

## LMC



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"Banner's Elk," as the village was once called, is said to have been settled around 1850. By the end of the century the Presbyterian Church was becoming established in the area and in the summer of 1895 Concord Presbytery sent a voung student from Union Theological Seminary in Virginia to organize a church at Banner Elk. In 1897, newly ordained, the Reverend Edgar Tufts returned as pastor of the church and remained to serve the community until his death in 1923.

In the winter of 1899 , concerned with the limited offering of the district school which was supplemented only by summer school work conducted by the church, Mr. Tufts took some of the young people of the neighborhood into his study for further instruction. This small group, called the Class of 1900, marks the beginning of Lees-McRae College.

Mr . Tufts saw, however, that this effort was not enough and that there was need for a boarding school, especially for the girls of the mountain region. A small amount of money was raised at a prayer meeting, and the promise of lumber and labor made possible the opening in 1900 of a frame dormitory for fourteen girls and one teacher. One of the summer school teachers was Mrs. Elizabeth A. McRae, originally of South Carolina, who had been sent to Banner Elk by Fayetteville Presbytery. Knowing the devoted character of her work, Mr. Tufts named the new institute for her. A few years later, after a boys' department had been opened at Plumtree, he added the name of Mrs. McRae's friend, Mrs. S. P. Lees of Kentucky and New York, who had been a generous benefactor. The schools were chartered by the state in 1907 as The Lees-McRae Institute. In 1927 Lees-McRae became coeducational when the boys' unit was moved to Banner Elk after the building at Plumtree had been destroyed by fire.

The plans of Mr. Tufts for church and school suitably housed in native stone buildings and growing in service were not enough to suit the untiring efforts of this dedicated man. In 1910 he persuaded Dr. W. C. Tate to come from Pineola to replace the physician who was leaving. Through the efforts of both men their little dispensary became Grace Hartley Memorial Hospital, now Cannon Memorial Hospital. In the same year Mr. Tufts bought the land known as Maple Farm on which later was erected the first cottage of Grandfather Home for Children, now a large and beautiful insitution sheltering homeless children.

The Reverend Edgar Tufts had a further plan for his institute, the establishment of a junior college. In 1929, during the presidency of his son, Edgar H. Tufts, Lees-McRae College became a reality. The young college, graduating its first class in 1931, was accredited by the state in 1932. One article in the Reader's Digest of November, 1941, descirbes the pre-war years of hard work and barter, under the title "Campus in the Clouds." At the death of Edgar H. Tufts in 1942, Dr. W. C. Tate became President. In 1954, during the presidency of Dr. Fletcher Nelson of Morganton, the college was accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

As a part of the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association, which also includes Cannon Memorial Hospital and Grandfather Home, but with its own Board of Trustees, Lees-McRae College continues to grow in size of student body, in facilities, and in academic excellence, without a change in dedication. Since 1928 the college has observed December 4 th, the birthday of the Reverend Edgar Tufts, as Founder's Day. On that day, as well as on any other of the year, the observation as made in the Homecoming editorial of the 1931 "LMC News" is still valid: "The school, though changed in style and structure, has the spirit which has characterized it through the years."



Lees-McRae Institute, which was founded in 1900 as a girls' boarding school, was the nucleus of today's LeesMcRae College. Pictured is the Academy Building from a poster advertising the Institute. The school slogan was "Practical, Economical, Christian, and Safe." It also advertised "Every building equipped with electric lights, water works and telephone." The Plumtree School for Boys was destroyed by fire in 1927 and the boys were brought to Banner Elk and the

Institute became co educational.
At Lees-McRae the physical plant is one of the finest among junior colleges in the Southeast. The college owns and maintains some fifteen major buildings as well as many faculty homes and other structures.

There are three dormitories for women and six for men. Avery Hall for men was built in 1967, and by the summer of 1976, all other dormitories on campus will have been modernized or completely
renovated within the last six years.
In 1969, the college constructed the James H. Carson Library. This modern three story structure contains 48,500 bound volumes as well as providing conference rooms, a student lounge, an auditorium seating 100 , and more than 50 individual study booths. The library subscribes to 360 newspapers and periodicals, and has extensive holdings on microfilm.


In 1972 Lees-McRae began its "We Care" campaign to further improve the physical plant. Loyal alumni and friends pledged more than $\$ 1.5$ million to construct a new cafeteria-auditorium building and a new physical education complex.

The Hayes Auditorium and MacDonald Cafeteria building opened in August of 1974. Hayes Auditorium seats

850 and has lighting and dressing room facilities for dramatic productions. MacDonald Cafeteria seats 400, has several private dining areas, and employs a scramble system of serving which virtually eliminates long lines.

In January of 1975 Lees-McRae's new physical education center was completed. This facility houses the modern, olympic-
size Rhea-Lyons Pool as well as Williams Gymnasium. Seating capacity in the gym is 1200 for basketball games. There are also weight training areas, classrooms, and offices for the athletic staff.

Lees-McRae combines the old and the new, the traditional with the modern, all in a serene mountaintop environment conducive to personal growth and study.



Cannon Cottage, built in 1927 by President Tufts for his home, is now a small dormitory named for James M. Cannon, Jr. of Charlotte, North Carolina, who made its renovation in 1952 possible. It houses 13 students.

Lees-McRae College suffered the greatest property loss in its history in March, 1943, when fire destroyed Tennessee Dormitory for girls. The loss was placed at between $\$ 50,000$ and $\$ 75,000$. Through the work of students, the teachers and townspeople, who
formed a line to pass the books from one to another, the college library of more than 11,000 volumes was saved. It was housed on the first floor of the dormitory.

The Chaffee Center housed the college auditorium. It now has faculty offices, a modern language laboratory, and the Academic Skills Clinic. This building, which was dedicated on May 19, 1955, is named for the late Arthur C. Chaffee of Morganton, North Carolina, a trustee and friend of the college who was largely
responsible for providing the funds for its completion.

Dr. Pitser M. Lyons, III, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, emerges from the swimming pool named in his honor at Lees-McRae. Dr. Lyons had the distinction of being the first college official to swim ithe pool. The official name is the Rhea-Lyons Pool, also named for Dr. Thomas Rhea, long-time trustee of the college and former president of ETMA.





Lees-McRae students enjov a varied program of social and recreational activ. ities. There are numerous clubs and organizations on campus in which a student may find enjoyment and serve the community.

Several major dances and social events are held each year, some at the college and others at local resorts. Lees-McRae College Programs, a cultural enrichment series, brings many top speakers, singers, dancers, and dramatic groups to the

## campus.

The atmosphere at Loes-McRae is relaxed and friendly, giving the student the maximum chance for personal enrichment and fulfillment as well as academic achievement.


The teams of the 1930's played at several field sites including Grandfather Home, as shown here in this scene of Weaversville (with the ball) against LeesMcRae. Note the lack of headgears headgears were not required until 1936.

Fashions have changed but not the spirit and enthusiasm that accompanies Lees-McRae's athletic teams. At right, the 1951 cheerleaders cheer the Bobcats to victory.

Athletics are an integral part of the educational program at Lees-McRae. Bobcat teams provide some of the finest junior college action in the nation in football, basketball, skiing, tennis, track, cross country, and golf.

Many students who do not participate in intercollegiate athletics become in volved in the intramural program. Both men and women have teams in flag foot ball, basketball, softball, and volleyball. Tennis, table tennis, and fencing offer opportunities for individual honors in intramurals.

Students may also take beginning courses in skiing, ice skating, and swimming for physical education credit.

Athletics have always played a key role in the life of Lees-McRae. The Bobcat football team participated in the Little Sugar Bowl, the Golden Isle Bowl twice in the ' 50 's, and played in the national championship game in Savannah, Georgia, and the EI Toro Bowl in Yuma, Arizona in the ' 60 's. The Bobcat gridders won the conference championship for nine straight years from 1947 to 1966 and then won it again in 1960 and 1969.

Other Bobcat athletic teams have fared as well and field competitive teams in five intercollegiate sports.

The Bobcats dominated the confer ence in basketball in the ' 50 's winning five championships and were champions in 1965 and 1970.





One parallel can be drawn from these pages: although the physical plant has changed drastically the students, the purpose and the spirit of the college have remained the same over the last four decades. A spirit that makes Lees-McRae unique. A purpose that places her among the top. And students that past and present have been her most important product.

In the early years students had their clan of skiing zero but it was nothing like the sophisticated ski slopes of Beech and Sugar and beyond the craggy Hanging Rock at Seven Devils. Skiing today is a new facet in the life of Lees-McRae. Aside from the intercollegiate and intramural activities the college offers credit for its ski classes. Lees-McRae won the National Championship in 1970 and third place in the Nation in 1971. The team placed fourth in the Nation in 1972.

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Past and present . . . Lees-McRae remains the same . . . in spirit and purpose


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Trustee Claude Swank and Dr. Evans at a football game demonstrating their enthusiasm for the Bobcats.


Before his sudden and serious illness last fall, Claude Swank was deeply involved in the building projects on the Lees-McRae campus. The new park in the center of campus was named in his honor. It was Swank who saw that the original garden was restored. In Swank's absence this year, Board of Advisor Blair Shannon began assisting the college administration with the building projects. Below, he is awarded the Dollar-A-Vear Man certificate by Dr. Evans in appreciation for his untiring efforts. Looking on are Mrs. Shannon, Mr. Cameron. Mr. Stonesifer and Mr. Smith.


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With the completion of the largest fund-raising campaign in the history of the school to erect the Hayes Auditorium, the MacDonald Cafeteria, Williams Physical Education Center and Rhea-Lyons Pool, the Trustees directed their attention to the refurbishing and renovation of existing buildings on campus.

The other details taken care of by the Board of Trustees, of less magnitude than these mentioned, are too numerous to name among these pages.

But they continue to offer the leadership and direction of Lees-McRae College for a greater institution. They strive to combine the motto, "In the mountains, of the mountains, and for the mountains" with the slogan, "The College That Cares."


Dr. Pitser Lyons, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Lees-McRae, emerges from the swimming pool named in his honor. Dr. Lyons had the distinction of being the first college official to swim in the pool. He was soon followed by a host of students and children of the college community. The pool is officially named Rhea-Lyons Pool in honor of Dr. Lyons and Dr. Thomas C, Rhea, Kingsport, Tennessee, former trustee and chairman of the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association.
U.S. Senator from North Carolina, Robert Morgan (left) chats with fellow trustees James Mitchell and G. B. Keith of Kingsport, Tennessee, and vice chairman James McCarl of Claremont, N.C. at a Lees-McRae Board of Trustees meeting. Mitchell and Keith were recently appointed to the Board as new members.

James M. McCarI, Vice Chairman
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Chairman Lyons is flanked by new trustees, G. B. Keith, left, and James Mitchell.


Student Body President Rick Watkins serves at dedication ceremonies in the fall. Trustees and Advisors were present for the great occasion.

Board of Trustees, left to right, at the fall meeting: Seated. S. D. Maloney, Jim Hartley, Pitser Lyons, Felix Gee, Thomas Ogburn, Martha Guy, Louise Sells. Standing; James McCarl, Ben Wall, Lantz Sykes, W. B. Goodson, H. Jack Faw, Sam Mortimer, Senator Robert Morgan, Richmond G. Bernhardt, Jr.



Trustee Sam Mortimer (above) addresses faculty meeting. Local trustees and advisors Mr. and Mrs. Sam Mortimer, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lee Hartlev, Mr. and Mrs. Jim McCarl, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Faw, Mrs. Frank Hale, and Martha Guy were on hand to award bonuses to the LMC faculty.


