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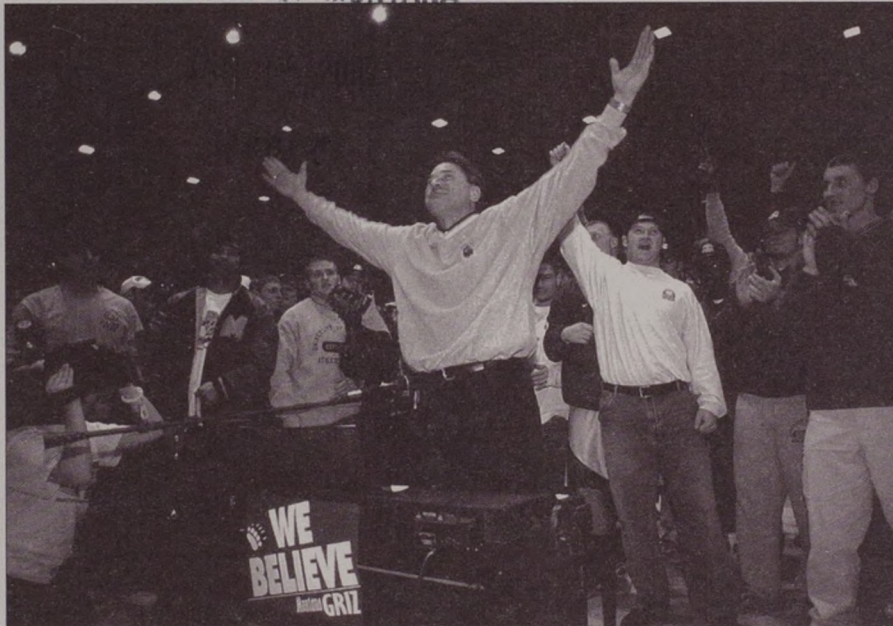
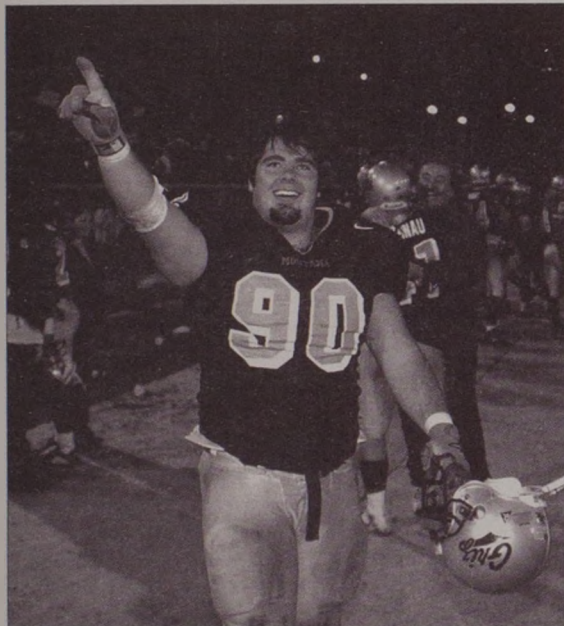
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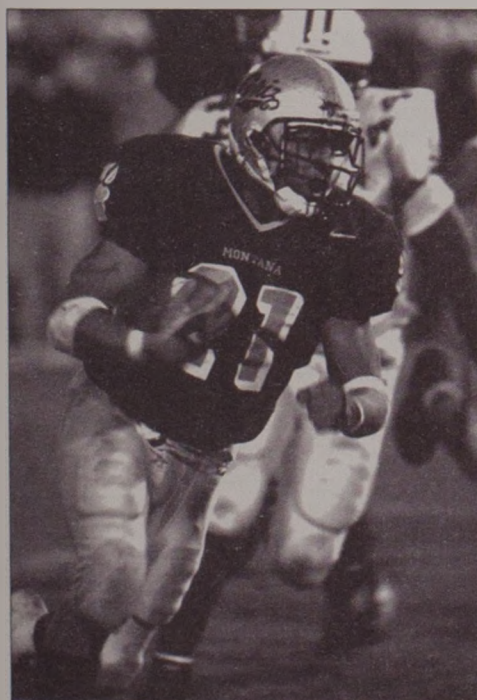
Connecting Campus and Community

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Oh, how sweet it is! Junior defensive tackle Curt Colter (upper left) points to the fans as the last seconds tick away in Chattanooga Dec. 21. The next day in Missoula, coach Joe Glenn (upper right) acknowledges the crowd during a welcome-home celebration in the Adams Center.



