

# Mr. H. Laban White Honored

The Alumni Day Banquet will be held on April 29, 1978, in the Ballroom of the Pioneer Center at 6:30 p.m. Guest of Honor will be Mr. H. Laban White, 1978 Alumnus of the Year. Mr. H. Laban White is the first person to receive both the Alumni Service Award and the Alumnus of the Year Award. White is well-known Clarksburg attorney and former West Virginia legislator.

The Alumni Service Award is given in recognition of and grateful appreciation for service to the Alumni Association. The Alumnus of the Year Award honors an alumnus who has excelled in a chosen field of endeavor and has brought distinction to the individual and to Glenville State College.

White was a student at GSC from 1933 to 1937. He is married to the former Gwendolyn Beall who is also a GSC alumnus. They have three daughters; Patricia Linda Stump of Clarksburg, Nanora Diane Gutshall of Nutter Fort, and Carol Ann White also of Clarksburg.

White's first teaching position was in Gassaway, West Virginia in 1937. He taught there for two years before being a surveyor for the West Virginia Department of Highways. He was a self-employed lawyer in Glenville from 1942 until 1946. He is presently practicing law in Clarksburg.

He is a member of the American Bar Association; The American Judicature Society; American Trial Lawyers Association; Clarksburg Baptist Church; American Baptist Men; Clarksburg Lions Club (President, 1961); Harrison-Clarksburg Cultural Foundation; Clarksburg Area Chamber of Commerce; Elks Club (B.P.O.E.); Moose Club (Local Order of Moose); American Legion; AMVETS; Reserve Officers Association (President, Local Chapter, Judge Advocate, State Chapter); Central W.Va. Council Boy Scouts of America; Glenville State College Alumni Association (President, 2 years); WVU Alumni Association; WVU Law School Association; and

the Glenville State Advisory Board.

While White was a student at GSC he was involved in several organizations on campus. He was a member of the Canterbury Club, Ohningohow Players, Glee Club, Debating Team, and the Tennis Team. He was captain of the tennis team his senior year. He was also Valedictorian of the Class of 1937.

White was a member of the West Virginia Legislature from 1956-68. He was Speaker of the West Virginia House of Delegates from 1964-1968. During this time he sponsored and obtained the passage of legislation improving the State's support of primary, secondary, and higher education in West Virginia. He greatly improved the status of the Department of Mental Health and its institutions. He also worked to increase and protect the life and safety of persons engaged in industry. He provided the first minimum wage law for West Virginia and improved the protection of persons injured during their em-

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H. Laban White

## Cash Awarded Students

Outstanding and deserving students will be presented cash awards at the Alumni Day Banquet on April 29, 1978. The Alumni Foundation will be presenting the awards for merit in the areas of forestry, art, English, science and mathematics, land surveying, health and physical education, and teacher education.

Edward T. Donatell of Stow, Ohio, will receive the Carlos Ratliff Memorial Award of \$50.00 for outstanding scholarship in the area of health and physical education. Funds were provided by alumni of the college in memory of Carlos Ratliff who was a teacher and coach at GSC from 1946 until his death in 1962. Donatell graduated from Stow High School in Stow, Ohio, in 1975. He is presently a member of the Junior class. He is a physical education major with a safety education major. Donatell belongs to Kappa Delta Pi Fraternity. He is a member of the Varsity Football and Track teams. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E.R. Donatell.

Stephen W. Frame will be presented with the Frank Toth Award of \$60.00 for outstanding scholarship in the area of science and mathematics. Frame graduated from Hahnville High School in Hahnville, Louisiana in 1974. He is a senior Mathematics and computer science with minors in chemistry and physics. He is a member of Chi Beta Phi. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter V. Frame of St. Albans, West Virginia.

Anita L. Harold of Glenville, West Virginia will receive the Byron J. Turner Award of \$50.00 for outstanding scholarship in the field of science and mathematics. She is a senior English major with minor in mathematics and political science.

She is a Chi Beta Phi member. She is a member of the College Republicans, the Academic Affairs Committee, and the West Virginia Toastmasters Club. Miss Harold graduated from Gilmer County High School in 1975. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harold of Glenville.

Dale E. Moore, an English and history major, will receive the Brand Award for outstanding scholarship in the field of English. The amount of this award is \$50.00. Moore graduated from Belton High School in Belton, Texas in 1969. This senior is the daughter of Nancy Leifeste of Juntion, Texas, and Dale Vogt of Toledo, Ohio. Moore is a member of Sigma Tau Delta and Kappa Delta Pi. She was also Student Congress President in 1977.