Trustees Hartley, Guy, Mortimer and McCarl congratulate faculty.


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Dr. Evans congratulates newly appointed Chairman of the Board of Advisors (center), Herbert L. Underwood, and Vice Chairman, Dr. Lawson Tate at the annual Board of Advisors meeting held this sum mer.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard B. Abernethy, Hickory, N.C.; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Anderson, Sr., Kingsport, Tenn.


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Dr. Evans in his eighth year as President, continues to earn his unofficial title "The President Who Cares." Despite his jet-paced calendar of events that takes him all over the country meeting, speaking, and raising the staggering amount of monies that is required to keep Lees-McRae going, Dr. Evans still manages to maintain an open door policy with the
students. Active in church, civic and community affairs, his activities, titles, and honors are too numerous to mention on these pages. Respected and held in genuine affection by the student body, the college faculty, the trustees and the members of the community and area, he is more than a leader, he is a symbol of the Lees-McRae way of life.

Dr. H.C. Evans, Jr. President



CLOCKWISE: Dr. Evans makes a life time athletic award and membership to Fred Dickerson, long-time coach at Lees-McRae College. A scoutmaster for over 25 years and a member of the Executive Board of the Daniel Boone Council, BSA, Evans presides over scout awards in Banner Elk ceremony. A staunch supporter of Bobcat athletic events and student activities, Dr. Evans is usually present where Lees-McRae students gather. As the author of the musical "Tom", Evans greets county students to see his production. Over 3,000 elementary children watched and applauded his musical version of Tom Sawyer. Dr. Evans presents the "Alumni of the Year" award at the annual Alumni Meeting to J.C. Roudebush, Class of 1963.


Ted Osborn, President-Elect of Kiwanis International, presents Dr. H. C. Evans his commission as a "Kentucky Colonel" at the 45th commencement exercises. Commencement speaker Osborn said, "I amproud to be a friend of H.C., and while I talked with the Governor of Kentucky, Julian M, Carroll, he authorized me to present H.C. with this honorary commission as a 'Kentucky Colonel',


JAMES STONESIFER, former Chairman of the Biology Department, is in his third year as Vice President for Academic Affairs. O'DELL SMITH was selected to the post of Vice President for Student Affairs in the fall of 1968. Through his tireless efforts the Department of Student Services has shown vast improvement over his seven-year tenure. Before he came to Lees-McRae, Dean Smith was the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Jefferson City, Tenn. Upon the resignation of Mr. L. B. Colquitt, MALCOLM CAMERON served the post of Vice President for Business Affairs. BILL WATTERSON served as interim Director of Admissions for one year and became full time Director of Admissions in the summer of 1974. Mr. Watterson was formerly a member of the English Department. MIKE TURNER, a graduate of Lees-McRae College and Carson-Newman College, assumed the duties of Dean of Men this fall and assisted the Athletic Department in football. ROY KREGE returned after a year's leave of absence and assumed the duties of the Financial Aid Officer. He also serves as Assistant to the President. EDWARD S. BERRY became interim Director of Development in 1973. MRS. AMELIA SENTER was named to the post of Dean of Women in the fall of 1968. A graduate of Duke, Mrs. Senter is more than an administrator at LMC; she is a friend, counselor, and leader for the women on campus. MRS. MILLIE WISEMAN became Registrar for the college in 1965, after holding the position of Secretary to the Registrar for the college from 1959-64. MR. RICHARD JACKSON, Librarian, came to Lees McRae from Pfeiffer College in 1962. He served in the old library and now that the Carson Library is open he is in an even better position to serve the students. He also teaches

James A. Stonesifer
Vice President for Academic Affairs
A.B., Bridgewater College: M.A. University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill.

fencing. MR. TEEMAN P. HAITHCOCK came to Lees-McRae in 1971 with an impressive athletic record both as a player and as a coach. He serves as Director of Athletics and as Head Basketball Coach. MRS. MARY JOHNSON assumed the position of Bursar in 1968. CHARLES CRUMLEY became Assistant Bursar in the fall of 1973. DONALD R. BAKER, an LMC and ETSU graduate, returned to his alma mater in 1960 as Director of Public Relations and Publicity. Since 1960 he has served as Director of Alumni Affairs, Editor of the alumni magazine, The Pinnacles, supervisor for all publications, and Dean of Men from 1960-62. He has coached the tennis team since 1960, taught Art Appreciation since 1965, and served in various other capacities on the campus during his 15 -year tenure. CARROLL RONEY took over the post of Director of Alumni Affairs upon Roy Krege's leave of absence. Mr. Roney is also Director of the Communications Center. JOYCE ALD. RIDGE has served as Secretary to the President since 1972. JOYCE BAKER serves as Assistant in the Public Relations Office on a part-time basis. She was employed from 1960-66 as Secretary to President Chapman. She took over the typesetting duties for publicity in 1973 in the office of Public Relations and Publicity. LINDA HARTLEY became Secretary to the Director of Development in 1974. ROSANNE PENLEY also joined the staff in 1974 as Secretary to the Director of Public Relations. MARY HICKMAN became Secretary to the Director of Financial Aid in 1973. DARLENE SIMERLY has served as Secretary to the President since 1973. MARILYN WELCH is Secretary to the Director of Admissions and has been since 1969. GRACE WOODY is Secretary to the Dean of Students. A graduate of Lees-McRae, she has served for the

E. O'dell Smith<br>Vice President for Student Affairs<br>B.A., Emory \& Henry College; M. Div., Union Theological Seminary


past four years. MRS. FRANCES KLEPPER joined the staff in 1970 and is housemother in Tate dorm. MRS. LOIS LINDSEY became housemother of Virginia Dorm in 1969. MR. JIMMY STREET took over the management of the Student Exchange Store in 1966. MRS. MARY LOUISE PRITCHETT came to Lees-McRae in 1965 to fill the post of campus nurse, but now has taken over the job of receptionist for the college in the Communications Center. MR. J. D. AUTRY assumed the duties of Chief Engineer in 1972. MR. ED BENTLEY is now on Campus Security Patrol. Mr. Bentley has served LeesMcRae for over 25 years. MR. CLAUDE GILLIAM's service to Lees-McRae spans over three decades. MR. BEN TOLLEY serves on Campus Security. RICHARD TRICE serves as Manager of ARA Food Services. MISS FRANKIE RAMSEY has served as Secretary to the Alumni Director since 1972. MRS. BEVERLY HOLLIFIELD joined the staff in 1974 as Secretary to the Alumni Director. MISS CAROL RINGLEY became Assistant Director of Admissions in 1974. MRS. LINDA KING became Secretary to the Manager of the Student Exchange Store in 1974. MRS. MARY HODGES joined the staff in 1974 as Secretary to the Maintenance Department. MRS. PAT BELLMER became Secretary to the Vice President for Business Affairs in 1974. MRS. DONESE PRESSWOOD became Assistant Librarian in 1972. MRS. RACHEL HOILMAN became Assistant Librarian in 1973. MISS HARRIET HUT. CHINSON became a member of the library staff in 1973. MRS. LOUISE JACKSON has served as a member of the library staff since 1964.

Malcolm Cameron
Vice President for Business Affairs B.A., University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill




Edward S. Berry Director of Development; B.A., Wheaton College; B.D., Columbia Theological Seminary.


Richard C. Jackson Librarian; B.A., Western Carolina; M.A., UNC Chapel Hill.


Teeman P. Haithcock
Director of Athletics; B.S., M.A., Appalachian State University


Carroll Roney
Director of Alumni Affairs


Donald R. Baker Director of Public Relations, Publicity


Jimmy Street Manager, Exchange Store


Richard Trice Manager, ARA Food Service


Ed Bentley Campus Security


Claude Gilliam Campus Security


Ben Tolley Campus Security



Ted Ledford
Charman, Composition and Literature; B.S., M.A., Appalachian State University; Ph.D., Ohio University,

## DIVISION OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

Adventure and romance, illusion and laughter, fear and anger, desperate hopes and dreams. These are the things which have prodded man's mind as he developed his intellect throughout the centuries. This evolution of the mind of man is our heritage. The study and comprehension of the record of this evolution (litera. ture) will reveal both our century's individuality and its universal union with all that is and has ever been man.


Dr. Ledford takes up the male chauvinist role as he lectures Ms. Rorie's "The American Woman" class.

Kim Harris
Drama Composition, Literature and Theatre: B.A., Carson-Newman College; M.S., Ph. D., Southern Illinois University.



Signs and posters greeted Dr. Ledford as he appeared in "The American Woman" class to defend the male chauvinist role. The most popular poster was that of a pig with golden locks, cowboy hat, denim jacket, a beard, holding two female mannequins on his knee. Also greeting Ledford was Mrs. O'dell Smith and Mrs. Sam Travis dressed as femme fatales.

Julian Heath Composition and Literature; A.B. Nake Forest University; M.A., Eastern Kentucky Uniyersity.


James McKinney
Composition and Literature; B.A., East Tennessee State University, M.A., Appalachian State Universitv.

## Christine Powell

Composition and Literature; B.A., UNC-Chapel Hill; M.Ed, UNCGreensboro.

Carolyn Travis
Composition and Literature; B.A. M.S., Appalachian State University.



Phillip Teagarden
Chairman, Biology; B.S., Florida State University; M.S. University of Tennessee; M.A., Appalachian State University.

## DIVISION OF NATURAL AND PHYSICAL SCIENCE

Science at Lees-McRae College is a happening, a trip into the realm of the natural and physical sciences.

Thinking is the key to the approach in this academic area. All the students learn to think over and evaluate basic concepts and principles.

Being in the sciences at Lees-McRae, one has an opportunity to study life and to do so in a dynamic and exciting program.

All of this makes it quite evident that those students educated through the Division of Natural and Physical Sciences are better individuals for having been exposed to the biological, chemical, and physical phenomena of this very complex world we live in today.


Billy Bobcat learns from the master.

Frank Mendoza
Biology; A.A., Lees-McRae Col lege; B.S., Hampden-Sydney College; M.A., Appalachian State University.


Lee Nelson Biology; B.S., M.S.E., Arkansas State University; Ph.D., Universi ty of Georgia.



Nelson, Teagarden, Mendoza in lab work and then relaxing with lab students at Mr. Johnson's home.


Al Overbay
Chemistry; B.A., M.A., Appalachian State University. (Visiting ProfessorA.S.U.)

## James Stonesife

Biology: A.B., Bridgewater College M.A., UNC Chapel Hill.

Virginia Teagarden
Biology; B.S., Western Carolina Uni versity; M.A., Appalachian State Uni versity

## DIVISION OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Understanding other life styles is an education. The student of a foreign language grows to understand other life styles because he eventually realizes that a simple word for word comparison is not all there is to it. He learns that a language portrays culture, history, concepts, ideas, and feelings, all of which foster understanding.


Camera lens of Dr. Ledford finds Ms. Armistead busy at work.
Phillip E. Royall
Chairman, Spanish; A. B. , Western Carolina University; M.A., Appalachian State University.



Elizabeth Armistead
Spanish: Director of Language Lab; B.S., M. A., Auburn University.


Ruth Greene
French; B.A., Western Carolina University: M.A., Memphis State University.


Teaching on the gate is new experience for Mr . Royall, but the girls seem to enjoy it

Ms. Maine makes a point.



