

TO THE 1968 GRADUATING CLASS,
ARMSTRONG STATE COLLEGE:

Few moments equal the joy, the satisfaction, and the fulfillment of graduation. It is a personal and permanent victory. an honor to last a lifetime. To each of you I extend my sincere congratulations.

The time is past when our national interests could be served by a few who elected to make their country's affairs their own. The complexity of our age and the particular burden history has thrust upon us — to preserve freedom where it exists and to foster it where it does not — demands every American heart. The greatest responsibility falls to those who have the most to give.

I cannot tell you the extent of America's influence in shaping the new order of world affairs — though I believe it will be great.

I cannot measure our national ability to abolish ignorance and sickness and injustice wherever these ancient enemies degrade humanity — though I believe it is limitless.

I cannot predict that America's future will match and exceed the brilliance of her past — though I believe it will.

The answers will not come in my lifetime, but in the future — your future. I am confident that you who have proved your ability to achieve, to endure, and to win, will serve that future with distinction.

Lyndon B. Johnson

Armstrong State College grants 120 four-year degrees June 3

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

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

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

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

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

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Commencement news released

A list of commencement activities has been released to all candidates for June graduation. Commencement exercises are to be held on June 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the Armstrong Gymnasium. A rehearsal for the ceremony is to be held Monday morning at 10:30, with all candidates expected to attend.

The President's Reception will be held in the Student Center following graduation; families and friends of the graduates are cordially invited to attend. The Graduation Dance will be at the Savannah Inn and Country Club from 10:00 p.m. until 2:00 a.m. The dance is open to all ASC students. The Melody Makers from South Carolina will provide the music. A complimentary breakfast for graduates and their dates will be held immediately following the dance at the Johnnie Gamen Restaurant.

Inquiries are to be directed to the Office of Student Affairs.



Outstanding Senior Hugh Cobb, center, accepts the Silver A award from President Henry Ashmore as Dean Joseph Killorin looks on. —photo by Lovett

Accrediting committee report expected in June

The results of the May 5-8 visit of the accreditation committee, a follow-up of the Preliminary Committee's visit last Spring, will be studied and released at the November meeting of the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges, ac-

ording to ASC President Henry L. Ashmore.

If Armstrong meets the standards of the Southern Association's Reviewing Committee for admission, the college will receive accredited status as a full member of the Association retroactive to the June class of 1968.

Ashmore expects the major comment of the committee to be on the library in the committee's June report. The team recommended that the library expansion continue in order to meet the American Library Association's standard of 100,000 volumes. The Southern Association requires a minimum of 50,000 volumes, a figure to be met by the ASC facility by July.

The library budget of 100,000 dollars for the 1968-69 school year, announced by Ashmore, exceeds the 1967-68 figure by 25,000 dollars. This represents a one-third increase over last year's budget allocation.

During their visit, the committee had lunch with several selected students and faculty members. This enabled them to achieve a better perspective of campus life at ASC.

canvassing the blocks and contacting residents. Each volunteer worked with one or more co-captains from Savannah State.

Armstrong's student workers generally seemed pleased with the successful operation of the project. Bill Butler commented that the cleanup campaign was a good thing "overall," but that it didn't attack the real problem. "Cleaning up is nice, but the slums are still there."

Other students mentioned the sense of pride that was strengthened in the neighborhood residents and the contact between Savannah State and Armstrong students as other good results of the program.

ASC students work in Spring Cleaning '68

Savannah's Spring Cleaning '68 has been declared a great success by project director Bill VanLandingham. Sparked by the efforts of volunteers from Armstrong and Savannah State, the cleanup campaign attacked littered neighborhoods in two sections of Savannah.

Armstrong students learned of the project by viewing slides of the cleanup target areas to the commentary of VanLandingham, ASC volunteers later enjoyed a hot dog and shrimp supper at the dock of Mills B. Lane's sailing ship, the Cruz del Sur, and a complimentary breakfast at Armstrong's Student Center. The actual cleanup took place on May 18 and 19 following a week spent

Achievements of ASC students recognized at honors assembly

Academic and athletic honors were given out and the new student government officers were installed at the annual Honors Day festivities at ASC.

