The sound of silence

All Trey Young ever wanted to do was blend in. But, his talents had another plan for the senior safety.

MONTANA VS. Southern Utah
It is 7 p.m. on a Thursday night, and Trey Young is nervous. His concern isn’t on Saturday’s upcoming game at Weber State — the Grizzlies routed the Wildcats 39-7, and Young was everywhere on the field that night, recording six tackles, recovering a fumble, intercepting a pass and sacking the quarterback.

Young is restless on this autumn evening because for this interview, he is being forced to talk about himself, something he isn’t good at and really doesn’t like to do.

His answers are in short phrases, as he wipes his sweaty palms on his jeans. He’s slumped deep into an old brown couch, swatting at a fly that is buzzing around him, annoying him as much as this interview.

But as the interview moves to Young’s teammates, his family in San Diego and about simply playing the game of football, his own emotions start flowing as well as he flows on a football field. He moves to the edge of the couch, his eyes light up, his voice picks up and he is all smiles.

This is the Trey Young everyone watches in Washington-Grizzly Stadium on Saturday afternoons, although it takes this reporter a while to unsurface it.

It doesn’t matter to Young that he is the premier defender in the Big Sky Conference (or the country for that matter) and that he has the talents to be playing this game on Sundays next fall. He would rather just go out and play, blending in with his teammates instead of standing out.

Unfortunately for Young, he is just too talented to simply blend in.

"He is so good at so many things — blitzing, covering, tackling," said Grizzly head coach Joe Glenn. "All the qualities you need, he has. He really is special."

All those qualities were nurtured in the sweltering sun of San Diego, Calif., where Young grew up, without the help of much water.

It is a safe assumption that if a person grows up next to a beach, then they probably will be an avid swimmer. Swimming and the ocean goes together like peanut butter and jelly — one just naturally goes with the other.

Not with Young though.

"I don't like going in the ocean unless I have too," Young said. "Sitting on the beach is what I do. I'm not too fond of getting in the water and getting my hair all messed up."

Young’s absence from the ocean allowed him to spend time playing every sport he could sign up for as a kid — basketball, soccer, baseball — name a sport and the active Young had a uniform on and a team to play with.

Young got his first taste of football as a seven-year-old, when he brought home a flyer advertising sign-ups for Pop Warner football. His father took him down to the park, and after that afternoon, he was addicted.

Young excelled in the Pop Warner leagues and then in high school, playing against current NFL players Lamont Brightful of the Baltimore Ravens and Michael Wiley of the Dallas Cowboys.

Young’s senior year of high school ended in heartbreak though, with his high school losing in the second round of the playoffs.

"It didn't set in at first, and in my mind, it felt like we won and should have won," Young said. "I told my self again that I would never feel like that again."

More disappointment followed Young right out of high school, as he sorted through the recruiting letters of colleges from across the country.

Montana wasn’t very high on Young’s list of schools when recruit-
Montana vs. Southern Utah

Myers Reece
GameDay Kaimn

The Griz are looking better than ever, which is exactly what their opponents don’t want to hear.

Montana is coming off a 29-7 road rout of Weber State. Before that, Weber State had been making many people eat their words by showing some strength on the defensive side of the ball. However, Montana easily picked apart the Wildcats, carrying a 26-0 lead into halftime and never looked back.

Led by safety Trey Young, the Griz defense is now third in the nation in rushing defense (57.3 yds/gm) and fourth in scoring defense (11.3 pts/gm).

Young won Big Sky Defensive Player of the Week, recording six solo tackles, an interception and a sack.

Coach Joe Glenn is happy with the team’s performance last week, particularly the defense.

“It’s good to be back home, but it is no different than every other game,” Glenn said. “We forced five turnovers and had none ourselves. It was an all-around good game.”

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The Griz are now in a dominant, seemingly unstoppable groove. This is highly unfortunate for this week’s opponent, Southern Utah.

The only Big Sky team to play Southern Utah this season is Eastern Washington. EWU easily defeated Southern Utah 49-14 on the road. EWU is a fairly solid team, but they are nowhere near the same realm as Montana.

Also, the Griz are back at home.

Glenn was quick to comment that he expects the Griz to come out with the same firepower as usual, not overlooking Southern Utah and playing under control in front of the Griz crowd.

“Chris Snyder is kicking very well right now,” Glenn said. “He’s helping us a lot.”

Snyder has been impressive lately, consistently kicking field goals of 40 yards and longer. He is tied for second in the nation with a 93.5 field goals per game average.

Southern Utah comes into the game with a 1-5 record, while Montana is 6-0. Expect Montana to make that 7-0 and tie the Big Sky record for consecutive victories.

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

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Offense
Chuck Henderson
Slotback
6-1, 200 Junior from Las Vegas, NV
Mr. Henderson is Mr. Everything for the Thunderbirds, starring multiple games at quarterback, slotback, and fullback last year. He is the leading returning passer, gaining 586 yards in 2001. Look for Mr. Henderson to raise some hell for the Griz defense, but we here at GDK expect the Griz to stop this soaring Thunderbird.