Lewis M, Hall
Chairman, Mathematics; B.S., College of William and Mary; M.A, East Tennessee State University,

Former Academic Dean Lewis Hall delivered the con vocation address.

## DIVISION OF MATHEMATICS AND GRAPHICS

Studies in Mathematics and Graphics offer the student an opportunity to expand elementary skills and update past experiences in the world of numbers and symbols. Greater achievements are attained as the mind applies newly found knowledge to areas of personal interest, and logic becomes a way of thinking.



## George Maine

Graphics; B.S., M. A., Appalachian
State University.

## Mary Maine

Mathematics; A.A., Lees-McRae College; B.S., M.A., Appalachian State University.

## Samuel B. Travis

Mathematics; B.S., M.A., Appalachian State University.

## DIVISION OF SOCIAL SCIENCES



David Keck
Chairman, History and Government; A.B., Lenoir Rhyne College; M.A. Ed.S., Appalachian State University.

An understanding of history permeates from the Division of Social Science. Since an understanding of human behavior is the basis upon all social knowledge, studies in many areas will better prepare the student to understand the present and to plan the future. Thus the social sciences offer the student studies in the major political fields of the past, as well as the present.


Ms. Rorie and student, Reuben Turner, busy pursuing studies.

John Everson
History and Geography; A.B. M.A.T., UNC-Chapel Hill.

History; B.A., M.E.D., UNC
Greensboro.

Archie Smith
History; B.S., M.A., Appalachian State University.

## Carroll Williams

Psychology and Sociology; A.A. Mars Hill College; A.B., Berea College, M.A., Appalachian State Un iversity.


Jack Coffey
Chairman, Accounting and Secretarial Studies; B.S., M.A., Appalachian State University.

Lois Simmerman
Secretarial Studies; B.S., East Tennessee State University; M.A., Appalachian State University.

## Thomas Taylor

Paramedical Studies; B.S., M.A., Appalachian State University.


## DIVISION OF BUSINESS AND SECRETARIAL SCIENCES

Looking into the future, the career minded girl sees a need for effective college training for the prestigious position of Medical Secretary or Executive Secretary. The experiences for the development of skills and understandings are provided by the Division of Business and Secretarial Sciences while broad intellectual development is gained through studies in liberal arts. Cultural and social development comes through active participation in the varied campus activities.

## DIVISION OF HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

At Lees-McRae the old idea that a healthy mind and a healthy body go hand in hand is closely observed. Lees-McRae has a tradition of fitness and physical education that is closely regarded. Tennis, basketball, skiing, fencing, volleyball, football, the list of opportunities seems endless. A good liberal arts education requires an exposure to all of life and the Physical Education Department at Lees-McRae strives to provide an important part of that education.


Teeman Haithcock Chairman, Physical Education; B.S., M.A., Appalachian State University.

## Michael Cook

Physical Education; B.S. Coker College; M.A., Appalachian State University.

William Maxson
Physical Education; B.A., Emory \& Henry College; M.S., University of Tennessee.


John C. Wilson
Chairman, Religion, Ethics; B.S., M.S., Iowa State University: M.Div., Th. M., D. Min. Union Theological Seminary.

Donald R. Baker
Art; A.A., Lees-McRae College; A.B., East Tennessee State University.

Frances Berry
Relıgion; A.B., Agnes Scott College; M.A., Wake Forest University.

Marietta Breidenthal
Religion; A.B., M.A., Washington University; M.R.E., Presbyterian School of Christian Education.

## Arlene Cameron

Art; B.S., Northern Illinois Universi ty.

Novie Green
Music; B.M., Converse College; M.A., Florida State University.

## O'dell Smith

Religion; A.B.. Emory \& Henry College; M.Div., Union Theological Seminary.

## DIVISION OF RELIGION, PHILOSOPHY AND FINE ARTS

Since the beginning of man, he has tried to understand the meaning for life and has expressed this search in art, music, religion and his deepest thoughts.

Now, on the Lees-McRae campus, the student of today has the opportunity to carry on the same search and seek to understand the meaning of his existence. Art, music, religion, and philosophy attempt to give avenues for this expression, as they did when man first appeared. However, these expressions are now in the form of college courses - Art Appreciation, Music Appreciation, Introductory Philosophy, and Fine Arts. There is hope that these courses will enable the student to understand, affirm, and express life as he lives, works, and studies in a complex world of people, places and things.


Eilen Banks Paraprofessional; A.A., Lees-McRae College.


Molly Crews
Developmental Mathematics; B.S., Florida State University: M.A., Florida Tech University.


Mark Gidney
Paraprofessional; A.S.,
Lees-McRae College.


Rosie Smith Developmental Writing: B.A., UNC Greensboro: M.A., Appalachian State University.


Joan Williams
Developmental Reading; B.S., M.A., Appalachian State University.

## DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL STUDIES

The philosophy behind the Developmental-Tutorial program at LMC is first of all to recognize that there are, indeed, many who are not suited or inclined to enroll in a college curriculum program. There are, however, those who could enroll, benefit from, and achieve in the college situation even though their high school scholastic records do not point to the conclusion. These are often the "damaged" students, victims of a past history of low achievement and lack of study skills. Their self-concept is low; their motivation is poor; their study habits negligible. The aim essentially is to provide the situation and staff which will substantially raise that self-concept, operate to build and sustain adequate motivation, and train the "damaged" students in successful study habits.

We seek to do this through the Academic Skills Clinic and developmental courses in Math, Reading and Writing. The clinic is staffed by three developmental instructors, three adult counselors, four peer counselors. The entire staff undergoes an extensive program of training in the diagnosing and training, study skills, techniques and motivation. Incoming students are tested in skills, tutored in individual subject matter, and trained in the skills of good study habits. Special study sessions are conducted in various subjects and skills classes are also held in such areas as note-taking and exam taking techniques. Programmed materials are prescribed in some subjects with achievement tests being given to determine their success or lack of it.



Conferences take place outside the classroom as demonstrated by Mrs. Joan Williams and scholar Marion "Buttons" Brooks.

## Pat Smith

Chairman and Director; Developmental Studies; B.A. Emory \& Henry College.

## THIS WAS THE YEAR . . . OF DEDICATIONS.



Mrs. Robert G. Hayes hoids her granddaughter, young Winslow Hayes, for the ribbon cutting ceremony white Winslow's father, Robert Cannon Hayes, left, and grandfather, Robert G. Hayes, right, participate.


Mrs. Charles Whitesell, Dr. H. C. Evans, Jr. hang plaque at the Charles F. Whitesell Wood Shop Memorial Dedication. Mr. Whitesell retired from: Lees-McRae where he taught graphics.



Nestor and Heien MacDonald at ribbon cutting ceremony with Dr. H. C. Evans, Jr.


Principals in Laf ferty dedication President Evans, Warren Jeffries, Mr. Lafferty, and Lewis Hali.

President Evans displays the plaque commemorating the service of former Academic Dean E. L. Lafferty.

Dr. Evans and Aca demic Dean James Stonesifer display plaque recognizing classroom wing named for Miss Phoebe Wakefield, whose service to Lees-McRae began in 1925.

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## FOOTBALL

LEES-MCRAE COLLEGE BOBCATS 1974 Football Schedule

| Lees-McRae | 21 | Wesley College | 14 |
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| Lees-McRae | 32 | Fort Bragg | 14 |
| Lees-McRae | 26 | The Citadel JV's | 12 |
| Lees-McRae | 7 | Nassau Comm. College | 33 |
| Lees-McRae | 14 | Chowan College | 15 |
| Lees-McRae | 26 | Wake Forest JV's | 8 |
| Lees-McRae | 14 | Ferrum College | 25 |
| Lees-McRae | 33 | Baltimore Comm. College | 0 |
| Lees-McRae | 15 | Potomac State College | 0 |
| Lees-McRae | 22 | Western Piedmont | 2 |



Quarterback Jerry "Slick" McManus rifles pass while Mike Morrison provides protection.


Above, Williams tucks the ball in and takes off against the Red Devils of Baltimore.

Quarterback Leon Williams gets off aerial against Ft. Bragg. Williams completed two touchdown passes, Morrison ran 75 yards, and Scott scored on a 8 -yard plunge. Ken Ashley booted a 21 -yard field goal for the other score.

QUARTERBACKS: Front row, Jerry McManus, Leon Williams. Second row, Mark Zachary, Don Roberts.


CENTERS: Front row, Rodney Green, Jeff Toller. Second row, Butch Turner, Steve Gann.



TIGHT ENDS: Front row, Van Lecka, Angus Poole. Second row, Charles Belissary, Clyde Shaw, Ken Christie.
WIDE RECEIVERS: Front row, Richard Moran, James Tomaro, Steve Alley, Gerald Robinson. Second row, Chester Gatling, Jr., Robert Dayton, Jr., Timothy Joseph, Danny Counts, Robert Huff.



Honorable Mention All-American Jim Tomaro pulls in aerial to set up touchdown catch in the endzone against Chowan.


Manager Dean Warrington, Trainer Jack Murphy,
Tri-Captains: Offensive guard Murray Smith, defensive tackle Charles Norman, and linebacker Ed Huff.



FULLBACKS: Front row, Chuck Summey, Tony Summey. Second row, Lee Robertson, Steve Patterson, Thomas Lakin.


RUNNING BACKS: Front row, Gary Scott, Keith Williams, Conrad Butler. Second row, Wardell Johnson, Steve White, Mike Morrison.


Chuck Summey (37) provides protection for quarterbacks McManus and Williams.
Gary Scott (48) takes off with interference led by Phil Williams (64) and Henry Winson (60).


Bobcats take to the field



Wardell Johnson looks for running room.



Running back Leon Martin finds daylight behind a block by Mike Morrison,

Morrison rips off long yardage in Homecoming tilt.


OFFENSIVE GUAROS: Front row, Ken Villeponteaux, Richard Tyree, Darrel Brown, Roy King. Second row, Eric Bray, Dennis Roland, Mike Mascio.


Scott is tripped up despite the efforts of King, Poole and T urner blocking.




OFFENSIVE TACKLES: Front row, Keith Pearson, Randy Moore, Arnold Greenwell. Second row, Henry Vinson, Donnell Williams, Murray Smith, Phil Williams.



Ken Ashley of Charlotte booted a 45 -yard field goal against Baltimore and then broke that record kick with a 47 -yarder to set a new school record. Ashley booted three field goals against Potomac State - 43, 24, and 46 yards.
Expressions reflect tension of contest as demonstrated by Williams, Smith and Tyree.


Post game comments by Cook. Cook discusses heart-breaking 15-14 loss at the hands of Chowan during Homecoming tilt.



William Baxter (14) drags down Chowan pass receiver with assistance from Glenn Patterson.


SAFETIES: Front row, Glenn Patterson, Weaver Cole. Second row, David Lecka, Blair McQueen, George Johnson.

DEFENSIVE HALFBACKS: Front row, Jim Sigmon, Larry Bradley, Mike Biddix, Wayne Reese, David McConnell. Second row, Mark Dean, Joe Mize, Carroll Dickenson, William Baxter, Tom Simons.


In what was to be a rebuilding-year for Mike Cook turned out to be a highly successful grid season.

