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LAUREL CAGE MENTOR TO SPEAK  
AT UM COACHING CLINIC

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Don Peterson, head basketball coach at Laurel High School for the past 10 years, will talk about "Disciplined High School Offense" during the fourth annual University of Montana Coaching Clinic June 16-19 at Flathead Lake.

Peterson proved himself an expert on the subject by coaching his small Laurel Locomotives to the state cage championship in the season just completed. His team was undefeated in 26 starts.

Peterson attended the University of Montana for four years, graduating in 1950. He lettered in basketball from 1946 through 1950, playing on the same teams with UM coaches Bob Cope and Lou Rocheleau.

He coached Class C basketball at Florence, Frenchtown and Belt and Class B at Choteau before moving into the head job at Laurel.

His Laurel teams have gone to the state tournament eight times in his 10 years at the helm. He was named Class A Coach of the Year in 1959 and 1960.

Peterson's overall coaching record is 529 wins, 139 losses. In games against former Big 10, or Class AA, schools, his Locomotives have won 21 of 26.

Peterson joins Cal State-Long Beach coach Jerry Tarkanian in the basketball lecture series at the clinic.

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