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An alumni game pitting former Grizzly football players against the current grid team will conclude spring football drills at the University of Montana May 12.

UM football coach Jack Swarthout said that the contest would replace the annual intra-squad game as the wrap-up to the spring practice sessions. "It will be the first alumni game that has been held while I've been coaching here. I can remember playing in one when I was on the football team," Swarthout said. If this year's game is successful we will make it an annual affair," he added.

The UM mentor said that when he was a freshman trying out for the varsity in the spring of 1939, he faced such standouts as Milt Popovich, John Dolan, Bill Lazetich, Chuck Williams and Paul Szakash in that year's alumni game. Popovich and crew led the Grizzlies to a 7-1 season in 1937, one of the finest records in University of Montana football history.

"We will be able to put together a very competitive alumni team for this year's game," Swarthout said.

Members of Montana's undefeated 1969 and 1970 teams head the list of players for the alumni squad. Such standouts as Steve Okoniewski, Tuufuli Uperesa, Roy Robinson, Steve Caputo and Jim Nordstrom have announced they intend to play.

Bruce Wallwork, who is organizing the alumni team, said that a total of 36 former Grizzlies have indicated that they would suit up and play in the game. "We are attempting to contact as many former Grizzlies as possible. We would like to have former players show up and be on the sidelines. They don't have to play. We would like them there to meet the guys and have a good time," Wallwork said.

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Wallwork, a member of the 1961-63/<sup>UM</sup>squads, said that he is hoping a unit of older players can be formed. "I would like to see them run a series of downs before the regular game starts. Jack (Swarthout) said that he would enjoy running a few plays," Wallwork stated.

Wallwork requests that any ex-Grizzlies interested in playing contact him by phoning 549-6852 or dropping a note to the University of Montana Athletic Department. "I would also like the names of people that I might call and invite to participate," Wallwork added.

Wallwork said that a reunion after the game is being planned and that he is also working on halftime entertainment for the game.

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