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**P**irates





General Outlook

# Pirates Are On Way To "Big Time"



General Outlook  
by Marcus Holland  
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News  
Evening Press

Coach Bill Alexander, itching to see Sam Berry, Ernie Lorenz, Clifford Cox, Robert Bradley and Company in action, can't wait until the basketball season "tips off" to show Savannahians the 1971-72 edition of the Pirates.

After five seasons at Armstrong State College, Coach Alexander has a lot of "scores" to settle. He appears to have the talent and experience to do a little "getting even."

It's been a long, hard struggle for Alexander since he first took the reigns at ASC six years ago. Building a winner with limited funds is virtually impossible, but Alexander has succeeded.

Now the Pirates are playing in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics with dreams of reaching the finals in Kansas City next March. ASC also holds a membership in the prestigious National Collegiate Athletic Association's small college division, an honor just received.

Sometime in the future, Alexander points out, the Pirates will be playing in the NCAA's university division, bumping heads with the likes of South Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia Tech, Georgia, etc.

"I'm extremely optimistic about the coming season", Alexander said after a practice session a few days ago. "For the first time we have the talent, bench, height, and experience to be a darn good basketball team. Only time will tell."

Armstrong State finished



with a 15-12 record last season, it's best since becoming a four year institute. This time around Alexander and his Pirates are looking to log at least 20 games in the win column.

The lack of a big man and bench strength showed during the 1970-71 season. That was Alexander's major problem, and it had to be corrected with a good recruiting year.

That's what ASC had, a great year in the recruiting wars. Big 6'8" Sam Berry from Savannah High signed up, the first black athlete from Savannah to accept a basketball scholarship from Armstrong. Then the stars flocked in . . . Curtis Warner (6'5"), Ike Williams (6'4"), Ernie Lorenz (6'10½"), Cliff Cox (6'7"), and Darrell Wilson (6'1").

Armstrong didn't have a great recruiting year after all

. . . it was fantastic.

"It's impossible to have such good recruiting luck. Maybe you could call our recruiting success a once in a life time thing", Alexander says with a smile.

Regardless of how you look at it, put Lorenz at low post, Berry at high post and Cox on a wing . . . that's trouble, underscored.

That's exactly what ASC will use, the high post. Although it's uncertain as to who will be at high and low post, the Pirates will have the boys to get the job done.

Stan Sammons (6'6"), the starting center last season, and Loren West (6'9") are far from conceding the starting jobs to Lorenz and Berry.

"With Berry, Lorenz, West and Sammons", Alexander says, "we will be knee deep in depth when it comes to big men. I can remember back a few seasons when our center was just a shade over five feet six (Danny Sims)."

Berry, all Savannahians know, was a superstar for Savannah High, leading the Blue Jackets to the state class AAA runnerup spot last season. He was named to numerous "All-Something" teams, and was tagged a schoolboy All-American by several groups. Lorenz was redshirted at the University of Florida, and Sammons and West alternated at center for the Pirates during the 1970-71 season.

When it comes to the wings (forward), Alexander once again can dip into an endless pit of talent. Robert Bradley, a 6'4" jumping jack; Cliff Cox, who played with the University of Florida last year; Ron Hancock (6'5"), a part-time player for the Bucs last season; Williams (6'4"), the city's and Region's 3-AAA's leading scorer at Johnson High School with a 25 plus

mark in '70-'71; and returning Charlie Clark (6'3") will vie for the two positions.

All are fine shooters, have plenty of basketball experience and savvy, and can rebound with the best.

The one-guard offense will find a "traffic jam" for the starting job. Wilson, Warner, Brad Becker (6'0"), will vie

for the job, with Williams mentioned as a "swingman" between guard and forward.

Wilson has the experience, savvy, etc., needed to run a basketball team. At 26 years of age, Wilson is a veteran of a Kentucky junior college. He hasn't played basketball in three or four years, but the reflexes, moves, etc., have returned.

Becker is returning at guard with the Pirates. He started many of the games last season and proved to be a vital cog in ASC's offense.

Warner, like Williams and Berry, will be getting his first taste of college basketball. However, Warner was a superstar from Effingham County High as a forward-guard. He averaged more than 22 points a game and is a strong candidate to get the starting job with ASC.

Alexander still can't believe ASC is suddenly a basketball contender.

"It's a good feeling," Alexander says, "and I like it . . . I like it."

Now Alexander and his Pirates need the backing of the student body and the city of Savannah. If the ASC athletic program hopes to grow, the students must back it big.

Billboards, television and radio stations, newspapers, etc., are joining the ASC bandwagon. It's time for ASC's student body to shed its "non-support" image.

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### 1971-72 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Seasons tickets for Armstrong's 14 home games may be purchased for 15 dollars from any of the Buccaneers, the Windsor Restaurant, or from Coach Kinder (354-9715, ext. 222). A season's ticket entitles the holder to a reserved seat in the plush mezzene area of the new Civic Center.

