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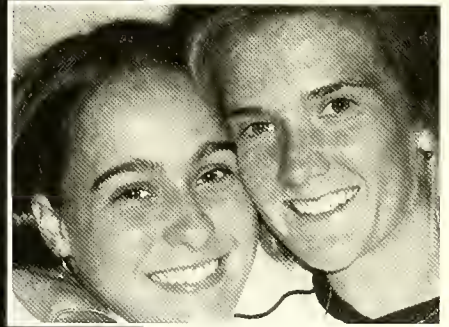
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LEES-MCRAE COLLEGE 1997-98

THE FLAME BURNS BRIGHTLY



The Flame Burns Brightly

To the right:

Introducing the 1997
King and Queen:
Sophomore James
Casey and Junior
Katrina Smith.

Below:

Rudy Woolridge shows off
his shirt that he won during
SGA's "Spirit Week".



Homecoming Court 1997



Jeff Melton
and
Stacy Outlaw



Ben Jones
and
Jodi Jones



James Casey
and
Katrina Smith



John Celcko
and
Alicia Pope

at Lees-McRae...



To the left:
Donnie Sanders and Sarah Beckman are awarded 1st Runner Up.

Below:
1996 King and Queen Cory Edwards and Lyndsay Sherry.



To the right:
Some members of the Women's soccer team participate in the parade.



John Frick
and
Kim Moran



Donnie Sanders
and
Sarah Beckman



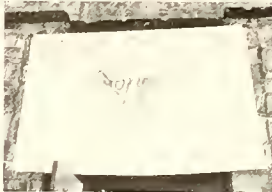
Right: Seniors Olivia Tucker and Courtney Poe smile about their last Homecoming as students at LMC.



Below: The Cheerleaders show their school spirit on Homecoming weekend.



Above: The Lacrosse Team shows off the team car in the Homecoming Parade.



Right: Stephanie Cotton and "Duck" Thompson wave to the crowd during the Homecoming Parade.



Above: The girls in Tate Dorm welcome everyone to Homecoming 1997.



To the left;
Kat Dykes, Stacy Outlaw
and Tricia Lewandowski
proudly represent the
soccer team at the Bonfire.



To the left:
During Spirit Week
Courtney Poe and Kim
Moran participated in
Twin Day. Makes you
wonder which one is the
true red-head?



To the right:
Lyndsay Sherry asks her
DAD to dance with her at
the Homecoming Dance.



Above:
The Volleyball team wants
everyone to see and HEAR
them at the Bonfire!

To the left:
Ann-Marie Thomas, Stacey
Burgess, Christina
Wiseman and Jaminda
Blackmon all show off their
P.J.'s during SGA's Spirit
Week.



Below: Alicia Pope, Lyndsay Sherry, and Kendall Enos shake their butts in the "hula hoop contest."

Right: Courtney Poe, Kendall Enos, Stacy Outlaw and Kat Kidd team up in the "three legged race."

SGA PRESENTS....



Above: Amy Bedsole makes a mad dash to beat Christy Blair in the "dizzy bat race" sponsored by OT.



Right: Sarah Beckman stuffs marshmallows in her mouth to win the "chubby bunny" contest sponsored by SAC.

Right: Even at Wildcat Lake, these girls from Tate 2nd floor stick together!



SPRING FLING WEEKEND



Far Left: Tim Schestag and Kim Herrman show us what love is all about at LMC's spring dance.

Left: A group of SGA members and friends heat up around the bonfire at Wildcat Lake.



Middle: Students line up on Tate lawn to participate in the water balloon throwing contest.

Right: The Men's Lacrosse team always seem to make a statement wherever they go!



Above: Kat Kidd and Laurie Smith take a breather from the dance floor to smile pretty for the camera.

1998 SPRING DANCE

Hosted by the Villa and Presented by SGA

Right: Students of LMC dance together to the sound of the music!

Bottom: Courtney Poe and Kim Moran show us a move or two!

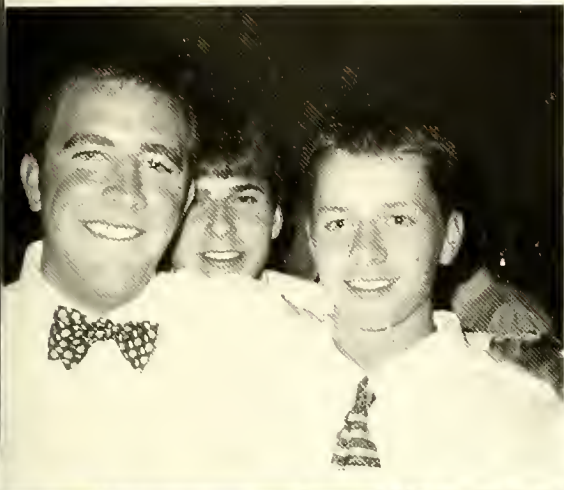


Top: Shay Willinsky and Scottie Brown enjoy the fact that they're both 21!!

Right: Stacy Outlaw smiles brightly next to friend and teammate Kim Herrman.



Far Left: Scott Connelly and Patric Hynes try to exclude John Brent from the picture!!



Left: Jeff Yoxtheimer and his date Carole Robertson make up one of LMC's cuttest couples.



Below: Jessica Minton, Stacy Outlaw and John Brent gather close for a group photo.



Above: Courtney Poe, Najshula Hall and Jodi Yancey enjoy showing off their dressy attire.



Left: Kelly Jones, April Barwick and Natalie McNabs show us their pearly whites!

Far Left: Seniors Olivia Tucker and Jason Annas show us how its done on the dance floor!

It Doesn't Get Any Better Than This!

Lees-McRae Seniors





Elizabeth Audet



Christine Bell



Stacey Burgess



Jeanette Burleson



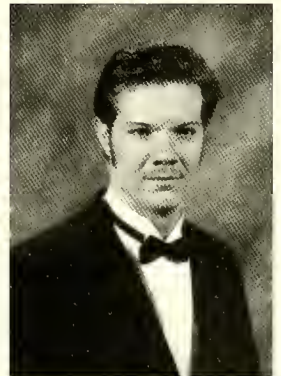
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Karyn Coughenor



Lisa Dunham



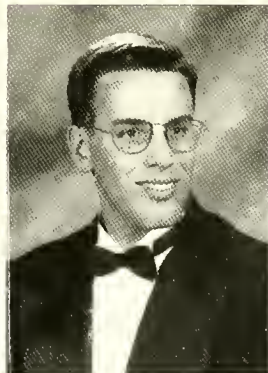
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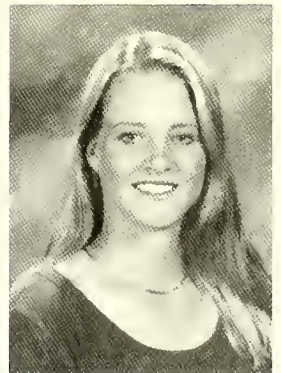
Kristine Esposito



Jason Garrett



Andrew Gross



Kim Herrmann





Christopher Hobson



Amy Howard



Bill Klatz



Alexander Marinkovic



Ashley McFalls



Marta Molchko



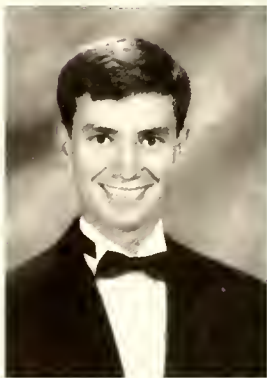
Jamie Parr



Courtney Poe



Julie Rightmyer



Chip Rose



Ellen Sanders



Chad Sheets





Laurie Smith



Lauren Steely



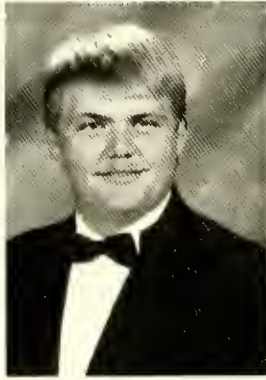
Cheryl Stofka



Alena Toler



Olivia Tucker



Ricky Ward



Rachel Wilkinson



Christina Wiseman

Class of 2008

Juniors

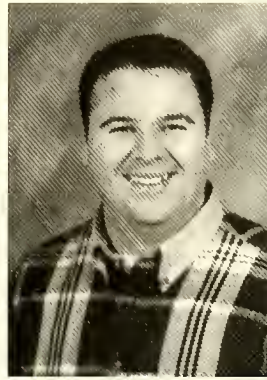




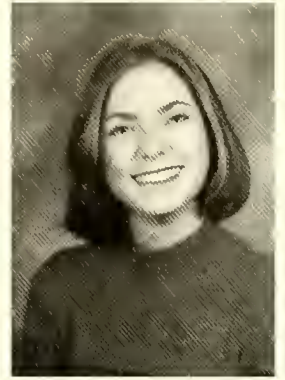
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Casey Bates



Brian Beane



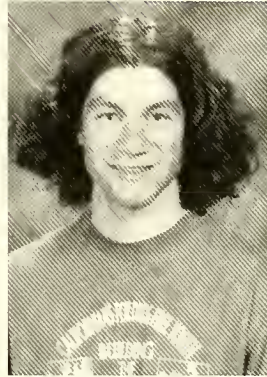
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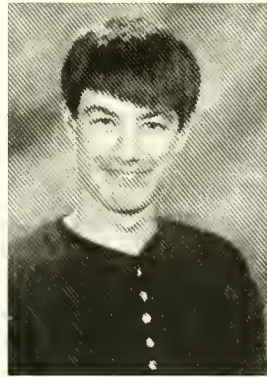
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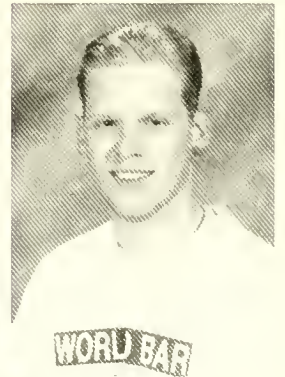
Terra Burris



Christopher Coyle



Paul Crumley



Curtis Deal



Stacey French



Amanda Gorney



Stacey Harris



Heather Harrison



Monica Hairston



Mindy Hudson



Daniel Jessee



Ben Jones



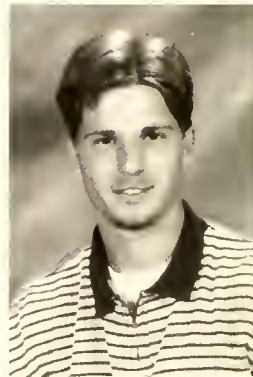
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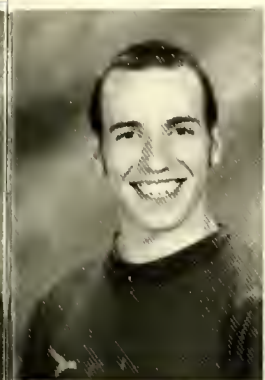
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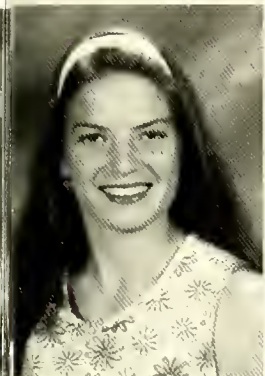
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Beth Owens



Olena Panychok



Lyndsay Sherry



Katrina Smith



Emily Taylor



Todd Teagarden



Shayanne Willinsky



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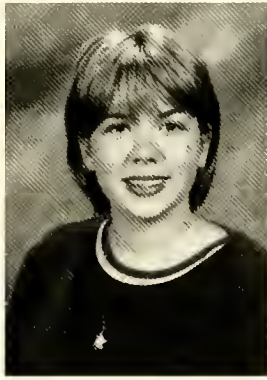
Class of 1999

Sophomores

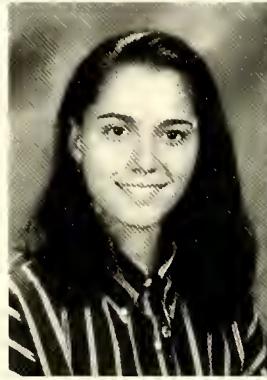




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Anna Barlow



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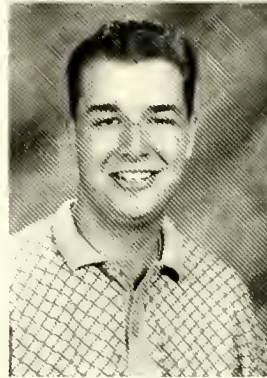
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Jaminda Blackmon