Lola Smith will be presented the Whiting Art Award of \$100.00. Miss Smith is a 1976 graduate of Ravenswood High School. She is a sophomore Art Education (K-12) major with a minor in craft design. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Smith of Ravenswood, West Virginia.

Jonathan C. Spero will receive the Eberle Award for land surveying. Spero is a 1970 graduate of Kenmore, New York. He is a member of the junior class, majoring in land surveying. He is married to the former Jessie E. Radar. He is the son of Robert D. Spero of Buffalo, New York, and June Spero of Kenmore, New York.

Michael A. Smith of Glenville will also receive the Eberle Award for land surveying. He is the son of (cont. on p. 10)

All mobile decorations for the inaugural ball should be given to Mrs. Judy Meads in the Alumni Affairs office in the Pioneer Center by Wednesday, Make sure your organization is represented.

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Tuesday, April 25, 1978

### Alumni Awards Faculty

The GSC Alumni Association will present an Outstanding Faculty Award to honor, show appreciation for, and encourage outstanding teaching during the May 31, 1978, Commencement exercises.

The recipient will receive a plaque, and his name will be engraved on a master plaque along with each year's honoree's name. The master plaque will be displayed in the Alumni Office.

This will be the first year this award is presented. A faculty member can receive this award only once.

Nominations will be accepted from students, faculty, staff, and alumni.

Nominations must be submitted by April 29, 1978. Send nominations with a short explanation of why this nominee would be worthy of this honor to: Alumni Director Judy Meads, Box 162, Glenville State College, Glenville, W.V. 26351.



Mr. David Gillespie is shown as he prepares items for Saturday's Alumni sale. He holds a handmade quilt with various items shown in the background.

## Alumni Council Holds Antique Auction Sale

The GSC Alumni Council will be sponsoring a benefit auction of antiques, collectables, art objects, and good used household or personal objects. The auction will be held on April 29, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon in the amphitheater. All proceeds will go into the general funds of the Alumni Association for things such as the bulletin, postage, and the cost of correspondence.

Items such as oak candlesticks made from Kanawha Hall, political campaign buttons, glassware, and the 'ugliest jug in town'. The complete Vol. 2 of *Life* magazine and one of the first issues of *Life* magazine printed in 1936. Craft items such as a handmade quilt, pottery, and two water colors made by George Harper. Other things too numerous to mention are also available.

Featured on the Alumni Day Banquet buffet will be steamship round of beef, twice baked potatoes, with choice of chive or cheese topping, glazed carrots, green beans panache, salad assortment, bubbly biscuits, strawberry shortcake surprise, coffee and iced tea.

The Alumni Association will hold a reception and reunions for the Classes of 1928, 1937, 1961, and 1973 on Saturday, April 29, 1978 in the Old Cafeteria in the Pioneer Center from 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. All alumni and friends are invited to attend.





## Not For Alumni Only

This week, April 25 through April 29 has been chosen as Alumni week and, along with Inauguration, activities have been slated for the whole week. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all returning alumni, faculty and guests who will be gathering on this campus for all of the festivities.

Many students here may feel that Alumni week does not concern them and they see no need for attending any of the activities, but that is not true. Alumni week gives present GSC students a chance to see what has happened to former graduates, to see how successful they are. By looking at people who have already graduated from this college we get a chance to see what our chances of survival are. Of course, it is not true to say that every graduating class will do as well as the class before or the class before that, but the quality of education is the same. A Glenville State College degree is a recommendation in itself. Several of our education graduates have received outstanding awards such as Teacher of the Year Award in their areas.

Alumni week gives former graduates a chance to return to their alma mater to reminisce and reunite with old friends, and it also gives them a chance to see what future graduates are like, and to know what is going on in the college today.

GSC is notorious for being a "suitcase college," but I think the coming week and weekend will provide enough activities to keep everyone in Glenville. There will be concerts, art exhibits, an antique auction, receptions, reunions, dinners, and a dance. With such a variety of activities, there is bound to be something to please everyone.

Susan McCartney  
Assistant Editor



Winners of the dance contest held Tuesday, April 18, shown above are Shelia Hamden and Tim James.



Steve Morton, Don Post, winners of the doubles competition in the billiards tournament.

