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GRIZZLY GRID MENTOR SWARTHOUT PREDICTS BANNER YEAR IN RECRUITING

MISSOULA---

University of Montana head football coach Jack Swarthout, not usually one to exude optimism even though he may feel like it, was bubbling with it Tuesday when he predicted a "banner year" in recruiting in Montana for future Grizzly teams.

"We just completed our initial run through Montana," Swarthout said. "There are quite a few excellent prospects, and it appears that the University of Montana has an excellent chance to pick up most, if not all, of them by next fall."

Swarthout, who along with his assistants brought in 27 junior college transfers to bolster the Grizzly varsity last year, still believes that a good freshman team is a necessity in college football.

He explained that junior colleges will be used "to fill immediate needs for the coming year," but added that "the main nucleus around which we will build for the future must come from freshman football."

The head coach of one year, who led the Grizzlies to a 7-3 season last fall on the heels of a 1-8 mark in 1966, said that a good portion of the University's freshman teams in future years should come from within Montana.

"Certainly we aren't going to ignore prospects from out of state," he said. "But we want to get every good one from Montana as well."