Jessica Blackwood



John Bureson



Natalie Cannon



Juliana Davis



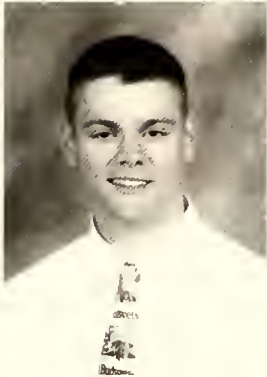
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Donna Dempsey



Shelia Fortner



John Frick



Jessi Haftel



Soloman Harris



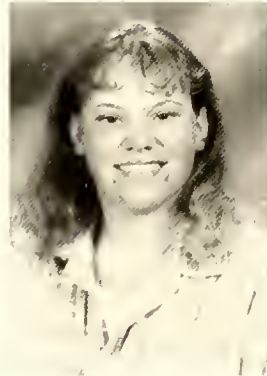
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Andrea Hovis



Jodi Jones



Karri Killen



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Tricia Lewandowski



Tracy McGuire



Justin McKenzie



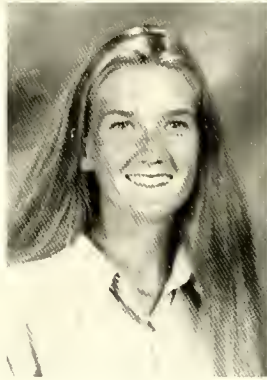
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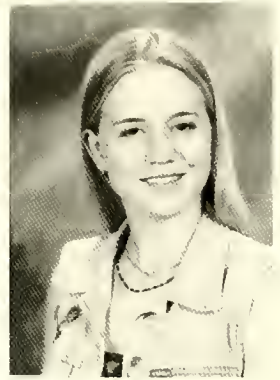
Kim Moran



Jeremy Norton



Stacy Outlaw



Carole Robertson



Courtney Russ



Femi Solade



Anne-Marie Thomas



Heather Townley



Melanie Wilkins



Jason Woodsby

Class of 2000

Freshmen

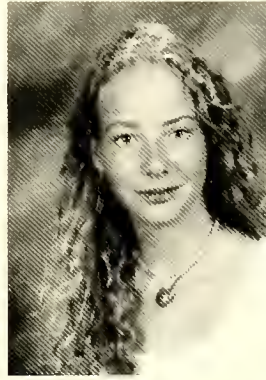




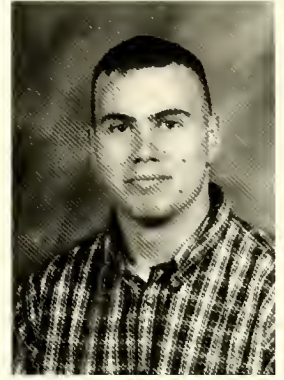
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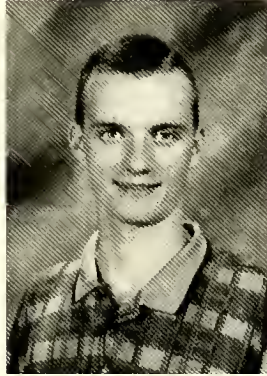
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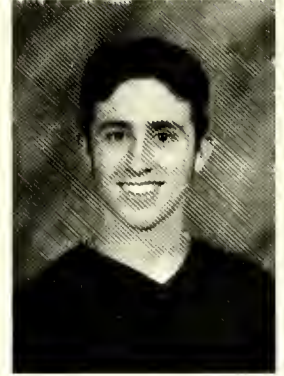
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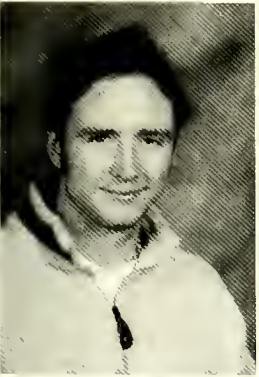
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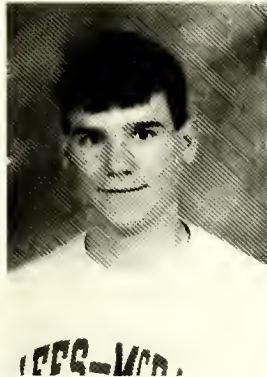
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Mason Davis



Lucas Day



Terrence Donohue



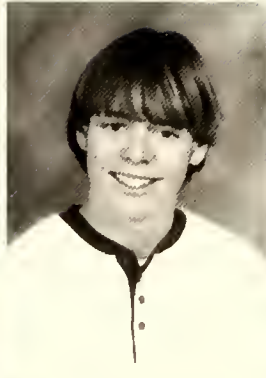
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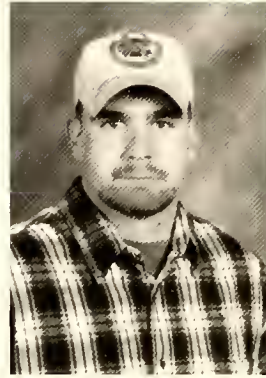
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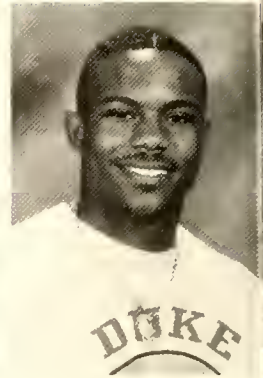
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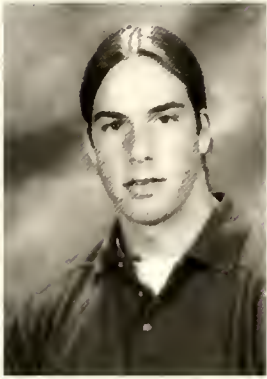
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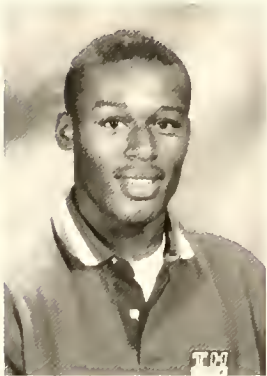
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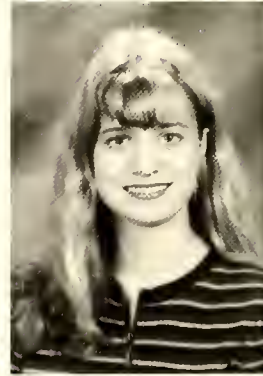
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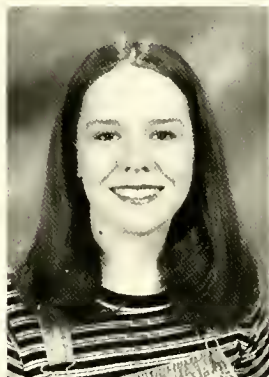
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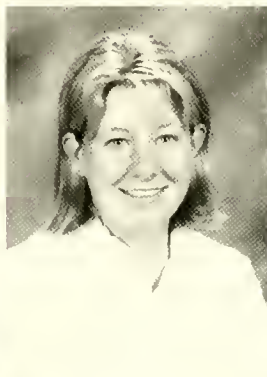
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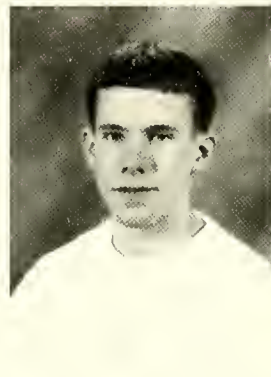
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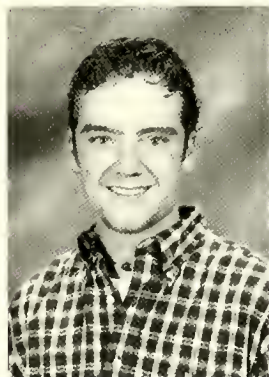
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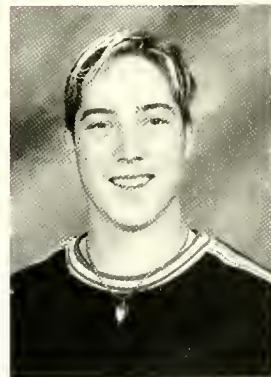
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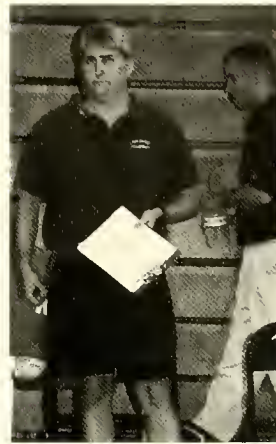
James Youngblood

Lees-McRae Athletics

THE HEAT IS ON...



ATHLETIC COACH'S



Far Left: The ladies' soccer coach Reid Estus walks off the field knowing his girls can do the job.



Left: Chad Esposito, the Women's volleyball coach gives us a look of frustration - being a coach isn't easy.

Below: Tracy Leiphold (Assistant women's soccer coach) and Jeremy Tittle discuss how the Lady Bobcats played.



The Athletic Staff: Carol Almond, Randy Bloemendaal, Tom Creola, Jason Dombrowski, Chad Esposito, Reid Estus, Kay Munchin, David Noles, Rita Smith, Jeremy Tittle, (not pictured) Paul Lehmann, Diane Carter.

Lady Bobcats

Volleyball

In a matter of two years, Lees-McRae's volleyball program has been transformed into a top notch program, gaining both regional and conference dominance, under the direction of head coach, Chad Esposito. The women's volleyball program had a record setting year this past

Fall as the team finished 27-13 overall and 7-0 in the Carolinas-Virgina Athletic Conference. The team set 33 individual and team records this season. Head volleyball coach, Chad Esposito, was named the CVAC "Coach of the year."



Above: Coach Chad Esposito brings his team in close to tell them what it takes to win.



Above: The Lady Bobcats show us who's #1.

Right: Debbie Frick, an outside hitter, serves the ball. She was named to the 2nd team All-CVAC along with teammate Kristy Rightmyer.



Right: Together Julie Rightmyer and Shelly Hetzel block their opponents hit.



low: On your mark, get ready, set, go!!
 ie Rightmyer and Anne Walton are on their
 es awaiting the ball.



Left: Katrina Smith gets face to face with the opposing team.

Below: Sisters Kristy and Julie Rightmyer gather close to show us the true meaning of working close together.



Above: Senior Julie Rightmyer, takes a breather.

The 1997-98 Volleyball Team: Casey Bates, Debbie Frick, Amanda Gorney, Kristie Hallas, Shelley Hetzel, Janet Kresa, Shanna Mitchell, Kristy Rightmyer, Julie Rightmyer, Alena Toler, Anne Walton.

1997 WOMEN'S SOCCER

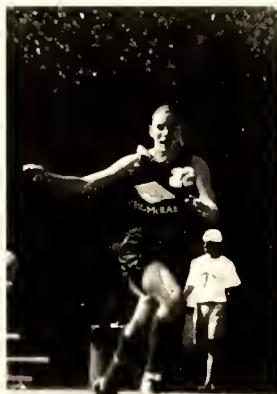
Right: The starting line up for the lady bobcats cheer on Jaime Parr as her name is announced.



Below: Stacy Outlaw and Murrell Timmons anxiously await the ball.



Above: Lyndsay Sherry keeps things in control at midfield.



Right: Freshman Kendall Enos charges after the ball making sure her opponent doesn't get their first.



Far Right: Captain Kim Herrman walks away from a half time pep talk ready to step back out on the field.



Left: Senior Kim Herrmann gives us the look of what "playing with heart" is all about.

Below: Michelle Beckner dribbles to the side lines getting ready to make one of her beautiful crosses.



Below: Sophomores Nikki Rasmussen and Stacy Outlaw sit in the shade trying to cool off during half time against Wingate University.



