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ALL-AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL STAR TO ATTEND UM NEXT FALL

Don Wetzel, Cut Bank High School basketball star for four years who has been named to two All-American high school teams this spring, has announced his intention to attend the University of Montana next fall, Ron Nord, UM head basketball coach, said Tuesday.

While announcing Wetzel's decision, Nord said, "We are elated to have a player of Don's ability coming to the University."

Wetzel has compiled a fantastic athletic record at Cut Bank, especially in basketball under Coach Willie DeGroot, a member of the UM Basketball Hall of Fame.

In four years of competition, Wetzel tallied more than 1,800 points, with 600 of them coming during the 1966-67 season.

He has been an All-State guard for the past two years in Class B, and an All-Northern Division selection for the past three seasons. He has led Cut Bank to competition in the Northern Division B championship game all four years, during which time his team has won two division titles and one state championship.

Wetzel also excels in three other sports. In the 1966 Interscholastic Track and Field event in Missoula, Wetzel placed second in the Class B high jump, and also competed in the hurdles. A knee operation kept Wetzel out of track competition this spring.

Wetzel also played quarterback for the Cut Bank football team and plays American Legion baseball during the summer.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Wetzel, who now reside in Washington, D.C., where Mr. Wetzel is an administrator for the Job Corps. His uncle is Earl Barlow, superintendent of schools in Stevensville.