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TO CAST LOT WITH GRIZZLIES

MISSOULA—

Three highly-sought-after football players from Columbia Basin College in Pasco, Wash., all from Hawaii and one a former junior college All-America, will enroll at the University of Montana. Two of them will be at the University for spring drills.

The announcement of the three additions came from the office of Wally Brown, UM grid assistant, who coached all three for at least one year while at CBC as line coach.

Although it's difficult to tab one as any better than the others, the signing of All-America JC quarterback Ray Brum stands out because filling the signal-calling spot was termed an "absolute necessity" by Grizzly coaches after the graduation of 1967 starter Ed Steiner.

Brum, 5-10, 180 pounds, hails from Honolulu, Hawaii, where he attended St. Louis High School.

In 1965 he was named to the All-America second team and was first team All-Washington. He transferred to the University of Washington in the fall of 1966, and was put on redshirt status.

Brum returned to Columbia Basin College this past winter quarter and graduated just over one week ago. He will be at the Missoula school for spring ball and will be eligible for two years of varsity competition.

"Ray is a play-action passer who can roll out well or throw from the cup," Brown said. "He's a good leader on and off the field, and he should fit the Grizzly offense easily."

Brum holds six CBC season offense records, all connected with passing. They are:
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most passes attempted---92; most passes completed---50; highest completion percentage---.544;
most yards passing---1,103; most touchdown passes---15, and most total offensive yardage---1,142. All were set in 1965.

Brown's second announcement was that of center Byron Lovell, a 6-0, 210-pounder who also attended St. Louis High in Honolulu. He, like Brum, will enroll for spring quarter classes and be out for spring football.

Lovell was named to the All-Washington second team in 1966, and was considered a sure bet for first team honors in 1967, but was sidelined with an injury in the first game of the season.

"Byron is a fiery player, a good hustler who loves football," Brown said. "He should be an invaluable asset for us."

The third new addition, John Talolutu, will join the Grizzlies in the fall after taking some basic courses needed for entrance to the University.

The versatile Hawaiian, a graduate of Aiea High School in Honolulu, stands 5-11, weighs 195 pounds, and can play either defensive guard, linebacker or end.

In 1967, Talolutu was a unanimous choice as All-Washington defensive lineman. Brown said he was considered the best defensive lineman in Washington JC circles last fall.

"John is a very sure football player," Brown said. "He's extremely quick, reads plays well, and is one of the most savage hitters I've ever seen."

Talolutu will be majoring in liberal arts.

The three newest Grizzlies join six other transfers announced in the last two weeks, including Washington JC products Tuufuli Uperesa, Bill Gutman and Rick Harber, California JC products Dave Urie and Al Luis and Oklahoma JC transfer Tony Gabriel.