Above: Cheryl Stofka punts the ball out of the back letting everyone on the field know to "step out of her house." Her overall record was: Most saves in a season - 200; Most saves in a career - 369.

Back row: Ried Estus, Cheryl Stofka, Ashley McFalls, Lyndsay Sherry, Katie Fairbrother, Murrell Timmons, Kat Kidd, Stacy Outlaw, Tricia Lewandowski, Kendall Enos, Kat Dykes, Tracy Leiphold.

Front row: Nikki Rasmussen, Chandra Huscusson, Jaime Parr, Kim Herrmann, Laurie Smith, Shannon Smith, Michelle Beckner, Judi Ball, Anna Sterling.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY



The 1997-98 Men's and Women's Cross Country Team:

(Men) Shaun Hoots, Jesse Sutherland, Justin McKenzie, Jim Huffman, James Murdock, Ben Jones (Women) Claudette Cain, Velvet Deese, Monica Hairston, Shay Willinsky, Shaunna Battaini, Chandra Huscusson, Emmie Patterson, Jodi Jones.



Above: Coach Almond hands out t-shirts as she prepares her team for the race.



Right: Team captain and last year's most valuable runner James Murdock, is seen in Banner Elk running proud for Lees-McRae.



Left: The guys of the Men's team still smile even after running a 5 mile race!

Below: Jesse Sutherland proudly crosses the finish line.



Right: The Men's team are all lined up. These boys finished 5th in the CVAC.

Above: Jessi Blackwood placed 1st in CVAC - holder of the LMC record for the 5K.

Men's Basketball

Far Right: Toby Wright has goes high and wide to make one of his beautiful three-point shots.



Above: Junior Marcus Floyd hits "nothing but net" after this shot.



Right: Tavalas Paschal may have his back turned towards us but his eyes are focused on the court.



Far Right: Raymond Wilkins makes it look "too easy" as his opponents are all up in his face.



Left: Jodi Jones may not have "the height" but it doesn't matter when you've got the skill.



Left: Patrice Peeler awaits her teammates next pass.



Bottom: Kristin Pendley, Aja Jackson, and Jodi Jones defend their end of the court.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



On the Side Lines: The Lady Bobcats are coached by Carol Almond and assisted by Christie Taylor and Alphonso Keaton. Their overall record was 12 wins and 16 losses. They finished 5th in the conference and made it to the Final Four Tournament.

Above: Tiffany Collins shoots a free throw - which she makes. Tiffany was also named first team All-Conference. Aja Jackson made Honorable Mention All-Conference.

MEN'S SOCCER

Below: Mark McShea keeps his eye on the ball as his swift feet dance around his opponent.



Above: Brian Diamond keeps things in control by clearing the ball out of the defensive end of the field.



Above: Bill Kirkland and Keathel Haynes stand by anticipating their teammates next pass.



Above: Jamie Miller clears things out of the back with an excellent goal kick.



(Top row) John Chelko, Deathel Haynes, Juan Ortega, Tim Thomasson, Luke Day, Brian Diamond, Ike Faust, Dale Kukucka, Levi Ernest, Brett Mitnick, Callan Welder, Tres Courdin, Bill Kirkland; **(Bottom row)** Steve Gonzalez, James Auden, Mark McShia, Lasana Morlu, Nate Schwing, Jamie Miller, Frankie McDermond, Andrew Bell, Aaron Luna, Mark Bryant, Andy D' Ambrosio, Jon Hoppel.

INTERESTING FACTS....

The Lees-McRae Men's Soccer Team was coached by Jeremy Tittle and assisted by Ralph McGuinness. Their overall record was 5 and 15. They finished sixth place in CVAC. The team was led by captains John Chelko, Tres Courdin, and Mark McShea. Andrew Bell was named to the Academic All-Conference Team and Mark McShea was named player of the week and chosen as a Second Team All-Conference player.



Above: Senior John Chelko controls the back with his defensive partner Levi Ernest.

Men's and Women's Ski Team



Left: Ben Black, Nate Schwing, Jeremy Britton, Mike Narutowicz and Ryan John stand proud to let people know they are the Lees-McRae Men's Ski Team. The Men's team tied for third at the Mid-Atlantic Regionals and placed 13th overall at the US Collegiate Ski Association National Championship.



Left: Jenny Harris, Jessica Minton, and Melanie Wilkins gather close with one another, after all - teamwork is about working together.



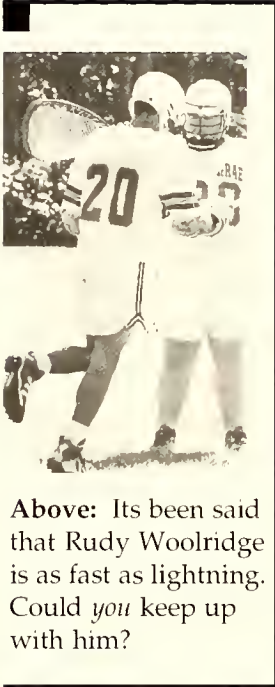
Left: Ben Black placed first in the Men's Conference.



Above: Tricia Lewandowski was the only female who went to Regionals.

In the middle: Ryan John acting as his usual self, not being able to keep his pole down!

MEN'S LACROSSE



Above: Its been said that Rudy Woolridge is as fast as lightning. Could *you* keep up with him?



1997-98 Men's Lacrosse: Tim Schestag, Cliff Feitzinger, Ken Howell, Rudy Woolridge, Tom Fegan, Andrew Boyd, Steve Kaminski, Terrance Donohue, Billy Baxter, John Frick, Daniel Turner, (not pictured) Ryan John.



Above: Cliff Feitzinger guards his defensive end of the field with help from his teammates.



Right: Coach Dombrowski tells his guys exactly what he expects from them whether they win or lose.

elow: Freshman Tim Schestag has the true part of an athlete. You can tell that playing crose is just in his blood.



JUST STICK IT

The Men's Lacrosse team is only a two year program. They didn't have the best record this year, but they all played with heart. Their only win was against SUNY Utica/Rome. They beat them 15-3.



Above: Who says men can't show emotion?

Below: Our boys don't go down without a fight



Left: The boys huddle together showing the meaning of team work.

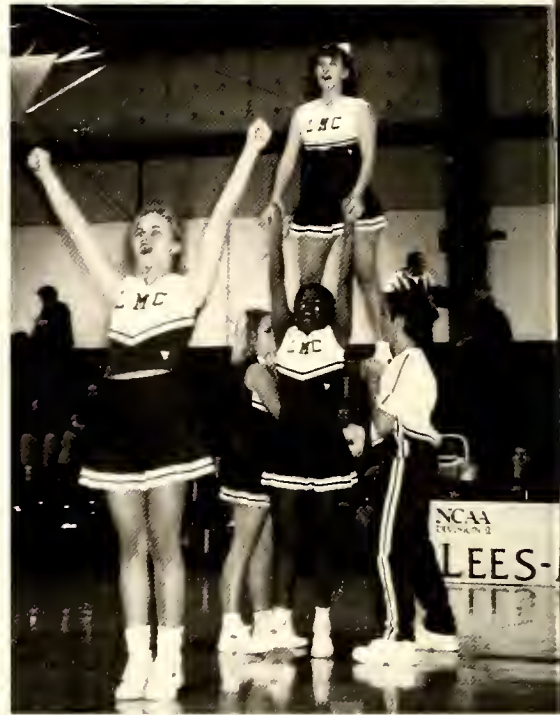
Above: Sorry but you won't be getting to this goal - as Cliff Feitzinger blocks the shot.



LMC CHEERLEADERS



Above: Jaminda Blackmon and Mason Davis get the squad all in line and fired up about cheering for the Bobcats!



Below: Alicia Pope cheers high in the air as her teammates Mason Davis, Jaminda Blackmon and Jodi Yancey support her.



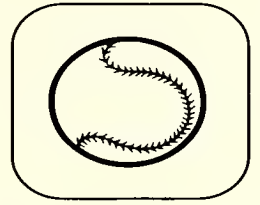
Above: The Lees-McRee Cheerleading squad faces the crowd with smiling faces and loud voices showing support for our Men's and Women's Basketball Teams.



Above: Mason Davis and Lisa Dunham show off their Bobcat spirit!

WOMEN'S SOFTBALL

SCORCHING THE OPPONENTS



Left: The Lees-McRae Women's Softball team gathers close for a team picture during their Fall season. The ladies finished with 23 wins and 21 loses.



Above: Kim Moran is waiting at short stop to catch her opponents hit.

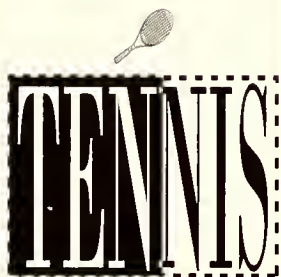


Left: Debbie Berry is at bat ready to hit a home run!

Far Left: Shelby Febro cheers on her teammates from behind the fence.

1997-98 MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TENNIS TEAM

Strike while the iron is hot...



Right: The members of the ladies' tennis team wait together to play their next match.

Standing Courtside:

The Men's tennis team finished 19th in the Nation and 2nd in the Eastern Region. These men had an incredible season, they finished with 20 wins and 1 loss.



Above: Coach Randy Bloemendaal stands proud with his two seniors Chris Bartlett and Chip Rose.



Men's Tennis: Mike Narutowitz, Scott Connelly, Greg Hasett, Miguel Lopez, Chris Bartlett, Marko Korn, Chip Rose, Jason Woodsby, Patric Hynes.



Women's Tennis: Cara O'Brien, Amber Mansell, Murrell Timmons, Erin Willinsky, Shawna Oberg, Monica Hairston, Jessica Minton, Shay Willinsky.



Above: What beautiful form! Senior Amber Mansell struts her stuff on the court!



Clubs and Organizations

Four Alarm Action



The 1997-1998 Ontaroga Staff

"Together, we can do anything that we put our mind to."



Above: Tracy McGuire labels pages as Courtney Poe thinks up the captions for the fun pages.

Above: Stacy Outlaw crops pictures so they will be ready to send in.

Student Government Association

Student Government was responsible for activities such as Homecoming, Paul Plays it All, Bingo Night, Exam Breakers, Spring "Beach" Weekend, Fall and Spring Bash and much more. "The only way to be involved is to get involved!"



Above: Denise Dyer and Daniel Turner go One on One at the basketball booth during the Spring Bash.



Above: At the Fall SGA Exam Breaker, Santa wants to know if these girls have been "Naughty or Nice"



President
Christy Blair
Junior



Vice President
Lyndsay Sherry
Junior



Secretary
Courtney Poe
Senior



Treasurer
Kim Moran
Sophomore



1997-98 Student Government Members

1st Row: Kim Moran, Tracy McGuire, Heather Harrison, Christy Blair, Lyndsay Sherry, Laurie Smith

2nd Row: Tricia Lewandowski, Josh Workman, Bill Klatz, Kendall Enos Stacy Outlaw, Daniel Turner



Left: As Christy Blair calls out the next Bingo number at "Bingo Night" everyone checks their cards. They all want to win those Hornets tickets.



Above: Kendall Enos, Stacy Outlaw and Courtney Poe take a break from playing Volleyball during The Beach Bash at Wildcreek Lake.

Above: SGA is very proud of the float that they made.

1997-1998 STUDENT AMBASSADORS



Front: Courtney Poe, Kim Moran
Middle: Blair Skidmore (Advisor), Mandi Vest
Amy Bedsole, Olivia Tucker, Lisa Dunham
Back: Bill Klatz, Dale Kukucka
Not pictured: Michelle Pummell (Advisor)

Student Ambassadors and Student Telecounselors (Kendall Enos, Stacy Outlaw, Velvet Deese, Jessi Haftel and Shanna Mitchell) worked side by side in helping Admissions with campus tours, Open Houses/Orientations, phone-o-thons and receptions.



ABOVE: "Who says that we are told old to dress up for Halloween?" Says: Construction Workers (Ivy Lewis and Chip Rose), Cowgirls (Olivia Tucker and Amy Bedsole) and Milli Vanilli (Courtney Poe and Kim Moran).



Amy Bedsole (Vice President), Lisa Dunham (Secretary/Treasurer) and Olivia Tucker (President) have put a lot of hard work into this club.