The initial ceremony was held at noon May 15 at the school gymnasium. A banquet honoring the students who had contributed most to the college during the past school year was held that evening in the Memorial Student Center.

The banquet featured outgoing Georgia Southern president Zach Henderson as keynote speaker. Also speaking was ASC president Henry L. Ashmore.

Among the awards was the first annual presentation for Outstanding Senior at ASC. This award went to Hugh Cobb, along with the Silver "A" Award and a plaque for student government service on the honor council. Also receiving a Silver "A" was Tom Kelly who received an award as outstanding senator in addition to the Silver "A". Miss Susan Jaye Punzel also received recognition as an outstanding senator.

The President's Award for

academic excellence went to Betty Henry, Delores Highland, and Anne Kimberly Stewart, all maintaining 4.0 averages.

Recognized for outstanding service was Ginger Price, Harry Hamm, and John Eure. Stephen Colson, president of the ASC Student Government Association, and Eugene Smith, veep of the organization, received plaques for their contributions to the student government at ASC.

Ten seniors were selected for Who's Who for 1968. They were Sandra Beasley, Steve Colson, Harry Hamm, Danny (Continued on page 2)

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



Students may scrawl "We love our teacher" on the blackboard, but faculty members such as German instructor Mr. Gary Ferguson have no mercy as final exams come once again.

—photo by Lovett

editorials . . .

STRAIT JACKET EDUCATION

In an April 30th editorial blast, the Savannah Morning News considered recent student demonstrations at American University and set forth its general philosophy: "students should have no voice at all" in the signing of university contracts and "such matters." The editorial concluded that administrators must not "yield their function to students." "Professional educators and administrators should have sole responsibility for conducting any business which might further the university's service to the people."

The Morning News' view of the student's role in modern education is indeed interesting, but it is an extreme over-reaction to recent campus events. The strait-jacket concept of higher education, under which students are treated as if they were zombies, is no more rational than the Columbia SDS's concept, which seemed to allow students to camp out in the president's office, steal his cigars, and peruse his personal files. No attempt to enforce either of these extremes can make any real contribution to the current relationship between administrator and student.

Even at Armstrong, a conservative college in a conservative city in a conservative state, things are not as the Morning News would have them. Instead of finding students having "no voice at all" in the signing of contracts, we find a Student Senate which administers more than \$50,000 in student activity funds. Armstrong's athletic program, which fills space daily in Savannah's newspapers, receives its operating expense, from that same Student Senate. Students are involved in the negotiation of contracts for dance bands, concerts, and lectures, and the educational program of the college seems not to be disrupted by this state of affairs.

Those horrified by events at Columbia and elsewhere who would bar all students from influencing the environment of their own campus need to consider the exercise of student power and its role in developing student responsibility. It is completely unrealistic to advocate the emasculation of student government as a blind, fearful response to a perceived danger.

WATER ON THE BRAIN

Armstrong's new marvel of aquatic architecture was only hours old, but the intellectuals of the school took the opportunity to make use of the mid-campus fountain, for fun and frivolity. Throwing soap into the water is probably indicative of a lack of foresight on the part of the culprits, but there can be no excuse for attempting to throw several bystanders in the drink.

Not only is a safety factor at stake, because of the presence of metal objects in the pond, but the damage to personal items such as wallets, watches, and similar belongings must also be taken into consideration. One member of the faculty had his coat torn by fun-loving individuals interested in dunkin' him.

Such is our "high school with ashtrays."

Delta Phi Upsilon joins ASC recognized Greeks

Delta Phi Upsilon, a new service-social sorority, is in the process of being recognized by Armstrong State College. The sorority was organized Fall quarter of 1967 and expects complete approval from the college by the end of Spring quarter of 1968. Though the sorority is not fully recognized, it has been given the authority to participate in both on- and off-campus activities.