Nov. 26-27	Geechee Classic	Sports Center
Nov. 29	Florida Tech	Sports Center
Dec. 1	Valdosta State	Valdosta
Dec. 4	College of Charleston	Sports Center
Dec. 6	Georgia College	Milledgeville
Dec. 8	Savannah State	Sports Center
Dec. 11	Baptist College	Charleston
Dec. 14	Baldwin Wallace	Civic Center
Dec. 20	Carroll College	Civic Center
Dec. 21-23	Phiblant Classic	Norfolk, Virginia
Jan. 10	Georgia College	Civic Center
Jan. 15	Augusta College	Civic Center
Jan. 21	Campbell College	Buie, N. C.
Jan. 22	U. N. C. Wilmington	Wilmington
Jan. 24	Hawthorne	Civic Center
Jan. 26	Valdosta	Civic Center
Jan. 29	Southern Tech	Atlanta
Jan. 31	Samford University	Birmingham
Feb. 4	Lander	Civic Center
Feb. 5	Florida Tech	Melbourne
Feb. 7	Palm Beach Atlantic	W. Palm Beach
Feb. 10	Augusta College	Augusta
Feb. 12	Southern Tech	Civic Center
Feb. 19	Bryan College	Civic Center
Feb. 22	Savannah State	Civic Center
Feb. 26	College of Charleston	Charleston



John P. Rousakis

# Savannah's Mayor Supports Armstrong

## "Armstrong Basketball Is On The Verge Of Something Big!"

Savannah's mayor and Armstrong alumnus, John P. Rousakis may have hung up his maroon and gold tennis shoes for the last time, but he's a long way from forgetting about his old alma mater. Mayor Rousakis is indeed one of the Pirates biggest supporters, supplying the necessary impetus to sell Armstrong's basketball program on a community level.

Infact, it hasn't been too many years since Mayor Rousakis played his last game for Armstrong Junior College. "Yes", the Mayor hesitantly admits with a smile. "I may have seen my better days on the court." Those once quick moves, his flashy drives to the bucket, and that beautiful arching jumper, have all but disappeared — lost in the cheering of delighted fans ... recorded in the yellowed pages of Savannah's sports history. Today John Rousakis has traded in his maroon and gold uniform for a gavel and the helm of Savannah's city government. But even now with his demanding position, Savannah's mayor still finds time to play an occasional game of basketball, as well as, help Armstrong's basketball program down the road of success.

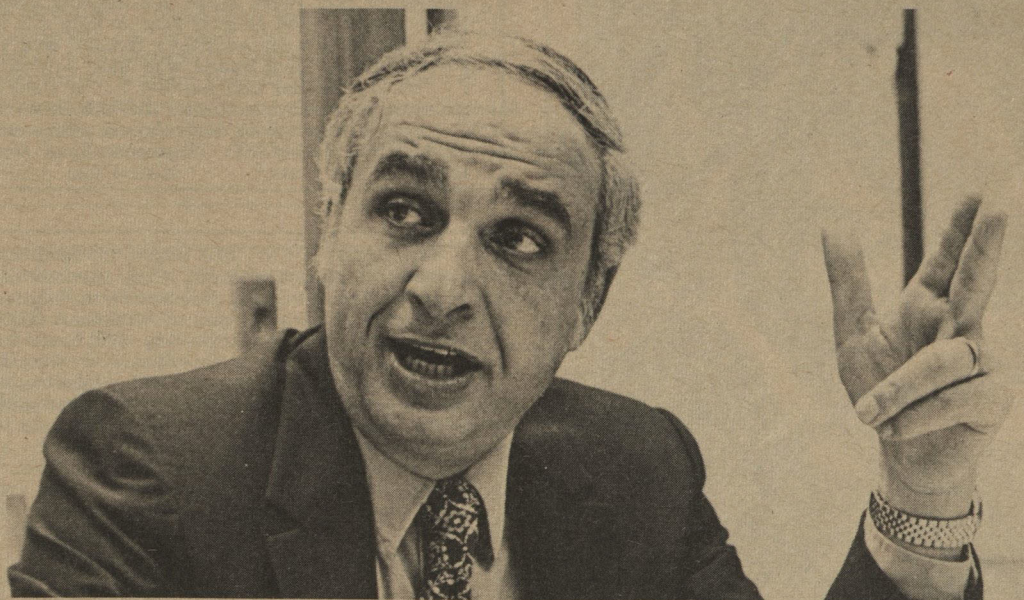
Rousakis' basketball roots are sunk deep into the Port City's sports history. He began his basketball career at Savannah High School, and before graduating, he led the 1946 and 1947 Blue Jacket teams to state championships.

At Armstrong, Mayor Rousakis played outstanding ball and was named to an All-conference team before a badly wrenched ankle prematurely ended his basketball career. After completing the junior college's two year curriculum, Rousakis returned to Georgia where he received a degree in business administration.

Armstrong's move upward in athletics, has received full support from Mayor Rousakis. In an interview with the INKWELL, Rousakis said, "I really think Armstrong's basketball program is on the upswing ... on the verge of something big. In fact, I'm as excited about the opening of the season as Coach Alexander is."

Rousakis confidently continued, "Of course, I've always followed Armstrong basketball through the years, but this year its different. For the first time I think Armstrong basketball is going to make it to the top ... Sure, its a long road, but we'll make the big time yet."

When asked if he thought the city of Savannah would support a collegiate basketball power at ASC, the Mayor replied with a strong affirmative. "There's no question in my mind. In my opinion, Armstrong basketball could really do a lot to promote community pride and spirit. The citizens of a city really take pride in producing a winner because they feel like they're a part of it. They see the team's success as a di-



Mayor John P. Rousakis Is Invaluable Pirate Fan

rect result of their participation — and they're right.

"Savannahians are no different. If the Pirates come out looking as good on the court as they do on paper, you're going to find people standing in line to get tickets. Everybody enjoys a winner, and from all indications that's exactly what we've got—an honest-to-goodness winner."