ORDER OF THE TOWER



Lees-McRae is symbolized by the stone tower at the center of the campus. The tower is literally a tower of strength. It represents our strong traditions of academic excellence, of spiritual development, and of physical growth. It is said that the tower catches the light first and holds it longest. Lees-McRae is like the tall tower. In our boldness to be the best that we can possibly be, we catch the light first and hold it longest.



Above: Becca Wilson, Cornell Taylor, Beth Owens and Becky Drentlaw throw candy to the crowd during the Homecoming Parade.



Members Include:

Front Row: Lisa Dunham, Tricia Lewandowski, Kendall Enos*, Josh Hayes, Carole Robertson*, Becky Drentlaw, Beth Owens

Second Row: Anna Konstantinidis*, Terra Burris, Ellen Sanders, Becca Wilson, Ricky Ward, Linda King (Advisor), Patricia Searles (Advisor)

Back Row: Cornell Taylor

*new members



ACTIONS



LOUDER THAN WORDS

Members of Alpha Psi Omega stop for a picture before walking in the Homecoming Parade.



Alpha Psi Omega

Members: (Front Row) Christina Wiseman, Christy Blair, Dawn Yarnall, Heather Harrison, Junine Morrison, Todd Teagarden (Middle Row) Erik Bayne, Timothy Bittle (Back Row) Eddie Dunn, Melonie Orr, Donnie Sanders, Terra Burris, Dr. Jim Taylor

not pictured: Dr. Janet Speer and Temille Kilby



Dance Works

Members: (Front Row) Ashley Mixon, Najshula Hall, Jodi Yancy, Alicia Pope (Back Row) Summer Merchant, Dawn Yarnall, Stacey Burgess, Mandi Vest, Allison Smith





The Bible Study

Rev. Kathy Campbell is our on campus college chaplain. She has already brought new aspects to religious life on campus. Some of these include Chapel Services every other Tuesday, Dinner Dialogue, Service opportunities such as relief projects, State Christian Student Conferences and special events such as Christian Theatre ensemble Acts of Renewal. We are very blessed to have Rev. Campbell and her family. We are excited about her upcoming ideas and activities. Her knowledge and experience is valued throughout campus.



Kathy Campbell speaks to the audience at the Spring Convocation.



A few of Lees-McRae students went to the 1998 State Student Conference.



The gang gets together for a group picture.

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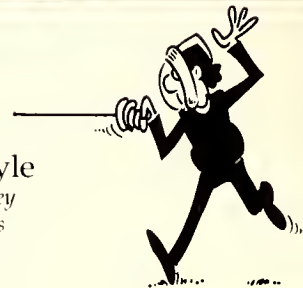
Stacy Outlaw, Tricia Lewandowski
Josh Workman, Daniel Turner, Bill Klatz



Fencing

Members include:

Jeremy Norton, Alex Crooks, Chris Coyle
This club sport has already started off great! This year they were individually ranked and teamed ranked at Nationals which opened a spot for them at the Summer National Championship. Great Job Guys!



Sports and Medicine/Athletic Trainers



Right: Daniel Jessee, Scotty Brown, Brian Beane and Ashley Rogers proudly represent the athletic trainers as well as The Sports and Medicine Club.

Below: Brian Beane wraps Kim Moran's ankle at an away softball game. "Beane" traveled with the softball team this year.



Left: Daniel Jessee, Ashley Rogers and Frankie McDermond stop in the hall to chat.

Athletic trainers not pictured:
Brandon Artrip, Casey Bates, Andrew Bell, Velvet Deese, Jonathan Hoppel, Patty Hoyle, Andy Merrell, James Murdock, Nikki Rasmussen, Shayanne Willinsky, Rita Smith (Head Athletic Trainer), Noel Gressner (Assistant Athletic Trainer).



**WHEN HELP IS
NEEDED MOST**



NO SOONER

David

THAN DONE

1997-1998 Residence Life Staff

1st Row: Allison & Craig Norris (Area Coordinators), Laney Troutman
2nd Row: Marta Molchko, Glenda Hinson (Residence Director), Rebecca Wilson
3rd Row: Emily Taylor, Melanie Wilkins, Stacey French, Murrell Timmons
4th Row: Kris Stewart (Residence Director), Brett Miller, Mike Narutowicz
5th Row: Paul Krumley, Femi Solade, Jeff Melton, Chad Sheets, Jason Garrett
6th Row: John Burleson, James Casey, Jeremy Norton



TATE DORM STAFF: (Left to Right) Laney Troutman, Stacey French, Femi Solade, Allison Norris, Emily Taylor, Melanie Wilkins



AVERY DORM STAFF:
Front: Mike Narutowicz, Kris Stewart, Chad Sheets
Back: James Casey, John Burleson, Jeremy Norton, Jeff Melton
not pictured: Durl Jones

Lees-McRae's International Students



Above: (left to right) Marta Molchko (Ukraine), Marco Korn (Germany), Partic Hynes (Australia), Natalie Abramova (Ukraine), Greg Hassett (Australia), Femi Solade (Africa), Mark McShea (England), Olena Panychok (Ukraine).



Above: "Life is to be fortified by many friendships" *Sydney Smith* This is true for the international students as they get to know one another better and the other students at Lees-McRae.



Above: Welcome to the United States! Natalie, Olena and Marta visit Grandfather Mountain and the Swinging Bridge.



Above: Femi Solade takes a walk around Lees-McRae campus before she starts classes! "Sure is different from home".



Tracy McGuire

"I have truly enjoyed working on the yearbook. It has taken a lot of hard work, time, and dedication to finish such a huge project. Thanks to Courtney and Stacey, we did it! I hope you enjoy it. Thanks to everyone that knew we could accomplish such a big goal with only three people!



Courtney Poe

"To all who thought we couldn't do it- we sure proved you wrong!!! Not to many people would spend as many hours and months to complete this yearbook and try to make it the best as we have! A special thanks to all my girls in Tate (2nd floor) and to Denise Dyer and Lisa Lafone!"



Stacy Outlaw

"A lot of the staff & students don't realize how much time and effort was put into rebuilding this year's yearbook. It is not easy starting from the very bottom and having to prove yourself. But we did it. The three of us on staff hope you enjoy your 1997-1998 Ontario! A sincere thank you to everyone who helped us along the way!"



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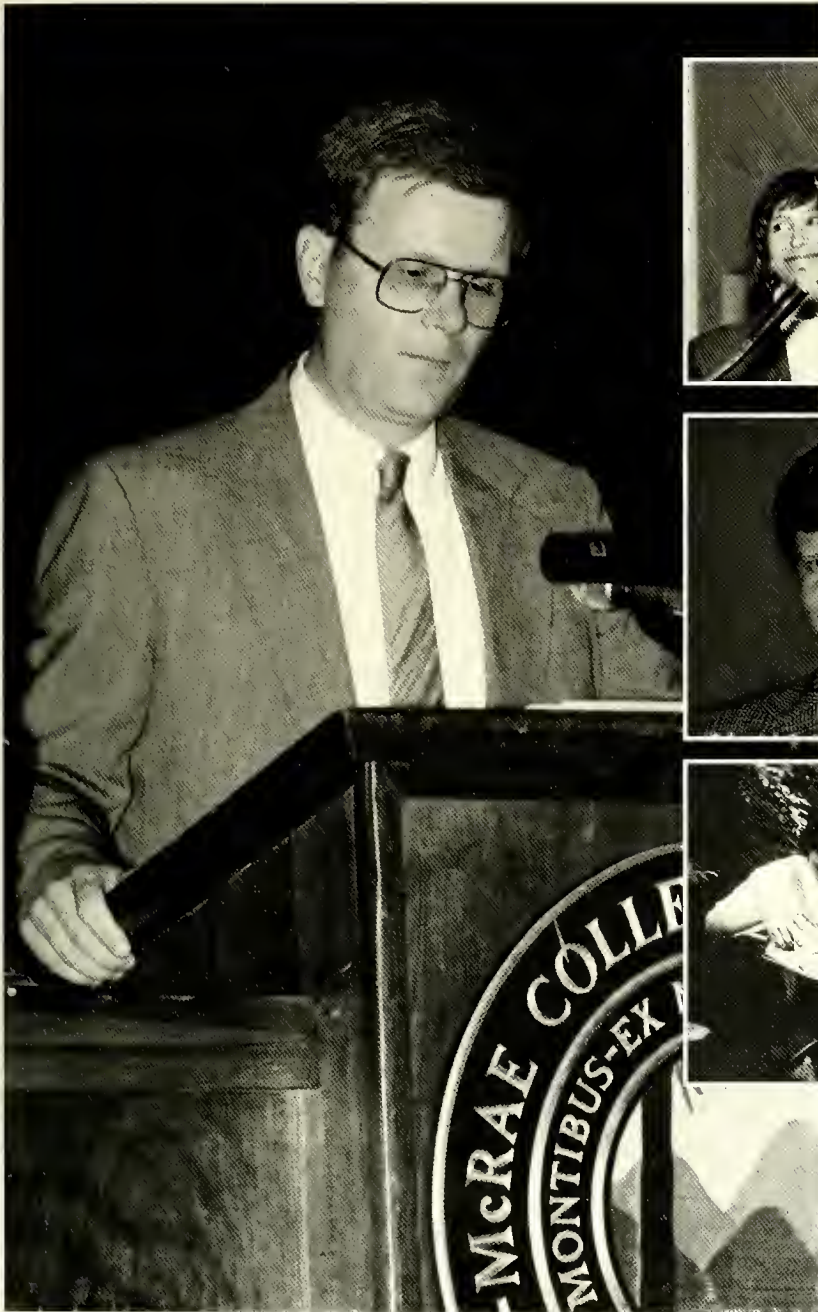
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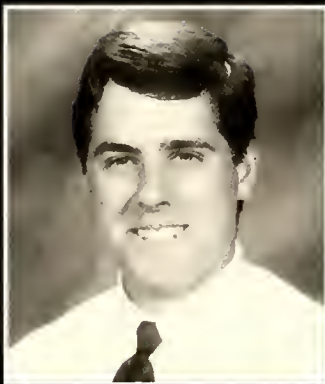
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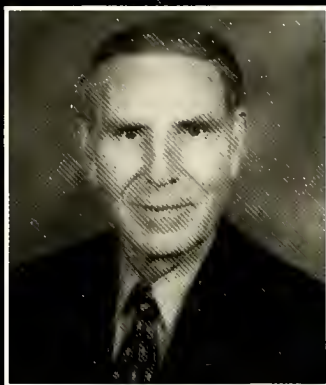
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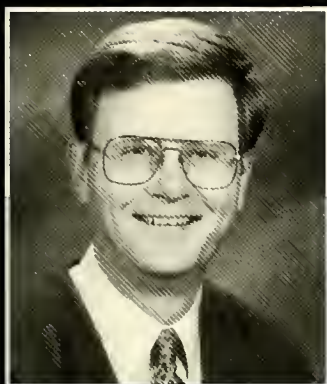
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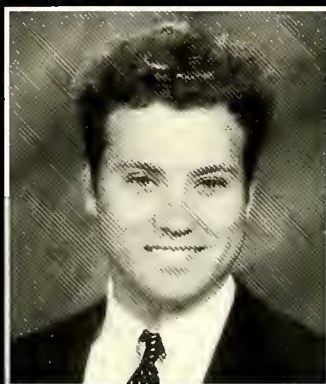
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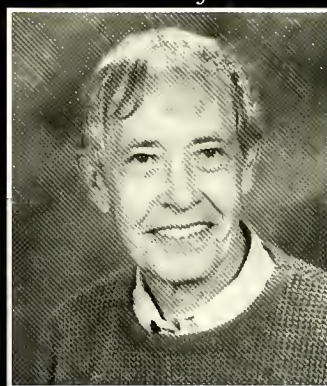
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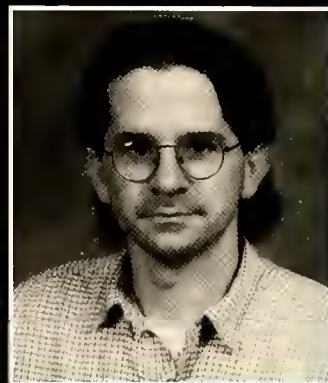
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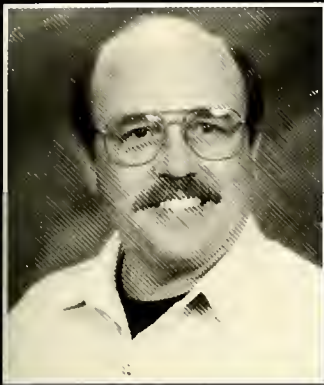
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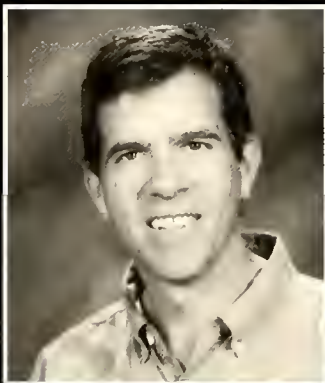
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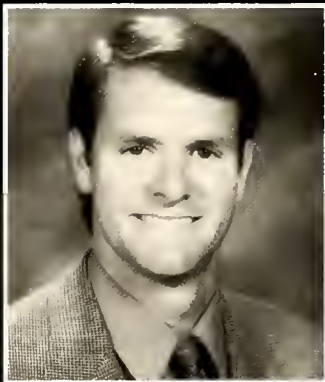
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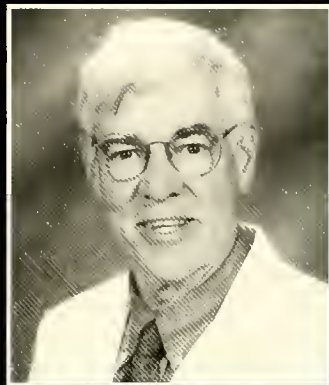
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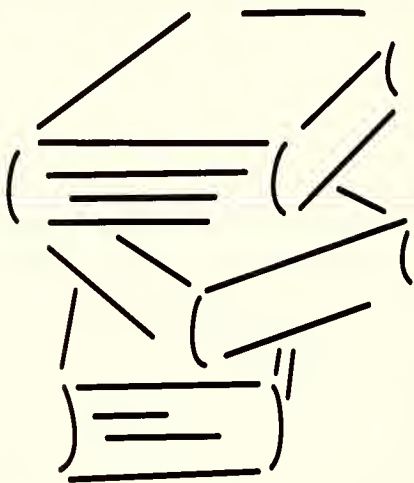


