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FOUR YEAR DEGREES TO BE CONFERRED JUNE 3, 1968	
Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education	28
Bachelor of Business Administration with a major in Management	25
Bachelor of Arts with a major in History	23
Bachelor of Arts with a major in English	10
Bachelor of Business Administration with a major in Accounting	10
Bachelor of Arts with a major in History and requirements for secondary certification	7
Bachelor of Science with a major in Chemistry	6
Bachelor of Science with a major in Biology	5
Bachelor of Arts with a major in English and requirements for secondary certification	2
Bachelor of Science with a major in Mathematics	2
Bachelor of Arts in Psychology	1
Bachelor of Arts in Political Science	1

Armstrong State College to grant 120 four-year degrees on June 3

Armstrong State College will have its first graduating class of 120 June 3rd, thus completing the four-year cycle for those in line for sheepskins. The event is so precedent-making as to almost preclude significant comment. Begun as Armstrong College, sponsored and supported by the city of Savannah in 1935, the growth of the institution parallels its inclusion into the University System of Georgia in 1959 as a Junior College.

Further coastal area interest spurred the University System Board of Regents to elevate the Savannah school to the full, four-year, degree-granting level in 1964. And the 1968 graduating class is the first of the fruit born by that decision.

As the Alumni of Armstrong State College multiply in the passing years, loyalties to its activities, faculty and administration also will be enriched. Beginning with the 1968 graduates, these loyalties will not include other institu-

tions as has been the necessity in the past 33 years.

The growth in student enrollment during the past five years has been phenomenal, and is expected to continue with the addition of housing facilities (see separate articles). Diversified degree offerings also have generated a constantly spiraling appeal, creating a general picture of rosiness on the southside Savannah campus.

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Spring, 1968

Alumni Edition

Armstrong State College, Savannah, Georgia

Accreditation is progressing

Armstrong State College is anticipating the Visiting Committee from the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to be on our campus May 5th through May 8th. The committee, which will make the final report of Armstrong as a four-year college, is composed of nine persons. These are from various colleges throughout the South. The chairman of the committee is Dr. James W. Clark, Assistant Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Alabama.

This committee visit will be a follow-up one to the Preliminary Committee which evaluated the college during the Spring of 1967. If the Reviewing Committee for admission decides all the standards are being met, and the college will receive accredited status as a full member of the Association at its annual meeting in November, 1968. The accreditation will cover all graduates of the 1968 year.



Construction progresses on Armstrong's mid-campus fountain. photo by Tom Lovett

New construction adds to campus facilities

Two new buildings are currently under construction on the campus. One is a new Education-Psychology-History Building, which has been named Victor Hall in honor of Mrs. Irving Victor, and the

other is a Chemistry-Nursing-Dental Hygiene Building, which has been named Solms Hall in honor of Mrs. Anna Lee Solms. The total cost of construction and equipment of these two projects is approximately \$1,200,000.

The new student center, scheduled to cost approximately \$800,000, has been delayed due to problems with easement rights. The building plans were turned over to the Board of Regents around October 15, 1967. To date, the Attorney General's office has not finalized the easement deeds. It is, and has been, expected daily, that this badly needed facility will be advertised for bids.

There is a serious need to enlarge the library, to add to the gymnasium, and to increase the size of the Administration Building. The next new building planned is the Fine Arts Center. Armstrong State does not have such a center at the present time.

A private concern is constructing a dormitory-apartment complex housing 120 students across Abercom on Middle-ground Road. These facilities are scheduled to be ready by September, 1968.

Jump to 4-year status brings changes at ASC

by Dean Joseph Killorin

The dramatic transition of Armstrong State College from a junior college to a senior college in the last four years is reflected most vividly in changes in the nature of the faculty and the curricula. In 1944, there were thirty-three full-time teaching faculty members with an average salary of \$5,400.00; in 1968 there will be eighty full-time faculty members with an average salary of \$10,700.00. In September, 1964, there were two teaching faculty members with the doctorate in an academic field; in September, 1968, there will be forty faculty members with doctorates in their academic field. This is an increase from 6% to 46% in the number of faculty members with the highest degree in their academic specialties. It is perhaps particularly notable that Armstrong has developed strong programs in the sciences and mathematics. The percentage of the faculty with doctorates in these fields is impressive; in biology 80% in chemistry 100%, in mathematics 40%.

