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SILVERTIP SLANTS.....

Hal Erickson, captain of the 1956-57 Grizzly cage squad, is back in Missoula as a permanent resident. Erickson was transferred here from Sioux Falls, S.D., last week as district sales representative of a wholesale meat firm. The blond guard was second in team scoring during his senior season and was generally recognized as one of the best backcourt stars produced by Frosty Cox at Montana.

Another former Grizzly--center Dave Shelby--was in the news last week. Shelby, in his first season as a basketball coach, guided his Granite County Prospectors to a second place finish in the District 14 Class C tournament in Missoula last weekend. Big Dave was a top scorer and rebounder on last season's Silvertip outfit.

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MISSOULA--Utah University will rate as odds-on favorites in the Skyline western division swimming finals this weekend in the MSU pool. Action will get under way at 8 p.m. Friday nights. Sessions also are slated Saturday morning and evening.

The Utes conquered Montana in a dual match two weeks ago, and apparently have too much depth for the Grizzly tankers. Utah State, the third team entered, also is shy in depth.

The Grizzlies will meet Utah State Thursday night in a dual meet prelude to the division finals. Skyline finals are slated March 3-5 in the University of New Mexico pool at Albuquerque.

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FRESHMAN SCORING

Name	G	FGA-FGM	FTA-FTM	Pts.	Avg.
Ray Lucien (Baton Rouge, La.)	8	113-53	25-21	127	15.9
Larry Riley (Roundup)	8	96-41	29-16	98	12.3
Steve Lowry (Red Lodge)	8	80-37	29-21	95	11.9
Ed Thompson (Wolf Point)	8	103-39	18-13	91	11.4
Gary Johnson (Helena)	8	77-33	15-11	77	9.6
Alvin Ford (Baton Rouge, La.)	8	84-27	21-15	69	8.6
Jim Baker (Whitefish)	8	77-30	8-6	66	8.3
Lew Brundage (St. Regis)	6	61-21	13-8	50	8.3
Jim Bryngelson (Billings)	8	66-24	24-15	63	7.9
Jim Hayworth (Shelby)	6	51-14	6-4	32	5.3
Ed Kimball (Shelby)	6	36-14	9-2	30	5.0
Bill Boettcher (Polson)	8	59-16	11-3	35	4.4
Henry Flatow (Helena)	8	45-8	4-3	19	2.4
Dick Gueder (Milwaukee)	8	33-7	4-2	16	2.0

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MISSOULA---Guard Ray Lucien, smallest man on the MSU freshman team, leads the Cubs in scoring this season, according to statistics from eight intersquad games. Lucien has averaged 15.9 points per game and has one of the best field goal percentages on the squad.

Next in line are two former Montana all-staters, Larry Riley of Roundup and Steve Lowry of Red Lodge. Riley is averaging 12.5 points per game. Lowry, the best rebounder on the squad, has hit 11.9 points per game. Ed Thompson of Wolf Point and Gary Johnson of Helena are next in scoring, averaging 11.4 and 9.6, respectively.

Lucien, former all-stater in Louisiana prep circles, and Lowry, a 6-6 center, are considered the best prospects for varsity jobs next season. Three or four others could contend for positions with improvement, says coach Hal Sherbeck.

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