Senior running back Yohance Humphery rambled for 142 yards in the championship game. "Yo" became the Grizzlies' all-time-leading rusher during his tenure at UM.

Chewin' up Chattanooga Dominating Griz capture I-AA crown

It all started at 6:45 a.m. Jan. 29, 2001, inside the West Auxiliary Gym. A bunch of tired University of Montana football players and coaches had arrived for the first day of winter workouts. Coach Joe Glenn, the self-described King of Corn, gathered his troops together and asked, "How do we eat an elephant, guys?" "One bite at a time, coach," the groggy Griz groaned back at him. "One bite at a time."

Glenn's mother always said that if you have a big job to do, you sit down and start chewing at it one bite at a time. That practice was the first bite, taken on a freezing Montana winter day, and it didn't taste like much. But that last bite of elephant on Dec. 21 — beating a tough Furman Paladin team 13-6 in Chattanooga, Tenn., for the I-AA national title — left a sweet taste in their mouths that will last a lifetime.

The Griz completed their championship

campaign 15-1, setting a school record for wins in a season. They were 7-0 in Big Sky Conference play, becoming conference champs for a record fourth-consecutive time. Their sole loss came in Maui on Sept. 8 against a tough I-A Hawaii team, which went on to a 9-3 record that included wins over Fresno State and BYU. UM won its only other championship crown in 1995.

The 2001 road to Chattanooga wasn't easy, and some of UM's toughest wins came at home in raucous Washington-Grizzly Stadium. The Griz needed overtime to stop Big Sky rival Eastern Washington on Sept. 29. They also needed an extra period to topple I-A Idaho Nov. 24 during the last game of the regular season.

Despite roaring into the playoffs ranked No. 1 in the nation, the Griz came out flat against Louisiana's Northwestern State on Dec. 1 and were losing 0-13 at halftime.

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Champions — continued

Then the coaches and players must have done something — dug deep — because the Griz were a changed team when they emerged from the locker room. They jelled and started rolling, going on to beat Northwestern 28-19, Sam Houston State 49-24 and Northern Iowa 38-0. They looked like champions.

Suddenly Chattanooga choo-choo references were everywhere, for the Griz had earned a return ticket to the championship game in Tennessee, where they had lost 25-27 to Georgia Southern the year before. Redemption was on everyone's minds.

Thousands of Griz fans lined the streets of Missoula when the team launched its championship crusade, traveling by bus from campus to the airport Dec. 18. Escorted by police cars and a fire truck, they passed throngs of waving fans holding signs such as "Go Griz," "You're Our Champions" and "We Believe." Car dealers set all the headlights in their lots blinking as the buses rolled by, and fireworks lit the evening sky at one point.

One electronic sign read "DeCoite wear your cup," referring to a nasty incident in the Northern Iowa game when an opposing player punched sophomore free safety Dave DeCoite below the belt. (Footage of the low blow was broadcast on ESPN, and DeCoite took a lot of ribbing from his fellow players.) A Montana Rail Link train engine bearing the sign "Good Luck Grizzlies" chugged along parallel to the buses as they went to the airport. Players said they were blown away and misty-eyed by the show of support.

Indeed, thousands of Griz fans made the expensive trip to Chattanooga right before Christmas. Two thousand-plus Griz faithful showed up at an Alumni Association pep rally the night before the game on Dec. 20. During the rally UM Athletic Director Wayne Hogan said, "We're on a mission. It's going to be a great game. ESPN television is televising this live, and there will be more people — millions more people — watching our program than ever before."

Game day dawned bright and beautiful, unlike game day 2000 when monsoon-like rain dropped on Chattanooga. The Griz players carried themselves with a quiet confidence before kickoff in the locker room, and during his pregame speech, coach Glenn said, "You have the

opportunity of a lifetime, to play for a national championship and be the best in the country. Expect more from yourself. Show what you can do — don't talk about it, just go out and dominate, so you can hold your head high and be proud."

The championship was played before 12,868 fans at Finley Stadium. It quickly became a battle between two excellent defenses. The Griz were stopped on their first possession, but then UM senior strong safety Vince Huntsberger recovered a Furman fumble on the

field, Glenn said, "It's 30 more minutes for the rest of your lives."

The defenses were even more dominant in the second half, and the only Griz score came from another field goal with 6:12 left in the fourth. Then, losing by 13, the clock became Furman's enemy. The dominant Griz defense denied Furman again and again. The Paladins finally got on the scoreboard as time expired with a 54-yard Hail Mary pass. This improbable play, which UM's Huntsberger got a hand on, averted the

first shutout in the 23-year history of the championship.

