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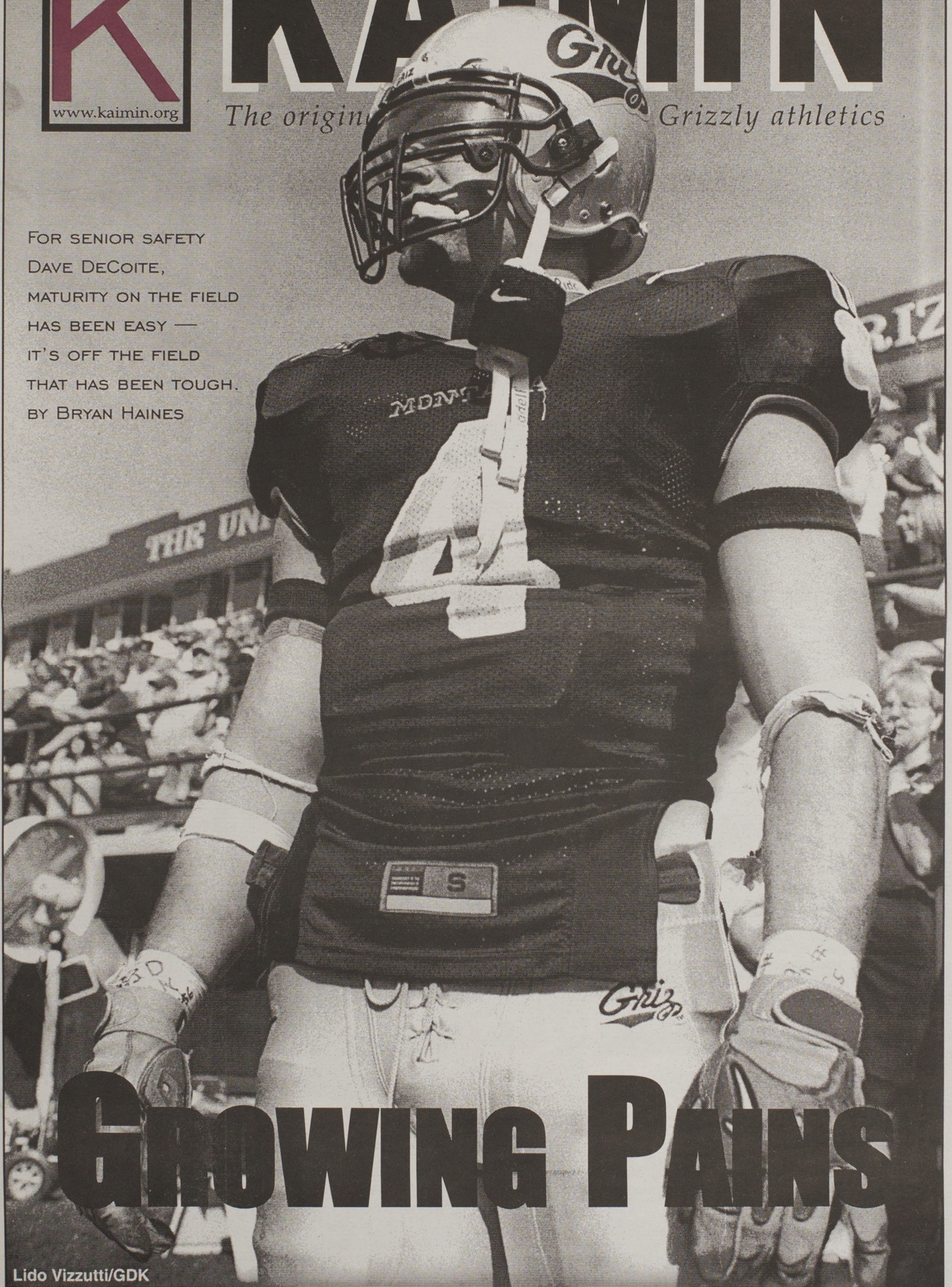
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GameDay KAIMIN

The origin Grizzly athletics

FOR SENIOR SAFETY
DAVE DeCOITE,
MATURITY ON THE FIELD
HAS BEEN EASY —
IT'S OFF THE FIELD
THAT HAS BEEN TOUGH.
BY BRYAN HAINES



Lido Vizzutti/GDK

MONTANA VS. Idaho State

The 'Missile'

STORY BY BRYAN HAINES PHOTOS BY LIDO VIZZUTTI

"IT WAS THE WORST PAIN I HAD EVER FELT; IT FELT LIKE I GOT SHOT. I THOUGHT I HAD BROKEN MY RIBS AND PUNCTURED A LUNG." — DAVE DECOITE

A 10-year-old boy stands in his back yard, peering over a set of shoulder pads that are five sizes too big, almost ready to slip off the boy's narrow shoulders and onto the ground. The pads are from his father's playing days in college, battered from years of abuse.

On top of the little boy's head rests a helmet that looks like someone carved out a pumpkin and placed it on top of the shoulder pads.

The boy appears ready to go trick-or-treating instead of playing football, but as he stares across the yard at his older brother, he can't wait to start running through the grass after him.

The boy is Dave DeCoite.

"The helmets were old school, with no pads in them basically," Dave said. "We would just go off on each other, it was pretty cool."

The kid from Truckee, Calif., has come a long way from those one-on-one, tackle football games with his brother.

Dave has filled out those shoulder pads and now starts at strong safety for the Griz, trying to make fans forget about do-everything superstar Vince Huntsberger.

While it didn't take long for Dave to physically mature into a set of shoulder pads, the same cannot be said about his maturity off the field.

