Doug Owen has been named Director of Cycling at Lees-McRae College. In this position, Owen will manage the cycling team and will continue the growth of the cycling studies program.

“Doug understands the larger vision for cycling at Lees-McRae, and he embraces our vision of the bicycle as a vehicle for social change,” said

President Barry M. Buxton. “Doug will be very proactive and supportive of the business of cycling curriculum minor degree we have started here at Lees-McRae.”
From 2005 to 2008, Owen served as head coach of the Lees-McRae Cycling Team, during which time he expanded the program from a strong mountain bike team to a four-discipline championship team. During his successful coaching career at LMC, his team won four national championship team omnium titles, two national championship team time trial titles and 15 individual national titles.
Prior to returning to Lees-McRae College as director of cycling, Owen was an inaugural member of the College’s Bicycle Advisory Council, having also served as the chair of the Council from 2010 to 2011.
After leaving Lees-McRae, Owen helped Appalachian State win their first two cycling national team championships, and in August 2009, he opened Cycle 4 Life Bike Shop in Banner Elk. He has been married for 25 years and has two children; one is a rising sophomore at Lees-McRae.
One of Owen’s top priorities is to find a head cycling coach for the program. A search is underway, as Head Coach Luke Winger ’07 resigned this spring to pursue a new career opportunity.
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