Perhaps one of the biggest values of a successful basketball program at Armstrong would be the attention it would focus on the college as a whole. Mayor Rousakis pointed out, "I envision Armstrong's basketball program as a chance to develop the college to its fullest potential. Athletics can do wonderful things for a school—just look at Jacksonville University. The same thing can happen for Armstrong. A successful basketball program could very well serve as that golden key

to get many of the things we want for Armstrong. For example basketball could serve as a medium to get dormitories for the school. It may be a long shot, but I believe it can happen."

Above all else, Mayor Rousakis looks forward to an improved intercollegiate program at Armstrong because of its ability to focus attention on the community in general, as well as, on Armstrong.

"National recognition through sports can go a long way towards promoting a community's image. I've seen it happen too many times before. Because of the tremendous coverage given to sports in newspapers, magazines, radio, and television; athletics can be one of the best mediums for focusing attention on a particular area. America is a sports orientated country. Practically every body either plays a sport or is in-

terested enough to read about it in the papers. If Armstrong gets national sports attention, then Savannah wins too. The community as a whole has as much to gain as anybody."

Concerning the relation of Armstrong to Savannah in general, Rousakis began, "Armstrong State College is one of the community's most valuable assets, and consequently, the full development of Armstrong is as essential to the growth of Savannah, as anything is. A college is one of the best industries a community could ask for. After all, a college doesn't pollute, and it stimulates the economy by providing jobs and recycling state and national funds back into the community. In addition, the general life of a community is upgraded with a full and well functioning college. What more could you ask for from a business or industry?"

### From The President

## What Basketball Can Mean To Armstrong

By DR. HENRY L. ASHMORE

There are several prime ways in which a first-rate basketball program can help in developing Armstrong State College. The following list is not intended to be exhaustive, but it does point out specifically some beneficial effects of having a good basketball program.

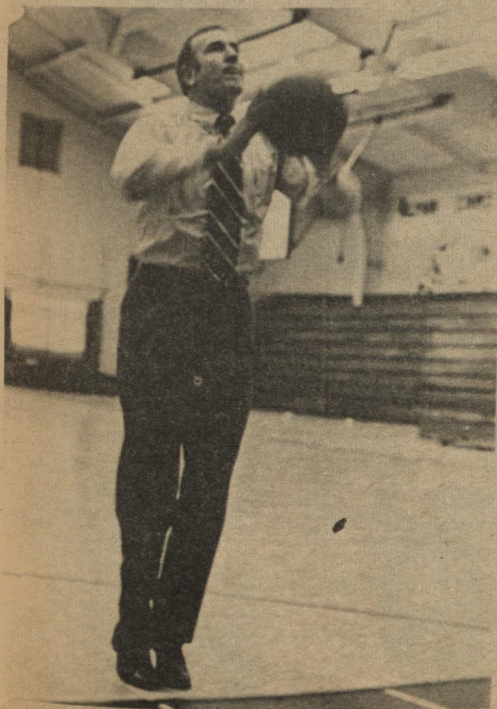
1. The amount of publicity which would accrue at the college would be tremendous. An example of this would be the University of Jacksonville, a small, private, liberal arts university in Jacksonville, Fla., which was known only to a very few people until it developed one of the outstanding basketball teams in the nation. During the past couple of years the name of the University of Jacksonville has been printed and reprinted throughout the nation. The same thing could occur at Armstrong State College. Many people who have never heard of ASC could suddenly be exposed to Armstrong through the medium of basketball. Simply because of the interest in sports today, there is probably more written about sports in magazines and newspapers than almost any other topic. The purpose of this article is not to say this should or should not be, it is simply to say that it is. Therefore, if we were to develop a basketball program at Armstrong State College which attracted

national attention, then Armstrong State College itself would attract national attention.

2. A good basketball program would be very instrumental in developing an outstanding esprit de corps on campus. It is an apparent fact that most people enjoy being associated with a winner. There is simply more excitement when there is real expectation of winning. It is easily demonstratable that this is so: simply watch the crowds attending games increase as the team wins more and more games.

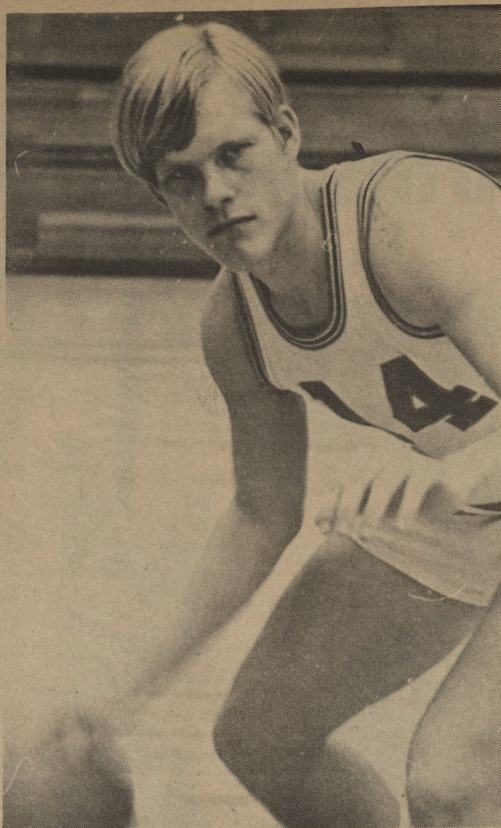
3. The college could gain increased support in the city and surrounding areas if we had a nationally known team. Again, this is not to say this is the way it should be—it simply is the way it is. There would be definite spillover of support in all other areas of the college, thereby benefiting the college as a whole.

