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MISSOULA—Recent coaching changes in eastern Montana and Idaho schools mean new jobs for seven Montana State University graduates, athletic director Jiggs Dahlberg pointed out this week.

George Scott, 1951 MSU graduate and basketball player, is the new basketball coach at Red Lodge. He succeeds Burton Thompson, a 1950 University graduate who resigned to enter private business. Scott previously handled football and track coaching duties at Red Lodge.

Scott will be joined in the southeastern Montana B League by Al Dunham, 1956-57 Grizzly basketball captain who accepted the cage coaching job at Big Timber earlier this spring. Dunham previously coached one season at Philipsburg. He succeeded Ray Dodds, another MSU graduate, who moved up to Class A Sidney.

Dick Leenhouts, a 1959 graduate of the University and former Grizzly football lineman, has accepted a position as athletic director at Salmon, Idaho, high school.

He will join Howard Johnson, Hamilton, another former Grizzly grid ace who graduated from MSU this spring. Johnson will be the head football coach at the Idaho school.

Both men are assuming duties formerly handled by Jerry Walker, Billings, former Silvertip baseball catcher. Walker has returned to the University and will spend the next year working toward an advanced degree.