Defense
Tonga Mounga
Tongan Defense
6-4, 290 senior from Orem, UT
Mr. Mounga is the defensive stalwart for the Thunderbird defense. He is the leading returning tackler from the 2001 campaign where he tallied 44 tackles to go along with 3.5 sacks. Mr. Mounga was named a pre-season All-American candidate, but a little bird tells us we won’t be able to get past the massive Griz o-line.

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Ashby 22
In the final four games of the 2001 campaign, Mr. Ashby gained 250 yards on 17 carries. Mr. Ashby and the rest of the Thunderbird rushing attack will look to pile up the yards against the Griz defense. Yeah, right!

s. SUU Defense

Amundsen 51
During the 2001 season, Mr. Amundsen led SUU in tackles with 51 tackles. Against UM, Mr. Amundsen will seek to repeat this form. We hope he will face trouble in the three-headed monster of Griz, Warner, and Pavol.

s. SUU Offense

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No. 8 Maine Black Bears

Bryan O’Connor
GameDay Kaimin

The Black Bears of the University of Maine were rumbling through a banner season, until last weekend’s loss to the University of Massachusetts.

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The Black Bears’ offense is well balanced with first-place votes in parentheses, records through last weekend’s loss to the University of Pennsylvania.

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The offense is spearheaded by senior quarterback Jake Eaton. Eaton is 23-12 as a starter and is currently ranked third all-time in UMaine passing yards with 6,740. Eaton can run, as well, needing only 134 more yards on the ground this season to become the first Black Bear quarterback to break 1,000 career rushing yards.

“I think that’s one of the reasons we’ve been successful,” Cosgrove said. “Our quarterback is an excellent player.”

The Black Bears’ “Black Hole Defense” is ranked No.11 in I-AA, allowing only 10.5 points and 245.2 yards per game. They’ve chalked up three second-half shutouts already this season.

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A week last weekend against Weber State.

**Weber State**
- **Bottom line is that the Grits are very good; the Thunderbirds are not.**
- **Enough said.**
- **GDK prediction: 41-7 Montana**

**Weber State (2-3) at Montana State (2-4)**
- Weber State is better than its record suggests, while MSU is worse... well, MSU just isn't that good.
- Montana State opened this season with optimism and a top-25 ranking. However, the talented squad has not been able to even sniff at its maximum potential, leading to a poor record that includes losses to weak opponents.
- Weber State actually has played fairly well this season. Their three losses are deceiving because they came against solid teams. One of their losses came last week against No. 1 Montana, and their first loss came against I-A New Mexico. Their third loss was a 26-21 defeat against a good Northern Arizona team.
- Leading the offense is quarterback Tate Bennett, second in the Big Sky in pass efficiency. Defenseally, the Wildcats have silenced many critics, GDK included, by proving to be very solid. WSU is second overall in the conference in total defense behind UM, and first in passing defense.
- Week this Ryan Johnson is still on the “Payton Watch,” a list of the best players in the Big Sky. Although he is second in the Big Sky in rushing and just broke the team’s rushing record, he has still been a very disappointing year for him because of the team’s overall performance, which has been a letdown for a team that was expected to contend for the Big Sky crown this season. Of the 29 contests between these two teams, each squad has won 19 games. They also tied one game. The past has proven to be even, but this year should belong to Weber State.
- **GDK prediction: 35-16 Wildcats maul the Bobcats.**

**No. 12 Portland State (4-2) at Sacramento State (3-4)**
- Sacramento State is one of the biggest surprises in the Big Sky this year. After one of the most embarrassing seasons in recent Big Sky history last year, Sac State was not expected to even win one game this year. Not only have they already won two games, but one of the victories was against a tough Northern Arizona squad. However, Portland State is simply better than Northern Arizona. Even though PSU has not played to its potential so far this season, they are still ranked No. 12 in the nation. Quarterback Justin Wood, who was on the “Payton Watch” at the beginning of the season, is the lowest-rated passer in the conference. After a superb junior season, Wood has found himself at the bottom of the list in almost every quarterback statistical category.
- If Wood can get back on track this game, Sac State does not have a remote chance at winning. Even if Wood cannot, SJSU is probably still doesn’t have much of a chance.
- Running back Ryan Fuqua has been picking up the slack for the offense this year. He is by far the top rusher in the conference, averaging 143.2 yards per game, including a 264-yard performance last week in which he was Big Sky Offensive Player of the Week. The Eagles’ rushing defense is the second in the conference, and they are near the middle of the pack in most other statistical categories. EWU’s numbers don’t jump out at you, but they get the job done.
- Last year’s meeting was a shootout, ending in a 42-33 Northern Arizona win. Look for another shootout this year, this time resulting in an EWU victory.
- **GDK prediction: 28-14 Portland State.**