In this first graduating year students will graduate with strong major programs in English, history, biology, chemistry, business administration, (including accounting and

management), and in elementary education. By next year students will be graduating as well in new programs in political science and psychology. This year will see the first graduates of our two-year degree program in nursing; and the inauguration of our new program leading to both a two-year degree and a four-year degree in dental hygiene. This year a new Department of Foreign Languages has been created, which will offer chiefly French, German, and Spanish, but also courses in Chinese and Russian.

Our new and continually developing four-year faculty has shown unusual energy and interest in our rare opportunity to create vigorous new academic programs.

Mr. Eugene L. Patterson, Editor of the Atlanta Constitution, will be the main speaker during graduation exercises June 3rd, according to ASC President Dr. Henry L. Ashmore. Ashmore, in announcing Patterson's acceptance to speak at the inaugural commencement, also revealed that exercises will get underway at 7:30 P.M. in the ASC gymnasium.

Spring enrollment gains 33% over 1966-67 figure

Registrar Jack Padgett has announced that student enrollment for the Spring Quarter at Armstrong State College has exceeded the 1967 Spring enrollment by more than 30%.

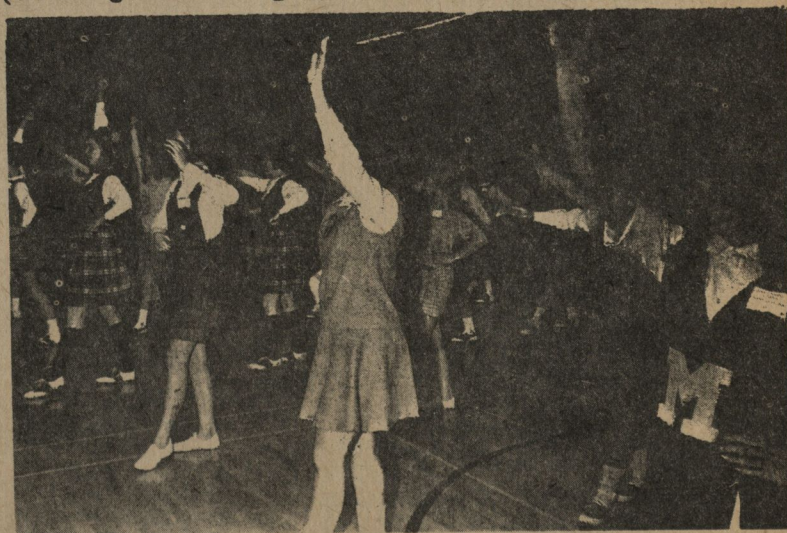
Padgett's announcement followed three days of registration at the Savannah campus.

Actual student population for this quarter is 1502, according to Padgett; while a year ago, 1129 students were enrolled. This jump of 373 students represents a percentage hike of 33.4%.

Throughout the 1967-68 academic year, Armstrong State has noticed an advance of more than 25% in attendance figures over those of the 1966-67 school year. ASC President

Dr. Henry Ashmore has attributed the growth to a pair of factors: normal expansion through the addition of the fourth year of study, and increased interest in the opportunities of the Savannah institution. Ashmore specifically points to additional degrees in Political Science, Police Administration, and Psychology for the extra enrollment.

The Admissions Office at Armstrong State has also been busier this year, processing 32% more applications than last year. Mrs. Virginia Arey, Director of Admissions, said she has been "particularly busy since the beginning of February," when High School students traditionally select colleges.



Junior High and High School cheerleaders from throughout the coastal empire participated in the Wintertime clinic at ASC, conducted by American Cheerleader Association founder and president Bill Horan.

Evening students petition for better course offering

Night students of Armstrong State College will receive positive action on a petition submitted to the administration of the college.

The petition, signed by 244 students, requested (1) better scheduling of classes and (2) a broader course offering. The ultimate goal of these students is to have the college offer enough courses in necessary fields so that degrees may be conferred upon night students.

The question now before the administrative council, according to Ashmore, is whether or not degrees for night students are possible. He said that Armstrong's responsibility is "to serve the community" and that these students are a large part of that community. Consequently they should have an equal opportunity to receive degrees as the day students. Unfortunately, however, even with a larger staff and better scheduling, some majors could not be granted through night study only. As an example, he cited the field

of education because student teaching may be offered only during the day.

The petition called for better scheduling because of the inequality of courses during the two time periods (one beginning at 5:45 p.m. and the other at 8:05 p.m.). According to their figures, in the past more classes have been taught during the 5:45 period on Mondays and Wednesdays than at any other time during the week.