The Bobcats, starting many freshmen in key positions, opened up with a resounding $32-14$ win over the Ft. Bragg Football Club. After slaying the Ft. Bragg Dragons the Bobcats humbled a Citadel JV unit 26-12. The third weekend of the season the Bobcats climbed aboard a plane and flew to Long Island to meet the Nassau Lions. The Lions showed little hospitality to the Southerners as they came from behind a $7-0$ deficit to rip Lees-McRae 30-7, the worst defeat suffered by a Cook-coached team since taking over the helm in 1970. Cook had his ego bolstered, however, as he took a JV team into Morganton to trounce Western Piedmont Community College 22-2. The Bobcat varsity romped past the Wake Forest JV's 26-8 the following day. In the final seconds of the Homecoming tilt Chowan spoiled the Bobcats' Homecoming as they edged Lees-McRae 15-14 for the win. Lees-McRae journeyed to Ferrum to meet the second nationally ranked Panthers. Ferrum, down three quarters of play, came from behind in the final quarter to defeat a tough Bobcat effort scoring 18 points in the final stanza to win 25-14.

After suffering a defeat in an upset-minded effort against Ferrum, the Bobcats bounced back to crush Baltimore 33-0. In the romp past the Red Devils Lees-McRae amassed 557 total yards offense and 417 yards through the airways to eclipse the record set in 1968 of 298 yards passing. The record of 44 attempts and 26 completions also eradicated the old mark of 40 attempts and 20 completions held by Fred Walton of Kingsport in 1964 against Chowan. Three quarterbacks combined their efforts to break that record as Jerry McManus attempted 20 passes, completed 12 for 176 yards and two touchdowns. Leon Williams hit 10 of 19 attempts and one TD for 181 yards. Don Roberts connected on three passes in five tosses for 60 yards. Walton still holds the individual passing record, however. In that contest freshman Ken Ashley of Charlotte booted a record setting field goal of 47 yards and hit on another of 45 .


Marion Brooks, Mitch Sloan put pressure on Baltimore quarterback.


Talley on pass defense.

Ashley was just warming up against Baltimore as he booted three field goals against Potomac State of 43, 24, and 46 yards as Lees-McRae defeated the Potomac State Catamounts 15-0. The Bobcats' defense, under the direction of Coach Bill Maxson, continued its supremacy in the Coastal Conference against the rush as they held Potomac to -11 yards on the ground.

In the final game of the season Lees-McRae exploded for 21 points in the second quarter of the first annual Tall Cedars of Lebanon Foundation football game at Annapolis, Maryland, and then held on as Wesley roared back in the final seven minutes to win 21-14. Wesley, heavily favored in the Supreme Forest of the Tall Cedars benefit game, did not get rolling until the last seven minutes of the fourth quarter when Lees-McRae was penalized seven times for 116 yards to set up two Wesley touchdowns. The Bobcats, beset with penalties, still came out on top 21-14 to climax a highly successful 6-3 season.

The Lees-McRae freshman running back, Mike Morrison from Monroe, was in third place in the Coastal Conference rushing department with 664 yards. It was a very close race for the rushing crown as he was edged out of first place by 15 yards short of the leader Waddell Whitehead of Chowan and was 11 yards behind Ben Norman of the national champion Ferrum team. Morrison was named to the Region $X$ team along with linebacker Tim Fields, guards Roy King and Murray Smith, tight end Angus Poole, defensive tackle Charles Norman and safety Wayne Reese.

Norman, Fields, King, Poole, QB Jerry McManus, Smith and Jim Tomaro were selected to play in the second annual Coastal Conference All-Star Game in Keyser, West Virginia. The South won the game for the second year in a row 10-0 over the North All-Stars. Tackle Charles Norman was runnerup for the Most Valuable Player award with 10 solo tackles and four sacks of the North quarterbacks. Angus Poole snared four long gain receptions and Tim Fields turned in an interception as the Bobcat gridders all turned in sterling performances in the All-Star contest.


DEFENSIVE ENDS: Front row, Marion Brooks, Ron Wilson, Robert Scott. Second row, Joe Brown, Timothy Cruse, Matthew Trivette.

LINEBACKERS: Front row, Robert Talley, Tim Fields, Steve Green, Ricky Collins. Second row, Rocky Bryant, Stephen Weeks, Tony Lee, Victor Street.


DEFENSIVE TACKLES: Front row, Charles Norman, Ron Gumhold, Mitch Sloan, David Sandefur. Second row, Robert Mauldin, Dennis Kolb, Timothy Thomas.


LINEBACKERS: Front row, Rudi Volz, Ken Carter, Ed Huff, Swain Wright. Second row, Reuben Turner, Frank Wilson, Tommy Dotson.


The Bobcat brain trust: Cook, Turner, Maxson.


## BASKETBALL



Freshman sensation Manuel Jessup.

LEES-McRAE COLLEGE BOBCATS
1974 Basketball Schedule
OPPONENT
Capstone-Sertoma Classic, Columbia, SC
Wingate 78
Midlands Tech 82
82 (overtime)
Louisburg
81
Ferrum
80
Forfeit to LMC
ASU JV's
66
Montreat-Anderson* 58
Mitchell* 76
Wake Forest JV's 57
Davidson College JV's 67
Brevard* 65
East Tennessee State JV's 73
Spartanburg* 61
Anderson* 102
North Greenville* 77
East Tennessee State JV's 77
ASU JV's 69
Spartanburg* 61
Wingate* 73
Brevard* 74
Montreat-Anderson* 63
North Greenville* 89
Wingate* 73
Anderson* 85
Mitchell* 51
WCJC Conference Tournament
North Greenville 77
UNC-Chapel Hilf JV's 65

At halftime festivities the Lees-McRae basketball team and Head Coach Tee Haithcock presented Dr. H. C. Evans with the trophies won at the beginning of the year in the Thanksgiving tournament affairs. The Bobcats were runners-up in the Louisburg Thanksgiving Tournament and the Capstone-Sertoma Tournament in Columbia, S. C.



All Conference Elijah Shaw rides Wake Forest player piggy back.


Concentration on the bench: Cooper and Lomax.

Haithcock, in his final season as head basketball coach, directed the Bobcats to a 16-11 record.


Haithcock issues instructions.



Ricardo White (11) displays moves on defense and offense.


Kneeling: (I-r) Joe Roney, Manager; Elijah Shaw, Randy Wade, Reginald Fielder, Manuel Jessup, Jon Belton, manager Stan Haithcock. Standing: Trainer and scorekeeper, Steve Burroughs; Jimmy Lomax, Phil Harris, Ricardo White, Calvin Cooper, Wayne Reese, Ken Perlotte, Head Coach Tee Haithcock.



Theodore Stitt demonstrates the moves that made him All- Tournament in the Louisburg and Capstone-Sertoma Classic in Columbia,

Wayne Reese goes high in the air for a layup.


Ken Perlotte before hometown fans.



Randy Wade


Phil Harris


Music Cooper


Shaw, Perlotte, Cooper play sticky zone defense.


Jimmy Lomax starts drive, stops and shoots over Wake Forest defenders.



MVP Manuel Jessup in action.


Fielder slaps rebound out to waiting guards.

Fielder owns rebound over6'10" Ernest Wansley of Anderson. Looking on are Shaw, Jessup and Reese.


## SKI TEAM

The Lees-McRae ski team became a member of the South eastern Collegiate Ski Racing Association this year under the tutelage of Mark Gidney. Races were held at Appalachian Ski Mountain, Beech Mountain, Sugar Mountain, and Seven Devils. Throughout most of the season the Bobcats held down second place as they competed as the only junior college among the senior institutions. The Bobcats ended the season in the SCSRA in third place.

## TEAM STANDINGS

University of Tennessee
Appalachian State University
Lees-McRae College
Western Carolina University
31

Clemson University
1
Sewanee University

L-R: Herb Davis, Jim Herd, Everette Pidgeon, Pete Doll, Tom Fowler, Wythe Wilson, Steve Clymer, Wayne Otto, Walt Davis, Mark Gidney, Coach. Not pictured: Terry Perry.


Not pictured individually: Herb Davis, Everette Pidgeon, Tom Fowler, Steve Clymer, Walt Davis, Terry Perry



| LEES-McRAE | Mitchell | OPPONENT |
| :---: | :--- | :---: |
| 352 | Wingate | 335 |
| 185 | Spartanburg | 169 |
| 354 | Brevard | 306 |
| 354 | Wingate | 326 |
| 190 | Mitchell | 175 |
| 352 | Brevard | 335 |
| 358 | Anderson | 328 |
| 358 |  | 322 |



Front row, left to right: Phil Teagarden, Coach; Bryant Brown, Chuck Haggerty, Glenn Williard (MVP), Second row, Jim Herd, Phil Smith, John Calhoun.



LEES-McRAE
OPPONENT

| $271 / 2$ | Wingate | $911 / 2$ |
| :--- | :--- | :---: |
| $271 / 2$ | Ferrum | 58 |
| 24 | Brevard | 88 |
| 24 | Wingate | 55 |
| 24 | Milligan | 18 |
| 61 | Wingate | 83 |
|  | Carson-Newman Invitational Meet |  |
|  | Carson-Newman | 336 |
|  | Mars-Hill | 71 |
|  | Lees-McRae | 31 |
|  | Milligan | 30 |
|  | Maryville | 29 |
|  | Univ. of the South | 27 |
|  | Carson-Newman Track Club | 14 |
| $521 / 2$ | Walter State | 0 |
| $521 / 2$ | Mars-Hill | $581 / 2$ |
| $521 / 2$ | Emory \& Henry | $501 / 3$ |
|  | Milligan | $201 / 3$ |

Region X Track Meet at Brevard (NJCAA)

| Brevard | 108 |
| :--- | ---: |
| Chowan | 54 |
| Wingate | 46 |
| Ferrum | 30 |
| Lees-McRae | 22 |

Head Coach Bill Maxson demonstrates reaction to inclement weather at Carson-Newman track meet.

Wardell Johnson clears the bar in high jump competition at Brevard.



Team's MVP Ron Wilson demonstrates form that won him first places in the shot and discus. High point man on the track team, Wilson set a school record in the discus.

Monogram Club's Most Valuable, David Blue, in record distance run.


McSwain finishes in dead heat in $\mathbf{1 0 0}$-yd. dash.



Wayne Reese led the Bobcats again as he represented the LMC Track Club. Here Reese wins the triple jump which has come to be his trademark at

LMC.


Below, Wardell Johnson attempts long jump. At right, Reese takes warm-up jog. Dennis Roland heaves the shot.




Wayne Otto
The High Point Rocket.


Juan Estenssoro
Gatlocito del Bolivia.


Pam Sinnett, Debbie Briggs await their doubles match.

## WOMEN'S AND MEN'S TENNIS



Women's MVP Ann Kirkman.

Lees McRae's first coed tennis team. The first team to play a coed match with East Tennessee State University in Johnson City, That historic match took place April 6, 1975.



1975 WOMEN'S TENNIS TEAM - Kneeling: Debbie Briggs, Mary Scott, Ann Haskins, Pam Sinnett. Standing: Ann Kirkman, Linda Hall, Lea Spencer, Debbie O'Donoghue, Peggy Moeller.

Spencer


O'Donoghue


1975 WOMEN'S TENNIS SCHEDULE

Lees.McRae 0
Lees-McRae 2 Lees-McRae 4 Lees-McRae 7 Lees-McRae 4

ETSU
Mars Hill
9
Montreat-Anderson 5
Montreat-Anderson 2
Milligan

Lees-McRae 7 Lees-McRae 0 Lees-McRae 3
Lees-McRae 6

Wingate 2
Mars Hill 9
Wingate 6
Milligan 3



The great debate at mid-court: Briggs to opponent: "I win . . . give me the balls . . I'll serve.