A poaching violation last September and a lack of effort in the classroom nearly pushed Dave off the team. But after nearly flunking out last fall and then having surgery this spring for a ruptured spleen, the hard-hitting safety known as "the Missile" has started coming of age, both on and off the field this season.

"He's going to school and there are no off-the-field problems," Defensive coordinator Mike Breske said. "He really has made a transition from his freshman and sophomore year to now."

Dave signed with the Grizzlies in the fall of 1998, after his older brother Dan made the decision to transfer to UM from Brigham Young University. Ever since their tackle football days in their back yard, Dave has looked up to Dan and said he couldn't miss the opportunity to play alongside his brother and best friend.

"I got his back and he's got mine," Dave said. "We take care of each other."

It was also on his recruiting trip to Missoula that Dave was nick-named "the Missile" by running backs coach Harvey Patton. As Dave was walking through the airport, the first thing that Patton said to him was "hey Missile, how's it going?"

It was the first time Dave had been called that, and the moniker has stuck.

The Missile exploded on the scene as a true freshman, getting 23 tackles and starting in five games and was named Grizzly freshman of the year. Dave appeared ready for another strong sophomore season, but before he could lift off, he made a mistake that still haunts him.

It was early September, and Dave and his roommate had too many beers one night. The two climbed into Dave's pickup and went out looking for deer.

"I was drunk," Dave said. "I wouldn't go do it sober. I spent my whole scholarship and my cousin wasn't working so we were like 'let's go fill the freezer.'"

Dave and his roommate were caught poaching deer, and Dave was fined \$2,000. He was in uniform the next weekend against Western Washington and was not suspended for any games. Instead of missing games, his punishment was the fine and the overall public embarrassment he had to go through.

"I felt really small and stupid," Dave said. "Coach Glenn is a father figure to me and it was like I was letting down my father."

"I am not pissed about getting caught, I know I was wrong. But what makes me mad is how many people come up to me after games and say 'we did it and didn't get caught.'"

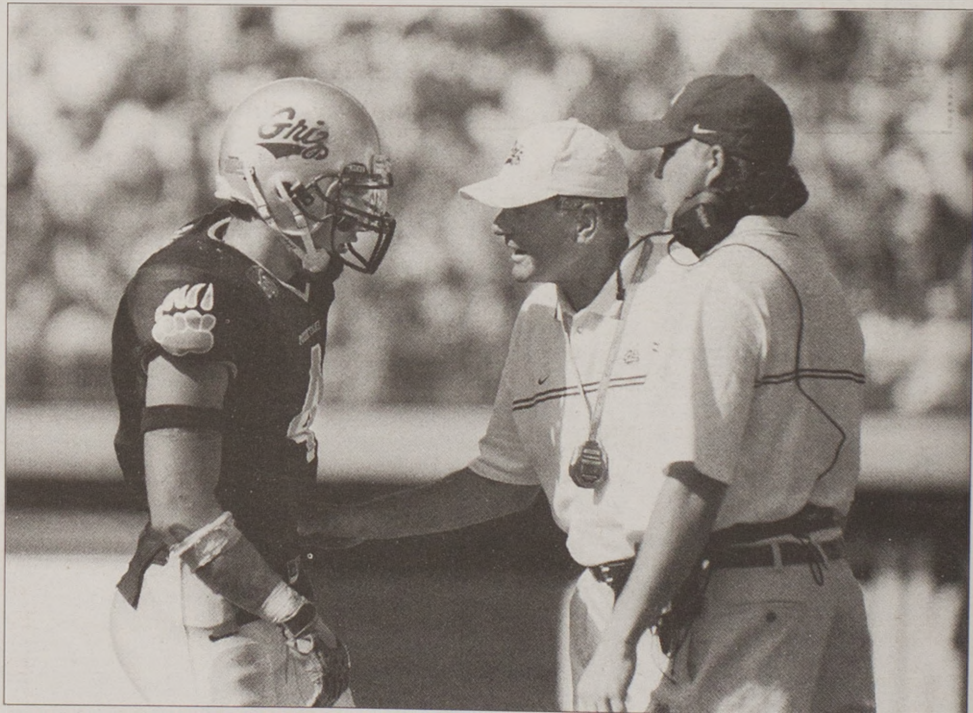
While Dave wasn't having many problems on the field last season (he made 63 tackles and had an interception in the national championship game against Furman) he was having other problems off the field.

In fact, as he admits now, Dave really wasn't going to class much. He simply didn't want to go. He struggled with being on his own, making his own decisions and doing what was right.

Class after class, Dave was absent. And his lack of personal motivation nearly cost him the one thing he truly loves — football.



DeCoite zeroes in for a tackle against Northern Colorado last Saturday.



DeCoite talks to head coach Joe Glenn between plays at Washington-Grizzly stadium last Saturday against Northern Colorado.

To be eligible to play in sports in the Big Sky Conference, an athlete who has completed three semesters of school must maintain a grade point average of 1.8. Dave passed, but by just .1 of a grade point average, making him eligible for spring football.

That scare seemed to straighten him out. He started going to classes spring semester, because after his sophomore year he needed to have at least a 2.0 GPA to be able to play.

He was also showing more leadership on the field during spring drills, which was important because replacing Vince Huntsberger took more than just making tackles.

But just as Dave was starting to get his life in order off the field, he was seriously hurt for the first time on the field.

During spring drills, Dave got to practice late because he was in class, and he threw on his pads, did some quick stretches and jumped into drills.

They were doing one-on-one drills, and he went up in the air to pick a pass intended for Tate Hancock. The two collided and Dave landed awkwardly, driving his elbow into his stomach.

Instantly, he knew something was seriously wrong.

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ISU to give Griz a hearty Homecoming

Myers Reece
GameDay Kaimin

It's Homecoming and the Griz are set to take on Idaho State for their first conference game of the year. Idaho State may prove to be the first real test for the Griz' stingy defense.