The sisters of Delta Phi Upsilon sorority have participated in service curriculum for the betterment of the community and the college. In cooperation with the administration, the sisters ushered for a film in observance of Mental Health Week at Memorial Medical Center. By participating in Pioneer Days, Delta Phi Upsilon raised \$50.00 to be donated to Gentlehaven Home for Mentally retarded children. The sorority's contestants for Beauty and the Beast Contest, Stephanie Walker and Randy Taylor, won first place in competition with other campus organizations. The sisters also sold tickets for the Mitch Ryder Spring Concert program, distributed 1967 Geechee annuals to professional offices, and participated in Spring Cleaning '68.

Delta Phi Upsilon maintains a membership of twenty-two girls, seven of which will be initiated June 1. Officers of the sorority are Diane Alpert-

president, Sandra Gottlieb-vice-president, Lora Eichholz-secretary, Andrea Cope-treasurer, Stephanie Walker-moral advisor, and Joan Home-historian-parliamentarian.

Future projects of the sorority include roadblocks, the proceeds from which will go to Gentlehaven and the National Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Honors awards

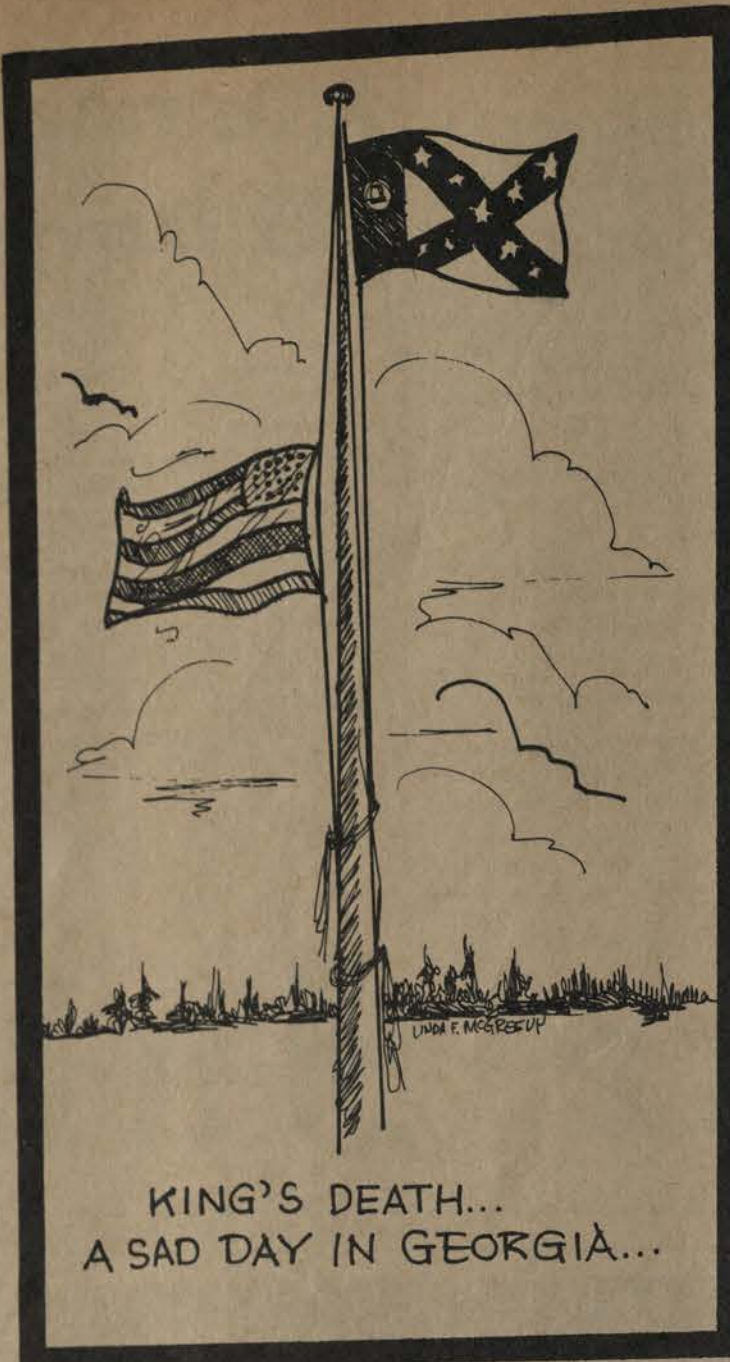
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Hattich, Mark Lambertson, Linda McGreevy, Sandra Moore, Mary Morgan, Danny Sims and Jim Weeks.

