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MISSOULA, MONTANA---"They've cleaned out the equipment room," was the comment of Montana freshman coach Hal Sherbeck as 78 MSU freshmen gridders reported for their first practice Thursday. It was the largest yearling turnout in years.

"I definitely feel that this will be the best freshmen team in recent years at the University," the Grizzly mentor commented. "Our recruiting efforts, particularly in Montana, have paid off handsomely. We have about 30 Montana boys on the squad and over half of them won all-state honors in high school."

The Grizzly coach also reported a number of outstanding prospects from the Milwaukee, Chicago and Twin Cities areas.

Sherbeck said he would cut the squad to workable size, about 55 gridders, after the first week of practice. Two games are on tap for the Cubs this season—an Oct. 17 date with the Montana State Bobkittens at Butte, and a Nov. 7 tussle with BYU freshmen at Provo. Assisting Sherbeck are line coaches Charley Moore and the Rev. C. William Hassler.

Squad members include:

Jim Walsh, Anaconda; Tim McHenry, Billings; Bill Stack, Dan Peters, Jim Blankenship and Jim Bailey, Butte; Clem Johnson, Steve Anderson, Dennis Kimmett, Don Stevlingson, Jerry Vukasin, Dick Huse and John Bruington, Great Falls; Alan Dettman, Harlowton; Jack Shevalier, Mike Cloud, Gene Moe, Lee Gilbert, Helena; Larry Jones, Ron Steinmetzer, Kalispell; Bill Bouchee, Paul Ricci, Livingston; Paul Miller, Steve Wood, Gene Bankey, Miles City; John Malcolm, Lee Hyslop, Palmer Tag, Missoula; Pat Dodson, Shelby.

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Student manager is Dave Markwald, Butte.

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