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In 1917, Lees-McRae's founder, Reverend Edgar Tufts, found his school over populated and the buildings beginning to become dilapidated. Mr. Tufts envisioned a new campus; one of buildings made with native stone, strong enough to be permanent. He knew he didn't have enough money for their production, and began to work on a brochure he called "Rocks by the Ton" to send to potential contributors. The brochure was delivered to local residents asking them to help with the labor of shaping the stone into walls. Through several letters and brochures, Mr. Tufts touched many people with his righteous plan. As a result, numerous charitable donations were given and Tufts was able to raise enough money to extract and shape the stones. The North Carolina building was near completion in 1922, when Mr. Tufts died from pneumonia. He was never able to see his dream's completion. Mr. Tuft's son, Edgar Jr., decided he would see Lees-McRae finished just as his father had planned. This he did, with the help of the many people that were in aid of his father. One such man named Finley Townsend was the main stone mason from the first stone to the last pat of mortar. "Uncle Fin" as he was known, began getting creative with his job and asked Edgar Sr. if he could be permitted to incorporate his own designs into the buildings. Mr. Tufts agreed to Uncle Fin's proposal, and Edgar Jr. allowed it as well. One can see the passion and creativity of Uncle Fin when looking at the masonry on campus. The star and face on the Tennessee dormitory, and the campus itself symbolize a realization of the privilege of being a part of these beautiful mountains. This annual is a tribute to the vision of Edgar Tufts Sr., capturing the essence of a campus that truly defines it's motto: In, of and for the Mountains. It is dedicated to passion, creativity, and steadfastness in the creation of Lees-McRae by Edgar Tufts Sr., Edgar Tufts Jr., , man especially Uncle Fin.
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## 2002





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## IN ACTION...



- MR. HUB POWELL

DR. JOHN KEENER


MS. LIZETTE RODRIGUEZ



## FACULTY \& STAFF REPRESENTATIVES AT MOUNTAIN DAY





## A PERFECT SEASON

BY HAKIM BELLAMY a.k.a the SERGEANT (MANAGER '01)

As your submissive confidant and mentor, I , while silently wishing the departing soldiers of my regime an honorable departure, finally arise indignant. But no longer silent aside token leadership. Underneath your new competency and captainship, I speak to rally, I speak to conjure up pride in the field soldier! I speak to fuel the engine of elected leaders. I speak to put value on pride and perseverence, in the upcoming battle. A season. We were so elusive in the past year with 13 straight wins. Our record contains the most enduring win streak in CVAC history! We were $10 \& 1$ in the conference. That was the best record ever to win the CVAC regular season title! We ranked as high as fourth in the region, which was the highest ever ranking of a Bobcat team ever! We arguably should have been ranked higher: nationally?; UNIVERSALLY!! But there is no argument that we were better than their ranking. Hallum, Player of the week... Smith, Player of 2002... four All CVAC first teamers... and Dixon, the keeper with the best goals against avcrage in the CVAC...; all made us anything but average. Though we're not yet perfect. So, we need the other three wins (21-0), and we necd the CVAC tournament championship. Because the Regular Season Championship needs a companion!! While we do not. We need to be alone at the top; \#1. The cheese stands alone; so alone. It's lonely at the top. MEN!! Gird up for a perfect season! No losses! No runner-up! We want the Bobcat where it belongs; ON TOP!! KING OF THE MOUNTAIN!!! NO QUEEN!!


Nik Nixon, Barry Ritson, Mihail Guscin, Chris Perrill,, Daniel Welsh, Lenny Muckle, Mario Lopez, Jeff Tate. Chris McCintosh, Nick Young, Khano Smith, Luke Patterson, Adeyinka Ogunsanya, Justin Mitnik, Kyle Haupt, Calvin Dixon, Darius Neerings, Paul Sanderford,Ian Batson, Michael Carroccio,Kevin Proctor, Mark Hallam, Jeremy Reese.
Coaches: Jay Yelton Manager: Hakim Bellamy



The Lady Bobcats excelled after losing their second match. They posted five victories in September boosting their hopes of a Conference championship. In the eighth game of the regular season versus St . Andrews, Heather Sakaduski broke the hold of history as she booted in her 56th goal of her career. The goal was the first of many record breakers, because every goal she kicked this season and will kick in her senior season will stack on to her new record. Sakaduski and the Lady Bobcats continued to succeed on the field through October ending the regular season with a punishing 6-1 victory over Queens. However the Lady Cats will have to wait until next year for Conference reign. In the first round of the CVAC tournament the Bobcats lost a heartbreaker to Pfieffer.

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| Bobcats | $0-1$ | Pfeiffer |
| Bobcats | $1-0$ | Mt. Olive |
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| Bobcats | $3-2$ | Coker |
| Bobcats | $3-1$ | Anderson |
| Bobcats | $6-1$ | Queens |





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After aquiring the largest crop of Freshmen ever, the Bobcats were still unable to post a winning record. Two -thousand two, as a rebuilding year, did reveal promise however, as the Cats were within 3 points in several games. Under the leadership of seniors Marcus Colon and Matt Edmunds, the Bobcats scored more points this season than ever before. Individually, Edmunds recieved post season honors as a member of the second All-CVAC team.
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# MENS \& WOMENS CROSS COUNTRY ? 