Peg Moeller


Ann Haskins

## MEN'S TENNIS TEAM POST 14-6 RECORD, THIRD IN CONFERENCE

Jim Heinz, 1975 Captain, shows form that earned him honorable mention All-Region




Wayne "The Rocket" Otto in action in the Region Tennis Tournament in Anderson, S.C. Otto led the Bobcats all season in the No. 1 position and earned All-Western Carolinas Junior College Conference honors, was selected All-Region $X$ Tournament, and named to the first team All-Region. He tied the school's record in singles victories with 16.3. At right, these tennis trophies were presented to Lees-McRae College President H. C. Evans, Jr. by Juan Estenssoro, Wayne Otto and Jim Heinz, Lees-McRae finished second for the runner-up trophy in the Junior College Indoor Tennis Tournament in Cumberland, Maryland, and Wayne Otto won the singles championship. Heinz presented the second place conference trophy for last season.


Scott Keziah, No. 3 position.



1975 team: Wayne Otto, Jim Heinz, Rick Watkins, Steve Alley, Scott Keziah, Juan Estenssoro.


Steve Alley, No. 4 position.
The gallery.



Rick Watkins, No. 6 position.


John Rippy, No. 7 position


## ATHLETIC HONORS



## INTRAMURALS



A vital part of the athletic tradition is the intramural competition. Intramurals promote sportsmanship and offer students an opportunity to excel in areas outside the academic curricula. The character building competition, the physical outlet for energies and genuine enjoyment are integral parts of the program

Each student can find some athletic interest in the expansive intramural program at Lees McRae. His interest and competition make valuable contributions to his college life and education.



| COED |  |
| :--- | ---: |
| FCA I | $6-0$ |
| Faculty Mixed | $4-3$ |
| FCA II | $2-4$ |
| Blue Devils | $2-4$ |
| Odd Couples | $2-5$ |
| Tournament: FCA I defeated FCA II for championship |  |

MEN - EAST DIV.

| Sandblasters | 9- 1 |
| :--- | ---: |
| Captain Crunch | B- 1 |
| Turkies | $6-4$ |
| Boogie Brothers | $5-4$ |
| Raftersloppers | $5-4$ |
| Cannon Ballers | $5-5$ |
| Faculty Green | $3-7$ |
| Gang Bang | $2-9$ |
| Blue Wizards | $2-10$ |
| Tournament: Sandblasters champions |  |

Tournament: Sandblasters champions

## WOMEN

| Undecideds | $6-2$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Polly's Cats | $6-1$ |
| Faculty Women | $5-3$ |
| Lady Bobcats | $2-6$ |
| Jockettes | 2.7 |
| Party Packers | $0-7$ |

Tournament: Undecideds defeated Polly's Cats for the championship

|  | MEN - WEST DIV. |
| :--- | :--- |
| Fäculty Gold | B- 1 |
| Alcoholics | B- 2 |
| Cellar Rats | $7-2$ |
| Ballers | $7-3$ |
| Bloods | $6-4$ |
| South Side | $4-5$ |
| Molemen | $4-6$ |
| Ball Busters | $3-7$ |
| Der Hops | $3-1$ |
| First \& Third | $0-12$ |

Tournament: Alcoholics defeated Cellar Rats for the championship

Men's championship tournament: Alcoholics defeated Cellar Rats for Men's championship.

TOURNAMENT CLIMAXES BANNER YEAR IN VOLLEYBALL BANNER ELK, N. C.... The volleyball tournament brought down the curtain on volleyball intramurals this week which produced a banner year in participation by students at Lees-McRae College. Three hundred and seventy-two students participated in the first semester of volleyball action as the FCA 1 defeated the FCA II for the coed championship.

The final standings of the coed league were FCA I, 6-0, and Faculty Mixed, 4-3. Third was FCA II, 2-4; fourth, Blue Devils, 2-4; and the Odd Couple occupied the cellar with a $2-5$ record. The Undecideds with a third place season finish with a $6-2$ record defeated Polly's Cats, who were the league season champs with a

6-1 record for the women's championship. The Faculty Women finished fourth with a $5-3$ record, followed by the Lady Bobcats, 2-6, the Jockettes, 2-7, and the Party Packers, 0-7.

In the men's division, the Sandblasters won the regular season championship with a $9-1$ record and a nine team East division. The Faculty Gold team won the West division with an 8-1 record with a 10 team division. Second place Alcoholics (B-2) of the West division won the tournament championship over the third place West division Cellar Rats (7-2) for the men's championship. The Cellar Rats advanced to the finals by defeating the Sandblasters, and the Alcoholics gained their final berth with a three game victory over the Faculty.



MEN - EASTERN LEAGUE

BT Express ..... $9-0$
D. Cons ..... 7.2
Blood, Sweat, \& Tears ..... 6-2
Local Yokeis ..... $5 \cdot 3$
Ardvarks ..... 3.5
Pack ..... 3-5
Men of III Repute ..... 3.5
Moonshiners ..... 1.7
FCA ..... 0-8
MEN - WESTERN LEAGUE
Cellar Rats ..... 11-0
Born Losers ..... 7-3
Commodores ..... 7.3
Academic Probes ..... 6-4
Bootleggers ..... 4.5
ice Holes ..... 2.8
Mountain Boys ..... 1.7
Bombers ..... 0-8
WOMEN'S LIBERATION LEAGUEJockettes5-3
Big B's$3-5$

The curtain came down on the 1975 basketball intramurals at Lees-McRae College, with the B.T. Express posting a perfect $9-0$ season mark in the Eastern League, while in the Western Division the Cellar Rats carried an 11-0 record. Following were the Born Losers and the Commodores, with identical 7-3 marks.

The Jockettes won the Women's Liberation League, posting a $5 \cdot 3$ record. The Big B's were in second place.




Softball intramurals brought the curtain down on another record-breaking year in participation in intramural athletics at Lees-McRae. Over 400 students participated in an intramural program in 1974.75. With the use of new gymnasium facilities, intramural activities will continue to grow and expand. Volleyball seemed to be the most popular intramural activity with over 300 students involved in the program.

## FEATURES <br> 




Rufus Edmisten


Charles Elledge


Charles H. Reckard


Mac Frampton


Gen. William Westmoreland


The "Student Prince". Romberg's musical classic presented by STG Repertory Theater Company


Joe \& Penny Aronson

Michae! Delgardo


Science Hill H.S. Chorus

College programs this year provided the students with music from the classical Eastern Brass Quintet, the classical guitarist Ron Hudson, semi-classical "Student Prince", Mac Frampton Trio, to the barbershop quartet music of the Dixie Chorus and the far out renditions of Jimmy Buffet and Gamble Rogers. Ministers HarIan Creech, Charles Reckard, George Car-
ser Lyons spoke to the students, as did North Carolina Attornev General Rufus Edmisten, General William Westmoreland, Chief of Staff, U. S. Army Retired; and The Horn In The West's Charles EIledge. Accordion prodigy Michael DelGardo, Sam Austin on the piano, and the talent of the Boone Junior Miss Pageant contestants performed. Psychologist

James DiRaddo and ESP expert Russ Burgess gave two approaches to thinking. North Carolina State's head football mentor Lou Holtz held the students spellbound with both lecture and feats of magic, and David Toma made a big appearance on campus. This is just a partial list of the many Feature Activities on campus this year.

## HOMECOMING

Over 60 units meandered their way through downtown Banner Elk and to the football field during the eighth annual Homecoming Parade. Children's hero Fred Kirby, of the "Little Rascals" TV show and Tweetsie Railroad fame, was the parade marshal which saw Circle $K$ win the float competition, followed by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the Order of the Tower. The dormitory decoration awards went to Cannon Cottage followed by Tate and Tennessee Dormitories. The winning organization received $\$ 100$ prize money.


HOMECOMING COURT: Top to Bottom: Lea Spencer, Julia Morgan, Patty Burris, Susan Schurmeier, Teresa Ozment, Sherry Hinson, Pam Phipps, Caron Todd, Anita Blevins. Not pictured: Diane Chesler.

Patty Burris was crowned the 1974 Homecoming Queen and Caron Todd was Maid of Honor. Miss Burris is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Robert Burris of Huntersville, N. C. She is a sophomore at Lees-McRae and a member of the Dormitory Council. Miss Todd, a sophomore, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William N. Todd of Dunwoody, Ga. She is a Dormitory Assistant, a member of the Photography Club and the Sullivanian Sorority.

$\because$


Do not mistake these two for Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid. These two heroes are from the flat lands and mountains of North Carolina in the personage of Fred Kirby of WBT-TV fame and '"Little Claude"' Gilliam, a legend in his own time in Banner Elk. Gilliam is perched upon the Dutchess, while Fred Kirby, who acted as Parade Marshal in the Homecoming parade, looks on.


(At left) Homecoming Queen Patty Burris with her escort, her father Paul R. Burris. (above) Dr. Evans and S.G.A. President Rick Watkins present Maid of Honor, Caron Todd, with bouquet of Roses.



## HOMECOMING QUEEN



Caron
Todd


MAID OF HONOR



Pam Phipps

## HOMECOMING COURT



Sherry Hinson


Susan Schurmeier



## HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL

The 13th annual Halloween Carnival was sponsored by the Order of the Tower in cooperation with the other clubs on campus. The annual carnival is a money-making project for the Tower and other organizations. The many booths, games and activities provide added revenue for the clubs plus tremendous enjoyment for the students and community on Halloween night. Another motive of the Tower for the carnival was to provide good, clean fun on a night that is usually marred with destruction of personal property.


There were costumes . . . students tossed . .


There were horror shows, cake walks, and booths of all types . . . and there was the auctioneer.


and pointed

and performed feats of skill.


and pitched

and dropped


## WINTER CARNIVAL

The eighth annual Winter Carnival was held on Beech Mountain with a free day of skiing and games. Races included the giant slalom, the downhill and the scramble. The fashion show was not held this Vear; therefore, there was no King and Queen of Winter Carnival selected for 1974.75


They lined up on the slopes for the contests

and they skied...

and skied . . .

including the faculty. (Mrs. Powell)

'Scramble" obstacles had to be negotiated.



Roy Krege supervises pie-eating as part of the obstacie of the great "scramble" race.

Ski trophies were presented to the winners of the Winter Carnival Contest at halftime of the Brevard basketball game by Dr. H. C. Evans, Jr. Picking up their awards are: John Rippy, Jim Herd, Dr. Evans, who presented the awards, Suzy Parker, and Robbie Moore


## SPRING CARNIVAL



WONDERFUL, WONDERFUL DAY


Wonderful Day came once again to the surprise of the students. It was the fourth year that Wonderful Day has surprised the students and met with over-whelming success. The exact day each year is a closely guarded secret, but as a sign of our times, a security leak gave students a hint of the big day to come. Nevertheless, the students enjoyed fun and games such as frisbee contests, egg tosses, three-legged races, tug-of-war, water balloon tosses, and wheelbarrow races. Each winning group was awarded certificates and prizes.