4. The publicity attendant to such a good basketball program would help immeasurably in recruiting new students. Armstrong State College is at the point sizewise that it is almost to the breaking point of being well financed. Inasmuch as state financing is geared to the number of students enrolled, the college needs at least a few hundred more. Thus a well-publicized team would help in narrowing the present gap.



President Ashmore Takes Jumper





Brad Becker

Brad Becker, a 6 foot, 170 pound guard from Florida's Citrus belt, came to Armstrong from Deland High School where he quarterbacked his team to a 28-2 season and a third straight Orange Belt Conference title. In his freshman year at ASC, Brad was severely slowed by injuries—a broken hand and a chipped elbow. Brad was back at full speed last year, maturing quickly into a good ball handler and shooter. By the end of the season, ASC's smallest Pirate had made a significant contribution to the success of last year's team. An exciting player to watch, Brad will be called on this year to help fill the leadership roles left by graduated Steve Holland and David Rich.

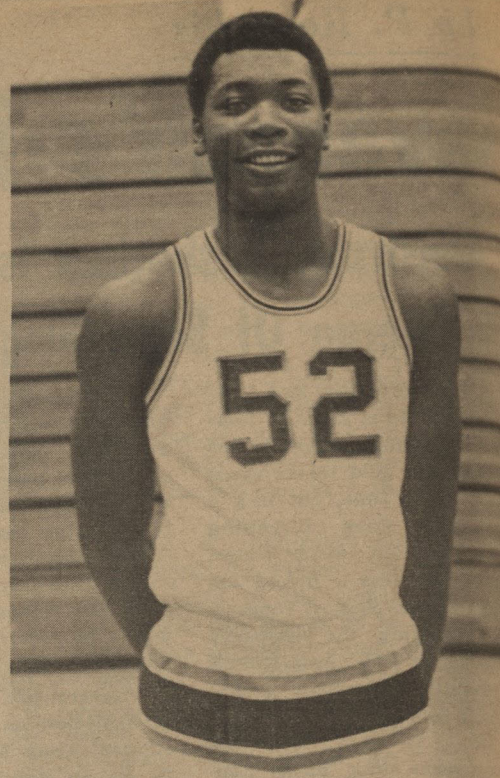
**PROFILE:** A quick guard who likes to run with the ball . . . an exceptional ball handler . . . a flashy passer with an uncanny ability to thread the ball through the defense . . . a good leaper who can rebound with much taller men.

**COACH'S COMMENT:** "I expect Brad to be the floor leader of the team."

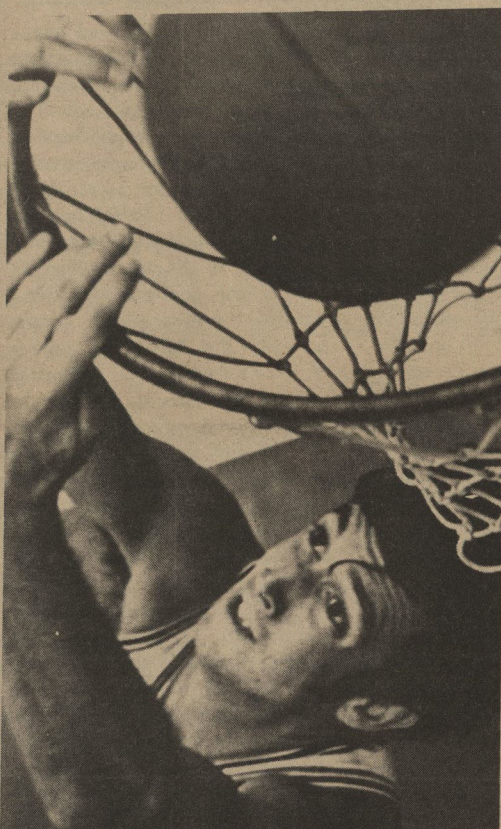
Sam Berry, a 6'8", 210 pound forward-center from Savannah, set Georgia high school basketball on fire last year with his powerful rebounding and famous fade-away jumpers. An All-American at Savannah High School, Sam was one of the country's top 100 basketball prospects, and was sought by such schools as the Universities of Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, and Alabama just to name a few. Needless to say, Sam is a welcomed addition to Armstrong basketball and will play a key role in determining the success of the '71-72 Pirates.

**PROFILE:** All City, All Region, All State, All American—Coach Alexander's recruiting dreams come true . . . quick for a big man . . . strong moves underneath the basket . . . "Super Cool" under pressure . . . virtually impossible to stop when he's hot.

**COACH'S COMMENT:** "Without a doubt, Sam has the greatest potential of any player ever to play at Armstrong."



Sam Berry



Robert Bradley

Robert Bradley, a 6'4", 175 pound forward from Deland High School, has everything it takes to become one of Armstrong's finest. A senior this year, Robert has started at forward for the past three years and is perhaps ASC's most fundamentally sound player. Last year, Robert captured Armstrong's career rebounding record with 538 caroms. This year, "Sky King" looks like a sure bet to join Armstrong's elite 1000 point club.