"Idaho State has a great offense," Griz defensive coordinator Mike Breske said. "It will be a challenge for our defense to slow them down."

Breske's defense, which has only allowed seven points per game, should be up to the challenge, according to head coach Joe Glenn. Glenn feels confident that the Griz can tame the potent ISU offense.

"I don't see the game being a shootout," Glenn said. "Our defense is too good to let that happen, and they have a pretty good defense too. We just can't give them good field position to start their drives and we'll be all right."

In last year's meeting between the two teams, Montana barely escaped with a victory. ISU was up 28-18 entering the fourth quarter, but a 53-yard interception return for a touchdown by Calvin Coleman sparked a late rally, resulting in a

32-28 win for the Griz. The Griz hope to get the lead early this weekend, and not be forced to come from behind.

Glenn and Breske both agree that the Homecoming hype is good for the teams intensity, and believe that the team will be more than ready once the first whistle is blown on Saturday.

"(Homecoming) should be a great atmosphere to open conference play," Breske said.

Glenn added that the

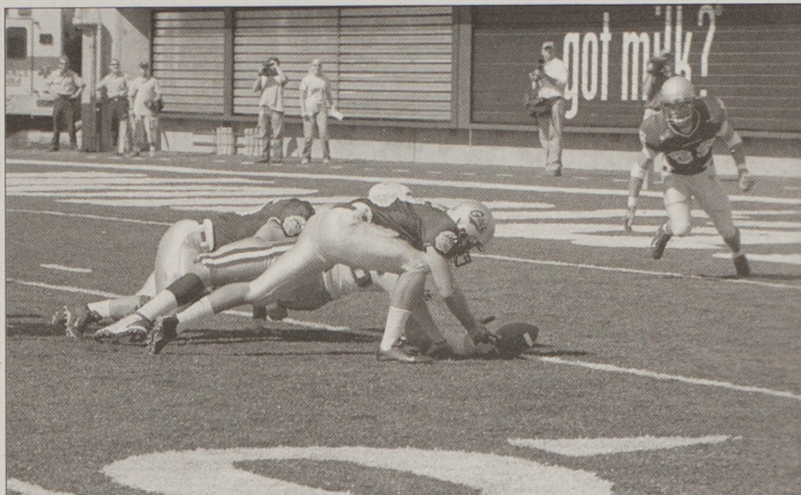
Homecoming events have definitely helped his team, and have not been dis-

Game Notes

tracting at all.

Many people have been talking about the weather as a possible game-changing variable. However, the spontaneous weather of the past week does not worry Glenn. Whether its rain, snow, or shine, the Griz are just going to play their game.

"I always like to say that both teams play on the same field, so weather shouldn't be a factor," Glenn said. "And also, with our miracle field, the surface never gets slippery



Sophomore Tyler Peterson dives after a fumble that lead to the first touchdown of the game scored by senior Joel Rosenberg. The Griz went on to defeat the Bears 31-14 Saturday at the Washington-Grizzly Stadium.

or muddy."

Idaho State is hoping to stay above .500 after a heartbreaking loss to Utah State last week. Staying above .500, though, is not an easy task when the opponent is Montana. Montana has won the last seven meetings between the two teams, and the last 10 in Missoula.

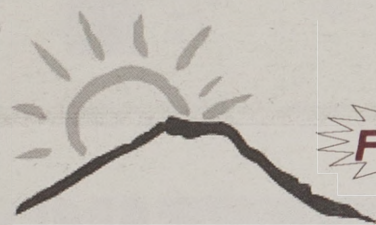
Quarterback John Edwards looks to continue his solid play and lead the Griz on offense. Edwards is cur-

rently third in passing yards in the Big Sky, averaging 222.3 yards per game. His 62.9 completion percentage is a close second to Eastern Washington's Josh Blankenship.

There is no better setting for the first Big Sky conference game of the year than Homecoming in the house of the defending national champions.

Glenn summed up what people can expect this weekend, "It's going to be a dogfight."

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Division I-AA Poll

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The top 25 teams in the Sports Network Division I-AA preseason football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Sept. 8, points and previous ranking:

1. Montana (115)	3-0	2,994	1
2. McNeese State (4)	3-0	2,785	3
3. Lehigh (1)	2-0	2,667	2
4. Maine	3-0	2,468	6
5. Appalachian State	1-1	2,462	5
6. Northern Iowa	1-1	2,442	4
7. Furman	1-1	2,218	7
8. Portland State	2-0	2,020	10
9. Georgia Southern	1-1	1,944	9
10. Northwestern State	3-0	1,810	3
11. Youngstown State	1-1	1,620	12
12. Hofstra	2-1	1,417	17
13. Eastern Illinois	0-2	1,321	8
14. Villanova	2-1	1,310	11
15. Florida A&M	2-1	1,249	19
16. Grambling State	2-1	960	20
17. William & Mary	1-2	908	18
18. Northeastern	2-0	829	22
19. Northern Arizona	2-1	748	—
20. Western Illinois	2-0	661	—
21. Eastern Kentucky	1-2	572	16
22. Richmond	1-1	524	23
23. Holy Cross	2-0	502	25
24. Bethune-Cookman	3-0	286	—
25. Alabama State	3-0	283	—

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Montana

2002 Record • 3-0, 0-0 Big Sky
2001 Record • 15-1 Overall, 7-0 Big Sky



Offense



Brian Pelc

Center

6-4, 285 senior from Helena, Mont.

This behemoth senior center from Montana's capital has been anchoring the line for your Griz for the past three seasons. He's still recovering from a hamstring injury, but officials (including GDK) say that Pelc's tough enough to start regardless of his "questionable" status this week against the Bengals.