The three-legged race


Waging Whimsical Wars on Wonderful Day


The losers end up in the Elk,




OVER 300 STUDENTS MADE WONDERFUL DAY A SUCCESS



MAY COURT

Charlotte D'Armond





## STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

The purpose of the Student Government Association is to strive for unification of the student body. This year we have sponsored several dances. Among those were the Get Acquainted Dance, which was to give the Freshmen and Sophomores a chance to meet each other, featuring "Hollis County." The Homecoming Dance featured "Matches," the Christmas Dance featured "Fresh," and the May Dance featured "Truth." The dances were very successful, and we enjoyed all the work that came along with them. The SGA sponsored the Sophomore Banquet and the SGA Banquet, and took care of Homecoming Court elections, May Court elections, Freshmen elections, SGA elections, and Sophomore elections. The SGA and the Freshmen class were responsible for making the Pinnacle Room into a new student lounge. They also handled car registration and refrigerator rentals for the student body. The SGA made several generous contributions during the year. They donated $\$ 100$ to Cannon Memorial Hospital, \$100 to the Avery County Rescue Squad, \$100 to the Banner Elk Volunteer Fire Department, and $\$ 500$ to the college to be used in paving the parking lot. In essence, all the 74-75 SGA officers feel that this has been a very successful and worthwhile year for them and hope that you, as SGA members, feel the same.


Rick Watkins, President

STUDENT PARLIAMENT: L-R: Pam Arrowood, Bill Rogers, Lisa Luffman, Matthew Dolgos, Sara Willer, Rick Watkins, Pam Solomon, Lea Spencer, O'dell Smith (sponsor), Julie Morgan.


S.G.A. Officers: Julia Morgan, Secretary; Rick Watkins, President; Lea Spencer, Vice President; Pam Solomon, Treasurer. below. FRESHMAN CLASS OFFICERS: Charles Belissary, Vice President; Mimi Smith, Secretary; Matthew Dolgos, President.


Watkins inducts new President Charles Belissary.


After the formalities were exchanged


The traditional "cigar puffing" Ceremony

took place with everyone involved, including Mrs. Harris (left).


Lewis Hall. Sponsor

## ORDER OF THE TOWER

The Order of the Tower is a carefully selected group of twelve students who serve the college and help to promote a better relationship between the students and the faculty. This year's Tower members began their work as marshals for the 1974 graduation. Throughout the year these members sponsored the traditional Halloween Carnival, several money-making activities, and sponsored Wonderful Day. Officers: President, Miriam Cathey; VicePresident, Victor Street; Secretary-Treasurer, Rodger Crenshaw. Sponsors: Lewis Hall, Mimi Senter, Chris Trotter, Ellen Banks. Not pictured: Frank Mendoza, Don Baker.


Rodger Crenshaw

Miriam Cathey Laurie Pardue

Pam Phipps

Julia Morgange



Chris Trotter
Linda Puckett
Robert Talley


Mimi Senter
Karen Reddish
Mark Turik


Ellen Banks



Frank Mendoza, Sponsor


James Stonesifer, Sponsor

## PHI THETA KAPPA

Phi Theta Kappa is Lees-McRae's honorary scholastic fraternity. Requirements for induction are: grade point average above a 3.0, recommendation by faculty and students, and a desire to serve Lees-McRae. This year the Beta Tau Chapter of Lees-McRae sponsored many projects including a trip to the National Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.


First row: Dennis Aldridge, Jomara Barnhardt, Rodger Crenshaw, Charlotte D'Armond, Vice President. Second row: Carolyn Elliott, Jim Heinz, Tim Hill, Mike Kurtz. Third row: Van Lecka, Wanda Miller, Julia Morgan, President; Laurie Pardue, Secretary-Treasurer. Fourth row: Pam Phipps, Mark Turik, Historian; Rick Watkins, Leon Williams.




LMC Circle $K$ takes honors at convention. L-R: Bob Owen, Most Outstanding member and Lt. Governor-Elect of the Northwestern Division; Dr. H. C. Evans, Jr., President of Lees-McRae; Dawn Medlin, elected Cabinet Secretary on Public Relations for the District Board; Janet Dilling, Most Outstanding President and Elected Administrative Coordinator; Jomara Barnhardt, holds trophy for 1st place achievement award; Monroe Tart, elected District Editor; Dr. E. Lee Nelson, recipient of the James M. Storie Award for outstanding leadership and participation as faculty advisor.


Circle K Clubs from both North and South Carolina met in Charlotte,
 North Carolina for the Fourteenth Annual District Convention. Circle K had more representation than any other club present and also collected five of the nine awards given. These included: 1st place achievement award, given to the club whose record shows the most outstanding work in the area of service to other people during the year; most improved club award for the second consecutive year. Individual trophies were awarded to Janet Dilling (Most Outstanding President) for excellent leadership in the club and district; Bob Owen (Most Outstanding Member) for his dedication and hard work in Circle K; Dr. E. Lee Nelson (the James M. Storie Award) for his outstanding leadership and participation as faculty advisor to the Lees-McRae club.

The leadership and dedication of Circle $K$ over the past years has been an example to all the clubs throughout the Carolinas. This year, four Lees-McRae members were elected to the District Board. Bob Owen was elected Lt. Governor of the Northwestern Division; Janet Dilling, Administrative Coordinator; Monroe Tart, District Editor; and Daw'n Medlin, Cabinet Secretary on Public Relations.



FCA OFFICERS: Wayne Reese, Sergeant at Arms; Charles Belissary, President; Mark Zachary, Secretary-Treasurer, Chaplain. Not pictured: Ann Hambright, Vice Pres. dent.

## FELLOWSHIP

## OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes provides its members a chance to participate in activities, have interests, feelings and experiences with people who share the common bond of Christ and sports. The club consists of mem. bers with many various religions. This year the FCA learned from interesting speakers at the meetings. The club, in cooperation with the Lees-McRae News Service and Publications Office, compiled, published, and sold football programs with all proceeds going to the FCA. They were also responsible for moving the trophies to the new trophy case in the lobby of the Williams Physical Education Center.

First row (I-r): Susan Schurmeier, Deena Powell, Pattie Buchanan, Sue Bennett, Mary Ann Joyce, Kim Weaver, Ann Haskins. Back row: David McConnell, Bill Miller, Mary Zachary, Dennis Roland, Bill Maxson, Sponsor, Walt Davis, Arnold Greenwell, Charles Belissary. Not pictured: Ann Hambright, Linda Peed, Wavne Reese.



The FCA cleaned and polished the trophies on their arrival in the new Gym from the old trophy case in Chaffee. (below) FCA members work on their club's homecoming float and enjoy their annual picnic.



Charlotte D'Armond, President

## THE SULLIVANIANS

The Sullivanians, a women's leadership organization, was organized in 1934 and was named in honor of Mary Mildred Sullivan, a benefactor of the college. The main purpose of this organization is to develop character, leadership, and personality through fellowship and service to others. The Sullivanians sponsored the freshmen women's tea in the fall and were responsible for the haunted house at the Halloween Carnival. The club cleaned the area around the Mill Dam, and decorated for the Homecoming and Christmas dances. The Sullivanians sponsored the "Sullivanians Salute the Secretaries Day." They were in charge of two bazaars and held bake sales every football game. They put up a bulletin board each month for the Banner Elk Elementary School, baked Valentine cookies for the faculty members of the college, and ushered for all LMC plays.


President D'Armond conducts meeting.


Lois Anne Harris, Sponsor

First row (1-r): Dr. Lois Anne Harris, sponsor, Pam Phipps, Stuart Harvey, Charlotte D'Armond, Ellen Banks. Second row; Susan Schurmeier, Caron Todd, Agnes Stewart, Teresa Ozment, Stephanie Helms, Pam Solomon. Third row: Laura Thomas, Lea Spencer, Mimi Smith.



Freshmen members.


Sullivanians sponsor booth in Halloween Carnival.


Induction of new members.
Sullivanians' annual tea for official induction of members.



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First row (I-r): Rhonda Hall, Terri Henley, Mimi Smith, Alice Taylor, Sharon Carter, Cathie Smith, Meg Gilmer, Second row: Bill Rogers, Adrian Julian, Mike Shomaker, Bob Poole, Mike Cook, Maury Good, Steve Bracey, Mark Smith


## LMC CLOGGERS

The Lees-McRae Cloggers were or ganized this year. The group specializes in precision square dancing known as clogging. They performed at athletic events, civic and social functions. Meg Gilmer was instrumental in the organization and Dr. John Wilson was chosen as the first sponsor.



## ROAD RUNNERS

In its fourth year as a club, the Roadrunners was one of the more active clubs on campus. The club was organized by and for day students, under the sponsorship of Mr. Glen Johnson. Through the club there will be encouragement for day students to take a more active part in campus activities and become more at home while on campus. The Roadrunners participated in the Kiwanis Clean.Up Drive and had two bake sales to raise money. They provided a $\$ 100$ scholarship to a deserving Avery County students, and at Christmas they served cookies and refreshments to the faculty members of Lees.McRae.


Glen Johnson, Sponsor


Officers: Jackie Blair, President; Rodger Crenshaw, Vice President; Sarah Cooke, Secretary Treasurer

First row (1.r): Richard Bailey, Van Lecka, Meg Gitmer, Jackie Blair, Miriam Tarleton. Second row: Dennis Aldridge, Brenda Jameson, Bill Brewer, John Snyder, Johnny Trivett, Mike Biddix, Glen Johnson, Sponsor.



## CHEERLEADERS

Wherever the Bobcats are playing, you'll find the LMC Cheerleaders. Many a close victory has been sparked by the enthusiasm of the fans led, of course, by the cheerleaders. The Cheerleaders have more than ever promoted school spirit in both the athletes and the fans.

L.R: Kim Mauney, Wanda Miller, Robin Spinning, Karen Reddish, Adolia Hazelwood, Beth Fletcher. Debra Whitener, Pam Phipps.



Robin Spinning
Adolia Hazelwood




Karen Reddish


Wanda Miller


Beth Fletcher
Deborah Whitner



THE ONTAROGA

Donald R. Baker, Advisor, Production Chief; Jim Heinz, Logan Howell, Bill Rogers, Photography; Rosanne Penley, Chief Typist, Production, and Photography; Joyce Baker, Typist, Production; Pam Arrowood, Editor; Linda Puckett, Assistant Editor, Business Manager.

In 1960, the first yearbook sponsored under the direction of Don Baker selected the Latin phrase, "Excellentia est praemium laboris," and each staff in the following years has tried to live up to the motto, "Excellence is the fruit of labor." You, the owner of this yearbook, can be the judge of that. Mr. Baker and his secretaries, Rosanne Penley and Joyce Baker, worked long and hard on the layout, design, production, and lab work, with assistance from the editor, Pam Arrowood. The tumultuous task of printing the many pictures (and the many we did not use) was done by Baker, Penley, and Company. Linda Puckett devoted her time and energies to the advertising section, in this time of recession, a difficult one, to secure needed monies to help support the production and soaring costs of printing. Mr. Baker also took many of the pictures, with the able assistance of Bill Rogers and JIm Heinz. Special thanks goes to Logan Howell and to Grace Woody, and to all those who helped in some way. While this is a yearbook celebrating the 75th anniversary of the college, it is our hope that the Ontaroga will be produced the next 75 years Wily Bobcat.

Photography: Jim Heinz


Logan Howell


Bill Rogers


## DELTA PSI OMEGA

Delta Psi Omega is a chapter of the national honorary dramatic fraternity, and its purpose is to reward those who have shown a special interest and aptitude in dramatics and theatre production, and at the same time stimulate them to greater achievement. Delta Psi was organized in 1954 with the membership selectively taken from the group, the Green and Gold Masquers. The Green and Gold Masquers have been inactive for several years, as was Delta Psi Omega until the Harrises reorganized the fraternity in 1973.