But it was a meaningless play, and Griz fans mobbed the field and engulfed the players in a vast Montana group hug. The goal posts came down, and the I-AA national championship trophy was raised in triumph.

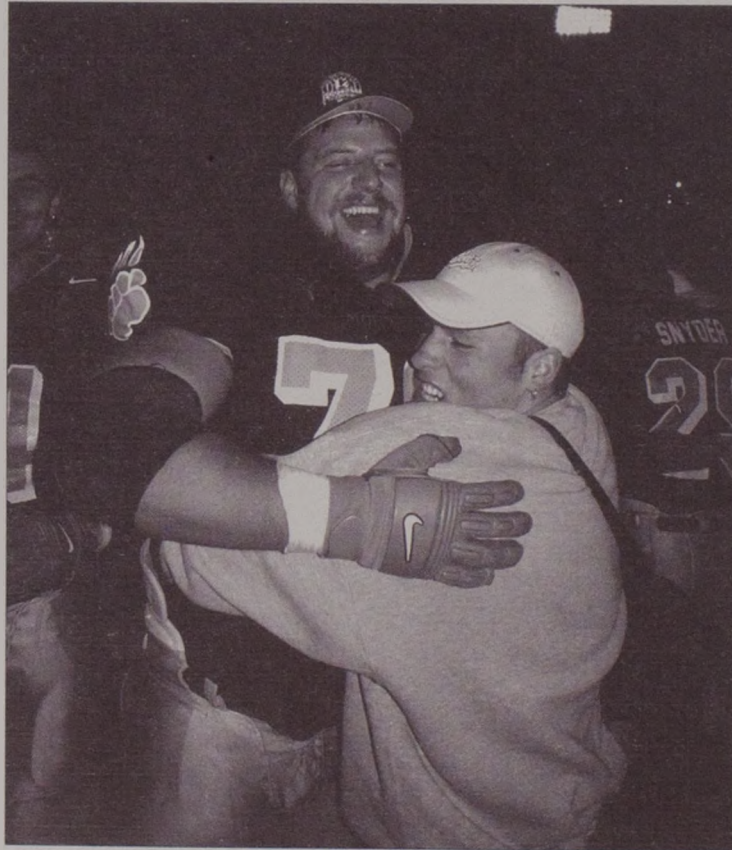
During the postgame news conference, Glenn said, "There is not a more deserving team in the United States than the Montana Grizzlies. They deserve this championship for how hard they've worked and how much they've stuck together through the hard times and the times they got behind. They never gave up. They never quit. Tremendous chemistry, tremendous friends."

UM wound up with 297 total yards — 142 via Humphery's churning, unrelenting legs and the punishing Griz offensive line. Edwards also ran for 32 yards and passed for 124, and the Griz offense didn't turn over the ball. The UM defense held Furman to 293 total yards, with 54 of those coming on the desperation pass play at the end of the game. In the wild

celebration after the game, assistant head coach Mike Breske, architect of UM's dominating defense, was spotted quietly smoking a cigar.

Griz fans had a lot to celebrate that night, and the party moved back to Missoula the next day, where thousands of people welcomed the Griz back at the Adams Center. The welcome-home celebration, organized by University Relations, included speeches by Grizzly athletic administrators, Gov. Judy Martz, President George Dennison, coach Glenn and several of the seniors on the team. Hundreds of prizes were given away, and several players stayed late signing autographs, basking in the glow of being the best.

Yep, that last bite of elephant tasted fine. In fact Glenn said his favorite sign during their Chattanooga adventure had a picture of an elephant and the word "Chattanooga Chew-Chew. The last bite." 🐘



Senior offensive guard Thatcher Szalay accepts a hug from a grateful fan after the championship game.

Paladin 12-yard line. Despite the outstanding field position, the Paladin defense — led by a headhunting linebacker named Wil Bouton — again stymied the Griz offense, and a field goal by sophomore Chris Snyder went wide. But the UM defense also clamped down, and the quarter ended 0-0.

A turning point came in the second quarter when a Furman punt pinned the Griz on their own 1-yard line. In a drive that will be long remembered in Grizzly lore, junior quarterback John Edwards meticulously moved his squad 99 yards down the field, resulting in a touchdown by senior running back Yo Humphery with 6:27 left before the half. Later, Snyder added a field goal to make the score 10-0 Griz at halftime.