Defense



Andy Thompson

Outside Linebacker

6-3, 215 junior from Walla Walla, Wash.

"A" had a solid year as a sophomore, his first as a starting member of the Griz defense. During the 2001 campaign, he tallied 28 tackles, including four for losses, and had three sacks. Look for this train to continue rolling in the 2002 season.

NUMERICAL ROSTER

PROBABLE STARTERS IN BOLD

1	Levander Segars	SO	CB	5'9"	170 lbs	Colorado Springs, CO
2	Jon Talmage	FR	WR	6'4"	195 lbs	Anaheim, CA
3	Trey Young	SR	FS	6'0"	200 lbs	San Diego, CA
4	Dave DeCoite	JR	SS	6'1"	190 lbs	Truckee, CA
5	John Edwards	SR	QB	6'1"	200 lbs	Billings, MT
6	Andy Thompson	JR	OLB	6'3"	215 lbs	Walla Walla, WA
7	Bret Staninger	SR	QB	6'3"	205 lbs	Missoula, MT
8	Jefferson Heidelberger	SO	WR	5'10"	175 lbs	Nevada City, CA
9	Kendall Selle	FR	QB	6'2"	205 lbs	Billings, MT
10	David Gober	FR	RB	5'9"	190 lbs	Anaheim, CA
11	Vernon Smith	JR	CB	6'1"	175 lbs	San Diego, CA
12	Brent Meyers	JR	FS	6'0"	190 lbs	Missoula, MT
13	Jeff Disney	JR	QB	6'1"	198 lbs	Glendora, CA
14	Matt Stern	FR	QB	6'4"	230 lbs	Coeur d'Alene, ID
16	Brandon Neill	SR	QB	6'3"	215 lbs	Great Falls, MT
18	Jelani Gamba	FR	FS/WR	6'3"	180 lbs	Cypress, CA
19	Joshua Johnson	FR	CB	6'2"	170 lbs	Jasper, FL
20	J.R. Waller	FR	RB	5'9"	197 lbs	Portland, OR
21	Dustin Dlouhy	FR	LB	6'2"	217 lbs	Idaho Falls, ID
23	Kevin Edwards	FR	SS	6'2"	185 lbs	Spokane, WA
24	Andy Koyama	SO	CB	5'8"	180 lbs	Hardin, MT
25	Kyle Scholle	SO	FS	6'0"	195 lbs	Parker, CO
26	Randyn Akiona	SR	CB	6'0"	180 lbs	Waipahu, HI
27	Johnnie Peeples	SR	CB	5'10"	180 lbs	Ft. Pierce, FL
28	Tyler Peterson	SO	WR	5'10"	170 lbs	Helena, MT
29	Chris Snyder	JR	PK	6'0"	204 lbs	Meade, WA
30	Tate Hancock	SO	WR	5'10"	170 lbs	Salina, KS
31	Tyler Thomas	FR	S	6'0"	190 lbs	Dillon, MT
32	Michael Rubie	FR	CB	5'10"	180 lbs	Cerritos, CA
33	Joel Rosenberg	SR	DB	5'10"	185 lbs	Whitefish, MT
34	Brad Weston	JR	TE	6'1"	225 lbs	Hamilton, MT
35	Turill Engelman	FR	RB	5'10"	190 lbs	Huntington Beach, CA
36	Ryan Keltz	FR	FS	5'10"	175 lbs	Missoula, MT
37	Ciche Pitcher	JR	DE	6'4"	230 lbs	Anaconda, MT
38	Pete Hamill	SO	RB	5'11"	190 lbs	Coeur d'Alene, ID
39	Mike Mahoney	JR	SS	5'10"	170 lbs	Deer Lodge, MT
40	Ike Mincy	SR	DE	6'2"	230 lbs	Wewahatchka, FL
41	Shane Harris	JR	S	5'10"	180 lbs	Irvine, CA
42	Blake Horgan	SO	DL	6'3"	275 lbs	Spokane, WA
44	Seamus Molloy	FR	OLB	6'2"	185 lbs	Helena, MT
45	Colt Palmer	SO	TE	6'1"	230 lbs	Omaha, NE
47	Shane MacIntyre	FR	LB	6'3"	222 lbs	Helena, MT
48	Ben Winn	FR	TE	6'4"	225 lbs	Darby, MT
50	Adam Hoge	SO	ILB	5'11"	220 lbs	Bozeman, MT
51	Kyler Noel	FR	LB	6'1"	215 lbs	Helena, MT
52	Nick Vella	SO	LB	6'2"	204 lbs	Castro Valley, CA
53	Joel Robinson	JR	LB	5'11"	230 lbs	Kalispell, MT
54	Chris Connors	JR	DE	6'2"	232 lbs	Butte, MT
55	Jonny Varona	SO	NT	6'3"	280 lbs	Medical Lake, WA
56	Chris Tautolo	FR	LB	6'0"	210 lbs	Carson, CA
61	Brian White	FR	OC	6'1"	270 lbs	Tacoma, WA
62	Derek Decker	JR	OG	6'5"	289 lbs	Ballantine, MT
63	Ryan Wells	FR	OL	6'4"	249 lbs	Hamilton, MT
64	Dylan Brown	FR	OG	6'4"	296 lbs	Kinsey, MT
65	Garth Enger	SO	OC	6'4"	280 lbs	Bothell, WA
66	Brian Pelc	SR	OC	6'4"	285 lbs	Helena, MT
67	Jake Pipinich	FR	OG	6'5"	285 lbs	Bozeman, MT
68	Jason Frink	FR	OG	6'4"	260 lbs	Post Falls, ID
70	Lucas Langbehn	FR	K	6'0"	200 lbs	Deer Park, WA
72	Dylan MacFarland	JR	OT	6'6"	295 lbs	Kalispell, MT
73	Jeff Marshall	FR	OL	6'5"	230 lbs	Newport Beach, CA
74	Beau Hart	SO	OL	6'6"	255 lbs	Lake Oswego, OR
75	Cory Procter	SO	OG	6'5"	290 lbs	Gig Harbor, WA
76	Brad Rhoades	FR	OT	6'5"	255 lbs	Bellingham, WA
77	Jon Skinner	JR	OT	6'7"	315 lbs	Dillon, MT
81	Rory Zikmund	SR	WR/KOR	5'10"	192 lbs	Harlowton, MT
82	Mark Spencer	SR	P	6'5"	200 lbs	Fallbrook, CA
83	Dane Oliver	JR	WR	5'8"	155 lbs	Monmouth, OR
84	Conor Molloy	SO	TE	6'5"	245 lbs	Helena, MT
86	LaShawn George	FR	WR	6'1"	193 lbs	Anaheim, CA
87	Nathan Adkins	FR	WR	5'8"	170 lbs	Cerritos, CA
88	Quinn Faino	FR	WR	6'2"	175 lbs	Portland, OR
89	Ja'Ton Simpson	FR	TE	6'5"	230 lbs	Bellflower, CA
90	Curt Colter	SR	DT	6'2"	295 lbs	Hysham, MT
91	Tim Bush	JR	DE	6'3"	240 lbs	Kellogg, ID
92	Michael Potts	FR	DE	6'4"	215 lbs	Missoula, MT
93	Chris Orwig	FR	DT	6'5"	255 lbs	Shawnee Mission, KS
94	Steve O'Neal	FR	DT	6'4"	240 lbs	Laurel, MT
95	John Cahill	SO	DT	6'2"	280 lbs	Billings, MT
96	Lance Spencer	FR	DE	6'2"	235 lbs	Malta, MT
97	Herbert Fernandez	SR	DE	6'4"	225 lbs	San Diego, CA
98	Kerry Mullan	FR	DL	6'3"	290 lbs	Stevensville, MT
99	Alan Saenz	FR	NT	6'1"	285 lbs	Newport Beach, CA