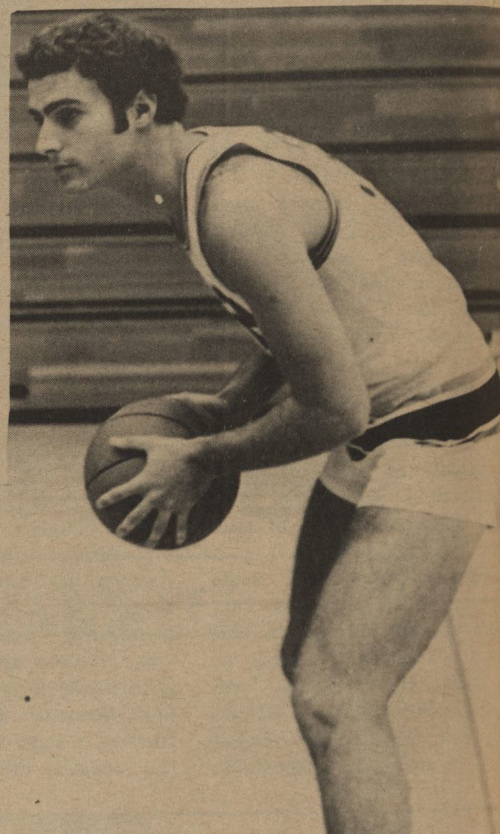
**PROFILE:** Possesses great leaping ability and timing which offsets his lack of size under the boards . . . an excellent shooter with quick moves inside . . . a hustler, always doing a good job on defense.

**COACH COMMENT:** "I expect great things from Robert this season."

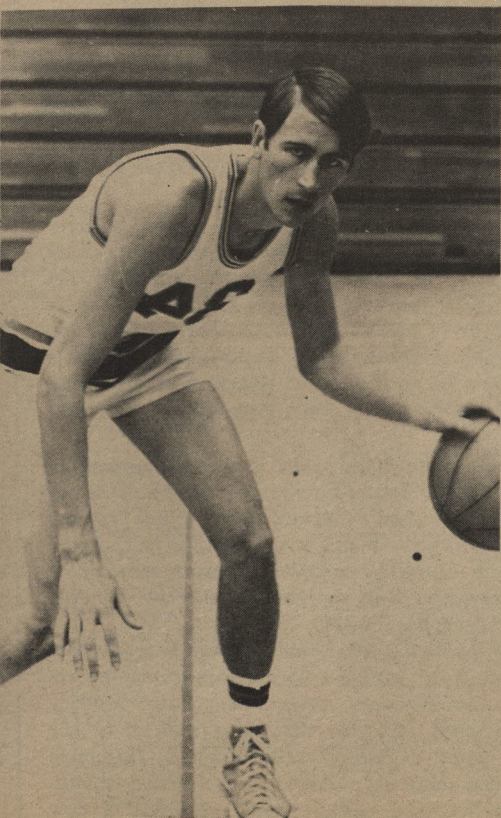
Charlie Clarke, a 6'3", 180 pound forward-guard from Savannah, is perhaps the most underrated player on the team. Charlie played a key role in last year's winning season as a substitute forward who raised many a Pirate fans' eye brow with his flashy moves and good outside shooting. This year Charlie should see a lot of game action adding depth and dimension to the 1971-72 Pirates.

**PROFILE:** a good medium range shooter who finds the mark quickly and consistently grinds away points . . . a good rebounder who blocks out well on the boards . . . a serious basketball mind who persists in getting the job done.

**COACH'S COMMENT:** "Charlie perhaps fills the lanes better and gets down the court quicker than anybody else on the team."



Charlie Clarke



Clifford Cox

Clifford Cox, a senior transfer from the University of Florida, has got to be one of the tallest guards in the country at 6'7". For his height, Clifford is an exceptional ball handler, but that's not all he does well. In addition to being a good rebounder, he is also a superior shooter from almost any spot on the court. Clifford will add experience, leadership, and depth to this year's edition of the Pirates.

**PROFILE:** Combines a soft touch with exceptional range . . . a fundamentally sound player, making few floor mistakes . . . always hustling, getting his job done in perfect order.

**COACH'S COMMENT:** "Cliff has all the tools to do it all."

Ron Hancock, a 6'5", 195 pound forward from Evansville, Indiana, had an exceptional freshman season with the Pirates last year. Billed by many as the best shooter on the team, "Skippy" excited Pirate basketball fans last year with his long arching jumpers and lightning quick drives to the bucket. There is no question that Ron will be a golden key to ASC's success this season.

**PROFILE:** An excellent shooter who combines a good eye with a soft touch . . . a strong rebounder who has graceful moves under the bucket as well as the power moves to get the ball to the bucket . . . big and strong, but quick and agile—a rare combination of basketball talent.

**COACH'S COMMENTS:** "Without a doubt, Ron has as much potential as any player on the team. How far we go this year will depend a lot on how well Skippy performs."



Ron Hancock





Ernest Lorenz

**Ernest Lorenz**, a 6'10½", 215 pound center, is a sophomore transfer from the University of Florida where he was an outstanding freshman basketball star. The tallest player ever to play at Armstrong, Ernie symbolizes the changing face of Armstrong's basketball program. This year Ernie will lend the Pirates invaluable board strength as well as good scoring potential from underneath the bucket.

