

## Arthur Steps Down As Men's Lacrosse Coach

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Brendan Arthur has stepped down as the head men's lacrosse coach at Lees-McRae College, announced Director of Athletics Craig McPhail Tuesday.

"I would like to thank Coach Arthur for his dedication and service to our men's lacrosse program, the Lees-McRae athletic department, and the community of Banner Elk," said McPhail. "He provided strong leadership during a difficult period for our program, and he will be greatly missed."

Arthur took the helm prior to the 2011 season after serving as an assistant coach and defensive coordinator of the program for two years. Under his direction, the defense finished third in Conference Carolinas in penalty killing minutes, and first in caused turnovers during the 2010 season.

Prior to his arrival at Lees-McRae, Arthur was a four-year starter at NCAA Division I Robert Morris University as a long-stick midfielder. In 2007, his junior year with the Colonials, Arthur finished the campaign ranked 34th in the nation in ground balls per game. He finished his playing career with 156 ground balls, five goals and seven assists.

Arthur graduated from Robert Morris with a double major in marketing and sports management. He has spent time working several lacrosse camps including: Big Shot Lacrosse Camp, Great Plains Lacrosse Camp and the Drew McMinn Goalie Camp.

Andy Neddill, a 2011 graduate of LMC and member of last season's team, will take over as the interim head coach. A national search for the next leader of the Bobcat men's lacrosse program will begin immediately.

Lees-McRae College, a four-year, co-educational liberal arts college affiliated with the Presbyterian Church, USA, is located in the scenic Blue Ridge Mountains of northwestern North Carolina. Being a year-round tourist destination, the area provides the best of a vibrant college community coupled with natural beauty and a rich history. Please see [www.lmc.edu](http://www.lmc.edu) for more information.