GRIZ OFFENSE VS



Weston 34

Brad is Mr. Everything for the Griz, contributing as a TE on offense and on several special teams positions as well. The Bengals better watch out, because Mr. Weston will be all over the field come game time.

Jon Talmage 2 **WR**

Rory Zikmund 81 **WR**

Dylan MacFarland 72 **T**

Cory Procter 75 **G**

David Gober 10 **RB**

John Edwards 5 **QB**

Brian Pelc 66 **C**

Derek Decker 62 **G**

Jon Skinner 77 **T**

Conor Molloy 84 **TE**

Dane Oliver 83 **WR**

GRIZ DEFENSE VS

Johnnie Peeples 27 **CB**

Dave DeCoite 4 **SS**

Adam Hoge 50 **LB**

Ciche Pitcher 37 **DE**

John Cahill 95 **DT**

Joel Robinson 53 **LB**

Trey Young 3 **FS**

Andy Thompson 6 **LB**

Blake Horgan 42 **NT**

Tim Bush 91 **DE**

Vernon Smith 11 **CB**



Peeples 27

Mr. Peeples is returning to the Griz as a starting cornerback where last year he led the team with three interceptions. All we can say is that here at GDK, we expect Johnnie to pick off ISU QB Doug Baughman on more than one occasion.

s. ISU Defense

CB

Ernie James
27

DE

Jared Allen
41

LB

Audie Attar
2

DT

Eric Boose
99

FS

Na'Jai Rankin
11

DT

Mark Weivoda
44

LB

Bart Brooks
43

SS

Quinton Freeman
8

DE

Mike Rose
82

LB

Josh Whitworth
37

CB

Emery Beckles
7

Brooks

43

This senior from Morgan, Utah, has had 14 tackles in each of the last two games, leading ISU in both contests. At 205 lbs, Mr. Brooks is going to have a hard time getting past the likes of 315-pound, Jon Skinner.

s. ISU Offense

WR

Shack Okoebor
9

TE

Edwin Thompson
86

T

Steve Burch
77

G

Robert Poleki
55

C

Corey Brown
78

QB

Doug Baughman
5

RB

Isaac Mitchell
28

G

David Garrett
61

T

Jamar Ipki
73

WR

Sale' Key
6

WR

Eugene Mirador
24

Mitchell

28

Mr. Mitchell proved himself to be the answer to the running game question that plagued ISU much of last year. In the last game against Utah State, Mitchell gained 126 yards to go along with three touchdowns. How will he fare against the top-rated Griz?

Idaho State

2002 Record • 1-1 Overall, 0-0 Big Sky
2001 Record • 4-7 Overall, 1-6 Big Sky



Offense



Brett Fowler

Wide Receiver
6-2, 220 junior from Pocatello, Idaho

Last week against Utah State, Mr. Fowler had a career night nabbing eight passes for 146 yards, including a 50-yard touch-down pass from quarterback Doug Baughman. With his stellar night, the junior from Pocatello, took over the team lead in receiving yardage and catches. Against the tough Griz corners, we here at GDK doubt he will perform as well as he did.

Defense



Na'Jai Rankin

Free Safety
6-1, 200 junior from Compton, Calif.

Mr. Rankin had another stellar game last week, as he recorded three tackles and picked off the opposing quarterback and returned it for a 16-yard gain. He has made a career out of watching the quarterback telegraph his passes, but we doubt that Jon Edwards will be that obvious in his pass selections.

