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## NEWS RELEASE

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### GRIZZLY FOOTBALL APPRECIATION NIGHT SLATED FOR MONDAY

#### MISSOULA --

Grizzly football fans will have one final chance to celebrate the national championship title with the entire team at a ceremony Monday night, Dec. 18, in the Harry Adams Field House.

The free, public event at 7 p.m. will include a video of Grizzly playoff and championship game highlights shown on a 14-foot television screen.

Meanwhile, the recipient of the Walter Payton Award will be announced Monday in New York. If Grizzly Quarterback Dave Dickenson wins the award as many expect, the ceremony will include that announcement.

Dave Guffey, UM sports information director and the man who dubbed Dickenson as the "legend of the fall," will serve as master of ceremonies, along with Bill Schwanke, UM assistant athletic director and former "Voice of the Grizzlies" radio commentator.

Guffey was responsible for promoting Dickenson's prowess as a passer nationally. The award's recipient was chosen by sports information directors at NCAA Division I-AA colleges and universities nationwide.

Speakers will include Gov. Marc Racicot, UM President George Dennison, Head Coach Don Read and several Grizzly football players. Dave Paoli, a Missoula lawyer and a former Grizzly defensive lineman who lettered from 1979-81, will represent fans and previous UM football teams.

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The event also will include music by UM's Big Sky Winds Marching Band, which has played at Grizzly games all season.

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**Note to media:** The media are invited to cover the event. . A special area will be set up near the stage for cameras, microphones and media representatives.

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