

## Lees-McRae Discontinues Men's Golf Program

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After months of evaluation, Lees-McRae College and Director of Athletics Craig McPhail have decided to discontinue the College's men's golf program.

"Our geographic location and climate makes it difficult to give our young men the best resources possible to succeed," said McPhail. "We have had to practice off the mountain during the winter as our local courses don't open until April thus not enabling us a place to practice or play."

The Bobcats recently posted one of the best seasons in program history, recording a school-record seventh place finish at the Conference Carolinas Championships under the direction of Coach David Earnhardt. Freshman Thomas Buchanan (Bakersville, N.C.) delivered the highlight performance of the season on the final day of the conference tournament, carding the low round of the week with a three-under-par 69 to vault into third place, tying a program record for highest finish in the league championship.

Lees-McRae will honor those young men on scholarship if they wish to remain at the College to earn their undergraduate degree, and will release them if they wish to move on to play elsewhere.