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In the season opener, the Bobcats skied their way to a first place finish without the number one and two skiers, Ryan Locher and Josh Applegate, while the Lady Bobcats claimed third without number one Jamie Workman. The three were invited to the prestigious FIS tournament in Vermont. Locher finished 14th in his best run in the Slalom. Workman and Applegate did not place. The Bobcats and Lady Bobcats had a great season in the tournaments and meets that followed; always placing in the top five. The men went on to win Regionals, While the women placed third. Both teams qualified for Nationals in New Hampshire. Ryan Locher's fifth, seventh, and fourth place finishes in the Slalom, Giant Slalom and Alpine Combined respectively earned him a spot on the First AllAmerican Team for the slalom as well as the combined, and a place on the second team for the Giant Slalom. Workman and Applegate were honored with placement on the men's and women's Second All-American Teams for the Giant Slalom and the Individual Combined. Applegate finished 11 th in the Giant Slalom and 10th in the Combined, while Workman placed 13th in the Slalom and 11th in the Combined. These performances propelled the Cats to a seventh place national ranking in the Alpine Combined event.



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Bobcats 7-2 Presbyterian

Bobcats 9-0 Queens
Bobcats 9-0 Limestone
Bobcats 6-3 Assumption


Bobcats 6-1 Spartanburg
Bobcats 4-5 Barton
Bobcats 6-1 Garner-Webb
Bobcats 8-1 Belmont
Bobcats 8-1 Longwood
Bobcats 8-1 Wingate
Bobcats 3-6 Anderson
Bobcats 2-5 Barry
Bobcats 0-9 Rollins
Bobcats $0-9$ So. Florida
Bobcats 7-2 Erskine
CVAC Tournament
Bobcats 5-4 Mt. Olive Regionals
Bobcats 5-3 Francis-
Marion
Total- 15-8
CVAC - 8-2


Marvin Anderson, Felipe Castanheira, Lief Ellsworth, Juan Pablo Garcia, Pablo Gonzalezz, Shane Horan, Andres Intriago, Joaco Kruger (not pictured), Jarrah Robertson, Ernesto Soruco, Andrew Zarb
Coaches: Randy Bloemendaal. Jason Woodsby

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Coach Randy Bloemendaal
Regional Coach of 2002

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Bobcats 9-0 Erskine
Bobcats 9-0 Mt. Olive
Bobcats 9-0 St. Andrews CVAC
Bobcats 5-1 Longwood Regionals
Bobcats 2-5 Clayton

The Lady Bobcats were ranked first in the CVAC in the preseason coach's poll. The team validated the rank for all of the season, dominating the CVAC. The Lady Cats had little trouble throughout the season only losing four times as a team. The ladies were ranked in the top 25 Division Il teams in the country for the entire season. The team eventually won the CVAC tournament, but suffered a disappointing end when they were defeated in the first round of the mid-Atlantic Regionals. Leading the team was Ana Skafar who was undefeated for most of the season in singles play. Skafar teamed up with Deniz Emre to be one of the most feared duos in the CVAC, making their names known in the lexicon of Division I coaches and teams. Skafar was finally given the rank of ninth in the region and was named to the All-CVAC team along with Marci Malanek and Zynep Inali The SkafarlEmre duo received the rank of eighth in the region, with Emre landing a 28th place ranking in the singles ranks.



## (2) BASKETBALL $\cdots$

The Lady Bobcats struggled to find their rythym losing their first four games of the 2002 season. The Cats found the in rhylhm in their fourth game, and roared with a fiery vengence as they inflicted severe punishment to Warren Wilson 76-33. The ladies were unstoppable for six games and almost a month and a half after their first victory. The intensity and concentration of the team was evident as the Cats upset Longwood, and prevailed in live games that were won by under a 10 point margin during the streak. Even after their loss the Lady Bobcats held on to a first place ranking in the CVAC Freshman DeAnna Lady rocked the conference with her relentless offensive play that won her player of the week, and eventually Freshman of the Year Kenya Hackett and Tanya Ward both were awarded for their play as well as their study habits with Academic AllConference honors. Despite solid play by the Lady Cats that earned the team a first place rank going into the CVAC toumament, the ladies were knocked off by Andersen in the first round of the tourney in a disappointing end to a fine season on the court.


The Bobcats began the season with a promising victory over Central Baptist. The guys posted two more victories over Bacone College, and a huge victory (10863) over Free Will Baptist College to give themselves a winning record (3-2) at the end of November. The Bobcats slid through December and early January though, losing six games in a row before winning again. The win came against Pfeiffer on a last second three-point shot by Chris Dehart. The win was the first of only four CVAC victories for the season. The final conference victory was a stunning upset in the Conference Tournament against Longwood, the returning champions. Dan Tollens filled his roll as leading team scorer in the exciting win with 27 points, 10 points above his average for the season. The Bobcat's momentum was haulted in the next round by Queens College, ending the Cat's season at $8-20$ and 4-17 in the CVAC.

CVAC TOURNAMENT
Bobcats 54-51 Longwood
Bobcats 73-110 Queens
Total-- 8-10
CVAC--4-10

## TEAM STATS








## С.A.T.C.H

Catch (Campus After The Class Hours) are the people that bring entertainment to campus. They work hard so that the rest of campus won't be bored if they don't have homework to do. This year was exceptional. There was always some sort of magician, storyteller, or just some kind of degrading game to entertain us.








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Stephanie Brown








## HIGHLANDERS

Millicent Hunnicutt, Lindsey Giofriddo, Chris Galloway, Brian Johnson, Heather Camper CLOGGERS (bottom)
Charlie Duff, Pamela Morgan, Brandon Fisher, Jennifer Poarch, Chris Galloway, Allison Smith, Ben Simpson, Lindsey Gionfridolo





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