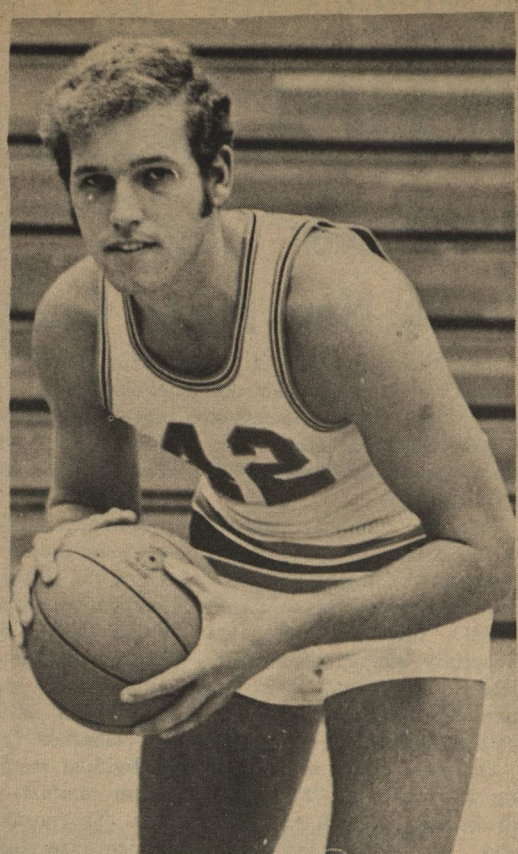
**PROFILE:** Finally a Pirate who can rebound with anyone and everyone . . . a good ball handler for his size who improves with everyday's practice . . . fires a sweet jumper that knows nothing but the bottom of the net.

**COACH'S COMMENT:** "With hard work and development of stamina, endurance, and an inside scoring game, Ernie can become a great player. He needs to become more agile, mobile, and hostile."

**Stan Sammons**, a 6'6", 220 pound center from Atlanta, has given ASC much needed board strength and scoring punch in tight situations over the past seasons. A three year letterman, Stan earned the team's most improved player award in his sophomore year. Above all, Stan is perhaps best known for his sweeping hooker, an almost impossible shot to block that rarely misses the mark. Stan combines a large stocky frame with an aggressive approach to effectively clog up the middle on defense and block out the best of rebounders on the boards.

**PROFILE:** An unbelievable hook . . . a good rebounder who uses his weight to the best possible advantage . . . a conscientious player, always striving to obtain his best.

**COACH'S COMMENT:** "Stan has continued to improve every year since coming to Armstrong. Without a doubt, he will be a definite factor in determining the success of this team."



Stan Sammons

**Curtis Warner**, a 6'5", 170 pound guard from Effingham County, was selected along with Sam Berry from the Coastal Empire area to play in the annual North-South basketball clash. A superstar at Effingham County, Warner averaged better than 22 points a game last season. This year, "Skippy" will get his first taste of college ball, and from all indications, he will live up to the expectations of area basketball fans.

**PROFILE:** Great ball handling ability . . . quick and agile with good moves to the bucket and a sweet outside shot.

**COACH'S COMMENTS:** "All Curtis lacks is game experience. He has the raw talent to become one of Armstrong's best ever."

**Loren West**, a 6'9", 200 pound center from Jacksonville, is the second tallest Pirate on the squad. As a freshman last year, Loren saw considerable action as a substitute center, contributing significantly to last year's winning season. Loren is probably the most aggressive player on the team, willing to fight anyone for a rebound or a loose ball.

**PROFILE:** Combines a "never-say-die" attitude with a strong desire to get his job done . . . always moving, providing the Pirates with an invaluable inside shooter . . . has an outstanding hook and a good turn around jumper.

**COACH'S COMMENT:** "With continued hard work and dedication, Loren will have a great career at Armstrong."

**Ike Williams**, a 6'4", 170 pound guard from Savannah, led the city and Region 3-AAA in scoring last year with a 25 point per game average. Ike is an exceptional guard prospect who combines speed with a quick start to lead one heck of a fast break. This season Ike will lend the Pirates good ball handling capabilities, as well as, a strong outside shot with the ability to take the ball under the bucket for the easy score.

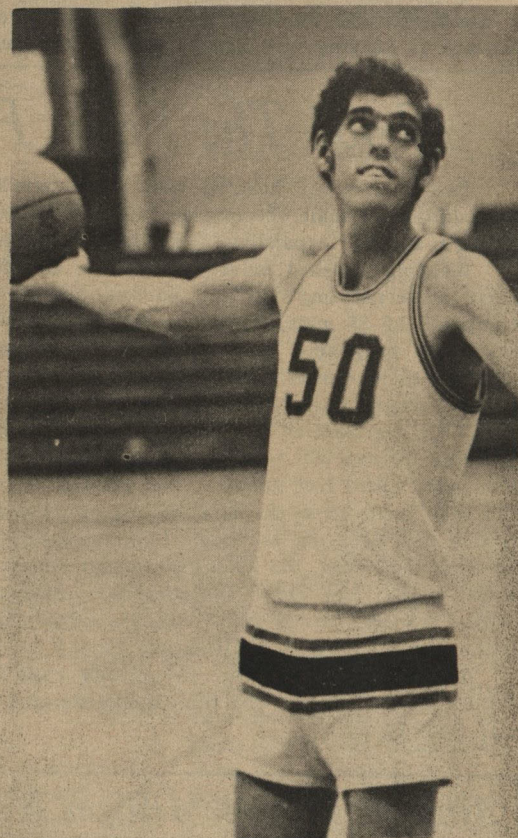
**PROFILE:** The model college guard, lightning quick, flashy passer, exceptional ball handler, big enough to go under the boards and fight for rebounds . . . a strong offensive player who combines a deadly outside jumper with numerous good moves to the bucket . . . has the ability to develop into a superior defensive player.