NUMERICAL ROSTER

PROBABLE STARTERS IN BOLD

1	Mo Caraway	SR	DB	5'11"	210 lbs	Corona, CA
2	Audie Attar	SR	LB	6'0"	215 lbs	Claremont, CA
3	Darrell Byrd	FR	QB	6'1"	190 lbs	San Bernardino, CA
4	Jerrone Garrett	FR	RB	5'11"	175 lbs	Fresno, CA
4	Caleb Eastman	SO	QB	6'3"	210 lbs	Bothell, WA
5	Doug Baughman	SR	QB	6'4"	215 lbs	Garden Grove, CA
6	Sale' Key	SO	WR	6'5"	208 lbs	Citrus Heights, CA
7	Emery Beckles	JR	DB	5'9"	165 lbs	Compton, CA
8	Quinton Freeman	FR	DB	6'1"	205 lbs	Moreno Valley, CA
9	Shedrack Okoebor	FR	WR	6'0"	190 lbs	Colton, CA
10	Jermain Anderson	JR	WR	6'1"	190 lbs	Roseville, CA
11	Na'Jai Rankin	JR	DB	6'1"	200 lbs	Compton, CA
12	Jeremy Hershey	JR	PK	6'0"	190 lbs	San Bernardino, CA
13	Eddie Johnson	SR	P	6'4"	225 lbs	Costa Mesa, CA
14	Brett Fowler	JR	WR	6'2"	200 lbs	Pocatello, ID
15	Ryan Stone	FR	QB	6'3"	190 lbs	Claremont, CA
16	Tony Crawford	JR	DB	5'10"	185 lbs	Moore, ID
17	Jeff Davenport	SO	WR	5'11"	170 lbs	Pocatello, ID
18	Akilah Lacey	FR	WR	6'3"	195 lbs	Westminster, CA
19	Hunter Rodriguez	FR	QB	6'1"	185 lbs	Butte, MT
20	Lee Long	JR	DB	5'11"	180 lbs	Miami, AZ
21	Exnor Cox	FR	RB	6'1"	210 lbs	San Bernardino, CA
22	Chaz Brewer	FR	DB	6'2"	175 lbs	Chino Hills, CA
24	Eugene Mirador	SR	WR	5'6"	175 lbs	Milpitas, CA
25	Tom Sanford	JR	P/LB	6'3"	210 lbs	Mackay, ID
26	Dana May	JR	DB	6'0"	192 lbs	Rockland, ID
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32	Rory Carrington	FR	RB	5'11"	200 lbs	Long Beach, CA
34	Grant Rondeau	SO	LB	5'10"	205 lbs	Kent, WA
35	Mike Jones	SR	RB	6'0"	205 lbs	Laguna Hills, CA
36	Kris Krosch	FR	LB	6'2"	210 lbs	Mackay, ID
37	Josh Whitworth	JR	LB	5'11"	200 lbs	Mackay, ID
38	Nick Thomas	FR	DB	5'10"	170 lbs	Teton, ID
39	Atelea Raass	JR	LB	6'0"	212 lbs	Nampa, ID
40	Anthony Henderson	FR	LB	6'2"	210 lbs	Tucson, AZ
41	Jared Allen	JR	DL	6'6"	275 lbs	Los Gatos, CA
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45	Adam Goddard	SO	DB	6'2"	195 lbs	Pocatello, ID
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96	Clifton Buckway	FR	DL	6'3"	250 lbs	Ogden, UT
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99	Eric Boose	SR	DL	6'2"	275 lbs	Tacoma, WA

Alumni spotlight:

SPECIAL HOMECOMING FEATURE:

"JELLY BEAN GUY" DOLES OUT BEANS FOR HOMECOMING

Kristen Inbody
GameDay Kaimin

Known as the Jelly Bean Guy, Philip Doty is a UM alumnus known for his belly flops.

No, he's not a bad swimmer.

Every Homecoming, Doty brings crates of Jelly Belly rejects, known as belly flops, to his alma mater.

This year, he brought from his home in Fairfield, Calif., about 90,000 jelly beans in 10 crates.

Every member of the volleyball team and all 26 members of the soccer team, plus trainers and coaches get a bag.

So does the staff of the UM Alumni Association, Public Relations and the Missoula Downtown Association.

The music department gets a case, and so does the Montana Kaimin.

The football team does not.

"There's just too many of them," Doty said.

Doty is a new fan of the UM soccer program. A few years ago, he heard UM head soccer coach Betsy Duerksen speak at a Missoula Kiwanis meeting.

"Something said, 'I'd like to see what they do,'" Doty said. "So, I went to a practice."

From that point on, he was hooked on Montana soccer.

Soccer player Courtney Blakely said, "He's pretty much our No. 1 fan ... He always tells us no matter how our season's going, he thinks we're great."

"The jelly beans are a nice gesture," Blakely said. "It's nice to be recognized. Every bit of support is very appreciated."

Blakely, whose favorite bean flavor is pear, is saving her bag of jelly beans for a special occasion, "like when I'm really hungry."

Doty told the team he would be at the games in California next week, Blakely said.

Doty gave the soccer team a motivational speech at practice Tuesday, Duerksen said.

"The women on the team like him as a person and appreciate the long-term support," she said. "It makes us feel good to have someone interested not only in us doing well as a team, but who genuinely cares about the group as people."

"He's a really great guy," Duerksen said. "He's just a sweet man."

Rita Munzenrider, director of University Relations, is a newer addition to the list of

jelly bean recipients. She's been on the list two years.

"He's the nicest guy. Nobody else brings us candy, so it's a real treat," Munzenrider said. "I really look forward to seeing him."

The business of Homecoming week makes the University Relations office a little "wild" this time of year. Doty's beans help the staff survive the week, Munzenrider said.