Lettermen of the ASC district champion golf team were presented watches in recognition of their NAIA crown. Lettering in golf were Toby Browne, Jim Pinard, John Haupt, Greg Palmer and Ed Winter.

Tennis letters went to Dick Mopper, Gary Moses, Bob Forehand, Phil McCorkle, and Steve Greene. Moses also received the award for outstanding sportsmanship.

Baseball letters were given to Phil Duke, Danny Sims, Clyde Jordan, Bob Houchins, Ralph Finnegan, Ray Kellett, David Layden, Steve Tarter, Gary Simmons, David Smith, Doyle Kelley, Tommy Swinford, and Dick Sanders, manager.

In an evening presentation, Danny Sims was presented an award donated by the Exchange



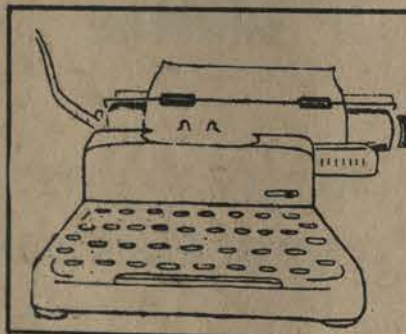
KING'S DEATH...
A SAD DAY IN GEORGIA...

Armstrong students vote in national college poll

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

The opinion of the students in "Choice '68" showed 1/3 of the voters preferring "All out" effort in conducting the Vietnam War; only 10% wanted immediate withdrawal of forces. Student feeling was divided over the question of bombing, 51 preferring a per-

manent halt to 28 wanting the use of nuclear weapons. Answering the "urban crisis," 129 thought education was the key, and "job training and employment opportunities" followed with 104.



Dear Editor...

Dear Editor,

I am writing to you in the hope that you will communicate my appreciation to the students on your campus for their CHOICE 68 votes.

Not only because my candidacy was favored in the balloting am I grateful. More significant than the success or the losses of individual candidates in CHOICE 68 is the participation by one million students on some 1200 campuses in the

political process. Student opinions, debated and expressed democratically, will influence elections throughout our nation.

CHOICE 68 opinions on military action, bombing and urban situation have been forwarded to me. I note that 55.4 percent of my student supporters favor a reduction of military action in Vietnam and 29.1 percent are for withdrawal. Among students for me, 51.2 percent would stop the bombing and 28.4 percent prefer temporary suspension. I can assure you I shall keep these views in mind as I try to develop intelligent responses to changing international relations.

The emphasis of students for McCarthy on education and job training in our urban reconciliation efforts in reassuring to me in a very personal way. Let us remain together, and I am confident that our common cause can change the direction of our country.

With best wishes.

Sincerely yours,
Eugene J. McCarthy

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Inkwell elects Doherty editor

Several of Armstrong's student organizations recently held elections to determine the leadership for the approaching 1968-69 school year. Clay Doherty will head the ASC Masquers, the college dramatics group, in the coming year, while Rod Ferguson and Yvonne Tenney will fill the posts of vice-president and secretary. All three have appeared in various Masquers productions in the capacity of actors and participated in the technical aspects of staging a play.