(L-R): Charlotte D'Armond, Director: Stephanie Helms, Treasurer; Pam Phipps, Historian/ Secretary: Keith Hodgin, Janet Blackburn, Duncan Mclver. Not pictured Tim Hill, Assistant Director; John Lampley; Cindy and Jim Stonesifer, Jane and Julian Heath, Honorary members.


Kim Harris, Sponsor


Lois Anne Harris, Sponsor


## LMC THEATRE DEPARTMENT

Two plays presented by the Lees-McRae Theatre Department and members of Delta Psi Omega this year have been "The Miracle Worker" and the musical, "Tom." The children of the faculty, along with children of the Banner Elk Elementary School and members of Delta Psi Omega, comprised the cast of the musical version of "Tom Sawyer" written by Dr.H. C. Evans. The play not only had two curtains in one week, but the performance was given free of charge to over three thousand students of the Avery County school system at morning performances.


Above, (1-r): Dan Rovall, Mark Evans, Bruce Shomaker. At left, Dan Rovall and Carrie Smith with Tim Hill portraying Frankenstein.

The lead in "The Miracle Worker" in the role of Helen Keller was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O'dell Smith, Carrie. Carrie also starred as Becky with Dan Royall, son of Spanish instructor Phil Royall, in the role of Tom. The moving play encompassed blind Helen Keller, who must accept the discipline and education from her teacher, Miss Annie Sullivan, portrayed by Dr. Lois Anne Harris. The pampered and badly spoiled Helen was the conflict of Annie's discipline and both the characters' spirit and self-determination is challenged.

With strong performances from Carrie Smith and Lois Harris, and able assistance from Miller Wright and Charlotte D'Armond, the play was an overwhelming success. Tim Hill's almost comic relief was the highlight of the performances.

Charlotte D'Armond, Jim Stonesifer, Cindy Stonesifer.



The cast of "Tom."

Cindy Stonesifer.


Charlotte D'Armond and Miller Wright.


Lois Anne Harris, Carrie Smith, Miller Wright, and Tim Hill.


Carrie Smith



The cast of "The Miracle Worker". (1-r): Betty Anne Young, Lois Anne Harris, Carrie Smith, Charlotte D'Armond, Miller Wright, Cindy Stonesifer, Tim Hill, Keith Hodgin. Seated: Nicole Baker, Tiffy Heath, Dan Royall, Charisse Pitts, Karen Royall, Cindy Heath, Stephanie Wiison.


##  <br> HONORS AND AWARDS



## 1975 DEDICATION ...

Mr. and Mrs. O'dell (Pat) Smith are the recipients of the 1975 Ontaroga dedication. The yearbook staff would like to honor the Smiths for their untiring efforts on behalf of and interest in the students of Lees-McRae College. O'dell is Vice President for Student Affairs; Pat is Chairman and Director of Developmental Studies at Lees-McRae. They have five children and have been at the college for the past six years. O'dell is a graduate of Bristol (Tennessee) high school and Emory \& Henry College, and received his B.S. degree from the Union Theological Seminary and was a missionary to Brazil before assuming the pastorate at First Presbyterian Church in Jefferson City, Tennessee in 1962. He left that position in 1968 to become Dean of Students at Lees-McRae. Pat is a native of Johnson City, Tennessee and was graduated from Emory \& Henry College. She served as Director of Christian Education for four years at the First Methodist Church in Morristown before making her move to Banner Elk. Mrs. Smith was also the recipient of the Sullivan Award given in recognition of general conduct and relations with others indicating a spirit of helpfulness and an awareness of the beauty and value of the intangible elements in life. Dr. H. C. Evans, Jr., made this award. Mr. Smith was further honored with a special award for speech. As Vice President for Student Affairs he has many occasions in which to speak to the students. This award recognized his ability to "always speak from the heart." Presentation was made by Dr. Lois Anne Harris, Instructor of English and Speech. Their daughter Carrie was recognized with a special acting award for her roles in "Tom" and "The Miracle Worker," She is a third grader at the Banner Elk Elementary School.



Behind every great man.
There's a woman . . . and, in this case five children! Namely, Mimi, Mark, Josh, Sean, and Carrie.


IT IS, WITH GREAT PRIDE, THAT WE, THE 1975 YEARBOOK STAFF, DEDICATE THE ONTAROGATO O'DELL AND PAT SMITH
TWO PEOPLE WHOSE INTEREST AND SERVICE MAY HAVE GONE UNNOTICED OVER THE YEARS.

## WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN JUNIOR COLLEGES

This year Lees-McRae had fifteen sophomores selected for the national publication, WHO'S WHO AMONG AMERICAN JUNIOR COLLEGES. The publication recognizes students for their outstanding contributions to their campus, the student's scholarship, leadership, and participation in education and extra-curricular activities, his general citizenship and his promise of future usefulness is recognized. It is a means of compensation for outstanding efforts and achievement; a standard of management for students comparable to other recognized scholastic and service organizations.


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## HONORS AND AWARDS

The Order of the Tower assisted the Administration in the presentation of the two-day ceremonies of the Sixteenth Annual Honors and Awards Program. Miriam Cathey, (Jamestown) President, and Robert Talley, Tower member, presided at the first program. The invocation was delivered by Pam Phipps (Richmond, Va.), and the Master of Ceremonies was Dr. John Wilson, Chairman of the Division of Religion, Philosophy and Fine Arts. In the second program, Julia Morgan (Salisbury) and Mark Turik (Kinston), Tower members, presided. The Master of Ceremonies was Mr. Lewis Hall, Chairman of the Division of Mathematics and Graphics; the invocation was delivered by Dennis Aldridge (Crossnore).

The Delta Psi Omega Award was presented to Jean Miller (Statesville) in recognition of her service and assistance in the production of plays given this year. Speech awards were presented to Tom Simons (Hopkins, S.C.) and Charlotte D'Armond (Charlotte). Keith Hodgin (Jamestown) was the recipient of the Drama Award. Two special acting awards were given to Carrie Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O'dell Smith, and Dan Royall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Royall, all of Banner Elk; they were recognized for their outstanding roles in "Tom" and "The Miracle Worker."

Miriam Tarleton, a freshman from Linville Falls, was the recipient of three special awards: the Roadrunners Scholarship given to an Avery County student based on scholarship, character, financial need, and faculty recommendation; the Sullivanian Scholarship; and the Faculty Scholarship given each year by the faculty and based on scholarship, citizenship, and leadership, as well as need.

Most valuable athletic awards went to: Ann Kirkman (Mt. Airy), tennis; Ron Wilson (Thomasville), track; Murray Smith (Savannah, Ga.), and Ken Carter (Columbia, S.C.), football; Wayne Otto (High Point), tennis; Elijah Shaw (Durham), bas ketball; Jim Herd (Taylors, S.C.), skiing; and Glenn Williard (Daytona Beach, Fla.), golf

Monogram Club trophies were awarded to: Tim Fields (Lebanon, Va.), football; Murray Smith (Savannah, Ga.), football; Juan Estenssoro (La Paz, Bolivia), tennis; Manuel Jessup (Mt. Airy), basketball; David Blue (Greensboro), track.

Special basketball awards were presented to: Phil Harris (Charlotte), best shooter award; Manuel Jessup (Mt. Airy), best player award; Reginald Fielder (Winston-Salem), outstanding rebounder award.

The Outstanding Athlete Award was presented to Wayne Reese (Moore Haven, Florida).

Roy Krege, Administrative Assistant to the President, and Richard Trice, Manager, ARA Food Services, were given special service awards by the Circle $K$ Club and the Order of the Tower.

The J. B. Pritchett Biology Award was presented to Barbara Goodman (Mooresville), and to Bill Kirkpatrick (Greensboro). The winner of the Executive Secretarial Science Award was Patti Burris (Huntersville); the Medical Secretarial Science Award was given to Betsy McCorkle (Lenoir).

Harriett Johnson (Charlotte) received the Robert Bowman French Medal. Terry Williams was the recipient of the Social Sciences Award.

The Joseph H. Carter Religious Award was given to Steve Burroughs (Durham); the Bible Medal was awarded to Charisse Pitts (Banner Elk).

Jackie Blair (Linville) received the Art Medal. The Mathematics Award was given to John Hansel (West Palm Beach, Florida).

Brenda Jameson (Newland) was the recipient of three awards: the Spanish Award, the English Award, and the Art Prize.


Evans presents Fidelity Medal to Turik and Street while evening emcee Lewis Hall looks on.


John Wilson, emcee for the first Honors and Awards program, was also the recipient of the Sullivan Award.



The Fred I. Dickerson Award, given to the sophomore athlete having the highest academic average, was presented to Rick Watkins (Gastonia). The George Homan, III Tennis Award, established in 1974 and given to the player who shows the greatest improvement over his two years at Lees-McRae, was presented to Jim Heinz (Waynesville).

Steve Kohan (Livingston, N.J.) and Bryan M. Juwig (Augusta, Ga.) were presented Military Science Awards.

For the first time in the history of Lees-McRae, the Fidelity Medal was awarded to two men: Mark Turik (Kinston) and Victor Street (Florence, S.C.). This award is given annually to the sophomore who is considered the most faithful to the college and the best all-around student.

Mrs. Pat Smith and Mr. Lewis Hall were honored with Sullivan Awards. Mrs. Smith was given this award in recognition of general conduct and relations with others indicating a spirit of helpfulness and an awareness of the beauty and value of the intangible elements of life. Mr. Hall was recognized for his continuous expression of those high qualities which en-
noble and beautify living and bind man to man in mutual love and helpfulness.

SGA special recognition awards went to Miss Grace Woody and Mr. Don Baker. Grace is Secretary to the Vice President for Student Affairs and works closely with the student government officers, as well as all clubs and organizations on campus.

John C. Wilson, Chairman of the Division of Religion, Philosophy, and Fine Arts, was the recipient of the Outstanding Educator Award given by the Phi Theta Kappa. This is given to the instructor that best fits the following criterion: (1) Reflects the individual's discipline; (2) Reflects the ideals and purpose of Lees-McRae College; (3) Has developed an attitude towards student-oriented education; (4) Outstanding academic individual; and (5) A willingness to help.

Mr. and Mrs. O'dell Smith were named recipients of the 1975 Ontaroga (the yearbook) Dedication for their untiring efforts on behalf of and interest in the students of Lees-McRae College.


Osborn, Stonesifer, Smith, and Dr. Johnny R. Glenn, who administered the oath for medical secretaries.


Smith, Osborn, Evans, and Stonesifer.

