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Montana's Karl Stein is an art major that also makes pass intercepting and punt returning an art in itself.

Stein is the senior free safety on the University of Montana football team, and in his two year career has pilfered 19 passes and returned the interceptions for 398 yards.

The senior from San Anselmo, Calif. set a Big Sky pass interception record in 1969 with eleven, and this season he set a conference interception return record with 207 yards. Both are school records.

Stein also has tied a single game school and conference mark for a number of interceptions. He and four others have picked off three passes apiece. Stein did it against Northern Arizona in 1969 and Northern Illinois in 1970.

Not only is the 6-0 and 195-lb. senior a threat in the defensive secondary, but as a kickoff and punt return artist also.

Stein has tied a conference and school record for the most punts returned in a single game with seven and has set a season punt return mark with 38. The old record was 27 set by Montana's Ron Bain in 1968.

Stein also holds the most yards returned from punts in a single season with 398 yards. The old conference mark was 388 yards set by Montana State's Gary Popiel in 1967.

The free safety also holds another mark for the most "one tackle away from a touchdown." In his two years and 19 pass interceptions, 66 punt returns and 28 kickoff returns, Stein on several occasions has been one tackle away from a return for a touchdown.

"One of these days Karl (Stein) is going to break one," Grizzly coach Jack Swarthout said. "He's been so close on so many occasions that I think he'll pop one pretty quick."

Swarthout said Stein has the natural instinct to go to the ball and is the Grizzlies' most sure-handed receiver. "He could play split end for us," Swarthout said.

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In 1969 Stein was honorable mention All-American on the Kodak and Associated Press teams. He was also first team All-Big Sky and All-District Six (NCAA).

Swarthout believes Stein will top those honors this season as a senior. "He is a tremendous individual that works for the team." Stein and the other players on the undefeated Grizzly team play as a team, and Swarthout said he is proud of them. "You know guys like Stein could go out for themselves, but they don't. They work as a unit and win as a team," Swarthout said.

Stein was one of eight ineligible players on the 1969 Camellia Bowl team. This season if the Grizzlies go to a bowl game, Stein and seven others including All-American fullback Les Kent will be in action.

Stein is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Edward V. Stein, San Anselmo, Calif.

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