The Griz came into their locker room more focused and determined than ever. They yelled at each other not to get complacent and to play like they were losing. Before they ran back onto the

UM researcher earns highest U.S. honor for young scientists

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Doug Emlen, a UM evolutionary biologist, has been awarded a 2001 Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers. The award is the highest honor bestowed by the U.S. government on scientists and engineers in the early stages of their careers.

Only 20 of the awards are presented to National Science Foundation-supported researchers across the nation each year. Emlen, 34, is the first Montana researcher to earn the award, which will be presented at the White House during a yet-to-be-scheduled ceremony.

The letter notifying Emlen of the honor said, "You are a shining example to future generations of researchers. You represent the best of the group of scientists and engineers who will be responsible for America's 21st century greatness."

Emlen is an assistant professor in UM's Division of Biological Sciences. "This is an award that only comes around once in a career," he said. "It's amazing. To be recognized at this level of distinction for doing what I love — research and teaching — means a lot to me."

The UM scientist earned a \$650,000 Faculty Early Career Development grant from NSF earlier this year, which made him eligible for the presidential award. The career grants encourage early development of academic careers that stimulate the discovery process through exciting research, inspired teaching and enthusiastic learning. UM researchers have earned three such grants in recent years. Typically only 5 percent to 10 percent of career award recipients go on to earn the presidential award, Emlen said.

Don Christian, associate dean of biological sciences, said, "Having a UM faculty member receive this recognition



Doug Emlen in his University lab.

underscores the world-class scientific research conducted by faculty and students here. Faculty members like Doug view their research both as a way to answer key scientific questions and to provide the best possible learning opportunities for students."

Much of Emlen's research involves the study of evolutionary biology using a small variety of horned beetle. He has found that male beetles have tremendous diversity in the size and shape of their horns, and some invest more energy in growing their horns — relative to their size — than a bull moose does antlers.

Emlen's beetle studies have given insight into some of biology's most basic questions: Why is there so much diversity in life? How can there be so much diversity among closely related species or even within the same species?

Emlen has worked at UM since 1996. He teaches UM classes titled Insect Biology, Insect Behavior and Evolution, and Advanced Topics in Sexual Selection. 🐾

Business Drive nets \$350,000

The Missoula business and professional community and UM employees contributed more than \$350,000 this fall through the Missoula Business Drive for the Excellence Fund, which will support academic programs at UM.

Among major beneficiaries of the fund-raising effort are scholarships for talented students, faculty and staff professional development, and outreach activities that bring the outside world to campus and take UM expertise elsewhere. Because UM students faced tuition increases this year, the Business Drive designated scholarships as the top priority for fund raising in 2001 and offered the opportunity for donors who increased their gifts over the 2000 level to earmark the added gift for scholarships.

During the six-week effort, 96 volunteers contacted more than 1,000 of their Missoula peers asking them to say "Count Me In" with a contribution to the University. They had raised \$350,730 by the final tally on Dec. 31.

The Missoula Business Drive began in late September and — despite the events of Sept. 11 — Missoulians continued their tradition of private support that adds the margin of excellence to a UM education. Carol S. Williams, UM alumna and 2001 chair, said she and the other volunteers were grateful to the community for its generosity this year. "We are always asked to support worthy initiatives," she said, "and this year more than ever there were many charities we Missoulians wanted to support. Still, the University continues to rely on private gifts and we're grateful for the generosity of our friends and neighbors whose contributions put the drive over its goal for the 23rd straight year."

As she completed her term as Business Drive chair, Williams issued an invitation to others to join in the drive next year either as a donor or volunteer. "(UM) is tied so closely to all the things we like about living and working here. Participation in the Missoula Business Drive is a way to help ensure the University continues to thrive and provide the educational, cultural and recreational services we've come to expect from UM," she said. 🐾

New dean hired for College of Technology

A former internal consultant for the Indian Motorcycle Corp. has been named dean of UM's College of Technology. R. Paul Williamson, who has extensive experience in university and corporate environments, will assume his new duties early this month.

Williamson said, "I am excited to ... have the opportunity to work with the students, faculty and staff at the University.

There are great prospects on the horizon as we partner with the community and business."

Before he joined the Gilroy, Calif.-based motorcycle company, Williamson



Williamson

was vice president of instruction at Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute in Hudson, N.C. He also was executive vice president, academic dean and dean of Bethel College in McKenzie, Tenn.

A native of rural, eastern South Dakota, Williamson earned bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of South Dakota in Vermillion. He received a doctoral degree in education from West Virginia University in Morgantown, W. Va., in 1982.