## GRADUATION 1975 <br> THIS YEAR'S GRADUATING CLASS MARKS THE 75th YEAR OF LEES-McRAE

Dr. Lawrence Bottoms, Moderator, 114th General Assembly, Presbyterian Church, U.S., and Ted R. Osborn, PresidentElect, Kiwanis International, addressed the Forty-fifth Graduating Class of Lees-McRae College and an overflow capacity audience in the new Hayes Auditorium. The largest graduating class in history of Lees-McRae heard baccalaureate speaker Dr. Lawrence Bottoms state, "Education is the tool which God gives us to make us able to live as a free people in a free society.
"As God tries to help us he calls attention to the fact that there must be responsible freedom at the grass roots. Individuals must know their faith, must understand their beliefs, and must live out of that understanding if they are going to be responsible people exercising responsible freedom. You are part of a universal church - you move across denominational lines so that you begin to understand the theology of missions, of serving, to become the people of God serving the church, the community, and the world.
"In order to help us validate our education God is saying He wants us to know that Christ is real. Again, in order to help us validate our education I want you to realize that the Holy Spirit is real and hear what the Spirit is saying. Selfishness is real in the world and He wants us to deal with this selfishness. The only way is through the mind of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit. If you are going to validate your education then it must be through Christ Himself.
"We live under the authority of law, doctrines, creeds. All these must be fulfilled through Christ. They are not a source of life. They are guidelines that point toward truth and relationship with Christ that makes it possible for you to accept our humanity.
"God is saying we must live under the authority of leaderships where across the lines are people listening and discerning. They are the tools for discovering truth. If you use these tools you come to the kind of truth to accept our humanity. 'Let him who has an ear hear.' Don't allow yourself to be governed by an elite decision-making process - the only way to deal with this is to know that Christ is the Lord of life.
"You must never compromise with truth. Black people must understand that you do not gain freedom by becoming equal with people who are sinners. You are responsible for accepting your own humanity and your own humanity comes
by accepting grace from the living God. The church is responsible for teaching in all areas. You do not accept humanity by race, but by grace.
"It is not good for people to take property before personhood. You have sewn the seeds of death. Redemption is the reality that makes it possible for you to accept our humanity. He does not create people to serve systems - He creates systems to serve people.
"We are people who continue to establish military systems for security. But a nation must also have character. If a nation does not have character, then all the armies in the world can defeat it."

Dr. Bottoms concluded, "Live the truth that you know and understand. You will discover more truth. You must be positive. If you are lukewarm or belong to the silent majority then that is worse than being naked."



Van Lecka is awarded his Associate in Science degree, cum laude, by President Evans.

Osborn, whose biographical sketch and introduction as a speaker could fill volumes, gave a commencement address consisting of only ten words, "Care for God, care for others, care for yourself, care
"You have not been living in a vacuum. You already know that the world in which you must compete is not perfect. The truth is, nothing is perfect. The closest you can come to perfection is the belief you have in yourself . . . the belief that you can do whatever you want to do ... you can be whatever you want to be. Our country, the United States of America, has its imperfections... but it's the country which has done more for the world than any other country in history. We have shown more compassion, more charity, more love for human beings than any other people in history. Still, with our approach to life - with the strength, dedication and intelligence of our young people, we have great potential, great capacity for bettering the conditions of the world. This potential is not newly recognized.
"The qualities you have acquired through your experiences in this mountain institution of learning compromise your foundation for the future. Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote, 'This time, like all times, is a good one if we but know what to do with it.' I hope you will strive for excellence throughout your life. Any other goal will be aiming for second place. As you pursue your goal, remember to enjoy life along the way. You go this way but once."

Dr. H. C. Evans, Jr. (left) congratulates baccalaureate speaker, Dr. Lawrence Bottoms, Moderator, 114th General Assembly, Presbyterian Church, U.S. Looking on is the Chairman of the Division of Religion, Philosophy and Fine Arts, Dr. John C. Wilson.



The largest graduating class accepted their degrees from Vice President of Academic Affairs James Stonesifer and President H. C. Evans, Jr

"As President-Elect of one of the major service organizations of the world, I urge you to become involved in service activities in your communities. There are many such groups which will welcome your input. Through membership in a service organization, you can get the satisfaction that comes from helping others, and by helping others, you will yourself be helped. Service clubs have a concern for people. Join in, enjoy yourself . . . you go this way but once.
"If there is a moral in what l've said here today, it could be summed up in the advice to share your life. There is nothing sadder than a person who is alone. Ours is a grossly impersonal world but it is one which will be made better if we share our lives with each other.
"In all our lives, there is the supreme force which controls our destinies, and there is great strength in that knowledge.
"Today, I have talked about the importance of your education; the importance of your belief in yourself; the importance of your support for our nation and our way of life; the importance of contributing to the well being of your fellow man; and the importance of your acceptance of the Supreme Being. Having said that, my commencement address to you is this: Care for God, Care for Others, Care for Yourself, Care . . ."

President H. C. Evans, Jr. and Academic Dean James A. Stonesifer conferred one hundred fifty-five Associate in Arts and Associate in Science degrees upon graduates at the Forty-fifth Commencement-Convocation of Lees-McRae College.



SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS OF SEAVICE

James C. Green, Speaker of the House, State of North Carolina, was the keynote speaker at the 75th anniversary celebration of Lees-McRae College on July 5, 1975.

Green, a democrat representing the 19th Representative District composed of Bladen, Columbus and Sampson Counties, has been a representative in the General Assembly since 1961, and was elected Speaker of the House in 1975. Green, who is considered by many to be the next gubernatorial candidate in North Carolina representing the Democratic Party, flew to Banner Elk from his home in Clarkton for the ceremony.

House Speaker James Green, (left) and Rufus Edmisten, North Carolina Attorney General, talk politics with Lees-McRae's own statesman, Wily Bobcat (Dale Bodenhamer).


Green, in his opening remarks, stated, "Though my home is in the heart of Southeastern North Carolina, Lees-McRae is well known there and its influence is felt there.
"Our young people year after year leave the flatlands of the East to study and live for a while here in Banner Elk in the shadow of the Grandfather and the great Blue Ridge Mountains. They join thousands of others from throughout the area, the nation, and even the world who feel Lees-McRae College offers that special something which they need and in fact so often are desperately seeking.
"Young people come here to this village because they are able to look at the history of Lees.McRae and see that in the area of private education during the last 75 years it has been a constant, providing quality education and flexibility for adjusting to individual needs.
"At the same time, they are able to communicate with the leaders of Lees-McRae of today - its faculty, its staff, its administrators - and understand immediately that the same concern which has existed throughout the years exists still and that as students here they will share in the legacy of good instruction and preparation for a meaningful and self-fulfilling role in our twentieth century world."


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(Clockwise) Platform guests, Banner Elk Mayor Charles VonCanon. Miss Margaret Tufts, daughter of the founder and sister to the second president of Lees-McRae; Rufus Edmisten, N.C. Attorney General; Speaker of the House James C. Green; and Dr. Pitser M. Lyons, III, Chairman of the Lees-McRae Board of Trustees. Over 300 helium balloons were launched at the celebration; football coach Warren Klawiter, Director of Summer Programs Carol Ringley, and student assistant Rick Watkins admire their handiwork. Governor Holshouser was one of the honored guests at the 75th anniversary luncheon for the Trustees and Board of Advisors; Holshouser and his wife. Pat, are members of the Board of Advisors. Songwriter and performer par excellence Oick Feller performs before the large crowd at the 75th celebration. The Lees.McRae Cloggers perform for an appreciative audience. Aside from the entertainment was a pienic that saw the ARA Food Service feed over 1,000 guests. Dancers from the School of Scottish Arts captivated the audience with several traditional dances.
"Anyone who takes the time to inquire, to visit this place and get to know the people who are carrying forward the mission of this institution will discover immediately that Lees-McRae College is not simply another 'me too' institution.


Speaker Green, N.C. House of Representatives, addresses 75th celebration audience. Below, Sugar Mountain I Boys perform for crowd.


Songstress Marshall Chapman in concert.


And today each of you who loves this place and what it stands for ought to stop and thank God for that.
"When many colleges and universities throughout this nation a few years ago were saying in response to student protests that rules of order and good conduct no longer had a place on their campuses, the leaders of Lees-McRae did not say 'me too'. Instead, they stood firm in their belief that a fundamental element of education is the development of discipline. They stood firm in their belief that students in an academic environment cannot achieve in an atmosphere of confusion and turmoil and thank goodness they did. The pendulum is swinging back and time is proving them right.
"When many colleges were saying that they should no longer worry about moral standards on their campuses or try to instill moral values and Christian ethics in the members of their student bodies, the administration of this institution didn't say 'me too.' They stiffened their backs and became more determined than ever to try to provide moral leadership in a period when it appeared that our national moral fiber might be decaying. Thank goodness they did, and we know that today time is going to prove them right.
"When many colleges around our country were saying that the basic curriculum was no longer 'revelant,' that students no longer needed to master the English language, understand and appreciate and draw lessons from the history of man, the faculty of Lees-McRae did not respond with 'me too.' They continued to insist that the graduates of this college be wellgrounded in traditional courses.
"Fortunately, this college did not join the stampede toward the educational mirages of the last decade. It remembered its heritage; it remembered its mission; it remembered its commitment to Christian ideals and that has made the difference.
"Some time ago, the Honorable Robert Morgan, who serves as our United States Senator and is a member of the LeesMcRae College Board of Trustees, made a speech on the importance of private higher education in our nation and may have even shared his remarks with the faculty and administration here. As you know, he has long been a champion of public higher education in North Carolina, but through his friendships here has lately become very active in the area of private higher education.
"He made one statement which I would like to bring to your attention as we celebrate the 75 th anniversary of this college and consider its past and future.
"'Private education,' he said, 'will not survive by attempting to copy public higher education. Parents and students simply cannot pay more for the same product they can purchase more cheaply at publicly supported and subsidized institutions. Alumni and friends are not inspired to offer their services and patrons do not come forth when the sum total of their efforts is to duplicate the State system of higher education.'
"Like our Senator, I have spent a tremendous amount of effort on behalf of our state colleges and universities. Yet I could not agree with him more.
"It will always cost the student and parent more for a youngster to attend a private college. So in turn we must offer more.
"We should be concerned about the survival of the private college. If the state can do it cheaper, why not let them? Why should those involved in private higher education continue to fight the daily battle of the budget, crisscross the nation trying to find new sources of funds, and compete tooth and nail for students each fall? Is it worth it? Is it worth it to try to keep alive our private institutions?
"Our nation has thrived on divergence of thought. We have grown strong by independent thought, aggressive pursuit of knowledge in a variety of academic settings, and personalities created from many different academic molds.
"Frankly, I am afraid that our intellectual spirit would grow stale if the only higher education available in this nation were in public insititutions. I do not want to see us develop one national intellect. The State should never be allowed, even by default, to capture the whole mind of the American Public."

Green concluded, "Let me congratulate you here at LeesMcRae for the service you have rendered to thousands of young people during your long history.
"These are not easy days for colleges such as this one, whose birthday we celebrate today. And the years ahead will not be easy either. But with the help of friends like those gathered here today, it cannot help but succeed in its mission.
"The last 75 years of distinguished service in Christian education here in the Appalachian area of our country can only be prologue to many, many more and I extend to each of you associated with Lees-McRae College my congratulations upon arriving at this milestone and my best wishes for the future."


Clockwise: Billy (Moochie) Williams the Bear poses with Board of Advisor member Sam Anderson, Sr. of Kingsport. Mr. Anderson must not be too interested in what Billy the Bear has to say as he continuted to read his newspaper and puff on his stogie. Dr. H. C. Evans introduces platform guests. Rod Hutchinson, Avery businessman and LMC Class of 1971, performs as a Kiwanis Klown. The men in charge of the watermelon feast - Walt Dillon and Mark Dean.


President Evans awards Mitzi Cleary a check for the purchase prize of her first place winning painting held at the spring art exhibit.


Richard Trice, Manager of ARA Food Services, displays the purchase prize made at the spring art exhibit. With Trice is Mrs. Arlene Cameron. Art Instructor. Trice purchased the design by Mark Reynolds for the MacDonald Cafeteria.

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President Evans awards Edward Camp a check for the first place purchase prize in the Lees-McRae student-faculty art exhibit. Camp's painting will become a part of the Lees-McRae College art collection.


Richard Trice, manager of ARA Food Services, displays the purchase prize made at the Lees-McRae student-faculty art exhibit. Trice purchased the painting by Baynard Barton, III, for the new MacDonald Cafeteria.


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