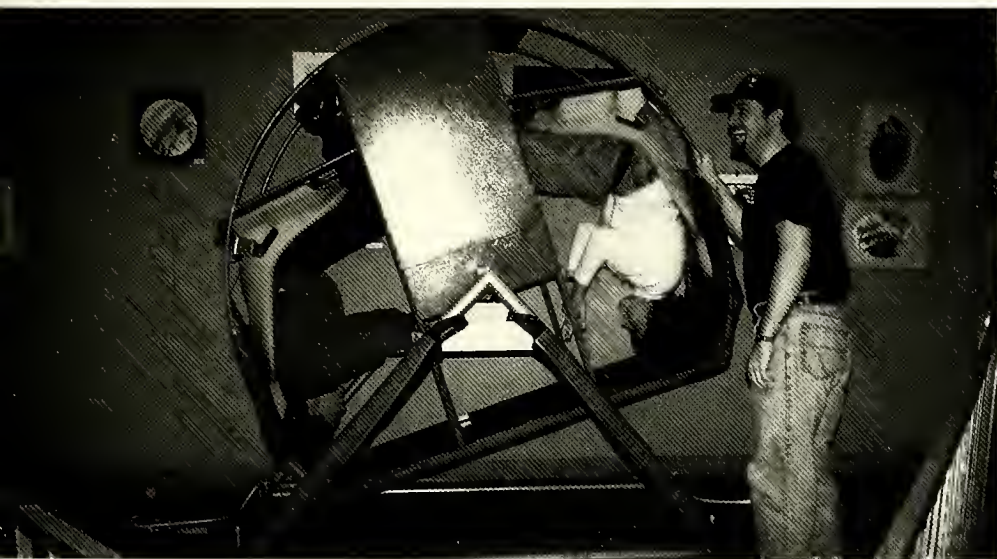
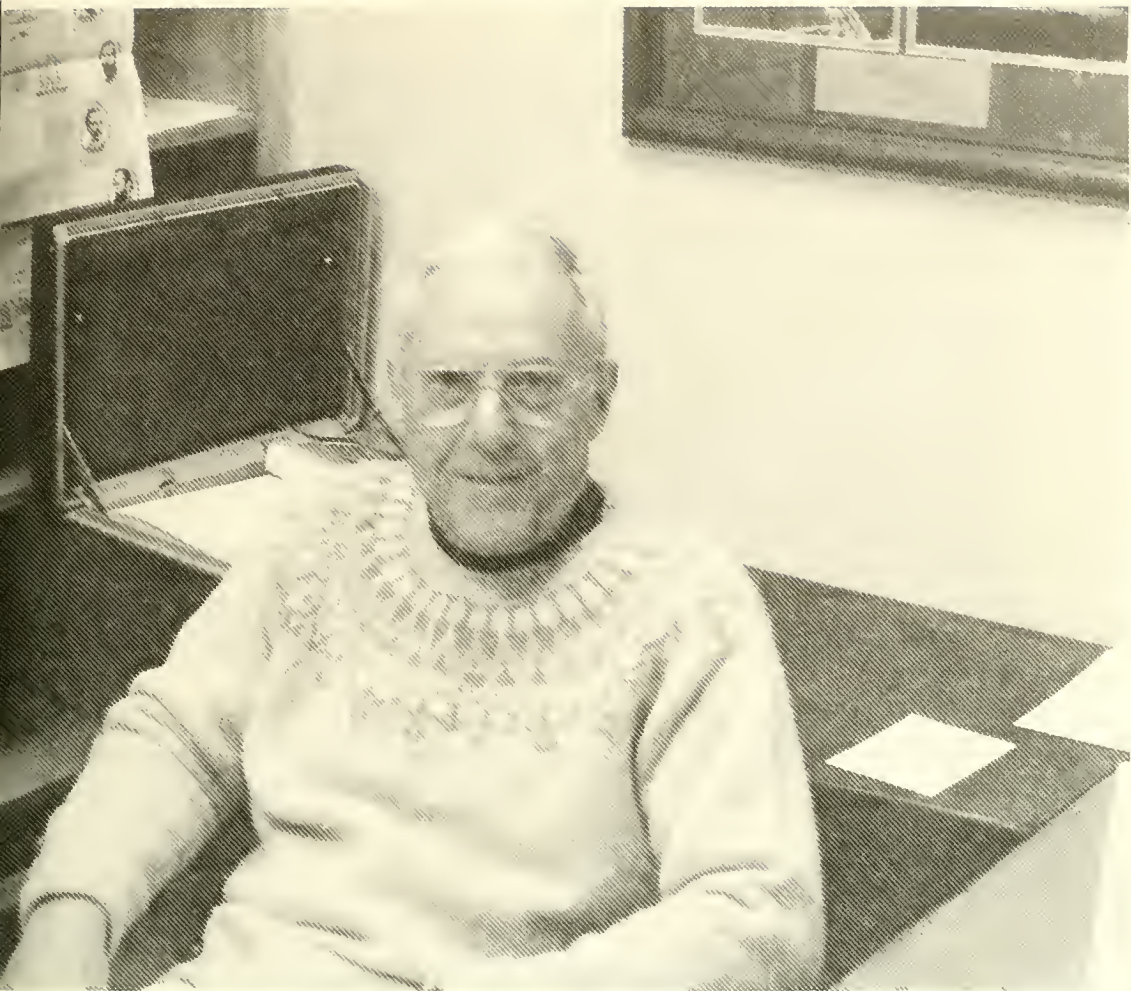
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DEDICATION

PAUL ISSACS

Paul Issacs will always be remembered at Lees-McRae. Mr. Issacs served Lees-McRae for seven years until his retirement. LMC staff and student body will miss Mr. Issacs in the years to come.





To the right:
Elizabeth Devito,
FinancialAid Director, at
work to make sure all
students are given lots of
money to start Lees
McRae!



To the right:
Who are you writing a
ticket to now? Paul Issacs
Head Security Officer.



Below:
Dr Bailey is trying a new
method of exercise to stay
fit at Wildcat Lake!



To the right:
Dr. Creola, Dean of
Students enjoys watching
his students at the Fall
Orientation on Tate Lawn.



Hot Prospects!

Faculty and student relationships are a hot topic at Lees McRae. The administration has a strong academic bond with Lees McRae students that keeps students in close touch with faculty advisors. The heritage of the unique church-affiliated

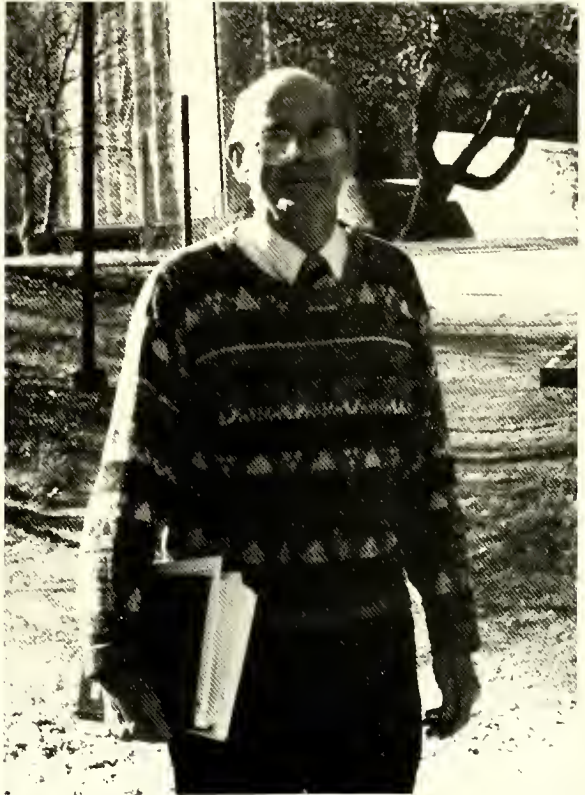
college called Lees McRae begun in the the 1890's. Lees Mcrae has held a tradition through out the years of bringing educational opportunity to the regions youth. From a "fire-side school " to a highly regarded four year college that has

continued to widen its circle of educational influence. Today Lees McRae serves students from the Appalchain Mountains to across the ocean from several foreign countries.





To the left:
Dr. Allen Speer is ready to give another informative lecture to LMC students!



Below:
After fifty years of teaching Dr. Ted Trimble is still ready to help any LMC student until midnight.



To the left:
Mr. Larry Shook is always ready for a math lesson, even at 7:00 A.M.!



To the left:
Kelly Shanley and Lynn Hinshaw from the Admissions Office cheer for their favorite Homecoming Float.

To the right: Dr. Barbor, Dr. Creola, and Dr. Wilson chat during spring orientation.



Bottom: Mrs. White is hard at work preparing assignments for her next class.





To the left: Dr. Speer is busy talking with some Lees-McRae students.



To the Left: Dr. Craig is happy to share knowledge with all of his students!