The students, therefore, call for more equal distribution of the classes and also for better scheduling of them according to level—upper and lower division. Sequences, too, they charge should be offered consecutively so that they may be completed in a minimum amount of time.

The petition lists the following course areas not offered at night: art, music, philosophy, biology, physics, physical science, nursing, and commerce.

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Inkwell Editor John Cason, left, discusses Alumni Edition with Tom Llewellyn, Director of Public Information.

Inkwell is rated "Very Good" at Regional Press Institute

The 1967-68 Inkwell has received a rating of "Very Good" in competition with similar college newspapers. The judging was done at the Southern Regional Press Institute at Savannah State College on February 15-16.

The Inkwell received 43 out of a possible total score of 50 points. Judges from the Savannah Morning News and the Savannah Evening Press gave Armstrong's newspaper 9 out of 10 possible points in the categories of content, features, illustrations, and overall appearance. Layout received 7 out of 10 possible points.

Under the heading of general comments, the judges criticized the grayness of the front page and the layout of photographs in particular. The floating masthead on page one of this issue is an exam-

ple of an attempt to improve the appearance of the paper in terms of these weak points.

The staff of The Inkwell and adviser Mr. Thomas Llewellyn are pleased with the success of the paper in Savannah State's annual Press Institute. Students who would like to work on the paper during Spring Quarter and the coming year are invited to join the staff.

Faculty approves policy for organization housing

A statement of policy concerning student off-campus meeting houses, specifically drafted regarding the housing of fraternities and sororities, was passed by the faculty at the faculty meeting of February 6. The resolution is the result of research conducted during the fall quarter by the Student Activities Committee, acting in an advisory capacity. Dr. Francis Thorne of the committee submitted its recommendations during the closing weeks of the fall quarter, and since then the draft has been before the faculty for study.

The accepted statement of policy "recognizes college students as responsible citizens. . . and as respected representatives of the college." The document said that the students will be expected to behave according to the laws of nation, state, and community, and that any action which might cause embarrassment to the College will, of course, cause the College to be an interested party. In order to insure that the good reputation of the College shall not be seriously compromised, certain provisions exist in the proclamation. For instance, hazing is prohibited; the faculty

sponsor or other approved adult must be on the premises at all meetings and social functions, and an updated copy of full house rules must be submitted to the Student Activities Committee. Concerning financial responsibility, "an applicant organization must demonstrate financial competence to meet the recurrent obligations of maintaining the premises they occupy."

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Ginger Price



Pat Nafis

Armstrong State beauty deluge: four queens reigning over campus

Armstrong State has its share of lovely ladies, as exemplified in its selections for three beauty titles and a fashion and grooming crown.

Sophomore Ginger Price gained the judges' favor as Homecoming Queen, and was crowned at the annual dance. Ginger is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Thomas M. Price, Jr. of Savannah. Ginger was named winner over fourteen other contestants.

Nursing student Patty Nafis, a 19 year old Sophomore, carried away honors in the Evening Gown and Sports Clothes competition on her way to the Miss Geechee title. Patty, from Jenkins High School, is the

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William L. Nafis of Savannah. She has, within the foreseeable future, the fulfillment of her lifelong dream of becoming a Registered Nurse.

Peggy Tumer is a Freshman Biology major, who was Armstrong's first Queen of 1967-68—Rat Week Queen. Though the title sounds dubious, Peggy was found to be the queen of the sorority pledges during the first weeks of school in September. She is 19-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N.E. Tumer, also of Savannah.

Melinda Waters, a striking blonde, is Armstrong State's Best-dressed Coed. Melinda was chosen by a panel of students and faculty; and her name has been submitted to GLAMOUR magazine for that publication's annual search for the Ten Best-Dressed Coeds on America's College campuses. Melinda is the daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. Marion B. Waters of Savannah.

Savannah has always been known as a city of beauty, with its squares and historic dwellings steeped in the history of the South. And we submit the above photographs as proof of the existence of another type of beauty abundant in the Hostess City of the South.



Peggy Tumer

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Melinda Waters

Great Change

democratic and professional programs. Faculty interest in self-government is strong and active, and has already expressed itself in the complete revision of faculty government and the adoption of new faculty statutes and by-laws. Many departments have shown particular interest in working in

cooperation with the public school system in the county to develop excellent programs for high school teachers and students.