Williamson replaces Dennis Lerum, the recently retired COT dean. 🐾

UM Calendar

Art exhibit—Jan. 28-Feb. 22, "Fears and Fancies," collection of paintings and painted sculptures by Jerry David Cornelia, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Mon.-Fri., University Center Gallery. Reception, Fri., Feb. 1, 5-8 p.m.; artist lecture, 6 p.m., UC Gallery. Free.

Faculty and Guest Artist Series—Jan. 29, Nancy Joyce Cooper, organ. Guest musicians include: Margaret Baldrige and Claire Morton, violin; Colleen Hunter, viola; Fern Glass Boyd, cello, 7:30 p.m., Music Recital Hall. Tickets \$6/general, \$4/students and senior citizens.

Art exhibit—Feb. 1-22, "Molas: Textile Art of Panama's Kuna Indians and Mexican Painters, Enrique Flores, Cecilio Sanchez and Filemon Santiago," 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Mon.-Fri., Gallery of Visual Arts, Social Science Building.

Basketball—Feb. 1, Lady Griz vs. Montana State, 8:05 p.m., Adams Center.

President's Lecture Series—Feb. 1, "In Search of the Racial Frontier: African Americans in the American West" by Quintard Taylor, University of Washington, 8 p.m., Montana Theatre.

Buddy DeFranco Jazz Festival Benefit Concert—Feb. 3, 7:30 p.m., Music Recital Hall. Tickets available at Tic-It-E-Z outlets, \$25/general, \$10/students and senior citizens.

Faculty and Guest Artist Series—Feb. 5, Robert Ledbetter and Maxine Ramey: A Recital of Percussion and Clarinet Music, 7:30 p.m., Music Recital Hall. Tickets \$6/general, \$4/students and senior citizens. Call 243-6880 for more information.

Drama production—Feb. 6-9, 12-16, "Death of a Salesman," 7:30 p.m. (2 p.m. matinee Feb. 9), Montana Theatre, Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center. Tickets \$15/general, \$12/students and senior citizens. Call 243-4581.

Valentine Art Fair—Feb. 7-8, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., University Center atrium. Call 243-5714 for information.

Faculty and Guest Artist Series—Feb. 8, Sapphire Trio, pianist Jody Graves, violinist Margaret Baldwin, clarinetist Maxine Ramey, 7:30 p.m., Music Recital Hall. Tickets \$6/general, \$4/students and senior citizens.



Mike Heuring, director of UM Career Services (far right), accepts a \$2,000 donation from Target store manager Doug DeWeber and Target executive team leader Jason Schuyler (center). Target made the donation last month to thank Career Services for helping with store recruiting on campus. Heuring said the donation will help furnish a Career Services interviewing room.



Bear Briefs

Parading Pianos—More than 100 children will join several dozen adults in performing on 12 grand pianos at February's Pianos on Parade concerts at UM. Guest artists Del Parkinson and Jeffrey Shumway of the American Piano Duo will highlight the event, which benefits Missoula's Joseph Residence and UM's Music Scholarship Endowment Fund. Pianos on Parade performances will take place at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2, in the University Theatre. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$8 for students and senior citizens. Ticket outlets are Rockin Rudy's, Worden's Market, Morgenroth Music Center, Pianos International and the UM Department of Music office. Tickets also will be available at the door. This year's event will feature 142 children and professional musicians taking turns on stage. Pianos on Parade debuted in 1998 with the idea of bringing together musicians and audiences of all ages for a celebration of piano music, while raising funds for important community needs. For more information about Pianos on Parade, call Sharon Weaver-Knowles at (406) 549-6254 or visit www.pianosonparade.org

Health Help Hired—Barbara Hollmann, UM vice president for student affairs, recently announced that Dr.

David Bell has accepted the position of director of UM's Curry Health Center. Dr. Bell has been a staff physician at the center since 1995 and has been serving as interim director. He previously held administrative and clinical positions in health centers at the University of Washington and Michigan State University. "Dr. Bell's experience, compassion and commitment to student health will provide continuing strong leadership to our exceptional student health service," Hollmann said. Curry Health Center provides primary health care and prevention services to University students through medical, dental, counseling and health enhancement departments.

Alumnus Appointed—Bill Mercer, a 1986 UM political science graduate, has been appointed by



Mercer

President George Bush to the position of U.S. attorney for the District of Montana. Mercer was recommended for the appointment by U.S. Sen. Conrad Burns. Mercer, 37, served as an assistant U.S. attorney for Montana from August 1994 to April 2001. He also was a counselor at the U.S. Department of Justice between November 1989 and July 1994. Mercer received a master's degree from Harvard University in 1988 and a law degree from George Mason University School of Law in 1993.



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