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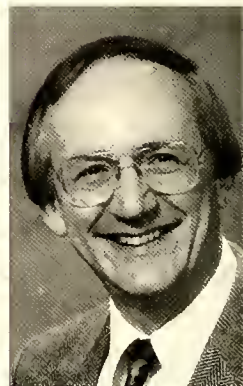
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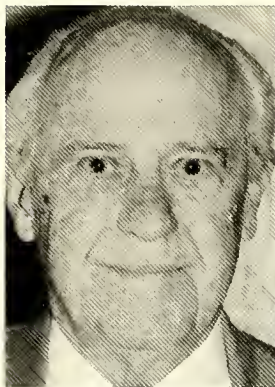
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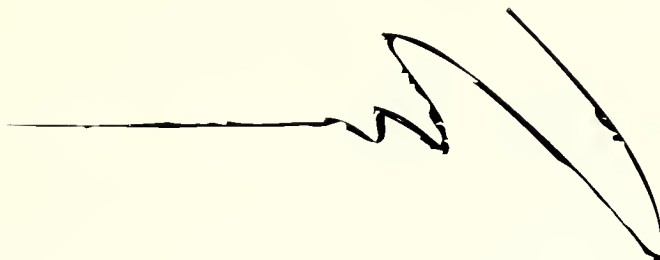
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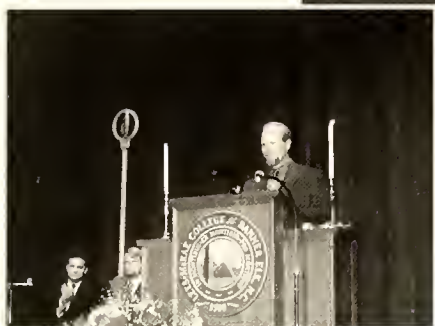
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College Programs



Sixty-Ninth Opening Convocation

The 1997 Fall Opening Convocation was held at Hayes Auditorium August 26th 1997. The program was based on a poem written by Edgar Tufts, Founder of Lees-Mcrae College. The title of the poem, "And Set A Sacred Flame",

was also used by Mrs. Margaret Tufts Neal, daughter of Dr. Tufts, as the title of her later book outlining the history of Lees-Mcrae College. Durl Jones, Glenda Henson, Tengone Vengchiem, and Roger Hayes are all Lees-Mcrae

graduates who received the H.C. Evans Fidelity Award. This award is given to the graduating senior who is considered the most dedicated to the College and the best all-around student. This award also recognizes the student who best

represents the exceptional idealism and generosity displayed by the late Dr. H.C. Evans, President of Lees-McRae College from 1967 to 1984.



Above:
Graduates accepting their honorable award.



Above:
Allison Norris preparing to give the invocation to start the evening.

To the left:
Durl Jones lighting the "Sacred Flame."

Alpha Chi Honor Society

Lees-McRae is the latest institution to be granted a chapter in the National College Honor Society Alpha Chi. A chartering ceremony was held on March 26th, 1998.

Dr. Robert Blake of Alpha Chi's National Council held the ceremony.

The first inductees were; Elizabeth Audet, Casey Bates, Erick Bayne, Stacey Burgess, Natalie Cannon, Jason Garrett, William Klatz, Erin McMannis, Lyndsay Sherry, Murrell Timmons, Ricky Ward, and Dawn Yarnall.

The organization, with chapters at more than 300 colleges nationwide, recognizes students for their scholastic excellence.

Dr. Dwaine Greene and Mary White will serve as sponsors.



Staley
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Scholar
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Dr. Glenn Hinson lead the Staley Lecturship Agenda on September 23rd, and 24th 1997. The Thomas Staley Foundation is persuaded that the message of Christian gospel when proclaimed in its historic fullness is always contemporary, relevant, and meaningfull to any generation.



Above:

The crowd awaits a

wonderful

preformance by

Edmond Barton

Bullock and

Bertrand Damien.

Edmond
Barton
Bullock
Piano
and
Bertrand
Damien
Cello

Lees-Mcrae College and The La Gesse Foundation presented Edmond Barton Bullock, and Bertand Damien at Hayes Auditorium on September 9th, 1997. Edmound Bullock first came to the attention of the musical world at age 15. He is a graduate of Chapel Hill. He also studied at the Paris Conservatory with several noted European teachers. Bertand Damien began his cello studies at age seven at the Conservatoire National de Region de Versailles, and earned his degree with honors from the Ecole Normale Superier de Musque de Paris in 1989.

Each year Lees-McRae offers a list of special programs for the enlightenment and entertainment of the student body. The 1997, 1998 list of programs included: Wayne Morris, Dr Wade Hill, Dr. Glenn Henson, Dr. Allen Speer, Edmond Burton Bullock, Bertrand Damien, Dr, Herman Collier, Fellowship of Christain Athletes, Alpi Chi Induction, Don Johnson, The Annual Dance Concert, and Honors and Awards.



Top:

Dr. Herman Collier at Spring Opening Convocation. Dr. Collier urged the college's students to commit themselves to having the best semester ever.

Middle:

Dr. Wayne Morris gives his personal experience of Bosnia to Lees-McRae Students.

Bottom:

Dr. Allen Speer shows off his book titled Voices From Cemetery Hill, which received both the Willie Parker Peace History Book Award and the Family History Book Award.

Performing Arts





The 1997-1998 Lees-McRae Cloggers

Andrew Jackson and Summer Merchant, Donnie Sanders and Najshula Hall, Timothe Bittle and Stacey Burgess, Mason Davis and Lisa Dunham



Performing everywhere from Florida and The State F in Raleigh to Homecoming and Orientations. This group once again gets ready for another great performance for the Spring Open House visito



H.I.Cs (Highland Improv. Companies) is directed by Eddie Dunn.

Members Include: Mason Davis, Eddie Dunn, Todd Teagarden, Sarah Beckman, Jessi Haftel, Andrew Jacks, Drew Wallace, Elly Smith, Jaminda Blackmon, Emily Ireland, Kelly Sparkman, Christy Blair, Chris Hobson and Ann-Marie Thomas



They perform hilarious scenes that range from Dog Races, Office Scenes, Memories Brought To Life Audience participation is a must. The crowds encouragement and ideas gets this group going!

VOICES TO
BE HEARD

Lees-McRae Highlanders

Directed by: Jim Taylor



Members: Sarah Beckman, Rae Butts, Mason Davis, Meaghann Egnell, Jessi Haftel, Amy Harrison, Mindy Jackson, Emily Ireland, Logan Pierce, Alicia Pope, Allison Smith, Kelly Sparkman, Andrew Wallace, Jaminda Jackson, Andrew Jackson, Timothe Bittle, Natalie Cannon, Juliana Davis, Andrea Hovis, Ann-Marie Thomas, Dawn Yarnall, Kelly Moore, Donnie Sanders, Lyndsay Sherry, Eddie Dunn, Tennille Kilby, Junine Morrison, Stacey Burgess, Kristine Gilmore and Ginger Hindman



Above: During the Christmas Concert, the Highlander men sang a song of their own.

Below: Timothe Bittle, Eddie Dunn, Todd Teagarden, Donnie Sanders, Mason Davis, Andrew Jackson, Erick Bayne, and Drew Wallace.



Above: Dawn Yarnall, Andrea Hovis, Sarah Beckman, Stacey Burgess, Drew Wallace and Rae Butts all sing as Natalie Cannon plays the piano during the Christmas Concert.

Lees-McRae College Summer Theatre

My Fair Lady

Forever Plaid

Children of Eden



Above: The Cast of "My Fair Lady"

It is a story of the transformation of a cockney flower girl into a society woman in a musical comedy with charm, style and humor.



Above: Jaminda Blackmon, Lyndsay Sherry, Andre Jackson, Beryl Scutti, Mason Davis and Eddie Dun were all grateful that they got to take part in the showing of "My Fair Lady".



Above: Bob Haaus, Jim Taylor and Wendy Jones are just a few of the great performers in the show "My Fair Lady".



Above: "Forever Plaid" deals with four men who lose their lives in an accident in an era between the Beatles' rock-and-roll and the soft listening music of the 1950's and early 1960's. With the chance to come back to Earth from heaven, they are given the chance to perform one more time.

"Forever Plaid" was directed by Todd Morgan, a former Performing Arts student at Lees-McRae.

Alumni Summer Benefit Show

Below: Donnie Sanders and Andrew Jackson sure do know what it means to have a good time performing.



Below: The Highlanders love to travel to different places and show off their talented voices as a group and individually.



Above: Dr. Janet Speer holds her burning candle in front of the Highlanders as they all join together in singing.



Above: Alumni Suzanne Evans sings her heart out and represents Lees-McRae as well as she did when she was a student here.

Sounds Across America

directed by: Dr. Janet Speer, Kacy Crabtree, James Taylor

Right: Najshula Hall, Summer Merchant and Alex Marinkovic all enjoy performing on stage, even if it means dressing up like a caveman.



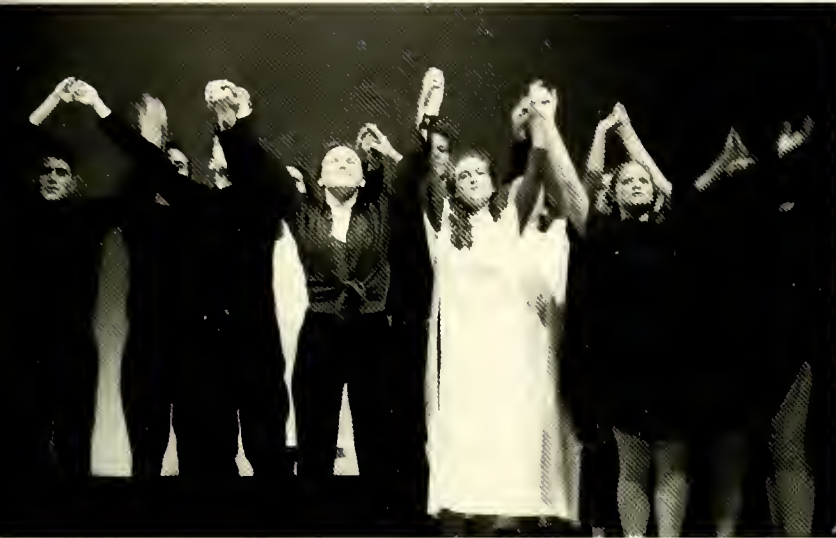
Below: Melody Wiley, Robby Gorham and Elly Smith decided what they want off the menu as Eddie Dunn fills their glasses with water.



Above: Josh Hayes enjoys being able to play drums.

Right: Todd Teagarden and Alex Marinkovic try to keep a straight face at what Stacey Burgess is trying to tell Melody Wiley.

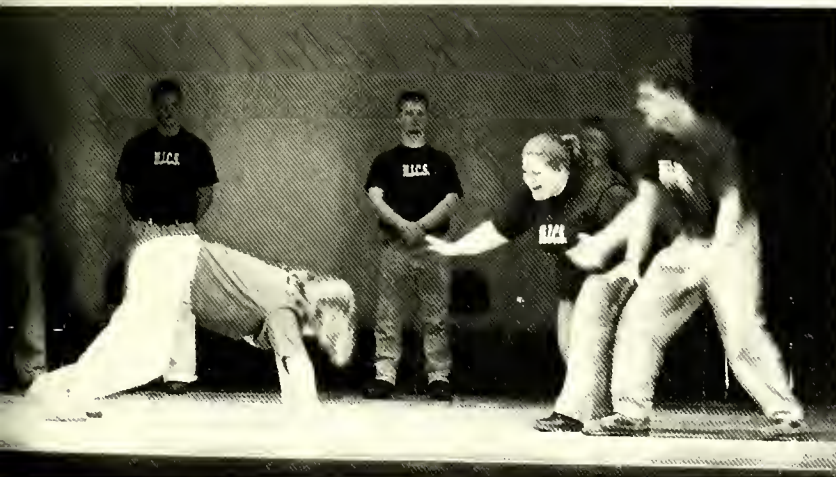

Expose

Above: "Masks" choreographer: Jason Garrett assistant choreographer: Stacey Burgess
Performers: Juliana Davis, Summer Merchant, Jodi Yancey, Stacey Burgess, Christy Blair, Emily Ireland, Ann-Marie Thomas, Sarah Beckman, Todd Teagarden, Drew Wallace, Mason Davis, Eddie Dunn



Above: XFACTOR is a professional dance company co-directed by Hilary Yacovetti and Valerie Midgett. They performed "Oswego-Tea".



Above: Everyone at Lees-McRae enjoys a good laugh as H.I.C.s performs.

One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest

Right: "Hard Work sure does pay off" says Nurse Ratched played by Natalie Cannon and Dale Harding played by Eddie Dunn.

Far Right: Anthony Martini (played by Andrew Jackson) plays a game of cards with Billy Bibbit (played by Jason Garrett).

Below: Charles Cheswick (played by Wesley Dye) looks at Nurse Ratched with some bit of confusion about her rules.



Above: Nurse Ratched looks disgusted at Randle P. McMurphy's (played by Chris Bullock) idea of fun.