In short, the faculty of Armstrong State College now constitutes a powerful resource of professional people for Savannah and the entire coastal area, and as the student body of the college grows in numbers, especially at the junior and senior level, the college will provide a kind of intellectual stimulation and a variety of professional skills for the general community that will surely be reflected in the health and stability of all our community life.

Basketball

stripe shooter Danny Sims was ranked among the top ten nationally by virtue of his 133 for 148 (89.9%) effort. And the team's percentage from the line was good enough to place seventh in the country.



Lt. Governor George T. Smith speaks to interested students during a visit sponsored by Armstrong's Young Democrats.



With her dog Becky, Cathy Hall spends a few quiet minutes on the Armstrong campus.



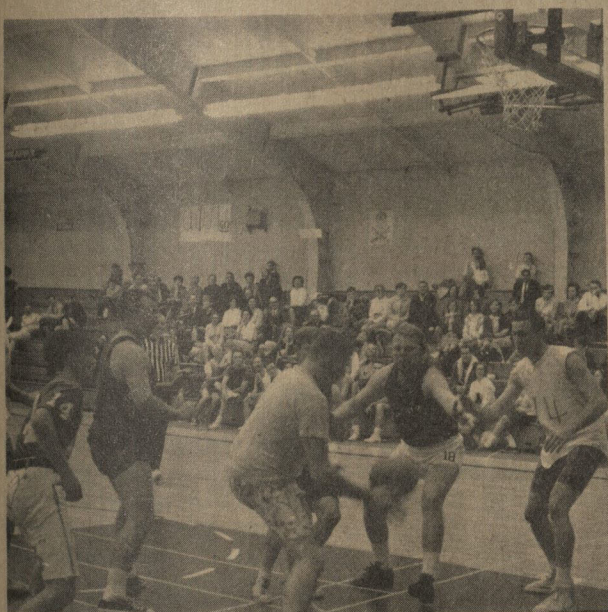
The camera compares Bill Kinchen, August College's 6'10" center, with Danny Sims, Armstrong's 5'7" giant.



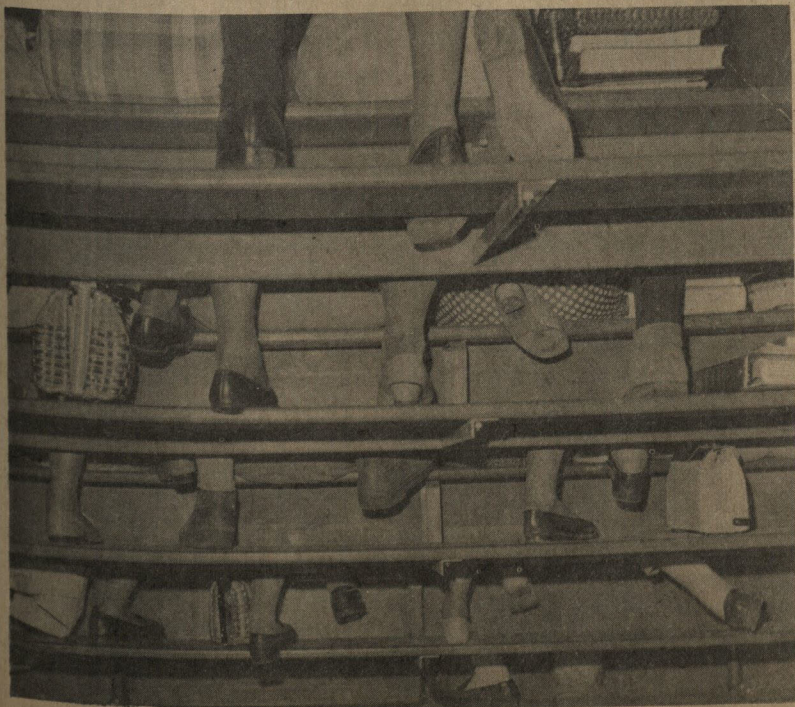
Armstrong baseball fans keep close watch on the Pirates' diamond performance.



President Ashmore during the first "State of the College Address" to the student body.



Players scramble for the ball during Armstrong's annual Student-Faculty Basketball Game . . .



As Dr. Harry Persse watches the action. . .



And the cheerleaders watch Dr. Persse.



Armstrong nursing student Ginger Wood talks with a patient in a local hospital.



Frank Chew, right, directs members at his Oral Interpretation Class in rehearsal for a presentation of readings from Walt Kelly's Pogo.