"He gets us through Homecoming week," she said.

"The alumni department apparently rations theirs, but we've been eating them by the handfuls."

Though her favorite flavor is coconut, Munzenrider hones in on the siamese twin belly flops — clumps of jelly beans bonded together.

Doty said passing out the beans is a fun way to get to know people and to maintain connections.

Why jelly beans?

"Jelly beans travel well," he said. "Hershey kisses melt."

Chocolate is his favorite flavor (anything chocolate except chocolate-covered ants) but Doty said he doesn't eat many jelly beans.

Doty, 65, graduated UM with the class of 1964 as a history major and English minor. In 1974, he received his master's in education administration.

He spent 20 years at the Suisun School District in Fairfield, Calif., and in 1986 went to work at the U.S. Mint, where he still works.

Though his love of soccer comes lately, Doty has always loved music. His father, Gerald Doty, 92, was on the music school faculty from 1958 to 1974.

In college, Doty played in the marching band and pep bands for football and basketball, and also in concert bands.

Doty, who plays the bass drum, was one of the first members of the 14-year-old alumni band, he said.

"I can still carry it," Doty said. "It amazes me every time."



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UM alumnus Phillip Doty has been coming to Missoula for Homecoming for years and each year, he brings jelly beans to happy recipients at the University.

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Homecoming update: Fall sports shine on



The men's cross country team practices for an upcoming meet at Blue Mountain Recreational Area on Monday.

Brittany Hageman
Montana Kaimin

Fall sports at UM are in full force, and GDK isn't just talking about the maroon and silver machine that is Grizzly football.

There are many talented athletes on campus who don't suit up for Joe Glenn and although members of these sports don't draw crowds of 19,000, they can put on just as good a show as the football team. Here's what's been going on in Grizzly athletics off the gridiron.

Volleyball

There's something to be said about a woman who can drill a volleyball six inches into the ground.

If you had a chance to watch the Grizzly netters at home two weeks ago at the Ruby's Montana Invitational, you know what we mean.

With only two players on the team less than 6 feet tall, the Griz volleyball team exudes sheer intimidation on the court.

But it hasn't always been like that.

Last year, the team hardly had enough players to fill out a roster after a third of them were sidelined with injuries.

"They were frustrated; I was frustrated last season," head coach Nikki Best said of the beginning of last year's season. "They'd come to the huddle with their hands on their hips and their heads down, but so far this year, it's been different."

After finishing near the bottom of the barrel last season, the team has already redeemed itself. The Griz have already won more games in three weeks than they did last season.

Their 6-4 record doesn't reveal that the team has gone knuckle-to-knuckle with nationally ranked teams like North Carolina and Northwestern.

With a roster supported by Grizzly veterans and splashed with some newcomers, Best said her team couldn't be off to a better start.

"The girls have so much more confidence in their faces this year," Best said. "They've just got it together, and our opponents know now that we come to win."

After coming off a three-way tie for first place in the tournament last weekend, the Griz have the next two weeks off to prepare for their first conference match.

Come check out the Griz at home on the weekend of Sept. 27 when they take on Eastern Washington and Portland State at 7:30 p.m.

Soccer

Coming off a disappointing 8-8-0 record last year, things continue to look somewhat bleak for the Grizzly soccer squad.

The volleyball team must have passed on the injury bug to the soccer team this year because almost a third of Betsy Duerksen's squad has been on the injured list this season.

This early in the season, it's difficult to find continuity in the offense when the lineup is constantly changing, but the Griz are doing the best with what they've got.

After two losses, the Griz got their first conference win against UC-Irvine last week.

And after splitting games with University of Nevada Las Vegas and San Diego State last weekend, it looks like the Griz may have found their feet.

But the team is still lacking in depth.

"Especially when playing long games in the heat, it would be nice to have a strong second string to relieve tired players," Duerksen told GameDay Kaimin. "But the team hasn't had the luxury with everyone playing tons of minutes."

That is one reason why the reinstatement of junior midfielder Nikki Bolstad is music to Duerksen's ears.

Bolstad was cleared to play this Saturday when the Griz take on Boise State at 5 p.m. at UM's South Campus Stadium.

You can catch the team in action again, Sept. 22 at home against Utah at 1 p.m.

Cross Country

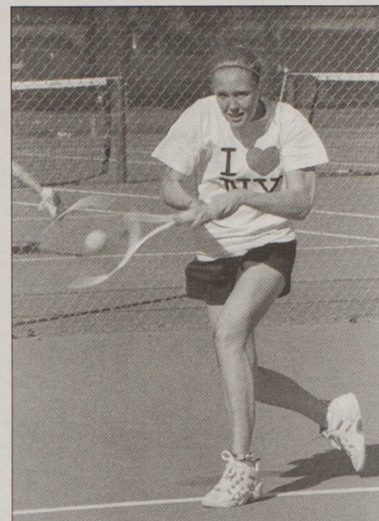
The Grizzly cross country team sees its first action of the season this weekend at an invitational hosted by Bozeman. Eight teams will battle it out on the Bozeman Bridger Creek Golf Course as UM tries to scalp dual points from MSU.

At the invitational, the men's 5-mile run begins at 9 a.m. with the women's 3-mile trek beginning at 9:40 a.m.

Head cross country coach Tom Raunig said the team is eager to get some competition under its belts after three weeks of grueling, hot practices.

"Were a little late getting started this year and we've got a talented group of athletes, especially freshmen," Raunig said.

The UM men has two-time, all-American selection Scott McGowan returning to the lineup. McGowan will be supported by Big Sky champion Antony Ford and senior Dickie Bishop.



Freshman Jonna Schwartz hits a backhand at the first practice on campus.