Above: In a group meeting Nurse Ratched goes through the files of Anthony Martini, Charles Cheswick and Dale Harding.

Tap

Jazz

Kaleidoscope

Modern

1998

Theatrical

Clogging



Above: "Tapestry" choreography: Stacey Burgess
 Dancers: Lisa Dunham, Summer Merchant, Ann Marie Thomas, Allison Smith, Olivia Tucker, Mindy Hudson, Najshula Hall, Juliana Davis, Jodi Yancey, Dawn Yarnall, Stacey Burgess, Mandi Vest
 Not pictures: Jaminda Blackmon



Above: "Shadowland" choreography: Timothe Bittle
 Dancers: Alicia Pope, Allison Smith, Stacey Burgess, Jodi Yancey, Mindy Hudson, Juliana Davis



Above: "Don't Look for Meaning" choreography: Dr. Janet Speer
 Dancers: Kelly Sparkman, Meagann Engell, Allison Smith, Emily Ireland
 Mindy Hudson, Todd Teagarden, Timothe Bittle



Below: You can tell that Timothe Bittle enjoys singing for the church.



Right: Anyone up for a game of chess? Donnie Sanders: Make up by Timothe Bittle.



Right: Andrea Hovis and Jaminda Blackmon in "Puss-and-Boots"



Above: Natalie Cannon like you have never seen her before.



Above: Jim Taylor proudly represents the PA department at the Alpha Chi inductions.



Right: Looks like Donnie Sanders is "Sweatin' to the Oldies"



Left: Stacey Coggins shows off her make-up design on Christina Wiseman.

Below: Ann-Marie Thomas wants everyone to know who is in charge.



Above: Al Marinkovic takes some of his extra time to read to the kids at Banner Elk School.



Left: Shannon Smith relaxes after a hard days work.

Left: Timothe Bittle really enjoys being on stage- even when he has to act out sad roles.

Some People Like It Hot!



To the right:
Some of the guys just
hanging out!

Below:
John Frick, T.J. Bell,
Marco Korn and Greg
Hassett try to stay out
of trouble by going off
campus!



To the right:
Chad Sheets and Dane
Whitehead take a break
from all the activities on
Tate Lawn.



Right: Some of the guys from the
Lacrosse Team push the band aside to
do a song of their own.



Left: "Sometimes we just need a break from reality." Says some of the girls during a Girls Night Out.

Below: Ashley Rogers and Michelle Beckner want everyone to know who is in charge!



Left: Kat Kidd and Stacy Outlaw get together for a close up picture.

Above: Duck steps in while her friends sing Karaoke at a SGA exam breaker.

Below: Donnie Sanders, Kingsley Obidike and Juliana Davis suffering through Dr. Ledford's class.



Right: Anna Sterling and Chandra Huscusson know the true meaning of friendship.



Above: Some of the girls from Summer Theater take a break from a hard day working on Children of Eden to have their picture taken.



Above: Olivia Tucker and Kim Herrmann make the best of their Senior year.



Above: "Pretty Boy" Rudy Woolridge waves to the crowd during the Homecoming Parade as Mike Gerry and Ken Howell pose with their sticks.

Caught in the Heat of the Moment



To the left: "Friends are Forever" says some of the girls from Tate Dorm!

Below: Surprise John Burlson ! "You're on Candid Camera."



Above: Stacy Outlaw and Juan Ortega enjoy spending time together outside of class.



Above: Keith Fantroy wishes he could run as fast as the Women's Softball Team.



Above: Laurie Smith and Kat Kidd pose for the camera during a Halloween party! Or do they always look like this?

Below:
While fighting off Blair Skidmore, Rudy Woolridge and Ryan John act like Gladiators.



To the right:
Looks like Femi Solade is enjoying herself at the Orientation on Tate Lawn.



Above:
Michelle Beckner tells the Soccer and Lacrosse team What's Up at the Fall Festival on Tate Lawn.

To the far right:
Lisa Dunham practices her golf swing at The Fall Welcome Back Bash.



Above:
Daniel Turner, Dale Kukucka and Nick Johnson listen to some facts about LMC during a Summer Orientation.





To the left:
Jeff Yoxtheimer and Jeff Melton wait for the big game to begin.



To the left:
Jaminda Blackmon, Carole Roberston, Lisa Dunham and Sara Anne Gage are ready to cheer on the BOBCATS.



To the left:
Justin Barnett watches the softball game from his "Pride and Joy."



Above:
Donna Dempsey and Cara O'Brien make the best of a nice day outside.



To the left:
Tiffany Collins and Hope McLaughlin show off the fads of 1998.

Above:
Chip Collins is amused at Justin McKenzies's defintion of a "real man."

Below:

Jason Annas wants to know "Who's Next?"

Right: Kat Kidd, Scott Connelly and Blythe Gregory are all smiles with their "Solo Cups."



Above: Jeff Yoxtheimer and Eric Howard take a rest after playing basketball on the "Big East."

Right: Some of the girls in Tate Dorm are feeling happy about Midnight Madness!



The First Annual Mr. Turkey Pagaent

Sophomore Adam Knox introduces himself as "Ima Lucy."



Sophomore James Casey shows a little leg as "Cassandra."



Sophomore Mike Gerry blows the crowd a kiss from his stage name "Bubbles."



Freshman Daniel "Danielle" Turner shows his best runway model techniques during the evening gown competition.



Freshman Drew "Bambi" Boyd fondles his fruits for the crowd.



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To the left:
Joey Beth puts the finishing touches on Cassandra before taking the stage.

Below:
2nd runner up "Ima Lucy" proudly accepts his check.



Above:
The ladies try to impress the judges with their dancing skills.



To the left:
"Bambi" is crowned Mr. Turkey 1997.

Below: James "Casey Cane" Maxin' and Relaxin' at a home softball game.



Right: How does Mason Davis always seem to get all the women?



To the right: Hey Guys - What's in those blue cups?



Above: Tracy McGuire and Keith Sutton will remain friends forever.

To the right: Jodi Yancey and Tom Fegan can always find something to do on the weekends.



To the right: Ben Jones agrees that Drew Roland is "Born to be Wild"!



To the left:
These guys must have
a hot date tonight.



To the left:
Kim Herrmann wants
to make sure that Tim
Schestag knows what
he is talking about.

Below:
Amy Bedsole and
Velvet Deese make
time for friends during
a busy day.



Above: Some of the
Lacrosse players show the
audience what the YMCA
is really supposed to look
like.

Left: Jason Woodsby
wonders what's going on
tonight in the big town of
Banner Elk?

To the left:
Anna Sterling and Kendall Enos quickly
learn about being a Freshman Soccer
Player. Didn't the upper classmen do a
good job?

Below:
Michelle Beckner, Stacy
Outlaw and Kendall
Enos will go back to
dancing after they have
their picture taken.



To the left:
Judi Ball, Anna Sterling
and Michelle Beckner
take a break from
campus and classes to
have a good time.



Above:
Velvet Deese and Kim
Moran will be:
"Roomdawgs Forever!"

To the right:
Kingsley Obidike
bravely walks Emily
Talyor to class.





To the right:
Kim Moran and John Frick
take time away from class
to play in the snow together!



Left: "Sking is not the
only thing to do during
the snow!" Says a local
snowboarder.

Below:
"What better way to spend
the day" says Kristin
Pendley, Tammy Kiehl and
Kristy Rightmyer.



To the left:
Cheryl "Stofka",
Courtney Poe and Amy
Bedsole seem to be
having some problems
walking in all this
snow.

Above:
Toby Wright, "T" Paschal
and Keith Fantroy do not
know what to do with all
this snow.

To the right:
Logan Pierce and Allison
Smith are having "A night
on the town."



To the right:
Kim Hermann gives a
hollar to the crowd during
the Homecoming Parade.



Below:
Sarah Beckman, Mason
Davis, Jessi Haftel,
Andrew Jackson, Drew
Wallace and Rae Butts
make the best of a long
bus ride to Florida!



Above:
Kim Moran, Olivia
Tucker, Courtney Poe and
Amy Bedsole are pulling
for the Packers during
Superbowl!

To the right:
Christina Wiseman gets
excited when it's such nice
weather outside.





To the left:
Stephanie Cotton is crowned Ms. Coed of the Year for 1998!



To the left:
1st runner up Velvet Deese makes her victory walk across stage.



And the Contestants Are:

- Heather Harrison (Jr.)
- Summer Merchant (Fr.)
- Rae Butts (Fr.)
- Mandi Vest (Fr.)
- Jessica Minton (Fr.)
- Olena Panychok (Jr.)
- Stephanie Cotton (Fr.)
- Velvet Deese (Fr.)



To the left:
Alicia Pope performs "Foolish Games" as special entertainment while the judges are making their final decision.

To the right:
Mason Davis seems surprised to be receiving Best Gentleman of 1998. But, the crowd is not at all surprised.



The Miss Co-ed of the year was coordinated by Femi Solade and sponsored by SGA.

To the right:
 Kat Kidd, Jessica Minton,
 Stacy Outlaw and Kendall
 Enos give us one last look
 at them before they go out on
 the town.



To the right:
 Allison Smith stops to have
 her picture taken on the way
 back from class.



To the right:
 The Lacrosse team and
 managers gather for a group
 picture during Sping Fling
 weekend at Wilcake Lake.



Above: Najshula Hall and
 Mason Davis smile about
 the friendship they have
 formed at Lees-McRae.

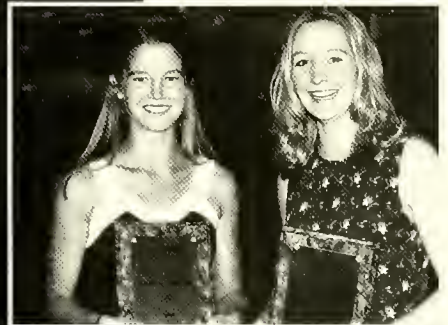
To the right:
 Jaminda Blackmon and Sara
 Anne Gage are glad that
 they have each other to lean
 on.



Right: Sometimes Ivey
 Lewis enjoys being "Just
 One of the Guys!"



1998 Honors & Awards



AND THE AWARD

GOES TO

Below: Robin Fink received the Business Division Award which is presented to a senior business major with the highest GPA in the major.



Below: Joey Beth Graybeal receives the All-Around Scholarship. This is presented to a student who has made distinguished contributions in all facets of campus life.



Patty Benfield is one of the recipients of the Sullivan Awards. Given to individuals based on their relations with others, spirit of helpfulness and the overall value of the intangible elements of life.



Patricia Arthur receives the Margaret Tufts Neal Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded to an upperclassman who has entered the teacher education program and is from southern Appalachia.



Above: Head Athletic Trainer, Rita Smith receives the Order of the Tower Special Recognition Award. This award is given to the person that the club acknowledges to have shown exceptional service to the college in ways that may sometimes go unrecognized.

Josh Hayes receives the Samuel Scott McConnell Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded to a student who demonstrates a strong academic background and leadership.



Kim Moran receives the Preston Peter Wolfe Scholarship. This scholarship is presented to an outstanding campus leader.



Right: Rebecca Wilson received the Lewis Hall Scholarship. This is given to a student who has maintained a 3.0 GPA and exemplifies the Hallmarks of the Lees-McRae student.



