett of Jackson, Ky., and Felicia burger-Westfall and Lynn Westfall of Buckhannon; one son and daughter-in-law, Ronald S. and Jean Burger of Charlotte, N.C.; his former spouse, Edna Messinger Burger of West Hamlin; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Kathleen Porter, Vilma and Don Davis and Janith and O'Dell Lawson, all of Branchland; one brother and sister-in-law, Dana and Dana L. Burger of Lebanon, Ore., and three grandchildren, Yvonne S. Habel of Bowling Green, Ky., Adam C. Gillett of Jackson and Zachary A. Burger of Charlotte.

Autism Training Center awarded \$300,000

The West Virginia Autism Training Center at Marshall University has been awarded a \$300,000 competitive grant from the United States Department of Health and Human Services, U.S. Senator Robert C. Byrd, D-W.Va., has announced.

The grant will be used to develop a program to help parents provide training to autistic children on a consistent basis, according to Dr. Barbara Becker-Cottrill, director of the center.

Autism is a neurological developmental disability that typically appears during the first three years of age. It is characterized by deficits in communication and social skills and by uneven or delayed rates of development in other areas.

Individuals with autism often display challenging behaviors such as self-injury, aggression, property destruction, feeding problems and complex sensory integration disorders.

Rhoten gets Fulbright

Dr. William Blocher Rhoten of the Marshall University School of Medicine has received a Fulbright grant to lecture at the University of Zimbabwe in Harare, Zimbabwe, from January through December 1996.

Rhoten will teach courses in human anatomy, histology and cell biology for students in medical, nursing and rehabilitative programs. He will assist with curriculum development, particularly production of self-directed learning manuals.

Rhoten, who is chair of the Department of Anatomy, Cell and Neurobiology at Marshall, has previous international experience in Africa and the Middle East. He is one of approximately 2,000 U.S. grantees who will travel abroad for the 1995-96 academic year under the Fulbright program.

A member of the Marshall faculty since 1991, Rhoten also has served on the faculties of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, the University of Illinois, the University of Alabama and the University of Cape Town in South Africa. He received his Ph.D. in anatomy from the Milton S. Hershey Medical Center of Pennsylvania State University.

NEH grants available

The Marshall University deadline for submitting applications for 1996 National Endowment for the Humanities summer stipends is Oct. 2, according to Dr. Sarah Denman, associate vice president for academic affairs.

Each stipend provides \$4,000 for projects that do not require travel or \$4,750 for projects that require travel.

To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Academic Affairs Office or the National Endowment for the Humanities, 202-606-8551.

MU Bookstore has papers

The staff and management of the Marshall University Bookstore have spent the past five weeks remodeling the Textbook Department and making major changes to the main floor Trade Department.

Bookstore employee Joe Vance said the bookstore now carries the Sunday editions of The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Columbus Dispatch, The Baltimore Sun and The Charleston Gazette. Plans also are being made to carry The Huntington Herald-Dispatch.

Becker-Cottrill said teaching more adaptive skills at an early age is crucial to prevent the development of secondary conditions that include tissue damage and failure to thrive.

"Despite the importance of parent training, research and clinical observations suggest that few parents consistently implement behavioral programming," said Becker-Cottrill. "One barrier identified as affecting the implementation of behavioral programming by parents is stress."

Sources of stress include reduced time for leisure, increased child care tasks, social isolation, increased financial burdens and increased time spent dealing with the child's challenging behavior.

The purpose of the project is to develop a program to identify areas of family stress, develop strategies to deal with the stress and provide ongoing support to families prior to and during training.

A modified version of Positive Behavior Support Training will be used to assess areas of stress, establish a support plan and develop a child-focused behavior support plan. Participating families will receive ongoing support from a local partner (a parent of an autistic child) in locating community resources, implementing the support plan and solving problems.

"During the first year, the project will involve approximately 24 families with children under the age of eight who display challenging behaviors or behaviors that may ultimately become more challenging if not addressed," said Becker-Cottrill. "We will conduct research to determine the effectiveness of the project and perhaps make changes to better serve families who have autistic children."

The development of the Autism Training Center at Marshall was mandated by the 1983 West Virginia Legislature to provide training, assistance and information to individuals with autism and to provide training to those who work with people who have autism. The center has an active caseload of more than 300 families.

"I would like to recognize and thank Senator Byrd for his efforts on behalf of people who have autism," said Becker-Cottrill. "He added report language to the 1995 Labor/Health and Human Services Appropriations Bill that made this grant possible."

Dissertation defense set

Lauren Joseph, a candidate for the Marshall University-West Virginia University doctoral degree in educational administration will defend her dissertation Friday, Sept. 1, at 10 a.m. in Jenkins Hall Room 219 (Dean's Conference Room).

Observers are welcome to attend but seating will be limited, according to Dr. Aimee Howley, chair of Joseph's dissertation committee.

Joseph conducted a research study titled "Institutional Persistence of First-generation College Students: A Test of the Tinto Model."

Letter of appreciation

Dear Faculty and Administration:

We were touched by the beautiful flowers you sent to my father's funeral. Your kindness and generosity will long be remembered.