The UM women, who were ranked third in the Big Sky preseason poll, are paced by Big Sky 10k champ Julie Ham.

You can catch these harriers at home at the University Golf Course on Oct. 5.

Tennis

The women on the UM tennis team have yet to compete this season, and the men only have one game on the books.

Head tennis coach Kris Nord said he is still a little in the dark about what to expect from his team this weekend as the men travel to Idaho and the woman to Pullman, Wash.

"You can't say much this early in the season," Nord said, "but I do know one thing — we've got competitors that work hard in practice that makes them a pleasure to coach."

Nord said the team's strength lies in depth.

This year's veteran squad has blended well with the newcomers, Nord said, and he encourages spectators to come cheer on the teams on Oct. 10-13 when the Griz play at home.

Golf

After signing prep recruits Jasi Acharya, Mary Hasselberg and Jill Walker, UM golf team has the fresh blood they need to make a statement at the team's opener, Sept. 22 at the Montana State Invitational.

And the new recruits will have the template role model in Katie Jacobson, last year's Big Sky golf champion.

Unfortunately for all you golf fans, the Griz do not have any home tournaments scheduled for the fall season, but you can follow the team online at www.montana-grizzlies.com



Senior Courtney Blakely passes a ball during practice Wednesday afternoon at the Dornblaser Field.

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Senior Jenna Redfern tees off during a recent practice at the Missoula Country Club Golf Course.

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"IT MAY HAVE TAKEN A LITTLE WHILE, BUT I FEEL I HAVE STARTED TO MATURE."
—DAVE DECOITE



"It was the worst pain I had ever felt; it felt like I got shot," Dave said. "I thought I had broken my ribs and punctured a lung."

Trainers also thought that he had broken his ribs, and they sent Dave home with some painkillers and told him to rest. But he couldn't rest, and after the pain killers wore off, he went to the Curry Health Center to get some more. Once again, the painkillers only briefly stopped the pain, and doctors conducted an MRI two days after the initial injury.

Dave had internal bleeding, and doctors decided that they had to remove Dave's spleen.

Spring football was over for Dave, but the road to recovery was just beginning for him. He lost close to 20 pounds, and for the first few weeks afterward, he could hardly stand straight or walk.

While Dave couldn't compete on the field during the spring, he was making sure that he was taking care of business in the classroom. Dave had close to a 2.6 GPA last semester, moving his cumulative GPA above the

2.0 requirement he needed to be eligible to play.

It also helped that every day when Dave looked in the mirror, he was looking at a deep red, four-inch scar that goes straight up above his belly button.

"When my spleen was removed, doctors told me that I would have to start taking it a little easy and being smarter," Dave said. "It made me realize that I had to be smarter in everything, including going to class."

When Dave reported for fall drills this August, it took

him a few days to get back to feeling comfortable on the football field.

"For the first couple of practices I wasn't hitting as hard as I normally do because I didn't know how my body would react," Dave said. "I had to get comfortable out there again."

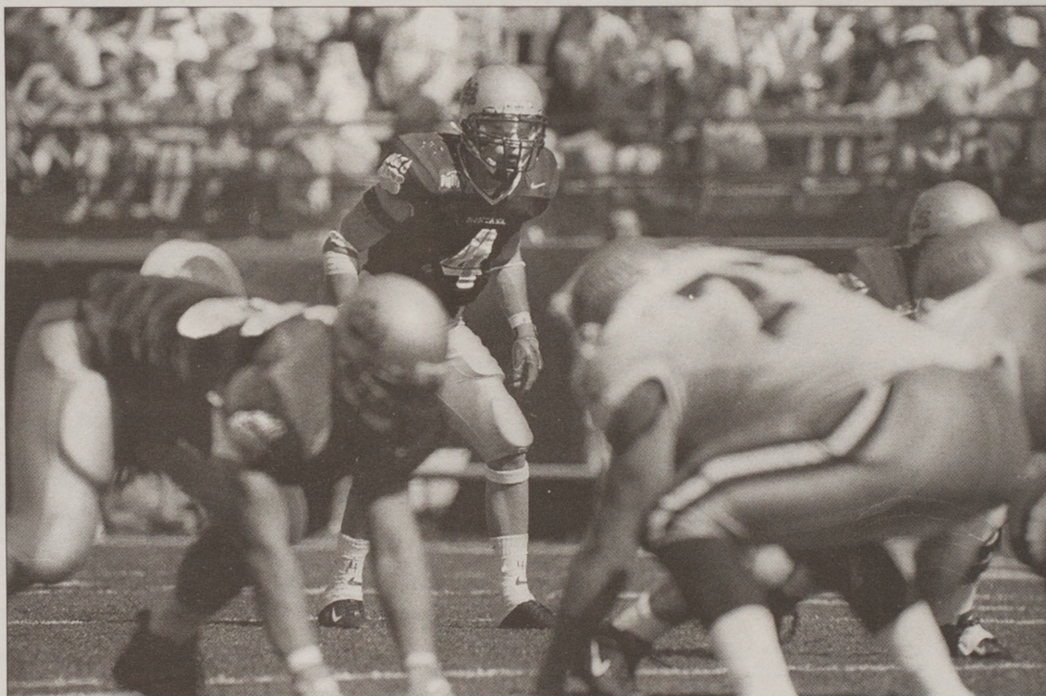
It didn't take long for Dave to start laying his trademark hits on people and the junior has made an impact on field.

His toughness at safety has helped carry the Griz to a perfect 3-0 record to start the season.

But what Dave is most proud of isn't what he has done on the field this season, rather it is what he has done off of it.

"I haven't missed one class so far this semester," Dave said. "It may have taken a little while, but I feel I have started to mature."

That little boy who started playing football in his back yard has finally grown up.



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