**COACH'S COMMENT:** "Ike has the moves, speed, and desire to become an outstanding performer."

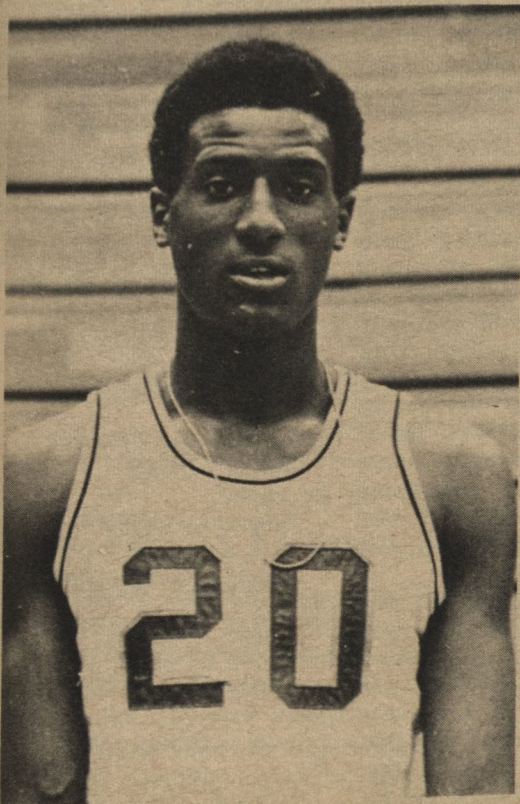
**Darrell Wilson**, a 6'2", 175 pound guard, is a veteran of a Kentucky junior college where he played outstanding ball for two years. Although Darrell hasn't played basketball in three or four years, his reflexes, moves, and shooting eye have returned. At 26 years old, Darrell is the team's "old man", and consequently, is the person Coach Alexander will look to for a level head and mature leadership on and off the court.

**PROFILE:** An excellent passer always seeming to find the open man . . . dedicated to the game, his teammates, and giving his best . . . the totally unselfish ball player.

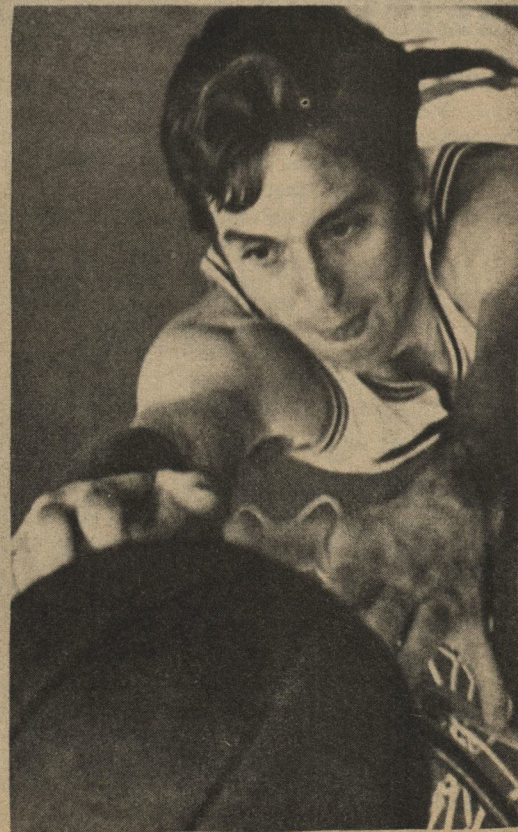
**COACH'S COMMENT:** "With his mature attitude, Darrell will prove to be a great asset to the Armstrong basketball program."



Loren West



Ike Williams



Darrell Wilson



## Savannah's New Civic Center

# A First Class Facility For A First Class Team

## \$10 Million Coliseum To Be New Pirate Cove

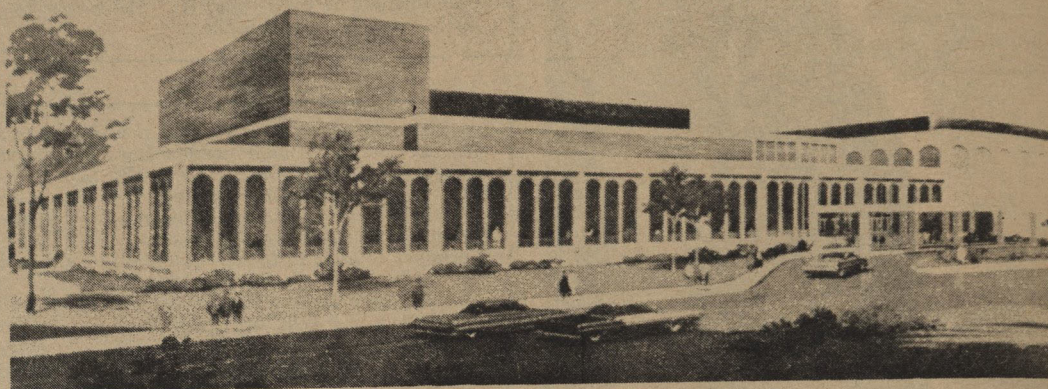
With the completion of Savannah's new ten million dollar Civic Center complex, Armstrong's basketball program has "Big Time" written all over it.

The new facility, located at the corner of Liberty and Montgomery streets in beautiful downtown Savannah, is rapidly nearing completion. Hopefully, the Pirates will be able to move into their new home for the opening of the 1971-72 basketball season.

The new coliseum is nothing but the best—"First class all the way", Coach Alexander says with a broad smile. "There's no question that this facility is one of the finest in the Southeast. I'm looking forward to playing our home

games there . . . I'm really excited about its completion, not only for Armstrong but for all of Savannah. We've finally got a facility that we can enjoy and be proud of."