## Billiards Contest Winners Stated

The Theta Xi's held a billiard tournament on Monday, April 17, 1978 at the Scoreboard. Peter Martin was the first place winner in singles competition, and Steve Morton and Don Post were the winners in the doubles competition with Vern Martin and Don Wilson placing second. Trophies were awarded to Peter Martin, Steve Morton and Don Post. The fraternity made \$56.00 on the contest.

## Spelunkers Travel

They traverse the inner sanctums of some of the least known but most beautiful and original scenic areas of West Virginia. They parade through, around, and over rock formations, mud banks, and yawning precipices. They see worlds and sights that few of us have the opportunity to visit. They are the intrepid travelers who comprise the Glenville State College Cave Biology students - spelunkers, if you will. Under the auspices of their courageous leader, the fearless James H. Meads II, the spring semester addition of the Cave Biology class made its first field trip the weekend of the 8th. They explored Smokehole, Seneca, and Stratosphere Balloon Caverns - all located in scenic eastern West Virginia.

Smokehole Caverns was the initiation rite for the virgin spelunkers. Famous for its title, "The Room of

# A History of GSC

Glenville State College is the most centrally located of the state-supported schools of West Virginia. It was established by an act of the legislature on Feb. 19, 1872, as the "Glenville Branch of the State Normal Schools of West Virginia" to provide "instruction and practice for common school teachers in the science of education and the art of teachers." The establishment of this school at Glenville was conditioned on the securing of a suitable building by the local citizens without cost to the State. As an aid to the proponents to meet the condition, the Legislature, on Feb. 28, 1872, made Glenville an independent school district and authorized it to erect a building for the use of both the proposed branch normal and a high school. The trustees, on the basis of this authorization, purchased a five-acre site and designated three-fifths for the use of the "Glenville Branch Normal School Association of Gilmer County." The remaining two-fifths were reserved for the use of the trustees of the independent district. Until a suitable building was obtained, the normal school classes met in the courthouse. Thus the branch normal at Glenville was unique among the state normal schools previously established in that it had no academy antecedents.

The Glenville Branch Normal was opened to students on Jan. 14, 1873, under the direction of T. Marcellus Marshall as acting principal. In the following April, Louis Bennett, with Marshall as first assistant, became principal and served through 1874-1875, when Marshall succeeded to the principalship. Following Marshall's resignation in 1818, the school had nine principals in a period of twenty-seven years.

In 1908 Edward G. Rohrbough became head of the school, serving as principal to 1918 and as president to 1942. Despite its interest in the training of teachers, Glenville Normal, early in the Rohrbough era, found it necessary to devote its time almost exclusively to secondary courses because of the absence of high schools in the era which it served. Later as high schools became more numerous, secondary offerings were gradually reduced and greater emphasis was placed upon the development of curricula of normal and junior college courses. On May 1, 1930, the State Board of Education authorized the school to award the Bachelor of Arts in Education degree and on March 4, 1921 the State Legislature changed the name to Glenville State Teachers College. Degrees were first granted a class of nine in 1931.

In recognition of an expanded program for the college, the name of the school was changed to Glenville State College in 1943. Subsequent revisions of the curriculum provided for an increased emphasis on teacher training and pre-professional courses, by terminal courses of a vocational nature and by expanding the field service. The rapid growth in enrollment in post-World War II years was absorbed through an accelerated building program during the administration of President Harry B. Heflin, 1947-1964, and of President D. Banks Wilburn.

Glenville State College is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and by the National Council of Accreditation of Teacher Education, is a member of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education and the American Council on Education, and is recognized by the American Association of University Women.

Dr. James Gay Jones  
Retired Professor of History and Political Science

a Million Stalactites," the main room abounds with countless beautiful stalactites. Glenville explorers toured the cave with both commercial lighting systems and individual lights.

The second stop on the cave pilgrimage was Seneca Caverns. Directed by Jim Meads, the cavers viewed massive speleothems with such names as Niagara Falls, Bakers Dutch Oven and King's Hut.

The final stop on the caving expedition was the Stratosphere Balloon Cave. The cave, one of the oldest known in the state, is located on the same property as is Seneca Caverns.

The Glenville State College students participating this weekend were Aliashraf Alibakhshi, David Barrow, Andrea Bell, Barbara Burkhammer, Debra Corbin, Sharareh Daffar, Billy Deitz, Ed Donatelli, Robert Estep, Dina Frederick, Curtis Hardman, Alan Hess, Ed Hinson, Mohsen Massourmi, Robin Miller, Cynthia Musser, Kazem Nasser, Simi Rasolei, Jacqueline Romeyn, Shahin Sadoughi, Dale Thrasher, Nancy Waybright, Heather Wels, Kathy West, and Ron Wildman.