1967-68 Pirates: always tough, occasionally a surprise winner

Armstrong State's athletic Hom of Plenty was less than half full this Winter, as first year Coach Bill Alexander quickly realized during workouts in September. Alexander, a West Virginia native with teaching and coaching experience in Georgia and Florida, came to the Pirates from Brevard Junior College in Cocoa, Florida. The 6'4" fundamentalist started the season with 14 players, but released five in the early weeks. The nine remaining carved for themselves and the school a niche made distinct because it was too difficult to carve.

Alexander drilled his Pirates in the basics, concentrating on a well-schooled offense geared for the good shot, and a tacky defense. Since Armstrong State's biggest starter was just 6'3" tall (Larry Burke), the Buccaneers could not expect to dominate the backboards; and the disciplined offense became a necessity.

In the early going, the new coach, the new players and a difficult schedule plagued the Pirates. Armstrong State did not taste the victory punch until its seventh game, and could point to just a pair of wins at mid-season. However, as the players learned the sys-

tem, each other and the coach, the dismal overcast occasionally parted to reveal a slit of blue. Cross-town rival Savannah State was the first to receive the shock treatment. Coach Alexander's scrappy quintet dazzled the Tigers with deft maneuvers, clicked off points methodically, and finally frustrated the taller Tigers, 85-73 for the biggest win yet. The game, played at the Savannah Sports Center, marked the first time the two Savannah schools had met on the intercollegiate basketball court. It also etched a record 63% shooting average in the permanent books.

If that victory was a surprise, the Bucs' conquest of then-conference leader LaGrange College at LaGrange was even more so. The Pirates controlled the game and the score, 73-64, while hitting 55% from the floor and a normally hot free throw percentage (21-25).

As a team, the 1967-68 Pirates could muster only an 8-20 record. In the late going, however, Armstrong State's undersized wonders managed to win three of its last four contests, including a double overtime thriller against a Georgia Southwestern team which had defeated the Bucs

twice previously. In that finale, the Maroon and Gold battled from behind all evening to gain a 68-68 tie at the buzzer. Armstrong State spurted off to a 73-68 margin in the initial extra period only to see the Hurricanes peck away and tie the game at 73 to set the stage for the Pirates' final game victory, 81-79. Armstrong's free throw accuracy once again was the difference. The Bucs swished 28 of 37 attempts, to offset a four field goal advantage built up by Georgia Southwestern.

Throughout the Winter, Coach Bill Alexander's quintet steadily increased its free throw shooting percentage. A system of drilling the Pirates in Free throw shooting was credited with making the difference, as the Bucs finished the year with a 74.9% accuracy ledger. Conference charity (Continued on page 2)



Armstrong President Henry L. Ashmore, left, talks with Savannah State President Howard Jordan before the first basketball game between the two Savannah colleges.

Students triumph over scholarly faculty team

The students and faculty of Armstrong State College clashed in the second annual Student-Faculty game on February 22nd with the younger generation outlasting their elders 66-58 to pick up their second victory of the young series.

The game, though a little

more serious than last year's contest, created a lot of fun for both contestants and spectators. One of the better-liked stunt men for the oldsters was Dr. Cedric Stratton. The Hornet, actually not a bad ball-handler (with his feet), attempted a 20 foot one-footed set shot that missed by inches.

Students, who nearly always complain that a professor miscounted after receiving a poor grade on a test, were proven to be correct as the faculty had eight men on the court for several minutes of play. When this "deplorable condition" was brought to the attention of referee Max Herrin, he acted like some of the non-local GIAC refs that we have seen by claiming that he did not see the infraction.

There was only one really unusual thing about the charade on the court and that was the fact that the P.E. teachers were the ones who stayed in the game for the shortest lengths of time. Perhaps they should take a PE111 refresher course.

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Psychologist Maintains That Grades Can Be Beneficial

The value of traditional grading systems has been questioned by educational reformers for years, but the controversy has been escalated in recent months. U.S. Commissioner of Education Harold Howe called for a reexamination of the A-to-F system at the August Congress of the National Student Association, and Yale University recently announced that it was abolishing numerically-based grades.

At least one ASC faculty member, however, gives qualified support to Armstrong's way of grading. Dr. Robert Cormack, head of the Department of Psychology and Sociology, said that he was "reasonably satisfied with the A-F system." Although calling the system "unimaginative," he held that grades benefit both the student and the college.

According to Cormack, grades are used to inform by evaluating the student for himself and others, and to motivate by rewarding effort or punishing the lack of it. College students need to be evaluated so that they can judge how well they are mastering the required material and so that graduate schools can

choose students with the best chance of success; Cormack's personal feeling, however, is that motivation should come from another source.