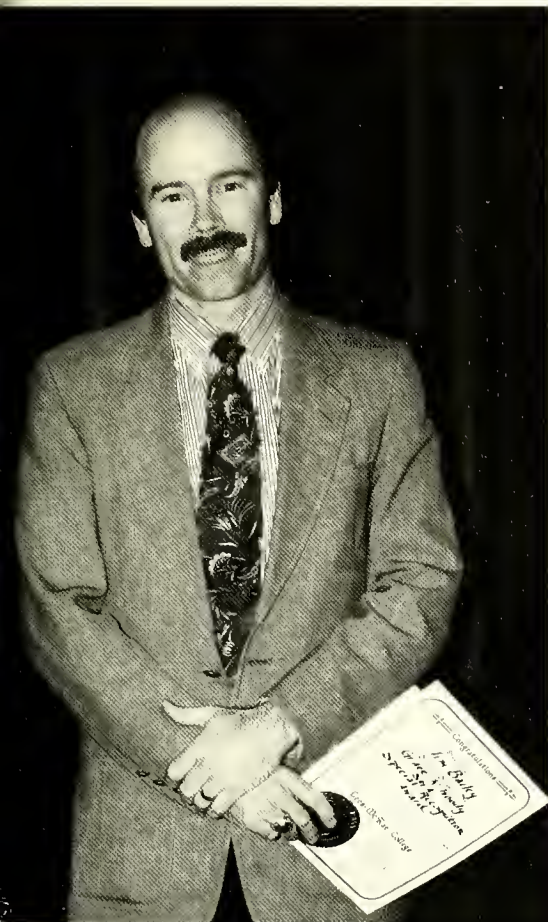
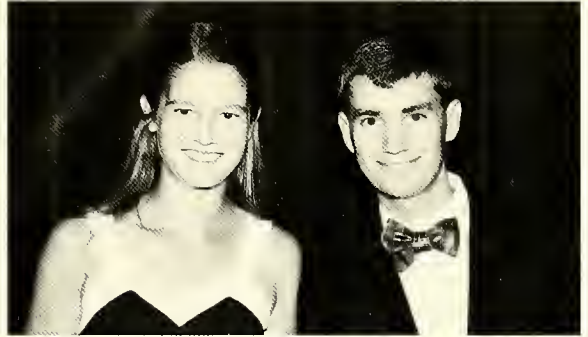
Christine Bell receives the Phi Beta Lambda Award. The recipient is selected by members of the Phi Beta Lambda business honor society to honor the outstanding member of the Lees-McRae chapter.





Left: Receiving from Dr. Klarman, Bill Klatz in one of many that received The Sullivan Award.

Below: Seniors Murrell Timmons and Chip Rose receive the Fred Dickerson Award. This award is given to senior athletes with the highest scholastic standing. Criteria includes: Overall attitude, dedication and discipline of the Lees-McRae spirit.



Student Government recognized Dr. Tim Bailey and Kelly Shanley for all of their hard work and dedication to Lees-McRae. Dr. Collier was awarded the Grace Woody SGA Special Recognition Award. This awarded is presented to the individual for outstanding service to Lees-McRae College and the student body.

Too Hot To Handle



The Who's Who Awards recognizes students for the outstanding contribution to their campus, leadership, general citizenship and promise of future usefulness. Their names are also featured in the national publication of the Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities.

Recipients of this were:

Front Row: Robin Fink, Christy Blair, Chip Rose, Stephanie Taylor, Josh Hayes

Back Row: Stacey French, Paul Crumley, Rob Woolf, Bill Klatz, Andrew Gross, Murrell Timmons

not pictured: Chad Browning, Natalie Cannon, Lisa Dunham, Marta Molchko, Gary Moss, Sam Pearce, Lynn Sherry, Cheryl Stofka, Ricky Ward and Kim Herrmann

Amy Bedsole receives the Student Ambassadors Club Scholarship. This scholarship is earned on the basis of service to Lees-McRae and the genuine love for campus life, faculty and friends.



Andrew Gross receives the Criminal Justice Award. This award is presented to a Criminal Justice major who is judged to exhibit leadership, excellence in the field, and superior academic performance.



Ken Howell receives the Neron Wilson Math Award. This award is presented to a math major who has demonstrated superior achievement in mathematics. It is awarded on the basis of grades, effort, and attitude.



Paul Isaacs received the Sullivan Award. This award is given to individuals based on their relations with others, and spirit of helpfulness and the overall value of the intangible elements of life. He also received the dedication of the Ontaroga, because of his dedication and hard work to Lees-McRae and the community.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

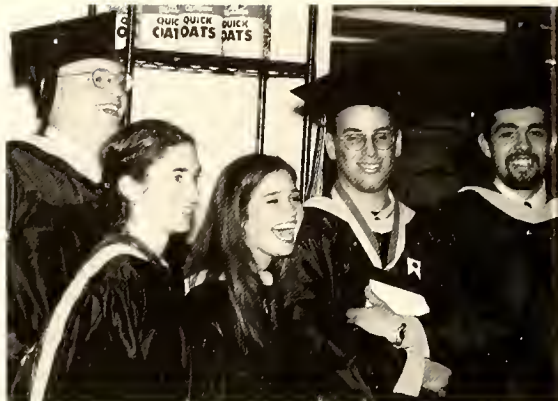


Above: Rev. Thomas Phillips, Dr. Herman Collier Jr., and Rev. Kathy Campbell sing with the congregation during the Baccalaureate service held at the Banner Elk Presbyterian Church.

Rev. Kathy Campbell spoke to the graduates, family and friends about life after graduation. She spoke about our relationship with God, and compared it to the relationship that we want with God. What great advice to be used as these graduates explore life after college.



Above: Dr. A. Hope Williams speaks to the graduates at the Commencement Convocation. Dr. Williams is the President of the NC Association of Independent Colleges and Universities.



Above: A few of the graduates gather around for their last picture before they walk across stage to receive their diplomas.



Above: Order of the Tower members Carole Robertson and Lisa Dunham take the graduates to their seats for their moment of glory.



Above: This row of students wait anxiously for their turn to walk across stage.

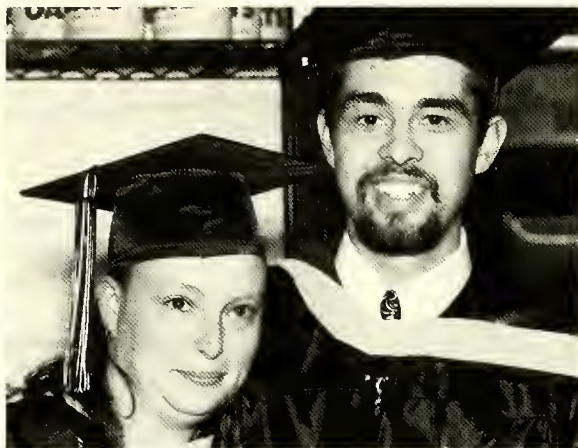
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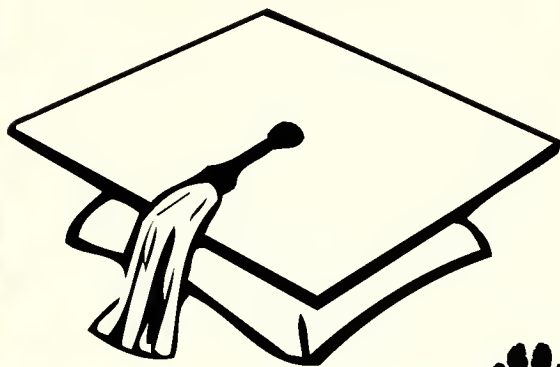
Above: Graduates Olivia Tucker, Kim Herrmann, Courtney Poe and Ashley McFalls hold back tears of joy and sadness as they gather on Tate Lawn with some of their best friends that they will be leaving behind.



Above: Alumni Chris Smith (Class of '97) stands proud with Brian "Bus" Whitmer on Graduation Day.



Above: Christine Bell and Dane Whitehead get together for a picture while getting ready with the other graduates.





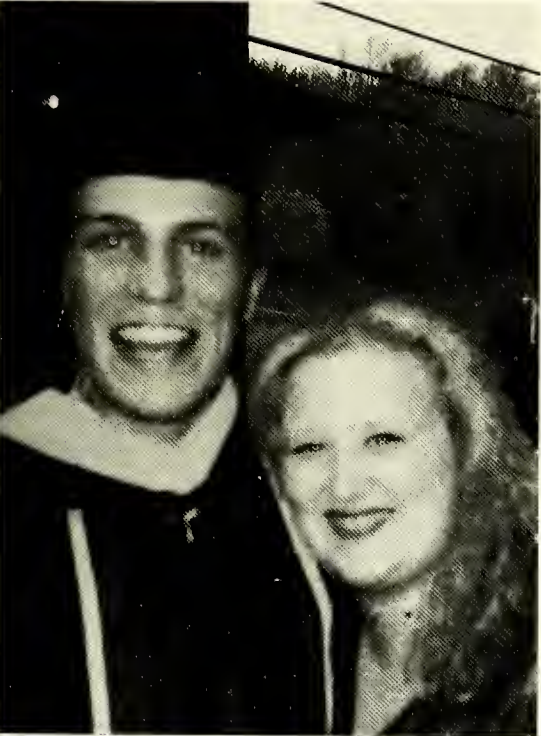
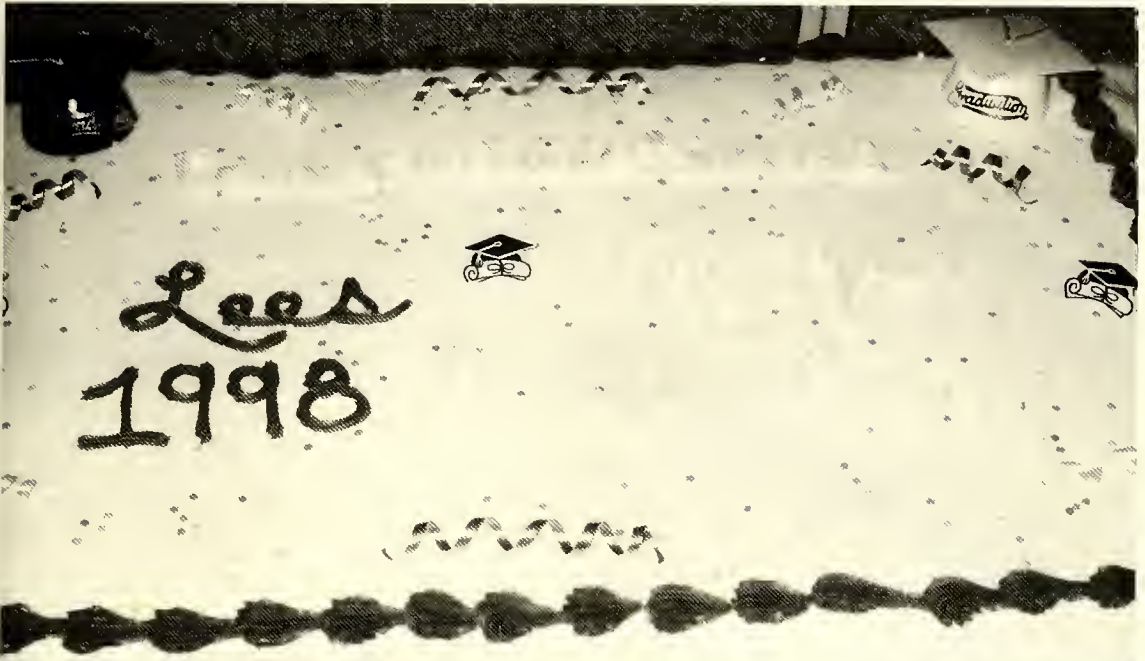
Above: The Lees-McRae Highlanders performed "What Wonderful Love is This". Tennille Kilby also did a solo musical selection called "Arms of Love".



Above: Sean McKee and Ashley McFalls hold their diplomas with pride and acknowledge each other for their accomplishments.



Above: Women's Soccer coach Reid Estus stands with Murrell Timmons, Ashley Rogers, Ashley McFalls and Kim Herrmann with honor and appreciation for all their hard work on and off the field.



Above: Cornell Taylor stands with his long time friend Stephanie Taylor. Things change and people change but one thing that will never change is the true meaning of friendship.



Above: Chris Bartlett shows his apperication to Ms. Timberman.

GOOD LUCK
GRADUATES



Above: Dr. Spears and Dr. Canterbury stand proud with graduate Rezeil Johnson.



Above: Alumni Glenda Hinson and Kristi Demeritte are very proud of their friend Olivia Tucker for all of her accomplishments and personal growth at Lees-McRae.



Above: Courtney Poe and Kim Moran know that When It Comes To True Friends- Nothing Else Matters! (CAPI-KDM1)

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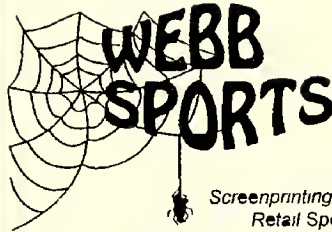


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