On a recent expedition, Mr. Joseph Hickman, Joe Hickman and Mr. Jim Meads discovered a rare species of Indiana bats.

## WILLIAM TELL







DAVIS GRUBB

## Grubb Visits This Campus

Author Davis Grubb appeared on GSC's campus this week. Mr. Grubb, a West Virginia author, was born in Moundsville, W.Va., on July 23, 1919. He graduated from Washington Irving High School in Clarksburg and attended Carnegie Tech for one year.

Around 1940-41-42, he worked as a page boy for NBC-Radio City in New York. This was his only experience with journalism. He has worked as a radio announcer in Clarksburg and Charleston, also. One interesting thing about Mr. Grubb is that he has never owned a car.

He sold his first published work (a play) for \$15.00 in New York. When asked if he thought New Yorkers were like West Virginians, he said that people are basically the same everywhere.

Mr. Grubb has written such books as The Night of the Hunter, Shadow of My Brother, and Fool's Parade. The Night of the Hunter has been made into a movie as have others of his literary works, but he had nothing to do with the screenplay of them.

## White Honored

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ployment. He worked to help create the State Human Rights Commission. White has been a member of the Governor's Commission on Hiring the Handicapped, a member of the Committee for Cooperation with the Judicial Counsel. He has acted as a counsellor and instructor in law and government at the American Legion Boys State each year from 1946 to date. He has served as the Chairman of the Clarksburg Human Rights Commission, County PTA Council President, and County Chairman of the Heart Association. White has served as West Virginia Department Commander of AMVETS. He has served as a member of the West Virginia Building Commission. He is currently serving as Secretary of the Capitol Building Commission.

Accomplishments and services such as these are the reasons that H. Laban White has been named Alumni of the Year and awarded the Alumni Service Award for 1978.

Kappa Delta Pi will hold its annual Spring Banquet on May 3, 1978 in the ballroom. All members are urged to attend this banquet at 5:00 p.m. Dress is church attire.

Mr. Grubb decided he wanted to be a writer at age four. He remembers crawling around on the floor of the parlor and handling books with great longing before he could even read them. He feels that people think of art as a luxury but it's not (It's a necessity). He feels that "writing a poem is tougher than writing a novel."

Everyone should "try their hand" at writing, he stressed. Mr. Grubb feels that there is a book in everyone. Get a piece of paper and a ball-point pen and try writing. If nothing else Mr. Grubb feels that it will make your letters more interesting!

Mr. Grubb was very happy to be here and thought this a charming town with loveable people. I think many people on Glenville's campus thought he was loveable, too!



L to R back - Gina Yancey, Marsha Scarbro, Debbie Wildman, Kathy Sullivan. front - Jim Dotson, Lynn Gough, Mike Swann, Ken Anderson, Randy Gilles. Members of the cast of the upcoming children's play "Livin' de Life."

## Technical Crews Announced For Drama Dept. Production

On May 8, 10, and 11 the Drama Department will present "Livin' de Life." This children's play is based on the tales of Uncle Remus.

In charge of Technical operations of the play is a group of hard-working students who are invaluable but often times unnoticed. The following students make up the technical crews: assistants to the director - Nancy Bernola, Sheila Hamden; set - (head) Jim Dotson, Ken Anderson, Randy Gilles, Susan Pyles, Pat McKittrick, Charlie Steele, Dee Walker, John Gasper, Deena Snyder, Jeff Davis, Kathy Sullivan, Nancy

Bernola.

Lights (head) Lynn Gough, John Gasper, Deena Snyder, Sherry Wilson; Sound (head) John Tomko, Barb Burkhamer; Costumes (head) Deb Cottrell, Gina Yancey, Sherry Wilson; Props (head) Janice Smith, Kathy Sublett, Melinda Peggs, Jami Riggs, Kathy Sullivan; Publicity (head) Jami Riggs, Dorothy Bennett, Rich

Redd, Debbie Bennett, Bev Skinner, Kathy Sullivan.

House (head) Rich Redd, Debbie Wildman; Make up (head) Deb Graham, Melinda Peggs, Sherry Wilson, Kathy Sullivan, Simin Rasolee; Running Crew (Head) Janice Smith, Cathy Sublett, Melinda Peggs, Jami Riggs, Dee Walker.