Cormack suggested that pass-fail grading might be beneficial in courses not required for graduate school since such an arrangement might encourage students to take courses that they would otherwise avoid. An overall pass-fail system would be of doubtful value because it would not distinguish between good students and so-so students.

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Armstrong students vote in national college poll

Armstrong students participated in the Time-Univac "Choice '68" poll, and indicated their presidential preferences. Richard Nixon polled 100 votes as the top choice of the students. Democrats Eugene McCarthy and Robert Kennedy came in second and third, with 53 and 50 respectively, while independent George Wallace polled fourth with 32.

The opinion of the students

in "Choice '68" showed 1/3 of the voters preferring "All out" effort in conducting the Vietnam War; only 10% wanted immediate withdrawal of forces. Student feeling was divided over the question of bombing, 51 preferring a permanent halt to 28 wanting the use of nuclear weapons. Answering the "urban crisis," 129 thought education was the key, and "job training and employment opportunities" followed with 104.

Sims ends basketball career with All-conference honors

Danny Sims, Armstrong State's pocket-sized (5'8") center, wiggled his way to a 17.2 ppg output this Winter, topping the Pirate cagers in that department. But the little man with the soft shot gained an even more noteworthy accolade. By connecting on 133 of 148 free throws (89.9%),



Danny Sims

Sims steadily climbed the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) ladder in that department. By year's end, before playoff games, Danny was placed fifth in the country.

As a Senior, the first class performer learned an entirely new system under

Coach Bill Alexander; learned it well enough to pace the Pirates in scoring, field goal percentage (49.2%), free throw totals, free throw percentage, assists and total points (465).

To cap the remarkable season, Sims was selected by the coaches in the Georgia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GIAC) as a member of the ten-man All-Conference Squad. Sims is the first ASC player to be so honored.

Four-year totals show Danny Sims amassed 1434 points and a 14.4 ppg average, against taller foes in a big man's game. His career field goal percentage also deserves the spotlight (49%), as does his free throw average over the four year span (80.5%).

For Danny Sims, the 1967-68 basketball season should bring back warm memories during the coldest of Winter months in the future. And should he want to remember a particular contest, he might recall an uncanny evening at Augusta when he was true on 11 of 18 field goal attempts, and canned 9 of 9 from the charity stripe for 31 points the highest single game output by a Pirate player all year.

His presence has been felt; his absence will be felt.

G	Player	AB	R	H	BI	2B
18	Sims	37	8	12	5	0
11	Tarter	33	6	10	5	1
18	Thompson	57	12	15	7	2
16	Jordan	53	3	10	8	1
14	Smith	38	5	12	1	1
17	Kellett	59	4	15	8	1
16	Duke	46	3	8	2	0
18	Houchins	47	8	9	1	0
11	Layden	20	1	6	2	1
14	Finnegan	25	1	4	0	0
11	Swirford	13	4	5	0	0
12	Kelly	31	87	1	1	0
*	Others	29	4	4	0	1
	Totals	517	69	122	44	8

Baseball Statistics for 1968											
Player	G	W	L	ER	W	SO	ERA	Save	IP	H	R
Swinford	11	3	2	9	6	15	1.94	1	412/3	30	18
Kelly	9	3	5	11	11	26	1.79	0	551/3	46	27
Gatch	5	0	1	7	8	10	4.90	0	102/3	8	14
Exley	1	0	1	2	3	1	4.50	0	4	3	4
Others	--	1	1	7	21	24	1.67	1	291/3	23	23
Totals	18	7	11	36	59	78	2.30	2	141	93	86

HR	W	SO	SB	S	AUG	PO	A	E	AUG.
1	11	6	2	0	.308	22	12	5	.870
0	3	9	0	1	.300	11	4	1	.939
0	5	12	9	2	.264	43	33	8	.905
0	6	7	1	0	.189	26	0	2	.930
0	2	13	4	0	.316	64	7	3	.960
0	1	2	0	0	.254	25	36	15	.803
0	1	16	0	0	.174	106	4	2	.990
0	10	19	9	0	.192	24	32	11	.838
0	0	3	0	1	.300	6	1	1	.875
0	4	5	1	0	.160	22	3	2	.947
0	3	4	11	1	.385	3	11	0	1.000
0	3	5	0	0	.226	12	13	3	.893
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