

Peterson says thanks, but no thanks to ASU

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The Charlotte Observer is reporting that Buzz Peterson has decided not to return to his old job at Appalachian State University as its men's head basketball coach.

Peterson, who coached at ASU from 1996-2000, led the Mountaineers to the NCAA Tournament in 1999-2000. He posted three 20-win seasons and a Southern Conference tournament championship at ASU before he left for Tulsa.

Peterson, the Player Personal Director of the Charlotte Bobcats, notified ASU of his decision on Thursday, more than a week-and-a-half after the two sides began talking.

Peterson, who played his college basketball at the University of North Carolina, led Tulsa to a National Invitational Tournament title in 2001. He's also coached at Tennessee and Coastal Carolina.

ASU will continue its search for a new basketball coach to replace Houston Fancher, who was released on March 16th.