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Mr. George Harper prepares for the faculty art show which is in the Multi-Purpose Room until April 29.

## Job Fair Slated

The Office of Career Planning and Placement is sponsoring its Annual Job Fair Day on Thursday, May 4, 1978 in the Ballroom, from 1 - 4 p.m.

The primary objective of this program is geared to acquaint graduating seniors in the non-teaching fields, with the various careers now available for their consideration. Representatives from various businesses and companies have been invited to discuss, in general terms, the types of careers available within their organization and/or company, as well as the necessary qualifications.

A reception is planned on this day in the Ballroom at 4:00 p.m. to afford visiting participants an opportunity to meet Glenville State College faculty and staff. You are asked to please mark this date and time on your calendar and to be present if at all possible.

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# Dancers Reviewed

The Rotante Dance Company, combining talent and grace of movement with contemporary music, show a very unique and interesting style in their modern dance. The company was on the GSC campus conducting classes and they presented an evening program.

Although I don't always enjoy this style of dance I found the Rotante Dancers talented enough to make it interesting. With only a small number of dancers and simple costumes the group draws your attention to the dance itself. The music selections enhanced the movements of the dancers and the viewer could see the expression - the story - in the dance.

The program was divided into three segments. The first was "Three Aspects of Women", the second was about love, and the third was based on a fable by Robert Louis Stevenson called "Song of the Morrow." Of the three, I enjoyed the second program most. This one, choreographed by Nora Rotante, showed the multi-faceted aspects of love.

The Rotante Dancers offered a pleasant diversion with their unique style and program. I enjoyed watching these talented dancers perform.



Members of the Rotante Dance Company give their portrayal of "Three Aspects of Women."

Peggy Bauman

## STUDENTS' AWARDS— (cont. from p. 7)

Margaret A. Smith of Glenville  
Cathy A. Jones of Grantsville will receive the Wagner Award for scholastic merit in the area of mathematics and science. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Jones of Grantsville.

Theresa A. O'Neal will receive the Somerville Award in the area of education. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Winston R. O'Neal of Fayetteville.

These awards made in the various fields of study are made available through gifts from faculty, alumni, and friends of the college. Recipients will be guests at the Alumni Banquet where the awards will be presented by Mr. John V. White, treasurer of the Alumni Foundation.

## Musicians Appear

Hugh Givens, a 1977 graduate of Glenville State College, will give a recital on Tuesday, April 25, at 8:00 in the auditorium. Mr. Givens is a graduate student in music at West Virginia University.

Singing bass-baritone, Mr. Givens will be assisted by Doreen L. Hutchings, James Troutman, and Larry Marietta on piano. Included in the recital are pieces by Mozart, Schumann, Ives, Verdi, Gounod, Massenet, Bizet, and Saint-Saens.



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Tuesday, April 25  
8:00 p.m.  
Auditorium - Administration Bldg.  
No admission charged.  
Public is invited.

CONVOCATION DAYS  
Wednesday, April 26  
and  
Thursday, April 27  
Ballroom - Pioneer Center  
No admission charged.  
Public is invited.

GSC BAND CONCERT  
Thursday, April 27  
8:00 p.m.  
Auditorium - Administration Bldg.  
No admission charged.  
Public is invited.

INAUGURAL LUNCH  
Friday, April 28  
12:00 p.m.  
Ballroom - Pioneer Center  
By invitation.

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April 25 -- April 29

INAUGURATION OF  
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Friday, April 28  
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Gymnasium  
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Friday, April 28  
Immediately following inauguration  
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Friday, April 28  
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10:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
Old Cafeteria  
Multi-Purpose Room  
Pioneer Center  
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Featuring the works of  
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George Harper  
James Rogers  
Charles Scott

HOSPITALITY ROOM  
Saturday, April 29  
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Old Cafeteria  
Pioneer Center  
Public is invited.

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ALUMNI DAY BANQUET  
Saturday, April 29  
6:30 p.m.  
Ballroom - Pioneer Center  
Guest of Honor  
1978 Alumnus of the Year  
H. Laban White

Buffet featuring  
Steamship Round of Beef  
Twice-Baked Potatoes with  
Cheese and Chives  
Green Beans Panache  
Salad Assortment  
Bubbly Biscuits  
Strawberry Shortcake Surprise  
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