**No. 16 Northern Arizona (4-2) at Eastern Washington (3-3)**
- This is a match-up between the Big Sky’s top-ranked passing offense against the conference’s second to last passing defense. The Eagles, led by senior quarterback Josh Blankenship, is head-and-shoulders above the rest of the field in passing (314.7 yds/gm) and total offense (448.5 yds/gm). Those statistics rank third and seventh in the nation, respectively. Blankenship’s pass efficiency is first in the conference at 145.0, with an unheard of 16 touchdowns and only two interceptions.
- Northern Arizona’s passing defense is the second worst in the conference. However, NAU has found ways to win despite their passing defense. The Eagles’ rushing defense is second in the conference, and they are near the middle of the pack in most other statistical categories. EWU’s numbers don’t jump out at you, but they get the job done.
- Last year’s meeting was a shootout, ending in a 42-33 Northern Arizona win. Look for another shootout this year, this time resulting in an EWU victory.
- Eastern Washington is 0-2 in conference play this season, with both losses at the hands of ranked teams.

**GDK prediction: 38-31 Eastern Washington; Blankenship has another big game.**
The sound of silence

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ing began. In fact, it really wasn’t on the list to begin with. Like every high school football player in the nation, the promising safety wanted badly to play at a Division I-A school. There was one problem though. No school was really recruiting him that he wanted to play for.

Eastern Carolina offered a scholarship, and he could have walked on at either Fresno State or Indiana, but none of those schools appealed to him.

It wasn’t until late May that Young finally decided to go to Montana, a decision that was a little difficult at first, since he had hoped set on playing I-A football.

"I was disappointed because of the stereotype you hear with the level of I-A and I-AA schools," Young said. "I thought it was a bit of a step down at first."

That disappointment quickly vanished. Of course, two consecutive national championship game appearances and a national championship last season tend to erase those feelings.

"Winning the national championship was a dream come true for me," Young said. "Everything that I have done since I first got to Missoula, all the sweat and hard work paid off."

Young’s first year in Missoula can be summarized in the two places he found during his first season at Missoula. The first place: a tattoo parlor. During his freshman year, as many defiant youths do as a sign of their freedom, Young got a tattoo on his chest. Something he never would have done while living with his parents, he said.

"The tattoo isn’t a symbol, or his favorite football team, it is his mother’s name, Patricia."

"At first she really didn’t like it too much," Young said with a sheepish grin. "But she is my baby."

Even when he was rebelling from his parents, Young still had them in his mind, and to this day, he still does.

Before every game, Young calls his parents, talking to his mom first, and then his dad. Most of the time though, those conversations are face to face, as Ed and Patricia try to make every game they can.

The other regular place Young could be found during his freshman year, and subsequently every year since: the weight room.

The result, a body that looks as though it has been chiseled out of granite.

"I would kill to have a body like that," said Mike Breske, the Grizzlies’ defensive coordinator. "Trey’s desire and sweat equity is what got him to where he is though. A lot of kids wouldn’t put in the amount of work that Trey has."

Young’s amazing athletic ability allows Breske to line him up all over the field, allowing Young to seemingly be everywhere.

One play Young will be lined up next to the defensive end, taking a bead on an opposing quarterback. The next, he is 15 yards deep in pass coverage.

Breske knows a lot of it has to do with Young’s unbelievable talent.

"We wouldn’t be able to do the things we do defensively if we didn’t have Trey," Breske said. "He’s a luxury for us to have."

In Young’s modest mind, his performance is mainly because of his teammates around him, and the type of defense Breske uses, not his own athletic ability.

"When I blitz, the defensive line has to make a sacrifice to open up that lane," Young said. "Without my teammates doing that, I couldn’t make the plays I do."

Young spent most of the summer in Missoula, except for a month when he went back to San Diego to see his family.

When Young wasn’t in the weight room, he was spending a lot of time with his teammates at, of all places, Flathead Lake.

Young even strayed away from the shore long enough to get on a jet-ski.

"I know how not to drown," Young said. "Everyone thing is what got him to where he is though."

But this season started, Young's teammates voted him captain, along with quarterback John Edwards. His designation at captain had more to do with his relationship with his teammates, than it does with his abilities.

"No one on our team would say a bad thing about Trey," said Andy Thompson, a junior linebacker who came to Montana the same time as Young. "There aren’t a lot of guys you can say that about."

For years, Young had a poster hanging in his bedroom of Bo Jackson, the now infamous one that shows him holding a baseball bat while wearing shoulder pads. Before this season, it was replaced with a poster of Randy Moss, with Moss’ heart circled, and the saying "never question my heart."

As Young finishes his senior season, which he hopes ultimately ends with another national championship, he will be doing his best to make sure Grizzly fans never wonder about his heart.

"The one thing I want to leave Montana with is that I want no one to question to my heart when I was here," Young said. "When I am taking the field, I am going to give it my..."