The ten million dollar complex is indeed "First Class" from its plush, cushioned box seats to the 22,000 dollar, four sided score board hanging high above the coliseum floor. One of the nicer aspects of the arena is that there are no bleacher type seats, only individual seats for the maximum comfort of every Pirate fan. The cushioned box seats which are located on both sides of the playing court and at the north end of the arena, are of course the best seats in the house.



All together, the arena will seat 6,908 spectators for basketball—and there's not a single bad seat in the house. Basically, the coliseum is built on three levels: a court side level consisting of 1,148 box seats, a mezzene level which seats 1,176, and the upper level which seats 4,584.

The main student seating area will be the plush, floor level box seats on the west or Montgomery street side of the arena. In the box seats directly across the court, a section will be reserved at half-court for the Big A Club members. The rest of the box seats on both sides of this reserved section will also be for Armstrong students. The mezzene area is reserved for season ticket holders. The seats in the upper level behind both goals, are for general admission with the rest of the seats in the upper level going to reserved advance ticket sales.

The playing court is a portable hard wood surface which

will be assembled before every game and stored away for protection when not in use. The arena floor actually contains 20,544 square feet of floor space; and when not in use for basketball or exhibitions, nine miles of pipes will freeze a solid layer of ice on the surface to be used for ice skating.

The new facility is obviously "Major League" in every respect and represents just one more step in Coach Bill Alexander's master plan to bring "Big Time" basketball and national attention to Armstrong and Savannah. Armstrong's sudden move upward in athletics began with the greatest recruiting season in the history of the school last year. "A once in a life time thing", Alexander says with a smile.

In an interview with the INKWELL, Alexander talked about what the new coliseum would mean to Armstrong basketball. "The new coliseum

will mean so much to us that it's really hard to talk about every thing." Alexander said with the excitement of a small child on Christmas Morning "The presence of a facility like this one, means we can play some of the finest basketball teams in the country. A visiting basketball team can't help but to be impressed with an arena like this."

Alexander continued, "I'm really optimistic that the Civic Center will play a major role in drawing bigger crowds to our games. Actually the coliseum is closer to the major residential areas than Armstrong's gymnasium. After all, Interstate 16 and the west side by-pass run smack dab into the Civic Center's back door. This makes it nice for the people on the Southside and teams coming into Savannah from out-of-town.

With the way Alexander is pushing Pirate Basketball, the "Big Time" will be at Armstrong in no time.

## About The Front Page

The Pirates are hoisting some new sails this year with the addition of male cheerleaders and the Buccaneers to Armstrong's rapidly expanding basketball program.

Wearing crushed velvet hot pants, the Buccaneers will serve as Armstrong's official hostess for all athletic events. Composed of 25 girls, the group will sell season's tickets and basketball programs, as well as, greet Pirate fans coming into the Civic Center. Miss Cathy Huskisson is president of the Buccaneers and represents the group on the front page.

With the addition of six male cheerleaders, Armstrong's cheering format will take on the new dimension of acrobatics this year. Since late summer, the Pirates new cheering team has been hard at work polishing up on gymnastics and perfecting new cheering routines. Often a part of major college cheering programs, the male cheerleaders mark just one more step towards "Big Time" basketball at Armstrong. The cheerleaders featured on the front page are captain Debbie Thacker, Diane Foulhe, and Mike Higgins.

Representing the "good ole" Pirate crew themselves are seniors Robert Bradley and Stan Sammons, and big 6'8" freshman Sam Berry.

## Almost A Half Million Watched Last Year

# Television Exposes Pirate Basketball To Thousands

WJCL television will expose Pirate basketball to more people in one night than most small college teams are exposed to during their entire basketball season. For the

second year, Frank Black and Channel 22 sports will broadcast Armstrong basketball to the thousands of Coastal Empire fans. Last year, the "Pirate Basketball" presentation

was watched by almost a half million people, and according to Black, was WJCL's second most popular program.

Black, who is WJCL's sports director, will handle the play-by-play commentary. In an interview with the INKWELL last week Black commented, "With the potential the Pirates have this year, I can't wait to get the cameras rolling. I'm looking forward to doing some of the broadcasts from the new Civic Center . . . I'm excited about the whole program . . . Really excited."

Before last year, there had been some question concerning the effects of television on the size of ASC's game attendance. Black quickly pointed out, "Yes, this use to be a common misconception among all sports fans that television keeps people away from the game. But it just

isn't true. I talked to many people last year who had been watching the game on TV, and then would leave at half time just to come see it live."

Black continued, "The big plus WJCL television gives Armstrong is exposing Pirate basketball to thousands of people who would normally never come in contact with ASC's athletic program. This type of exposure has got to enhance the school's image as a whole. It stimulates community interest in Armstrong, as well as, providing an outlet into the community for Armstrong."

"As far as the athletic program goes, television provides first class exposure—after all, how many small colleges the size of Armstrong have their games televised. Potential recruits and other teams can't help but be impressed with this type of pub-

licity."

WJCL television will be broadcasting eleven of Armstrong's fourteen home games this season. The first televised game will be the College of Charleston on December 4. Other games to be televised include:

Savannah State College, December 8.

Baldwin Wallace, December 14.

Carroll College, December 20.

Georgia College, January 10.

Augusta College, January 15.

Valdosta College, January 26.

Lander College, February 4.

Southern Tech, February 12.

Bryan College, February 19.

Savannah State, February 22.



Frank Black of WJCL