Most Sincerely,
Betsy Nordeen and Family

Marshall faculty and staff achievements

Dr. GARY O. RANKIN, Dr. HSIEN C. SHIH, Dr. SUK KIL HONG, DIANNE K. ANESTIS, JOHN G. BALL and Dr. MONICA A. VALENTOVIC of the Department of Pharmacology in Marshall's School of Medicine, Dr. PATRICK I. BROWN of the Department of Anatomy in the School of Medicine and Derek W. Nicoll were co-authors of a paper titled "Role of chloride groups in the nephrotoxic potential of N-(3,5-dichlorophenyl)-2-hydroxysuccinimide, an oxidative metabolite of N-(3,5-dichlorophenyl)succinimide" that was published in *Toxicology Letters* (78: 49-56, 1995). VALENTOVIC, BROWN, RANKIN and HERNG-HSIANG LO of Marshall's Department of Pharmacology had a paper titled "3,5-Dichloroaniline toxicity in Fischer 344 rats pretreated with inhibitors and inducers of cytochrome P450" published in *Toxicology Letters* (78: 207-214, 1995).

Dr. DANNY FULKS, professor of education, presented a paper Aug. 12 to faculty and students at Southern Utah University in Cedar City during a Multicultural Education Conference sponsored by the university, the Utah Humanities Council and the Nevada Humanities Council. His paper was titled "Telling Your Story." FULKS also had a paper titled "Making Melancholia, the emotions in bluegrass music" published in the summer issue of *Now and Then*, an Appalachian journal published by East Tennessee State University. During October and November he will give readings from his book, "Tales Along the Appalachian Plateau," at Firelands College in Huron, Ohio, and other selected sites.

Grover discusses theory on key neurotransmitter

Dr. Lawrence M. Grover of the Marshall University School of Medicine is co-author of an article titled "The Mechanism of Biphasic GABA Responses" published in the Aug. 18 edition of *SCIENCE*, the leading U.S. journal of laboratory research.

Grover, a physiologist, was invited to comment on a new theory that may explain the puzzling dual role of a key chemical in the brain: a neurotransmitter known by the acronym GABA.

GABA has mystified scientists for years, Grover said. Usually it functions to inhibit electrical impulses. At times, however, it completely reverses its role and stimulates electrical activity instead. This second role may, he and his colleagues suggested, contribute to the brain's storage of memories by allowing calcium to enter nerve cells.

The new theory, offered by researchers at the University of Colorado, expands on work previously published by Grover's group.

"The new version of the hypothesis put forth by Kevin Staley and his colleagues seems to be a significant step forward," Grover said. "It helps explain why some of our previous results were inconclusive, but as Nevin Lambert and I point out in our article, the most critical experiment which will either prove or disprove the new theory has not yet been performed.

"Also, we point out that although GABA can cause calcium to enter nerve cells, this has only been demonstrated under artificial conditions in the laboratory," he added. "Whether or not this occurs under normal conditions in the brain is not yet established."

Dr. FRANK S. GILLIAM, professor, and Dr. JEFFREY D. MAY, associate professor, in the Department of Biological Sciences and graduate students ROBERT JARRETT, MARK FISHER, ANNE HOCKENBERRY and BRAD YURISH attended the 80th annual meeting of the Ecological Society of America held July 29 through Aug. 3 in Snowbird, Utah. GILLIAM presented a paper, co-authored by Dr. Mary Beth Adams of the USDA Forest Service at Parsons, titled "Nitrogen dynamics of a nitrogen-saturated central Appalachian hardwood forest." MAY presented a paper, co-authored by JARRETT, GILLIAM and P.J. Harmon of the West Virginia Department of Natural Resources, titled "Soil-plant interactions in a shale barren community in eastern West Virginia." JARRETT presented a poster, co-authored by GILLIAM, MAY and Harmon, titled "Population ecology of shale barren rock cress (*Arabis serotina* Steele)." FISHER presented a poster, co-authored by GILLIAM, titled "Nitrogen transformations following wetland creation in the Green Bottom Wildlife Management Area, West Virginia." HOCKENBERRY presented a poster, co-authored by GILLIAM and Adams, titled "Seasonal changes in herbaceous layer species composition and cover in hardwood stands of the Fernow Experimental Forest, West Virginia." YURISH presented a poster, co-authored by GILLIAM and Adams, titled "Seasonal changes in soil nitrogen in a nitrogen-saturated central Appalachian hardwood forest."

Dr. JOHN W. LARSEN, professor of chemistry, attended a workshop on "Theoretical and Practical Aspects of Two Dimensional NMR" held July 24 through Aug. 4 at the University of Rhode Island at Kingston. The workshop was sponsored by the National Science Foundation.

Dr. LYNNE WELCH, dean of Marshall University's School of Nursing, presented a paper titled "Setting Up a Distance Learning Degree Program: A Multi University Consortium Approach" at the fourth Multimedia in Education and Industry Conference held Aug. 4 in Asheville, N.C.

Dr. KEITH E. BARENKLAU, director of the Safety Technology Program, has been nominated for inclusion in the United States Army Field Artillery Officer Candidate School (OCS) Hall of Fame located at Fort Sill, Okla. The Hall of Fame selects graduates who reached the rank of colonel and performed exceptional achievement, either on active duty or in a combination of active duty and civilian service as a reservist. BARENKLAU's achievements in the field of industrial safety were instrumental in his nomination to the Hall of Fame. The Field Artillery OCS, founded in 1941, commissioned second lieutenants during the World War II and Korean eras. BARENKLAU graduated from the program in 1952. He was promoted to full colonel as a reservist in 1974. He retired at that rank in 1981.

Grant applications due

Applications for the first round of Quinlan Faculty Travel Funding are due in the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs by Sept. 12, according to Dr. Lee Erickson, chair of Marshall University's Research Committee.

Application forms are available in the Faculty Senate Office and the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs.