

GEORGIA SOUTHERN BASKETBALL 1973-74



**J. E. ROWE WITH SUPER SENIORS
JOHNNY MILLS AND RICHARD WALLACE**

GEORGIA SOUTHERN COLLEGE 1973-1974 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

December 1	Hofstra	Statesboro, Ga.
December 5	University of South Carolina	Columbia, S.C.
December 8	Jacksonville University	Jacksonville, Fla.
December 15	Morris Harvey	Statesboro, Ga.
December 20	Rider	Statesboro, Ga.
*December 27-28	Claxton Fruit Cake Classic	Savannah, Ga.
	Boston University	
	North Texas State	
	St. Francis	
	Georgia Southern	
January 2	University of Wisconsin (Milw.)	Statesboro, Ga.
January 5	Valdosta State	Valdosta, Ga.
January 7	East Tennessee State University	Statesboro, Ga.
January 9	Old Dominion	Statesboro, Ga.
January 12	Samford University	Birmingham, Ala.
*January 14	Florida State University	Savannah, Ga.
January 19	Appalachian State University	Boone, N.C.
January 23	Valdosta State	Statesboro, Ga.
January 26	Mercer University	Statesboro, Ga.
January 31	Fairleigh Dickinson University	Teaneck, N.J.
February 2	Old Dominion	Norfolk, Va.
February 4	Samford University	Statesboro, Ga.
February 6	Mercer University	Macon, Ga.
February 9	Pan American	Edinburg, Tex.
February 11	North Texas State	Denton, Tex.
February 16	Oglethorpe	Statesboro, Ga.
February 20	Georgia State University	Statesboro, Ga.
February 23	Ball State (3:00)	Muncie, Ind.
March 1	Georgia State University	Atlanta, Ga.

* Savannah Civic Center

All home games at 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 26 Contest at 2 p.m.

GEORGIA SOUTHERN COLLEGE

Georgia Southern College has been serving students in Georgia and the Southeast since 1908.

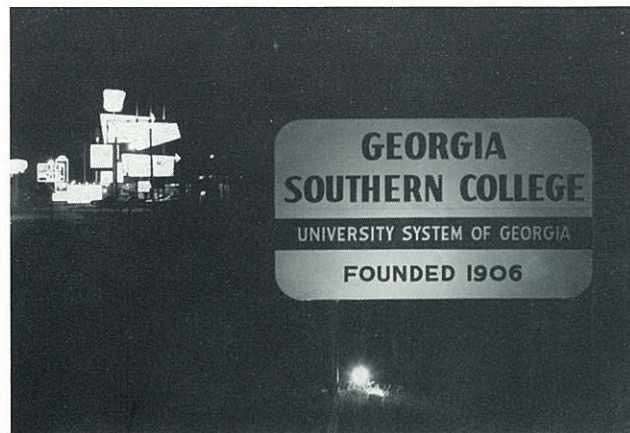
The College is located in the coastal area of Georgia in the City of Statesboro and has a 400-acre campus studded with southern pines which provides an excellent setting for the many new buildings already finished and now under construction.

Since its establishment as a college in 1924, Georgia Southern has grown from the 16 original faculty and staff members to the present faculty and staff of over 400. In the past ten years, student enrollment at the College has quadrupled to the present number of over 6,000.

This steady growth in the undergraduate enrollment is continuing and with the establishment in 1969 of the Graduate School, the enrollment at the graduate level is rapidly growing also.

In 1969, the College was officially reorganized into schools and divisions, including the School of Arts and Sciences, School of Education, Graduate School, Division of Business, and the Division of Industrial Technology. The Division of Business became the School of Business in September of 1971.

The student body is made up of students from all areas of Georgia, Florida, and South Carolina, many other states, and several foreign countries. The students feel the challenge of change at Georgia Southern—and that's what higher education is all about. The third ranking residential unit of the University System of Georgia, Georgia Southern has become a "place to be" when it comes to higher education.



GEORGIA SOUTHERN ATHLETICS

Name Georgia Southern College
 Location Statesboro, Ga.
 Nickname Eagles
 Colors Royal Blue and White
 Playing Conference Independent
 National Affiliation N.C.A.A. University Division
 President Dr. Pope A. Duncan
 Director, Institutional Development Ric Mandes
 Gymnasium Hanner Fieldhouse
 Seating Capacity 6,000
 Enrollment 6,000

ATHLETIC STAFF

Athletic Director J. I. Clements
 Basketball Coach J. E. Rowe
 Assistant Basketball Coach Jerry Fields
 Assistant Basketball Coach Charlie Gibbons
 Athletic Trainer Tom Smith
 Baseball Coach Ron Polk
 Golf Coach Ron Roberts
 Tennis Coach Vishnu Maharaj
 Gymnastics Coach Ron Oertley
 Swimming/Water Polo Coach Gordon Floyd
 Sports Information Director Dave Deppisch



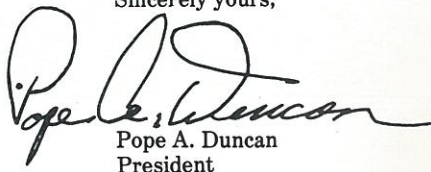
Dear Friend of GSC Athletics:

Georgia Southern has begun to build an enviable record in NCAA University Division athletics. Certainly, there is no more exciting or important part of our sports spectrum than basketball. We are looking forward to the 1973-74 season with great anticipation. The schedule is good, and we believe we have a fine team under the leadership of Coach J. E. Rowe and his associates.

Our students and the Statesboro community give us excellent support. We have excellent facilities in which to play both here in Statesboro and in the Savannah Civic Center. I join with Athletic Director Clements and all of his personnel in welcoming you to GSC basketball.

Intercollegiate athletic competition has a proper role in college life, and we are very proud of the fine tradition which we have at Georgia Southern.

Sincerely yours,


 Pope A. Duncan
 President

MEET THE G.S.C. BASKETBALL STAFF

J. I. CLEMENTS
 Director of Athletics



The man responsible for Georgia Southern's advance into the University Division of the NCAA in 1971 is Athletic Director J. I. Clements.

Clements, a native of Ray City, Ga., has been a trademark of GSC athletics for the past 25 years. He coached the Eagle baseball team to the heights of NAIA competition for 19 seasons taking his teams to the World Series four times and coming away with one national championship in 1962, two runnerup finishes, and one third place finish. He became known nationwide in 1963 when he was named 'NAIA Coach of the Year'. He is also well known as a member of the United States Olympic Baseball Committee.

Clements is beginning his sixth year as athletic director since retiring in 1968 as head baseball coach. He has led the Eagles through the ranks of the NAIA, the College Division of the NCAA, culminating with the attainment of University status in 1971-72.

A bachelors and masters degree graduate of Eastern Kentucky University, Clements is married to the former Reba McClure and they have a son Carroll 30, and a daughter Janna, 26.



J. E. ROWE
Head Basketball Coach

J. E. Rowe and his Eagles ran into some of the nation's finest competition during last season's 8-18 record as five of Georgia Southern's opponents went on to compete in post season national tournaments.

But this year J. E. and his cagers are definitely on the rebound. With a good year of recruiting behind him and returning lettermen all healthy, Rowe is optimistic but not overconfident about the new season.

The Eagles will be tested early in the season when they take to the road to challenge South Carolina, Jacksonville, and Florida State.



But Rowe is no stranger to challenges and building a winner. The 1961 graduate of Georgia Southern is a native of Jacksonville, Fla., and attended Fitzgerald High School in Fitzgerald, Ga., where he played both basketball and baseball.



He came to GSC on a dual sports grant and was named all-state in basketball and was a first team All-American in baseball. Following graduation Rowe signed a professional baseball contract and spent a year with the Mets and Dodgers.

In 1963, he became head basketball coach at Avondale High School in Atlanta, Ga., where he compiled an impressive basketball record of 81-29 and took his team to the State AAA tournament two of his four years.

In 1967 he returned to his alma mater as assistant coach and head recruiter and remained in that position until taking over as head coach in 1970.

Rowe's ultimate goal is making the Eagles one of the top four teams in the NCAA University Division National Tournament. He feels that the task is at least a four-year project.

In the past the lack of a big man in the middle to dominate the game has caused the Eagle offense to rely on speed and quickness to put a lot of points on the board. With this fast-breaking offense and a tenacious defense however, Rowe feels his team can challenge any opponent on a given night.

Rowe is married to the former Diane Keene of Claxton, Ga., and they have three children: Lisa, 10; Barbara, 7; and Jay, 5.

JERRY FIELDS
Assistant Coach and Head Recruiter

Jerry Fields is an assistant coach but his real activity centers around recruiting. Only 31 years young, he is responsible for the recruitment of three high school All-Americans for teams he has been associated with.

As Georgia Southern's head basketball recruiter, he travels across the country scouting, recruiting, and signing "baby Eagles" to spend their college careers at Georgia Southern.



Fields hails from Saltville, Virginia, where he was an All-American selection in basketball at Worthy High School. He attended East Tennessee State University in Johnson City, Tenn., and upon graduation in 1965, he moved to Florida where he coached four years of basketball.

In 1969 he returned to ETSU as a graduate assistant and recruiter prior to joining the Georgia Southern Staff in 1970.

Each year Fields travels thousands of miles to all parts of the country and the winter and spring months find him always on the road. When not traveling, Rowe is constantly relying on Fields' basketball knowledge and energy to supplement the coaching duties at home.

Fields is married to the former Carol DeBord and they have a son Doug, 11, and a daughter Tracy, 4.

CHARLIE GIBBONS
Assistant Coach



Charlie Gibbons begins his first year of coaching at GSC and will be primarily involved with the junior varsity team.

He was a four year standout basketball player with the Eagles from 1968 to 1972. In '71 Gibbons was GSC's most valuable player and captained the team in '72. He spent the past year teaching at Southeast Bulloch High School, where he was also assistant football coach.

Gibbons brings to the GSC coaching staff a solid knowledge of basketball strategy, and his addition will allow for Jerry Fields to devote more of his time to recruiting.

Gibbons graduated from Southern in '72 with an A.B. in history, and is currently working on a Masters in Health and Physical Education. A native of Augusta, Ga., he is married to the former Gloria Morgan of Wrightsville, Ga.

TOM SMITH
Athletic Trainer

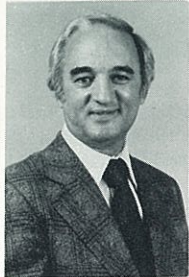
Tom Smith begins his third year as athletic trainer for Georgia Southern. He came to GSC from Indiana University where he was the trainer for the Hoosier Swimming team which won the NCAA national championship.

Smith's knowledge of sports is not confined to his training experiences. He coached for fifteen years in Indiana high schools where he was involved in basketball, baseball and cross country.

Smith also teaches athletic training and personal health in addition to his responsibilities for the care and prevention of injuries to all Southern athletes. Tom is a man who is generous with what little time he has to himself.

He received his B.S. degree from Indiana State University and later added an M.S. in guidance. He earned his second M.S. degree in Health from Indiana University with emphasis on athletic training.

Smith is married to the former Sue Lynch Smith and they have two daughters, Julie, 14 and Cindy, 11.



FRANK ARREOLA
Assistant Trainer

Beginning his second year in the training room, his first as assistant trainer, is Frank Arreola, who is in his second year at GSC after attending Indiana University where he worked in the athletic training program.

Arreola, who is described by Smith as mature, friendly, and a credit to Georgia Southern, hails from Hobart, Indiana, where he participated in football and track in high school.

Frank hopes someday to become a professional trainer and work in the pro football ranks. He is currently 26 years old, and has served three years in the United States Marine Corps.

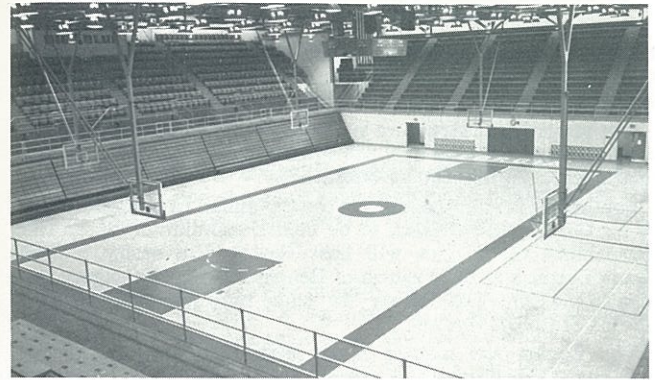
Arreola will be taking over the job formerly held by Straton Karatassos, who is currently working as a trainer at Mississippi State University.



VAN COWART
Student Trainer

Georgia Southern's new student trainer is Van Cowart, a recent transfer student from Middle Georgia College. Van became interested in athletic training after meeting Tom Smith and studying training under his direction.

An outgoing and pleasant gentleman, Cowart is originally from McRae, Ga., where he attended Telfair County High School and participated in all sports. Inspired by Smith, Cowart hopes to someday work in the field of athletic training.



HANNER FIELDHOUSE

The home of the Eagles is the 1.7 million dollar Hanner Fieldhouse. Completed in 1969, the fieldhouse has a seating capacity of approximately 6,000 consisting of 4,000 permanent seats along with 2,000 roll-away seats.

The surface of the athletic complex is a composition called "Tartan" flooring, a resilient compound manufactured by the 3-M company. The lighting is a unique type of mercury vapor bulbs which do not distort color. The candle power is sufficient for color filming in television without the aid of additional lighting.

The Hanner Building also houses modern classrooms, two complete suites of offices, a gymnastics room, and an eight-lane olympic swimming pool with a fifteen foot diving area.

The locker facilities, which include approximately 4,000 lockers, have been called the finest in Georgia, and the floors of the varsity dressing room are covered wall to wall with royal blue carpeting.

The fieldhouse has been the sight of many concerts and great entertainers, as well as hosting special athletic events such as the United States Gymnastics Federation Championships.

The Hanner Fieldhouse is a great "nest" for the Eagles, and also a great place to host major college basketball in south Georgia.



SAVANNAH CIVIC CENTER

For the second year Georgia Southern's Eagles will perform in the \$10,000,000 Savannah Civic Center against major college opponents and in the Claxton Classic.

The magnificent structure is one of the finest sports facilities anywhere and features a 60,280 square foot sports arena with a seating capacity of 8,000 for basketball.

Southern's first appearance in the Savannah Civic Center will be for the Claxton Classic, to be held December 27-28. In the tournament the Eagles will host Boston University, North Texas State, and St. Francis of Pennsylvania. The cagers return to the Center on January 14, when they square off against Florida State University.

The Eagles are making their second appearance in the Savannah Civic Center this season, and hope to make the super sports facility their second home in the years to come.



CLAXTON FRUITCAKE CLASSIC

When the second annual Claxton Fruitcake Classic Tournament is played on December 27th and 28th, it will be the first major collegiate basketball tournament to be viewed in the new Savannah Civic Center.

Georgia Southern hopes to accomplish two goals with the tournament. The first is to further goodwill between G.S.C. and the city of Savannah, and second, to provide alumni and fans in the coastal empire and Savannah an opportunity to view top collegiate basketball competition.

Georgia Southern will play host to Boston University, North Texas State, and St. Francis College of Pa., in what should prove to be an exciting tourney.

Boston will sport a well balanced team with eleven lettermen returning, and two backcourt aces in Kerry Walker and Ken Boyd.

North Texas State returns three starters to form a solid front line, and will have plenty of bench strength at the guard position.

St. Francis will boast five returning seniors in the lineup including leading scorers and All-American candidates Clarence Hopson and Rick Hockenos.

Of course, Georgia Southern fans will have a chance to see super seniors and All-American hopefuls Richard Wallace and Johnny Mills, who last season became the two newest members of Georgia Southern's coveted 1,000 point club.

MEDIA INFORMATION

The Georgia Southern College Athletic Department stands ready to assist all newspaper, magazine, radio, and television representatives as well as official scouts in the coverage of Eagle Basketball—1973-74.

Full press services including seating, statistical information, radio facilities, and pre-game information and photographs will be available to the working press at all Georgia Southern home games.

All requests for press row facilities, including radio, should be made to the GSC Athletic Department or Sports Information Office at least one week prior to the date of the home game. All home games will be played in the Hanner Fieldhouse on the Georgia Southern campus. Tipoff time is 7:30 p.m.

DAVE DEPPISCH

Sports Information Director



Dave Deppisch begins his first year as Sports Information Director for Georgia Southern. He comes to Southern after graduating from the University of Georgia with a B.A. in Radio-T.V. News. While at Georgia, he worked on WDOL-FM and WUOG-FM as well as writing part time for the school newspaper, the Red and Black. He is no stranger to the sports world having broadcast play-by-play of the Georgia baseball games in 1973 and having served as assistant sports director for WUOG-FM.

Deppisch, who has traveled extensively around the country, is originally from Orange, N. J. He attended the University of Kansas and the University of Detroit before coming to Georgia. At 23, he will provide concise sports reporting, and be a real spark to GSC athletics.

NATE HIRSCH

"Voice of the Eagles" WWNS-AM — WMCD-FM



Nate Hirsch, Sports Director for WWNS-AM— WMCD-FM radio of Statesboro, is the play-by-play announcer for all Eagle basketball and baseball games.

A talented young man in the field of sports broadcasting, Hirsch is beginning his fourth year with Eagle basketball. A native of the Bronx, N. Y.,

Hirsch received his B. S. degree in Radio-TV from Indiana State University where he was president of the ISU chapter of Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalistic society.

A former announcer and Sports Director at WISU-FM in Terre Haute, Ind., Hirsch has done play-by-play for Indiana State Basketball, football and baseball. Hirsch is married to the former Pat Martin, and they have a daughter Shannon, 3. A great asset to GSC basketball—Nate Hirsch, "Voice of the Eagles."

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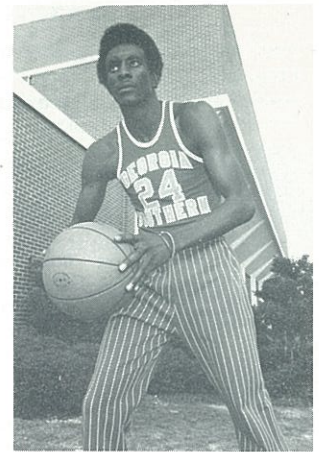
George Anne
Georgia Southern College
Statesboro, Ga.

1972-73 GEORGIA SOUTHERN COLLEGE BASKETBALL STATISTICS

WON 8, LOST 18

Player	G	FGM	FGA	PCT.	FTM	FTA	PCT.	AST.	REB	AVG.	PF	TP	AVG.	HIGH
Mike Pitt	26	97	230	42.3	42	51	82.4	122	63	2.3	63	236	9.1	25
Perry Warbington	23	205	474	43.4	69	97	71.1	73	87	3.7	70	479	20.8	31
Johnny Mills	25	224	473	47.4	99	123	80.5	17	151	6.1	79	547	21.8	44
Richard Wallace	18	143	298	47.9	77	105	73.3	58	194	10.7	70	363	20.2	37
Ronnie Arnold	24	65	135	48.1	14	23	60.9	15	140	5.9	61	144	6.0	17
Mike Barger	26	42	106	39.6	13	22	59.1	41	35	1.3	36	97	3.7	13
Dick Beuke	25	45	101	44.6	24	46	52.2	15	155	6.2	53	114	4.7	14
Bob Crouch	21	13	42	31.0	4	9	44.4	1	55	2.7	40	30	1.4	6
Tommy Palmer	21	16	53	30.2	29	41	70.7	30	28	1.3	37	61	2.9	10
Richard Johnson	20	18	46	39.1	5	8	62.5	7	95	4.7	41	41	2.1	10
John Gillingham	12	13	27	48.1	6	11	54.5	3	37	3.1	16	32	2.7	9
EAGLES TOTAL	26	879	2000	43.9	382	539	70.8	356	1078	41.4	572	2145	82.5	102
OPONENTS	26	936	2078	45.1	471	653	73.7	331	1165	44.7	556	2311	88.8	144

INDIVIDUAL: Points: 44 by Mills (18-34 FG, 8-8 FT) vs. Samford University at home— Jan. 27
Rebounds: 25 by Wallace vs. Corpus Christi at home— Jan. 17



"THE SUPER SENIORS"

BY MARCUS HOLLAND
Executive Sports Editor
Savannah News-Press

Where would Georgia Southern's basketball program be without Johnny Mills and Richard Wallace?

Coach J. E. Rowe had rather not talk about it.

In fact, coach Rowe had rather not think about this being the final year for Mills, the "pure shooter" from Laurens, S. C., and Wallace, the "complete ball player" from tiny Springfield, Ga.

Mills and Wallace spell double trouble for Southern opponents. They are sorta like the Touchdown Twins in Football . . . if one don't get you the other one will.

For the past two seasons Mills and Wallace have produced at better than a "point-a-minute" ratio. Mills, a 6-5 guard-forward who joined the 1,000 point club at GSC last year, has averaged 24.3 and 21.8, respectively, in his sophomore and junior seasons. Wallace, on the other hand, has scored at a 21.4 and 20.2 clip and also belongs to the 1,000 point club.

Both are great . . . tremendous ball players. Mills gives the Eagles a psychological lift just by being on the floor. He has the ability to pop the cords from anywhere on the floor.

But Wallace, termed "probably the greatest guard to ever wear a Southern uniform," can do it all — dribble, rebound, shoot, run, pass. And the 6-4 guard can beat you with either of his weapons.

Frank McGuire of South Carolina called Wallace the "closest thing to Earl (The Pearl) Monroe I've seen in a long, long time." That's quite a compliment coming from McGuire, who has seen many a great one come and go.

And his 55.0 shooting percentage record will no doubt stand for awhile.

That is unless Mills, the first "pure shooter" to play at Southern in a long, long time, comes through with a fantastic senior season.

With Wallace rebounding, passing, dribbling and working inside, coach Rowe expects Mills to furnish the outside shooting Southern needs to climb above water in the NCAA's tough major college class.

Rowe is already having nightmares about next season when he won't have a Richard Wallace and Johnny Mills.

The sleepy GSC campus won't be the same without the "pure shooter" and "complete ball player."

SEASON PREVIEW

By Don Rahn
Sports Editor
Statesboro Herald



Georgia Southern's basketball team suffered through a long, long season a year ago, but things are looking up now.

Throughout the 1972-73 season the Eagles' performance "inside" was dismal, but some selective recruiting by coaches J. E. Rowe and Jerry Fields has produced some front-line players who promise to get the GSC program on the rebound—literally.

"We've built up our inside game tremendously through our recruiting," says Rowe. "We're going to be a lot stronger on the boards this year."

Coming in to boost the Eagles' inside attack this year are junior college transfers John Baker, Jim Clark and John Vail, all outstanding forwards on the junior college circuit.

Baker, at 6-6, comes to Southern from Brunswick Junior College, where he averaged 15 points and 13 rebounds a game; Clark, at 6-8, comes in from Anderson (S.C.) Junior College, where he averaged 17 points and 11 caroms a game; and Vail, at 6-6, is from Miami-Dade Junior College, where he averaged 18 points and 14 rebounds a game.

Clark and Vail have outstanding potential as scorers—both are considered solid prospects to score in double figures for the Eagles, in addition to pulling down an impressive number of badly needed rebounds.

"We're looking for a lot of help on our inside game from all three of these players," said Rowe.

Of course, the brightest spots for the Eagles is the return of Richard Wallace and Johnny Mills.

Both seniors this year, Wallace and Mills have been bringing the crowds to their feet at home and away for three years.

Wallace, a 6-4 guard, is a brilliant defensive player and ball handler and an outstanding percentage shooter. The Spring-

field, Ga., native, who hit for better than 20 points a game last year, despite missing eight games with a broken wrist, and is a member of GSC's exclusive 1,000-point career scoring club, may well be one of the best guards in the country and is a solid pro prospect.

Mills, a 6-5 forward, is without a doubt the best pure shooter in GSC history. A high school All-American from Laurens, S.C., Mills has steadily improved his play inside, but still specializes in the long-distance, awe-inspiring jumpers. He is also a member of the 1,000-point

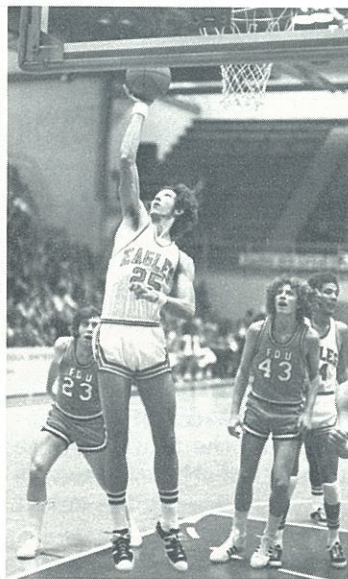
club and has led the Eagles' scoring for the past two seasons.

Another stellar performer back from last year is senior guard Perry Warbington, one of the best offensive players Southern has produced. An exciting player with outstanding moves and a shooter who is capable of sinking the incredible off-balance shots, Warbington was one of the "big three" for Southern last year, averaging 20.9 points an outing.

Other promising players back from last year are 6-4 senior forward Ronnie Arnold, 6-5 sophomore guard Dick Beuke, 6-5 sophomore forward John Gillingham, 6-0 sophomore guard Mike Barger, 5-10 senior guard Tommy Palmer and 6-9 sophomore center Bob Crouch.

The Eagles have another fine junior college recruit in 6-2 guard Rex Gregg from Anderson Junior College, and the GSC recruiters have brought in three outstanding freshman prospects in 6-4 guard Art Kitchen, 6-5 forward Pat Blenke and 6-1 guard Chris White.

All this adds up to one of the strongest groups of talent the Eagles have ever had, promising to give Rowe not only an outstanding starting five, but a solid stable of back-up strength.



"This is one of the most promising things about this team," said Rowe. "We're going to have a lot of depth. Unlike last season, this year we won't be forced to leave Wallace and Mills on the floor for 40 minutes of every game. We've got some outstanding players we'll be able to bring in from the bench without letting down any in our overall play."

Besides the promising group of players that offers a considerably stronger inside game and much more depth than last year, the Eagles have another plus factor in a schedule that doesn't look quite as frightening as last year's.

"We've still got some awfully good people on our schedule," says Rowe, "but overall I'd have to say the schedule isn't as tough."

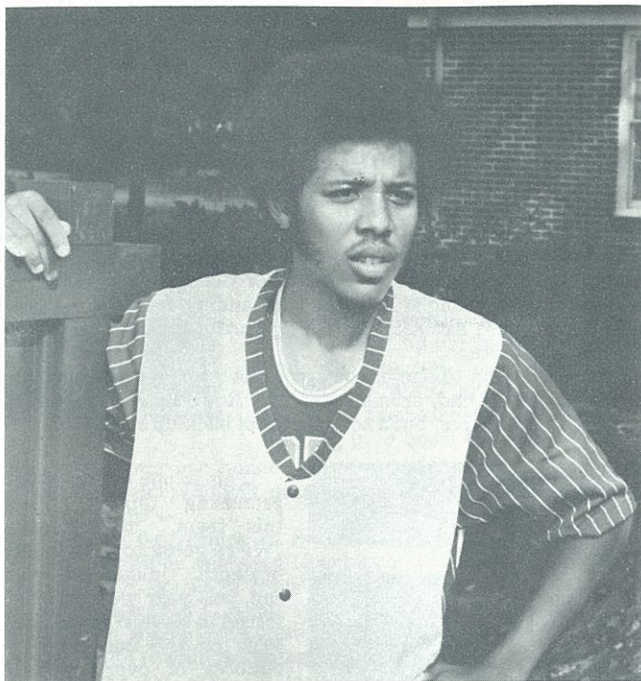
There are still the powerful teams like South Carolina, Jacksonville and Florida State on the schedule, but the overall slate isn't quite as ominous, with the opening month considerably more appealing than last year, when the Eagles met FSU, North Carolina State and South Carolina in three of their first five games.

We're in a position this year where we're not as likely to lose three or four games in a row at the start of the season and get our heads down," Rowe said.

It was a tough season last year, when all Rowe could do is suffer through it with the hope that the future would be brighter. This season it looks like the "future" may have arrived.



JOHNNY MILLS



FORWARD **BORN:** **LETTERS:** **HOMETOWN:**
6'5" **11-11-51** **3** **Laurens, S.C.**
180
Senior

Johnny Mills' greatest accomplishment of last season was his 547 points which lifted him high into the 1,000 point club. Mills became the tenth all time GSC scorer, and by the end of this season is expected to reach as high as third among the select club members.

One of the two All-American candidates for Georgia Southern basketball, Mills is perhaps the greatest pure shooter in Southern's history.

A fine gentleman as well as a super basketball star, he is without a doubt, a great asset to Southern basketball and to the school itself.

This "Super Senior" led all GSC cagers in scoring for the past two seasons with a 24.3 average in '71-72, and a 21.8 average for '72-73.

EAGLE RECORD

Year	G	FGA	FGM	Pct.	FTA	FTM	Pct.	REB	AVG	Pf	TP	AVG
Fresh.	16	101	52	51	35	24	69	64	4.0	21	128	8.0
Soph.	26	499	259	52	149	113	76	211	8.1	82	631	24.3
Junior	25	473	224	47.4	123	99	80.5	151	6.1	79	547	21.8

RICHARD WALLACE



GUARD **BORN:** **LETTERS:** **HOMETOWN:**
6'4" **10-8-52** **3** **Clyo, Ga.**
185
Senior

Last year Richard Wallace joined team mate Johnny Mills when he entered the coveted 1,000 point club. It was a great mark for Wallace, who has been called one of the most exciting players to ever don a Southern uniform and one of the most complete players in Eagle history.

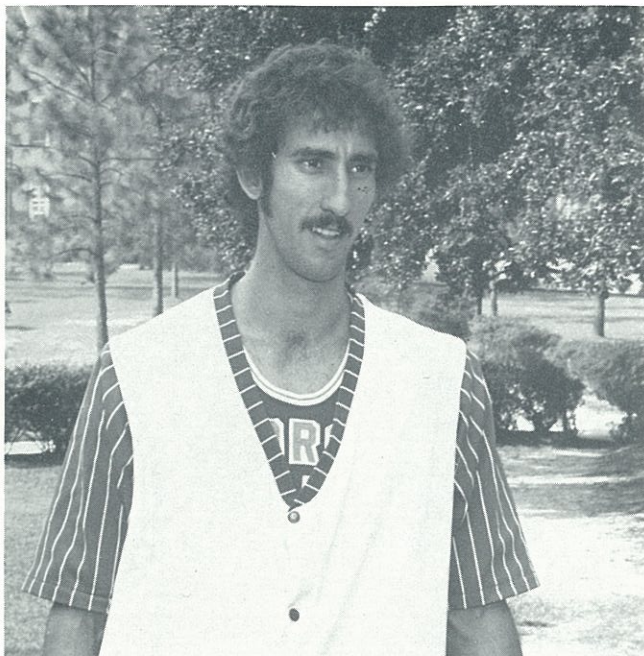
Also last season, despite a broken wrist that kept him out for eight games of the '72-73 campaign, Wallace averaged over 20 points per game and led in total rebounds with 194 for a 10.7 carom average per game.

Georgia Southern's other All-American candidate, Wallace will no doubt continue to thrill basketball fans everywhere he plays.

EAGLE RECORD

Year	G	FGA	FGM	Pct.	FTA	FTM	Pct.	REB	AVG	PF	TP	AVG.
Fresh.	14	87	41	47	65	41	63	103	7	21	123	8.8
Soph.	26	388	215	55	171	126	74	216	8	72	556	21.4
Junior	18	298	143	47.9	105	77	73.3	58	10.7	70	363	20.2

RONNY ARNOLD



FORWARD **BORN:** **LETTERS:** **HOMETOWN:**
6'4" **6-3-52** **2** **Warner Robins, Ga.**
195
Senior

A great asset to Georgia Southern basketball was the addition of Ronny Arnold, who worked his way to a starting position in the Eagle lineup as a 'walk-on' in the '71-72 season.

An offensive threat from the inside, Arnold is also effective from long range, and has the ability to get the tough basket and bring down the "must" rebound.

Arnold saw considerable action last year and will be counted on heavily for his experience as the season gets under way. He will provide a strong steady player for the Eagles both offensively and defensively.

EAGLE RECORD

Year	G	FGA	FGM	Pct.	FTA	FTM	Pct.	REB	AVG	Pf	TP	AVG
Soph.	20	107	48	45	24	13	54	106	5.3	40	109	5.5
Junior	24	135	65	48.1	23	14	60.9	140	5.9	61	144	6.0

TOMMY PALMER



GUARD **BORN:** **LETTERS:** **HOMETOWN:**
5'10" **10-22-51** **2** **Springfield, Ga.**
160
Senior

Tommy is one of last season's performers who saw a lot of action. He is described by Rowe as a "capable team leader when on the floor", especially when he is working from the point.

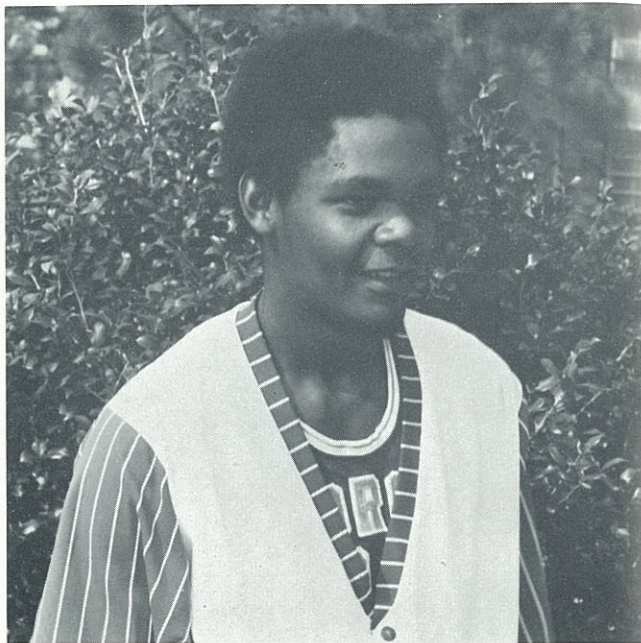
An extremely quick guard, Palmer is adept at controlling the tempo of a game, and is considered an outside threat as well as being able to lead the fast break.

This seasoned veteran's ability is without question as his past record can attest. He averaged 34 points per game at Springfield High School in leading his team to an undefeated season and being named Co-MVP with Richard Wallace.

EAGLE RECORD

Year	G	FGA	FGM	Pct.	FTA	FTM	Pct.	REB	AVG.	PF	TP	AVG.
Fresh.	16	101	52	51	35	24	69	64	4.0	21	128	8.0
Soph.	21	24	5	12	58	7	12	10	0.8	17	17	1.1
Junior	21	53	16	30.2	41	29	70.7	28	1.3	31	61	2.9

PERRY WARBINGTON



GUARD **BORN:** **LETTERS:** **HOMETOWN:**
6'2" **9-7-52** **1** **Atlanta, Ga.**
175
Senior

Last year Perry Warbington was one of three Eagles to average over 20 points per game. Warbington is a natural passer, and when hot can 'pile up the points'.

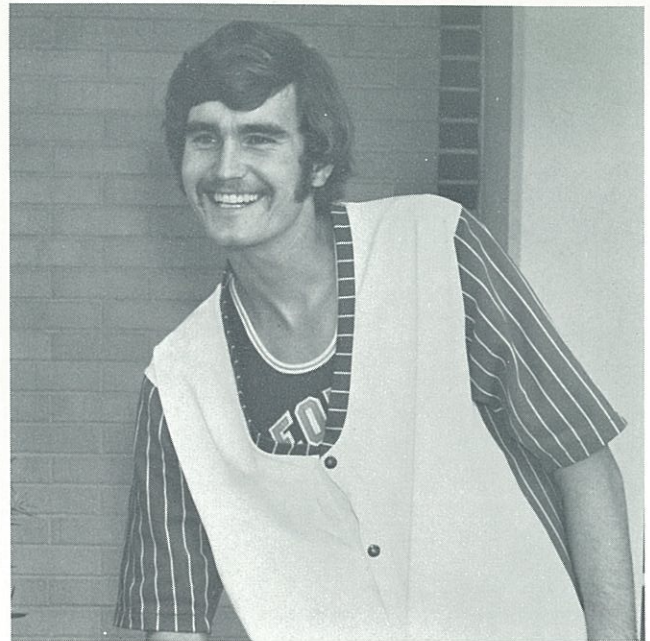
He came to GSC from Lake City Junior College, where he was the leading scorer in the Florida Junior College Basketball League in 1971-72.

Perhaps Warbington's most unique ability is his exceptional offensive maneuverability when going to the hoop. Rowe will be relying on his past experience for help in crucial situations.

EAGLE RECORD

Year	G	FGA	FGM	Pct.	FTA	FTM	Pct.	REB	AVG	PI	TP	AVG.
Junior	23	474	205	43.4	97	69	71.1	87	3.7	70	479	20.8

JIM CLARK



FORWARD **BORN:** **LETTERS:** **HOMETOWN:**
6'8" **1-21-53** **0** **Grover Hill, Ohio**
205
Junior

Jim Clark comes to Georgia Southern after two successful years at Anderson Junior College, Anderson, S. C. Among his accomplishments while at Anderson were Honorable Mention All-American, Conference Player of the Year, Most Valuable Player Awards in the District Tournament and in the Queen City Invitational.

Last season at Anderson, Clark recorded an average of 16.7 points and 10.8 rebounds per game. He is an excellent outside shooter and will no doubt add a great deal to Southern's rebounding power.

Clark, who describes himself as a good all around athlete, was one of the most sought after high school players in 1970.

JOHN VAIL



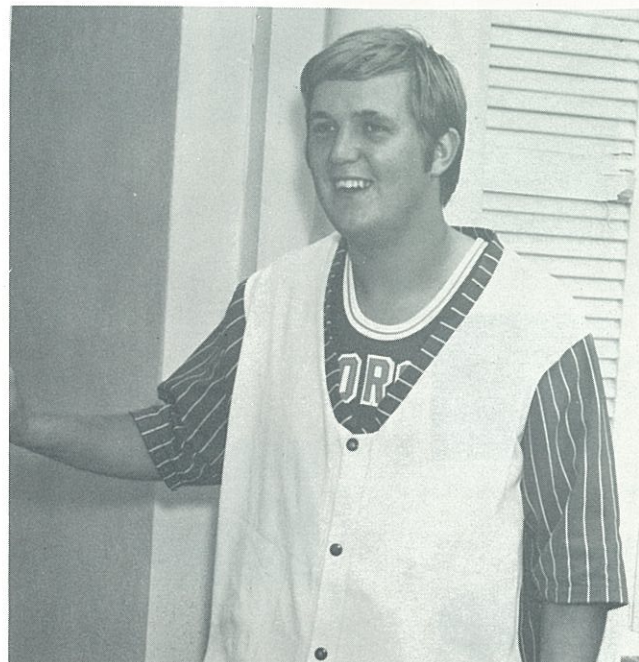
FORWARD **BORN:** **LETTERS:** **HOMETOWN:**
6'6" **3-3-48** **0** **Miami, Fla.**
195
Junior

One of the top junior college players in the south, Vail comes to Georgia Southern after two years at Miami-Dade South Junior College. At Miami-Dade, Vail led his team to the semi-finals of the state tournament, and was later named to the Florida Junior College All-Region Team.

A good all around ballplayer, Vail averaged 18 points and 14 rebounds per game. He is especially tough in the low post position where his jumping and rebounding talents are most evident.

Vail, who has spent time in the service, should provide leadership for the Eagle team.

REX GREGG



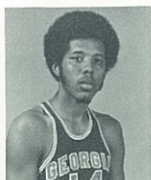
GUARD **BORN:** **LETTERS:** **HOMETOWN:**
6'2" **12-4-51** **0** **Columbus, Ohio**
185
Junior

Rex Gregg is one of two players recruited from Anderson J.C., who Rowe feels will provide good depth at the guard position. He was the leading scorer in his junior college conference with an 18.8 point per game average, and was named to the All-Conference and All-Tourney-Queen City Invitational Teams, and voted Outstanding playmaker in the Lakeside Sagamore Classic.

Gregg is a tough competitive guard who hustles constantly, and provides real excitement with his playmaking ability and good outside shooting.

While in high school Gregg was coached by his father, and holds the district scoring record for Columbus, Ohio, with an individual game high of 48 points.

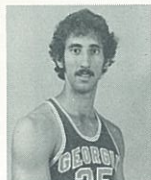
1973-74
GEORGIA SOUTHERN BASKETBALL ROSTER



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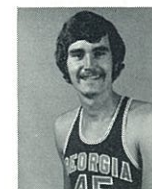
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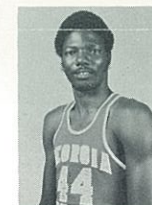
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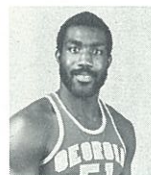
Clark



Gregg



Vail



Baker



Beuke

PLAYER	NO.	POS.	HT.	WT.	CLASS	LTRS.	HOME TOWN
Ronald Arnold	25	Forward	6'4"	195	Senior	2	Warner Robins, Ga.
Richard Wallace	24	Guard	6'4"	185	Senior	3	Clyo, Georgia
Johnny Mills	14	Forward	6'5"	180	Senior	3	Laurens, S.C.
Tommy Palmer	4	Guard	5'10"	160	Senior	3	Springfield, Ga.
Perry Warbington	31	Guard	6'2"	175	Senior	1	Atlanta, Ga.
Rex Gregg	30	Guard	6'2"	185	Junior	0	Columbus, Ohio
Jim Clark	45	Forward	6'8"	205	Junior	0	Grover Hill, Ohio
John Vail	44	Forward	6'6"	195	Junior	0	Miami, Fla.
John Baker	51	Forward	6'6"	220	Junior	0	Darien, Ga.
Bob Crouch	33	Center	6'10"	200	Soph.	1	Griffin, Ga.
Dick Beuke	35	Guard	6'5"	185	Soph.	1	Indianapolis, Ind.
Mike Barger	21	Guard	6'0"	170	Soph.	1	St. Petersburg, Fla.
John Gillingham	50	Forward	6'5"	210	Soph.	1	North Augusta, S.C.
Chris White	10	Guard	6'0"	175	Fresh.	0	Charleston, S.C.
Art Kitchen	12	Guard	6'4"	175	Fresh.	0	Hobe Sound, Fla.
Pat Blenke	41	Forward	6'5"	185	Fresh.	0	Knox, Ind.



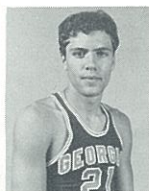
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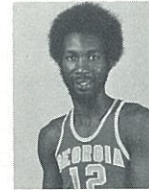
Gillingham



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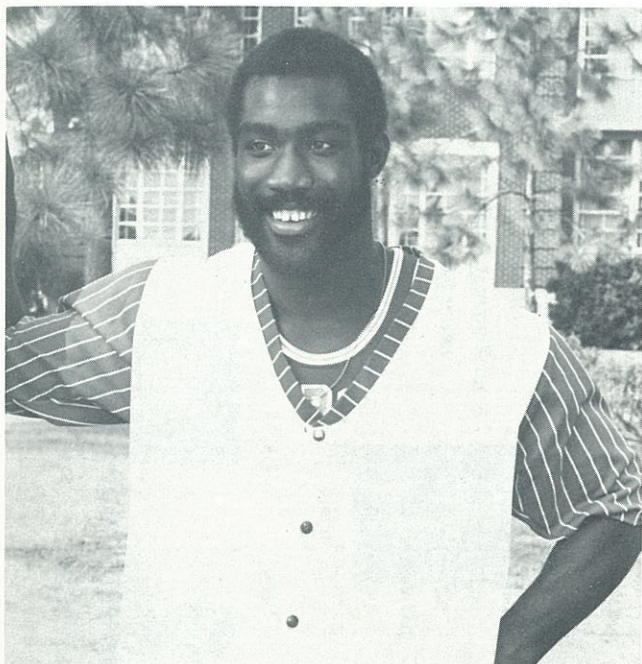


Kitchen



Crouch

JOHN BAKER



FORWARD **BORN:** **LETTERS:** **HOMETOWN:**
6'6" **5-4-53** **0** **Darien, Ga.**
220
Junior

John Baker is described by coach Rowe as "a strong and aggressive player who can outmuscle the best for the crucial rebound." He attended Brunswick Junior College for two years and gained recognition by being named Honorable Mention All-American, All-State and All-Region, and capturing the MVP awards in the Golden Isles Tournament and for his Brunswick J. C. team.

A popular student as well as a good ball player, Baker was named "Mr. B. J. C." by his Brunswick Junior College schoolmates.

Baker is a very steady player, as his 15 points and 13 caroms per game average shows. He will indeed be an asset to the Eagle lineup and counted on heavily as the season progresses.

DICK BEUKE



GUARD **BORN:** **LETTERS:** **HOMETOWN:**
6'5" **4-12-53** **1** **Indianapolis, Ind.**
185
Sophomore

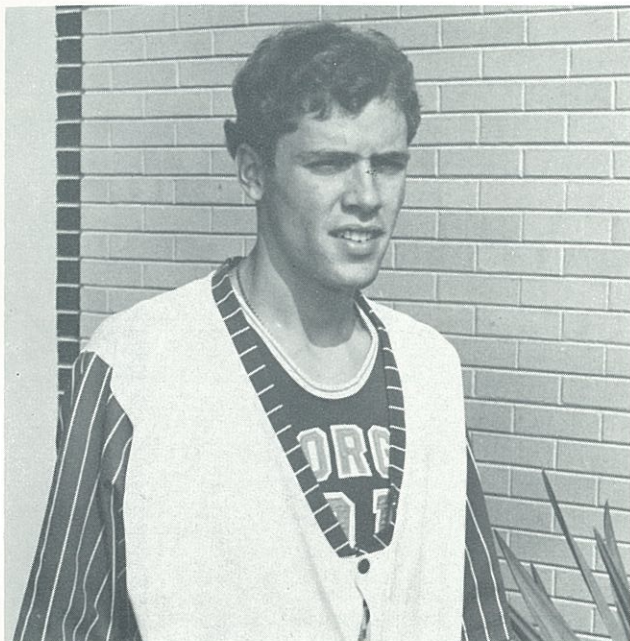
As a freshman, Dick Beuke appeared in 25 games last season turning in an exceptional performance as an all-around player. At 6'5", Beuke can play either the guard or the forward position, and as a part time starter last season he collected 155 rebounds, making him second only to Wallace in the carom department.

A great surprise of last season, and a sound offensive and defensive performer, Beuke is expected to be a great Eagle player of the future.

EAGLE RECORD

Year	G	FGA	FGM	Pct.	FTA	FTM	Pct.	REB	AVG.	PF	TP	AVG.
Fresh.	25	101	45	44.6	46	24	52.2	155	6.2	53	114	4.7

MIKE BARGER



GUARD BORN: LETTERS: HOMETOWN:
6'0" 9-13-54 1 St. Petersburg, Fla.
170
Sophomore

Another guard with the ability to control the game tempo, Barger gained invaluable experience last season as he appeared in all 26 games.

He is a great outside shooter, and plays a tenacious defensive game. Rowe feels that Barger will provide a solid point guard player for Southern, and he is expected to vie for a permanent starting position.

Two things which contribute to his play at guard are Barger's excellent passing and dribbling abilities.

EAGLE RECORD

Year	G	FGA	FGM	Pct.	FTA	FTM	Pct.	REB	AVG.	PF	TP	AVG.
Fresh.	26	106	42	39.6	22	13	59.1	35	1.3	36	97	3.7

BOB CROUCH



CENTER-FORWARD BORN: LETTERS: HOMETOWN:
6'10" 1-1-54 1 Griffin, Ga.
200
Sophomore

At 6'10", Bob Crouch could potentially solve many of the Eagle's height problems. With some added weight he could become a solid major college player.

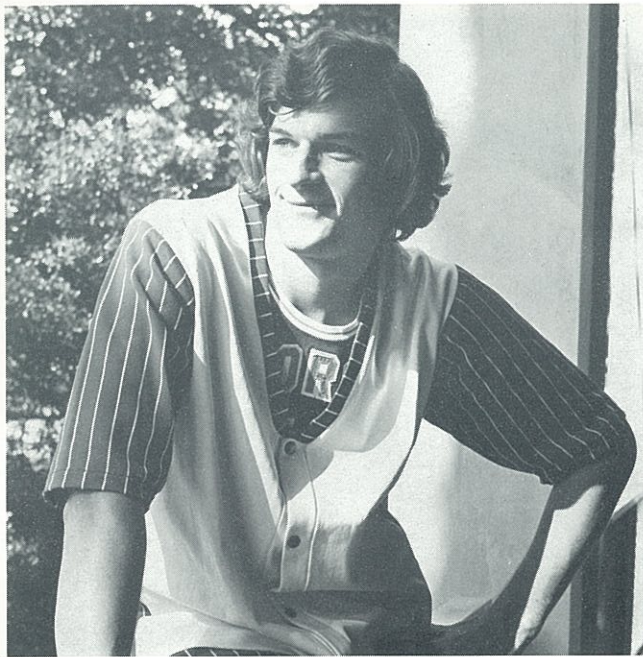
Crouch gained exceptional experience his freshman year when he played the pivot position against such outstanding centers as South Carolina's Danny Traylor, Louisiana Tech's Mike Green, and Jacksonville's Butch Taylor.

With good offensive ability for a big man, Crouch is expected to develop into a vital player for the Eagles against major college competition.

EAGLE RECORD

Year	G	FGA	FGM	Pct.	FTA	FTM	Pct.	REB	AVG.	PF	TP	AVG.
Fresh.	21	42	13	31.0	9	4	44.4	55	2.7	40	30	1.4

JOHN GILLINGHAM



FORWARD BORN: LETTERS: HOMETOWN:
6'5" 5-2-54 1 North Augusta, S.C.
205
Sophomore

John Gillingham was out the last part of the '72-73 season with torn knee ligaments, and it is hoped that he will recover to his full capacity with no major problem.

Last season Gillingham was a strong rebounder, providing exceptional play around the basket both offensively and defensively. He has the ability to play the center or forward position, and his overall strength will add depth to the Eagle lineup.

If he can recover from the off-season knee operation, Gillingham could contribute effectively to the Eagles' 1973-74 effort.

EAGLE RECORD

Year	G	FGA	FGM	Pct.	FTA	FTM	Pct.	REB	AVG.	PF	TP	AVG.
Fresh.	12	27	13	48.1	11	6	54.4	37	3.1	16	32	2.7

CHRIS WHITE



GUARD BORN: LETTERS: HOMETOWN:
6'1" 8-31-54 0 Charleston, S.C.
175
Freshman

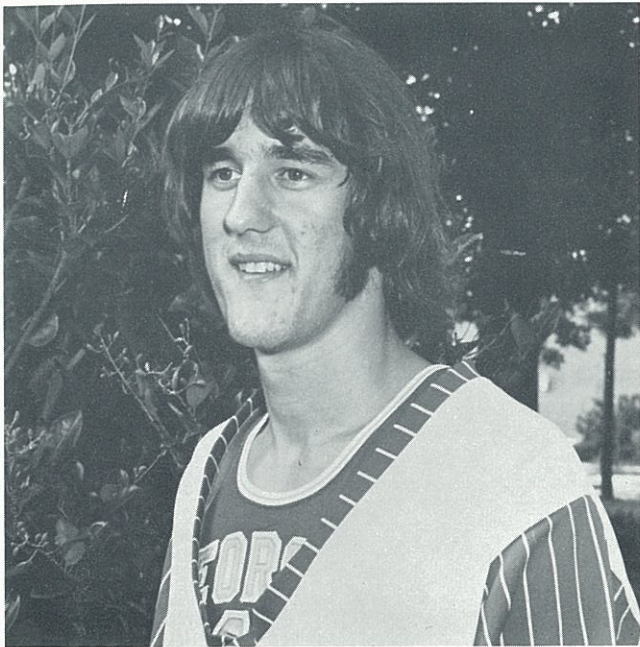
Chris White has been described by Rowe as "another Walt Frazier," the type of guard that can "do it all."

White played his high school ball at Middleton High, Charleston, S.C. where he was All-State, All-South, scored 21 points in the South Carolina All-Star game, and lead his team to a 78-4 record for four years including a 54-game winning streak and one state championship.

White will have a good chance at working his way into the starting lineup as the season unfolds, according to Rowe.

Rowe hopes to solidify the point guard position, and White's steady play and ballhandling ability fit right in with Rowe's requirements.

PAT BLENKE



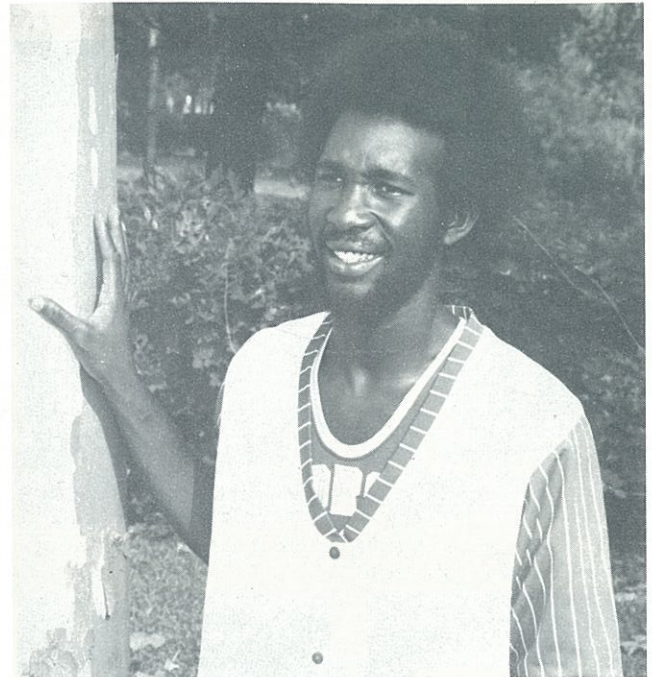
FORWARD **BORN:** **LETTERS:** **HOMETOWN:**
6'5" **3-17-55** **0** **Knox, Ind.**
185
Freshman

One of Pat Blenke's best assets is his ability to play either guard or forward. Blenke is from Knox High School, Knox, Ind., where he was one of the top scorers, hitting a 27.6 points and 14 rebounds per game average.

His credits include Honorable Mention All-American, All-State, All-Conference, All-Sectional, and All-Region selections. Blenke's scoring ability and rebounding talents make him one of the Eagles to watch for in the '73-74 season.

A Physical Education major, Blenke hopes someday to coach basketball.

ART KITCHEN



GUARD **BORN:** **LETTERS:** **HOMETOWN:**
6'4" **6-14-54** **0** **Hobe Sound, Fla.**
175
Freshman

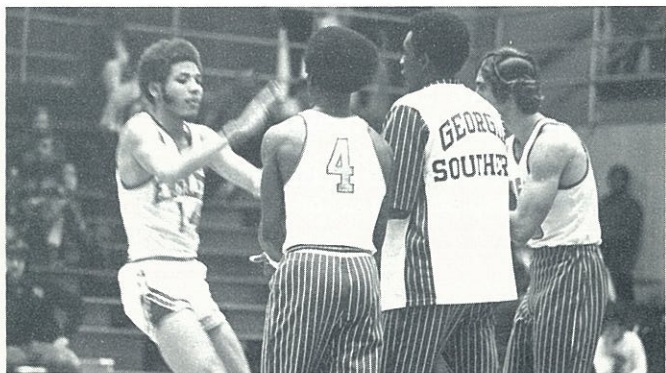
One of the best freshman prospects to come to Georgia Southern, Kitchen is a great all around ballplayer who Rowe feels is reminiscent of Richard Wallace.

Kitchen attended Martin County High School, in Stuart, Fla., where he was All-State for three consecutive years, played on the state championship team for two straight years, played on five state tournament teams, and holds his school's career scoring record with 1,583 points.

Kitchen's high school coach was Don Wallen, a Georgia Southern alumnus who was Southern's leading scorer during the 1956-57 season.

He is certain to become an Eagle favorite and one of Southern's top players in the near future.

BASKETBALL AT GEORGIA SOUTHERN . . .

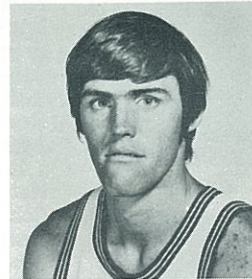


OPPONENTS INFORMATION

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA



McGuire



Winters

Location: Columbia, S.C.
Enrollment: 25,000
President: Dr. Thomas F. Jones
Athletic Director: Paul F. Dietzel
Head Coach: Frank J. McGuire
Assistant Coaches: Don Walsh, Ben Jobe, Bobby Cremins

National Affiliation: NCAA
Conference: Independent
Team Nickname: Fighting Gamecocks
School Colors: Garnet and Black
1972-73 record: 22-7
Sports Information Director: Tom Price (803) 777-4277

Scouting Report

South Carolina will miss All-American guard Kevin Joyce, seven-foot center Danny Traylor and sixth man Casey Manning, but coach Frank McGuire should have another good squad as he goes for his sixth consecutive 20-plus win season. . . . Captain Brian Winters, 6'4" who averaged 11.5 points per game last season and Alex English 6'8" head the returnees . . . Dunleavy, 6'2", averaged 10.4 points per game and should be this years playmaker. Gamecock won't be nearly as big as last season, but good talent will make them tough competitors for '73-74.

HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY

Location: Hempstead, L. I.
Enrollment: 6,200
Athletic Director: P.R. Theibert
Head Coach: Roger Gaeckler
Assistant Coaches: Erich Linker, Jay Thomas, Greg Nikalauskus

National Affiliation: NCAA
Conference: Middle Atlantic
Team Nickname: 'Flying Dutchmen!
1972-73 Record: 8-16
Sports Information Director: Erich Linker (516-560-3578)

Scouting Report

Three starters return to what is mostly a young team of talented freshmen . . . added height with 6'10" junior transfer Vince Volmut, 6-8 Rich Laurel, High School All-American from Overbrook, Pa., and his Prep team-mate Pat Kammerer, a 6-8 forward . . . Team will have speed but may lack consistent shooting and depth from the bench.

JACKSONVILLE UNIVERSITY



Gottlieb

Location: Jacksonville, Florida
 Enrollment: 3,000
 President: Dr. Robert H. Shapiro
 Athletic Director: Dr. Judson B. Harris, Jr.
 Head Coach: Bob Gottlieb
 Assistant Coaches: Les Yellin, Andy Russo, Dave Lawrence
 National Affiliation: NCAA
 Conference: Independent
 Team Nickname: Dolphins
 School Colors: Green, gold and white
 1972-73 Record: 21-6
 Sports Information Director: Andy Russo



Taylor

Scouting Report

Bill Gottlieb takes over as head coach of a team that for the past four seasons has won over 21 games per season. Always a tough opponent, Jacksonville will return four of its top starters and eight lettermen for the new season. Heading up the returnees are seniors Butch Taylor, 6-10, and Leon Benbow, 6-4. At center, Taylor led the Dolphins in scoring with a 17.6 average and gathering in 12.1 rebounds per game. Benbow, Dolphin's top guard, led team in assists with 116. Others to watch are Henry Williams, 6-6 forward, Jimmie Clark, 6-3 guard, and junior guard Ricky Coleman, 6-2.

RIDER COLLEGE



Carpenter

Location: Trenton, New Jersey
 Enrollment: 3,500
 President: Frank N. Elliot
 Athletic Director: John B. Carpenter
 Head Coach: John B. Carpenter
 Assistant Coaches: Barry Spears, Sonny Pitaro
 National Affiliation: NCAA University Division
 Conference: Middle Atlantic Conference (West Division)
 Team Nickname: Broncs
 School Colors: Purple and Gold
 1972-73 Record: 12-14
 Sports Information Director: Earle Rommel (609) 896-0800 ext. 338



Baggett

Scouting Report

Broncs should be able to improve on last season record . . . team will probably be made up of two seniors, four juniors, four sophs. . . seven returning lettermen led by Mike Baggett, 6'1" guard, and Rick Hurley, 6'0" guard who was leading scorer . . . balanced scoring attack, better than average defense and good depth.

MORRIS HARVEY COLLEGE

Location: Charleston, W. Va.
 Enrollment: 1450
 President: Dr. Marshall Buckalew
 Athletic Director: Richard Meckfessel
 Head Coach: Rick Meckfessel
 National Affiliation: NCAA (small college)
 Conference: West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference

Team Nickname: Golden Eagles
 School Colors: Maroon and Gold
 1972-73 Record: 18-11 (later forfeited 13 games due to ineligible player)
 Sports Information Director: Mike Parsons (304)346-9471

Scouting Report

'73-74 season will be rebuilding year for Morris Harvey as Golden Eagles lost four starters including entire backcourt . . . lone returnee is 6'6" Tom Neal, leading scorer at 18.1 points per game . . . coach feels that it was recruiting year . . . acquired three outstanding players. . . Mark Hatcher from VPI and Mike Freda and Rich Richbow from Mercer Community J.C. who were national junior college champions.

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN



Davalos

Location: Milwaukee, Wisc.
 Enrollment: 24,000
 President: Werner Baum
 Athletic Director: Tom Rosandich
 Head Coach: Rudy Davalos
 Assistant Coach: Tom Sager
 National Affiliation: NCAA
 Conference: Independent
 Team Nickname: Panthers
 School Colors: Black and Gold
 1972-73 Record: 18-8
 Sports Information Director: Tom "Sky" Skibosh (414) 963-5155

Scouting Report

Improved team will face a tough schedule . . . Richard Cox will get a chance to play the forward slot after three years of playing center at only 6'6" . . . returnees Rick Calzada and Jerry Willis, and newcomers Melvin Powell and Ken Foots should give backcourt depth . . . Seven-footer Bill Kusick and transfer Willis Price should add to strength of front line.

VALDOSTA STATE COLLEGE

Location: Valdosta, Ga.
 Enrollment: 4,100
 President: S. Walter Martin
 Athletic Director: Bill Grant
 Head Coach: James Dominey
 Assistant Coach: Donnie Veal
 National Affiliation: NCAA; NAIA

Conference: South Atlantic
 Team Nickname: Blazers
 School Colors: Red and Black
 1972-73 Record: 17-8
 Sports Information Director: Steve Roberts (912) 244-6340 Ext. 331

Scouting Report

Valdosta State returns its entire front line but must replace All-American guards Willie Oxford and Tim Dominey. 6'8" Don Reason and 6'8" Tiny Hodge will be on front line along with 6'6" Kenny Alston, who averaged 15 points and 11 rebounds per game last season.

BOSTON UNIVERSITY



Mitchell



Walker

Location: Boston, Mass.
Enrollment: 17,000
Athletic Director:
Warren Schmakel
Head Coach: Ron Mitchell
Assistant Coach: Roy Sigler
National Affiliation: NCAA
Conference: Yankee

Team Nickname: Terriers,
BU
School Colors: Scarlet and
White
1972-73 Record: 15-10
Sports Information Director:
Shep Goldberg

Scouting Report

Terriers should have well balanced team with eleven lettermen returning to the roster . . . BU may have a problem finding a strong center . . . Count on seeing much action from Kerry Walker and Ken Boyd, two strong performers in BU's backcourt . . . team will sport much offensive power and a good basic defense when they appear in Savannah for the Claxton Classic.

NORTH TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY



Robbins



Wright

Location: Denton, Texas
Enrollment: 16,000
President: C. C. Nolen
Athletic Director:
Hayden Fry
Head Coach: Gene Robbins
Assistant Coaches: Shannon
Reading, Billy Tubbs
National Affiliation: NCAA
Conference: Missouri Valley
Team Nickname: Mean Green
& Eagles
School Colors: Green and
White
1972-73 Record: 9-16
Sports Information Director:
Fred Graham (817) 788-2202

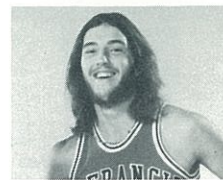
Scouting Report

Three returning starters forming a solid front line will add to greater team strength and unity . . . still lacking the big man and good outside quickness . . . Players to see a lot of action will be Stan Blackmon, Bob Iverson and Tony Wright . . . some good upcoming sophs will vie for the guard starting positions.

SAINT FRANCIS COLLEGE



Lonergan



Hockenos

Location: Loretto, Pa.
Enrollment: 1,600
President: Rev. Sean M. Sullivan,
T.O.R., Ph.D.
Athletic Director: I. Vince Davis
Head Coach: Peter Lonergan
National Affiliation: NCAA
Conference: ECAC
Team Nickname: Red Flash
School Colors: Red and White
1972-73 Record: 5-21
Sports Information Director:
Ray Ponchione (814) 472-7000 ext. 269

Scouting Report

Red Flash will have five seniors returning to the line-up including last year's leading scorers and All-American candidates Clarence Hopson and Rick Hockenos . . . Others to look for are Bill Stevens, 6'7", Al Walker, 6'1", and 6'7" forward Mike O'Neill . . . Basically a small team . . . will rely on steady offense and sound defense.

EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY



Fisher



Mitchell

Location: Johnson City,
Tenn.
Enrollment: 9,545
President: Dr. D. P. Culp
Athletic Director: Madison
Brooks
Head Coach: Leroy Fisher
Assistant Coach: Ernie Sims

National Affiliation: NCAA
Conference: Ohio Valley
Team Nickname: Buccaneers
School Colors: Blue and Gold
1972-73 Record: 9-17
Sports Information Director:
John Cathey 929-4220

Scouting Report

Key to success will depend on blend of junior college transfers with returnees . . . Top transfers include Kenny Reynolds, 6'4" guard who averaged 26 points per game at Chipola, Elmo Seay, 6'8" forward from Middle Georgia, and Morris Tampa, 23 points, 16 rebounds per game . . . Top returnees are Henry White, Ron Mitchell, and Jerry Wilkerson.

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY



Durham



McCray

Location: Tallahassee, Fla.
Enrollment: 15,386
President: Dr. Stanley Marshall
Athletic Director: John Bridgers
Head Coach: Hugh Durham
Assistant Coaches: Bill Bolton, Morris
McHone, Al Lawson
National Affiliation: NCAA -
University Division
Conference: Independent
Team Nickname: Seminoles
School Colors: Garnet and Gold
1972-73 Record: 18-8
Sports Information Director:
Lonnie Burt (904) 599-2970

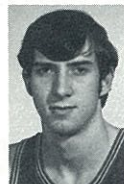
Scouting Report

Seminoles will be young but talented . . . leading returnees are 6'11" Lawrence McCray, and 6'4" Otis Cole . . . some part-time starters for the Seminoles last season and junior college transfers along with freshmen will be counted on for depth . . . much talent lost, but success will depend on leadership team gets from McCray and Cole.

SAMFORD UNIVERSITY



Harris



Morgan

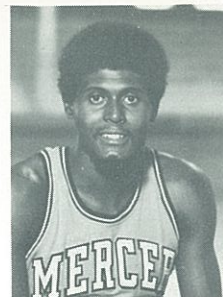
Location: Birmingham, Ala.
Enrollment: 2,700
President: Dr. Leslie Wright
Athletic Director: Evan Zieger
Head Coach: Ron Harris
National Affiliation: NCAA
Conference: Independent
Team Nickname: Bulldogs
School Colors: Red, White and Blue
1972-73 Record: 5-20
Sports Information Director:
Bill Nunnelle (205) 870-2921

Scouting Report

Three starters and seven lettermen return from last year's team . . . guard Al Walter, center Randy Morgan 6'9", and guard-forward Charles Christmas will start . . . some good overall height in the returning players with the addition of some leading junior college transfers should make for an interesting year.

MERCER UNIVERSITY

Location: Macon, Ga.
Enrollment: 21,000
President: Dr. Rufus Harris
Athletic Director: J. Gerald Stone
Head Coach: Joe Dan Gold
Assistant Coach: Bill Bibb
National Affiliation: NCAA -
University Division
Conference: Independent
Team Nickname: Bears
School Colors: Orange and Black
1972-73 Record: 15-6
Sports Information Director:
Jack Pigott 743-1511 ext. 220



Hardin

Scouting Report

Bears are returning four starters from last year's successful team along with seven lettermen . . . Will be counting heavily on the services of senior forwards Leonard Hardin and Billy Smith, both who have started for the past three seasons and averaged 17.6 and 15.6 points per game respectively . . . Other returning starters are senior center David Jones and Terry Garrett.

PAN AMERICAN UNIVERSITY

Location: Edinburg, Texas
Enrollment: 6,981
President: Dr. Ralph Schilling
Athletic Director:
Abe Lemons
Head Coach: Abe Lemons
Assistant Coach: Bill White
National Affiliation: NCAA
University Division
Conference: Independent
Team Nickname: Broncs
School Colors: Green and
White
1972-73 Record: 4-22
Sports Information Director:
Jim McKone (512) 381-2228

Scouting Report

Only two returning starters from last season's squad . . . Pan American faces tough rebuilding job after roughest season in school's history . . . Broncs will be looking to Carlos McCullough, 6'7" -15.6ppg. and Jesus Guerra, 5'10" guard to lead the young team . . . two outstanding junior college transfers, Bruce King and Julius Howard are destined to see much action . . . Coach Abe Lemons feels that anything could happen when the season gets underway and expects a lot of surprises.

OGLETHORPE UNIVERSITY

Location: Atlanta, Ga.
Enrollment: 800
President: Dr. Paul K. Vonk
Athletic Director:
Bill Stewart
Head Coach: Bill Stewart
Assistant Coach:
Doug Alexander
National Affiliation: NCAA
Conference: Independent
Team Nickname: Petrels
School Colors: Black and Gold
1972-73 Record: 5-21

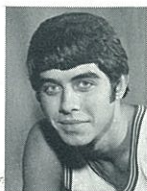
Scouting Report

The addition of Freddie Hammonds, 6'5" junior and the experience gained over the past season by juniors Larry Hanson and Bobby Wilson should lead to an improved record for the Petrels. . . Team will also depend on sophomore Ricky McCord and freshman Allan Rogers.

BALL STATE UNIVERSITY



Holstein



Bullington

Location: Muncie, Ind.
 Enrollment: 17,800
 President: Dr. John J. Pruis
 Athletic Director: Ray Louthen
 Head Coach: Jim Holstein
 Assistant Coaches:
 Tom Dobbs, Carl Meditch
 National Affiliation: NCAA

Conference: Mid-American
 Team Nickname: Cardinals
 School Colors: Cardinal and White
 1972-73 Record: 9-15
 Sports Information Director:
 Earl Yestingsmeier
 (317) 285-4925

Scouting Report

Ball State U. returns its starting lineup intact but still lacks the rebounding necessary to counter its opponents . . . mark of the Cardinal's attack last season was the nation's 11th leading scorer, Larry Bullington, who chalked up a 25.9 point per game average . . . Needed rebounding support could come from trio of sophs, 6'10" Dennis Carroll, 6'8" Kim Arnett, and 6'7" Larry Heinbaugh.

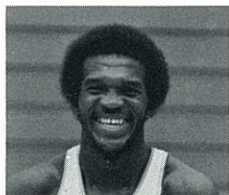
GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY



Waters

Location: Atlanta, Ga.
 Enrollment: 17,500
 President: Noah Langsdale, Jr.
 Athletic Director: Francis J. Bridges
 Head Coach: Jack Waters
 Assistant Coach: Al Dickson
 National Affiliation: NCAA University Division

Conference: Independent
 Team Nickname: Panthers
 School Colors: Red and Gray
 1972-73 Record: 5-20
 Sports Information Director:
 Jim Robinson (404) 658-3168



Atrice

Scouting Report

All five starters return to the lineup which still is in need of a big man. . . Heading the list of returnees is 6'5" Walker Atrice, 6'2" Ernie Dix, and 6'5" Neil Purvis. . . added rebounding strength was acquired with the addition of 6'7" Jimmy Bryant, and 6'7" Bill Dodd.

FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON UNIVERSITY

Location: Teaneck, N. J.
 Enrollment: 5,736
 President: Dr. J. Osborn Fuller
 Athletic Director: Harvey D. Woods
 Head Coach: Al Lo Balbo
 Assistant Coaches: Michael Wren,
 Gene Manfra
 National Affiliation: NCAA
 Conference: ECAC
 Team Nickname: Knights
 School Colors: Maroon, Columbia Blue
 and White
 1972-73 Record: 13-13
 Sports Information Director: Jay
 Horwitz (201) 836-6300 ext. 397



Lobalbo

Scouting Report

FDU's stress is on tenacious defense . . . can move to fast break and full court press . . . Top returnees are guards Rich Conrad and Rich Scialabba, team will get help from 6'5" transfer John Machiaverna, formerly of Jacksonville U . . . look for fast paced offense, good outside shooting.

OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY

Location: Norfolk, Va.
 Enrollment: 10,000
 Athletic Director: Dr. Jim Jarrett
 Head Coach: Sonny Allen
 Assistant Coach: Charlie Woolum
 National Affiliation: NCAA
 Conference: Independent

Team Nickname: Big Blue
 & Monarchs
 School Colors: Columbia Blue
 and White
 1972-73 Record: 19-9
 Sports Information Director:
 Joe M. Law (703) 489-8000
 ext. 404/405

Scouting Report

Competitive team . . . needs good guard with the ability to quarterback from the point guard position . . . basically a run and shoot offense will see six lettermen returning headed by 6'7" senior Joel Copeland (19.7), Tom Street, O. Purnell, and Gray Eubank . . . will depend heavily on returnees and help from a young bench.

APPALACHIAN STATE UNIVERSITY

Location: Boone, N.C.
 Enrollment: 7,800
 Chancellor: Dr. Herbert Wey
 Athletic Director: Roy Clogston
 Head Coach: Press Maravich
 Assistant Coach: Rusty Bergman

National Affiliation: NCAA
 Conference: Southern
 Conference
 Team Nickname:
 Mountaineers
 School Colors: Black and Gold
 1972-73 Record: 6-20

Scouting Report

Mountaineers will be young and inexperienced as they face a rebuilding program under head coach Press Maravich . . . only three senior and four sophs return from a poor season, of which is standout 6'2" guard Stan Davis who averaged 22.5 points per game last season.

GSC BASKETBALL RECORD BY SEASONS

YEAR	WON	LOST	PER.	COACH
1931	8	5	.615	B. L. Smith
1932	15	7	.696	B. L. Smith
1933	14	3	.824	B. L. Smith
1934	12	2	.857	B. L. Smith
1935	15	3	.833	B. L. Smith
1936	8	8	.500	B. L. Smith
1937	7	2	.778	B. L. Smith
1938	10	4	.714	B. L. Smith
1939	7	8	.467	B. L. Smith
1940	10	4	.714	B. L. Smith
1941	7	6	.533	B. L. Smith
1942	4	1	.800	B. L. Smith
1943-1946 WW II stopped GTC Intercollegiate Athletics				
1947	8	12	.400	George Cukro
1948	18	5	.783	J. B. Scearce
1949	22	3	.880	J. B. Scearce
1950	27	3	.900	J. B. Scearce
1951	24	5	.828	J. B. Scearce
1952	22	6	.786	J. B. Scearce
1953	15	14	.517	J. B. Scearce
1954	13	11	.542	J. B. Scearce
1955	20	4	.833	J. B. Scearce
1956	21	7	.750	J. B. Scearce
1957	18	7	.720	J. B. Scearce
1958	12	15	.444	J. B. Scearce
1959	19	12	.613	J. B. Scearce
1960	19	6	.760	J. B. Scearce
1961	11	19	.367	J. B. Scearce
1962	14	13	.519	J. B. Scearce
1963	14	13	.519	J. B. Scearce
1964	20	12	.625	J. B. Scearce
1965	22	5	.815	J. B. Scearce
1966	26	6	.813	J. B. Scearce
1967	17	11	.541	J. B. Scearce
1968	13	11	.541	Frank Radovich
1969	18	7	.720	Frank Radovich
1970	17	6	.739	Frank Radovich
1971	13	12	.520	J. E. Rowe
1972	17	9	.654	J. E. Rowe
1973	8	18	.308	J. E. Rowe
TOTAL	586	305	650	

ALL TIME GSC BASKETBALL RECORDS BY SCHOOLS

GSC	Opponent	GSC	Opponent
0	Alabama	1	Livingston State [Ala.]
0	Albany	2	Louisiana State [NO.]
1	Appalachian St.	0	Louisiana Tech
0	Arkansas	1	Macalester [Minn.]
2	Arkansas State	1	McNeese State [La.]
4	Armstrong State	41	Mercer
1	Athens [Ala.]	0	Middle Tennessee St.
5	Atlantic Christian	2	Milligan [Tenn.]
0	Auburn	0	Murray State [Ky.]
0	Austin Peay	1	Northwestern Louisiana
0	Ball State	1	Southern State [Ark.]
0	Baltimore	3	Southern Mississippi
9	Belmont Abbey	1	Morningside [Iowa]
0	Bradley	18	Newberry [S.C.]
0	Bucknell	1	Norfolk State [Va.]
0	University of Buffalo	16	North Georgia
1	Campbell	0	North Carolina State
7	Carson Newman	21	Oglethorpe
1	Central Connecticut State	2	Ohio Northern
1	Central College [Mo.]	0	Oklahoma Baptist
0	Centenary [La.]	3	Old Dominion
7	College of Charleston	1	Oral Roberts
1	Concord [W. Va.]	0	Pacific Lutheran [Wash.]
1	Corpus Christi	2	Pembroke State
1	Culver Stockton [Mo.]	17	Piedmont
7	Cumberland [Ky.]	4	Pikeville [Ky.]
1	Dakota Wesleyan	0	Pittsburg St. [Kans.]
1	David Lipscomb	1	Platteville [Wisc.]
0	Davidson	12	Presbyterian [S.C.]
1	Delta State [Miss.]	3	Roanoke College
0	Earlham [Ind.]	20	Rollins College [Fla.]
0	East Carolina	1	St. Leo
0	Eastern Kentucky	4	Samford [Ala.]
1	Eastern Illinois	2	Shorter
3	East Tennessee State	1	South Carolina
0	Elon [N.C.]	2	Southeast Oklahoma
20	Erskine	1	Southeastern La.
2	Fairleigh Dickinson	0	Southern Mississippi
0	Florence Teachers [Ala.]	1	Southwest Texas
8	Florida Southern	7	Spring Hill [Ala.]
2	Florida	28	Stetson
4	Florida State	2	Stony Brook
1	Ft. Valley State	18	Tampa
5	Georgetown [Ky.]	1	Tennessee Tech
4	Georgia	4	Tennessee Wesleyan
0	Georgia [Savannah]	1	Texas [Arlington]
1	Georgia State	3	The Citadel
2	Georgia Tech	8	Troy State [Ala.]
1	Guilford [N.C.]	1	Toronto
1	High Point [N.C.]	0	Tulsa
1	Howard Payne [Tex.]	1	Va. Commonwealth U.
1	Houston Baptist	0	Virginia Tech
1	Illinois Wesleyan	13	Valdosta State
1	Indiana State	1	Wabash [Ind.]
2	Jacksonville [Ala.]	1	Western Carolina
10	Jacksonville [Fla.]	0	Western Kentucky
2	Kentucky State	1	Wisconsin [Green Bay]
0	Kentucky Wesleyan	0	Wisconsin [Milwaukee]
0	Lamar Tech [Tex.]	1	William Carey [Miss.]
1	Lander College	10	Wilmington [N.C.]
3	LaGrange	8	Wofford [S.C.]
1	Lehigh	55	Junior Colleges
0	LeMoyne [N.Y.]	65	Service, Industrial & Touring Teams
2	Lenoir Rhyne		
1	Lincoln Memorial [Tenn.]		

ALL TIME GSC RECORDS

TEAM: SINGLE GAME

Most Points Scored - 140 vs. High Point, 1956
 Most Opponents Points Scored - 144 by N.C. State, 1973
 Most Field Goals Scored - 57 vs. High Point, 1956
 Most Field Goals Attempted - 117 vs. Piedmont, 1955
 Most Free Throws Scored - 39 vs. Georgia Tech, 1953
 Most Free Throws Attempted - 63 vs. Georgia Tech, 1953
 Best Free Throw Average - 1,000 vs. Georgia Tech, 1960 (11-11)
 Most Rebounds - 85 vs. Mercer, 1960
 Largest Combined Score - 245 (GSC 127, Atl. Christian 118), 1969
 Most Personal Fouls - 40 vs. Stetson, 1957
 Fewest Points Scored - 39 vs. Piedmont, 1948 (GTC 39-40)
 39 vs. Erskine, 1950 (GTC 39-36)
 Fewest Opponents Points Scored - 24 by Piedmont, 1948 (GTC 63-24)
 Largest Victory Margin - 90 vs. Georgia State, 1951 (GTC 135-45)
 Largest Defeat Margin - 56 vs. Murray State, 1967 (GSC 65-121)

INDIVIDUAL:

Most Points Scored - 60 by Fran Florian vs. Jacksonville, 1964
 Most Field Goals Scored - 29 by Fran Florian vs. Jacksonville, 1964
 Most Free Throws Scored - 24 by Chester Webb vs. LeMoyne, 1956
 Most Consecutive Free Throws - 21 by Chester Webb vs. Stetson, 1956
 Most Rebounds - 33 by Ronnie Rush vs. Mercer, 1957
 33 by Carlton Gill vs. Toronto, 1959
 Most Assists - 23 by Don Adler vs. Jacksonville, 1964

TEAM: SEASON

Most Points Scored - 2,749 in 1956
 Highest Game Average - 94.8 in 1956
 Most Field Goals Scored - 1,078 in 1964
 Most Field Goals Attempted - 2,533 in 1955
 Best Shooting Percentage - .494 in 1965
 Most Free Throws Scored - 677 in 1956
 Best Free Throw Average - .752 in 1960 and 1963
 Most Free Throws Attempted - 1,007 in 1956
 Most Assists - 614 in 1955
 Most Rebounds - 1,688 in 1956
 Longest Winning Streak - 7 games in 1961
 Most Times Scoring 100 Points - 7 in 1965, 1972
 Most Personal Fouls - 612 in 1959
 Highest Winning Percentage - .900 in 1950 (27-3)

INDIVIDUAL:

Most Points Scored - 883 by Chester Webb, 1956
 Most Field Goals Scored - 291 by Chester Webb, 1956
 Most Field Goals Attempted - 702 by Fran Florian, 1964
 Most Free Throws Made - 301 by Chester Webb, 1956
 Most Free Throws Attempted - 370 by Chester Webb, 1956
 Best Shooting Percentage - .554 by Richard Wallace, 1972
 Best Free Throw Average - .905 by John Helm, 1969
 Most Rebounds - 524 by Chester Webb, 1956
 Best Rebound Average - 18.7 by Chester Webb, 1956
 Most Personal Fouls - 124 by John Burton, 1964
 Most Consecutive Free Throws - 31 by Chester Webb, 1956
 Most Assists - 223 by Don Wallen, 1955
 Most Points Scored - 2,540 by Chester Webb, 1953-56
 Highest Scoring Average - 23.9 by Chester Webb, 106 games
 Most Field Goals Scored - 883 by Chester Webb, 1953-56
 Most Free Throws Scored - 776 by Chester Webb, 1953-56
 Best Free Throw Average - .827 by Whitley Verstraete, 1958-60 (339-410)
 Most personal Fouls - 354 by Sonny Clements, 1949-52
 Most Times Scored 30 Points - 10 by Chester Webb, 1953-56
 Most Assists - 510 by Don Wallen, 1954-57
 Most Games Played - 117 by Don Adler, 1963-66
 Most Consecutive Games Started - 117 by Don Adler, 1963-66

SCORING LEADERS BY YEARS

SEASON	PLAYER	GAMES	POINTS	AVG.
1972-73	Johnny Mills	25	547	21.8
1971-72	Johnny Mills	26	631	24.3
1970-71	Steve Buckler	25	475	19.0
1969-70	Roger Moore	23	447	19.4
1968-69	Roger Moore	25	409	16.3
1967-68	Elden Carmichael	24	410	17.1
1966-67	Jimmy Rose	27	475	17.6
1965-66	Bill Pickens	32	592	18.5
1964-65	Jimmy Rose	27	490	18.1
1963-64	Fran Florian	31	671	21.6
1962-63	John Burton	27	349	12.9
1961-62	Fran Florian	27	589	21.8
1960-61	J. E. Rowe	31	502	16.2
1959-60	Chester Curry	25	502	20.1
1958-59	Chester Curry	31	638	20.6
1957-58	Chester Curry	28	517	18.5
1956-57	Don Wallen	25	386	15.4
1955-56	Chester Webb	29	883	30.5
1954-55	Chester Webb	28	792	28.3
1953-54	Chester Webb	27	529	19.6
1952-53	Jim Harley	28	377	13.0
1951-52	Jim Duncan	28	469	16.7
1950-51	Scotty Perkins	29	611	21.1
1949-50	Scotty Perkins	28	570	20.4
1948-49	Bucky Helton	21	339	16.1
1947-48	Tom Dykes	23	334	14.5

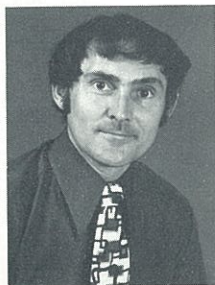
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NAME	GAMES	POINTS	AVG.	YEARS
Chester Webb	106	2,540	23.9	1953-56
Chester Curry	110	2,008	18.3	1957-60
Whitey Verstraete	81	1,519	18.8	1958-60
Bill Pickens	86	1,501	17.4	1962-65,66
Bo Warren	106	1,479	14.0	1954-57
Jimmy Rose	84	1,430	17.1	1965-71
Steve Buckler	91	1,393	15.3	1968-71
Don Adler	117	1,346	11.5	1963-66
Fran Florian	62	1,341	21.6	1962-64
Johnny Mills	67	1,306	20.0	1971-73
Mike Rickard	93	1,298	14.0	1963-66
Roger Moore	72	1,200	15.3	1967-69
Connie Lewis	90	1,190	13.2	1959-62
Scotty Perkins	57	1,181	20.7	1950-51
Sonny Clements	105	1,124	10.7	1949-52
Jim Duncan	82	1,050	12.8	1950-52
Jim Seeley	95	1,043	11.0	1963-65-67
Richard Wallace	58	1,042	18.0	1971-73
Doug Corry	94	1,010	10.7	1954-57
Don Wallen	105	1,005	9.6	1954-57

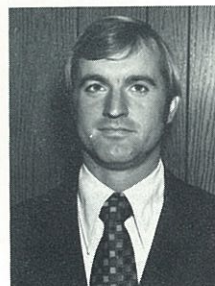
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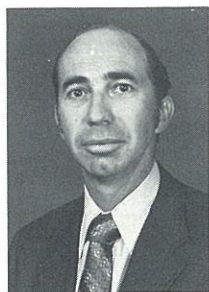
RON POLK
Head Baseball Coach



RON OERTLEY
Head Gymnastics Coach



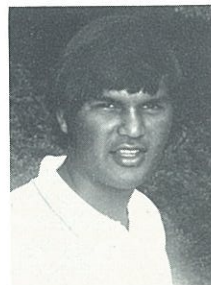
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Asst. Baseball Coach



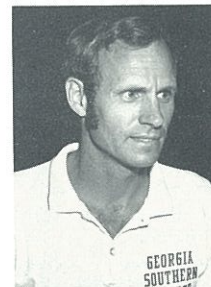
TOM PAUL
Academic Adviser



RON ROBERTS
Head Golf Coach



VISHNU MAHARAJ
Head Tennis Coach



BUDDY FLOYD
Head Coach
Swimming-Water Polo

GAME INFORMATION

TIME OF GAME: All Varsity home games begin at 7:30 p.m., E.S.T. Jan. 26 game at 2 p.m.

TEAM COLORS: Georgia Southern wears white or Columbia blue at home and royal blue or Columbia Blue on the road.

PLACE OF GAME: W.S. Hanner Fieldhouse (Capacity 6,000) located on the GSC campus. Spacious dressing room facilities for both teams.

TIMING AND SCORING: Official time is on the scoreboard clock above the playing court. Georgia Southern provides timer and scorer. There is room for visitor's timer and/or scorer at the table. It is located at the south side of the gym at mid-court.

PUBLICITY: Send all requests for sports information to Dave Deppisch, Sports Information Director, Athletic Department, Georgia Southern College, Statesboro, Georgia 30458.

PLAYING COURT: The tartan-surfaced floor runs east and west. Dimensions are 94 feet by 50 feet.

PLAYER'S BENCHES: Located south side of fieldhouse on either side of scoring table. GSC sits on the left, facing the opposite side, visitors on the right.

STATISTICS: Complete statistics will be supplied at half-time and end of the game by Harry Prisant, Sports Statistician, to both teams, newspapers, radio, television, public address, and scouts. Stats include field goal percentage, rebounds, free throw percentage, and complete box score.

PROGRAMS: Scorecards containing complete rosters with numbers, names, position, height, weight, class, and hometown are available to spectators at a small charge. Visiting team information is needed as soon as possible.

RADIO BROADCASTS: All Georgia Southern games, home and away, will be broadcast by WMCD-FM radio in Statesboro. Nate Hirsch, Sports Director for WWNS, will handle broadcasts.

MEDICAL ATTENTION: A Georgia Southern trainer will be on duty at all games. A doctor will always be in attendance.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Contact Dave Deppisch, Sports Information Director, J. E. Rowe, Head Coach, J. I. Clements, Athletic Director, Jerry Fields, Assistant Coach, or Charlie Gibbons, Assistant Coach.

OFFICIAL PHONE NUMBER: Area Code 912, 764-6611, Extension 456, 522, 523, or 549.



1973-74 EAGLES

(L-R) Chris White, Pat Blenke, Art Kitchen, John Vail, Rex Gregg, Dick Beuke, Asst. Coach Jerry Fields, Jim Clark, Johnny Mills, Bob Crouch, Head Coach J.E. Rowe, Mike Barger, Tommy Palmer, John Baker, John Gillingham, Asst. Coach Charlie Gibbons, Ronnie Arnold, Richard Wallace, Trainer Tom Smith, Student Trainer Frank Arreola.