A May 13 meeting of the Young Democrats of Armstrong saw Martin Stone, a Business major, elected to the presidency of the group. Other officers are to be Abro Sutker-VEEP, Ed Burchett-Secretary, and Richard Mangan-Treasurer.

The Baptist Student Union installed their 68-69 officers at the beginning of the present quarter. The post of president of BSU went to Hal Ritter.

Masquers plan summer play

Nicole Manchiavelli's *The Mandrake* will be the Armstrong Masquers' summer offering. The renaissance classic will be staged in July with tryouts coming near the beginning of the summer quarter.

Machiavelli attempts a revival of Roman Comedy in this farcical romp, and according to authorities on drama succeeds admirably. *The Mandrake* deals with a young rake's attempts to seduce the beautiful, virtuous wife of a doddering old fool only too happy to place the horns of the cuckold on his own head.

The comedy in *The Mandrake* ranges from subtle line-humor to broad physical farce. The cast will consist of eight characters, five men and three women.

Annual Armstrong Pioneer Days offer needed diversions for all

Armstrong's Pioneer Days, commemorating the adventuresome rugged individualists of the last century, took place at the campus on May 2 and 3. The annual excuse for frivolity and fun was successful, from the official opening of Geechee-ville to the David, della Rosa, and Brooks concert on Friday. The ribbon-cutting took place at 12:30 on Thursday, followed by the intra-class tug o' war; no winner was named due to the failure of therope to hold

together when required. A pie-eating contest at 2:30 was won by freshman senator Paul Ganem, and an excellent variety show, sponsored by Circle K, saw the revelation of talent present at the college. The last activity of Thursday was a hot dog-baked bean supper at 5:00.

The following day saw even greater strides in the area of entertainment as all the people who had forgotten their water pistols on the previous day

came well-armed and ready to do battle anytime, anywhere, much to the chagrin of Student Center manager Thomas Nease. Buggy rides, sponsored by the student senate, were held in the afternoon. A student-faculty softball game took place at 2:30; resulting in a rout in favor of the boys over the men.

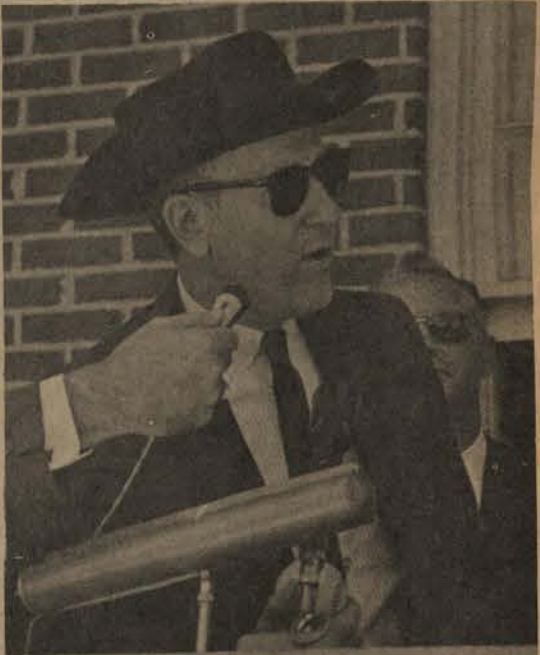
Several groups sponsored concession stands or games for the benefit of all. Alpha Phi Omega had a dunking machine. BSU had a water balloon throw, and the Inkwell put up an egg toss. Delta Phi Upsilon kept the pioneers filled with soft drinks, and stern justice was meted out to all nemeses of the law in the TEP jail.



Behind Dr. Cedric Stratton's mild-mannered moustache lurks a stiff upper lip.



Dr. Roy Carroll submits to the wrath of disgruntled students.



What? President Ashmore in a black hat?



Savannah Senators manager Buddy Hicks cuts the ribbon opening Pioneer Days.



PIRATE PATCHES



The recently completed athletic season saw Armstrong State College field only one winning team in the won-lost area. The Pirate golfers went 8-0 for the regular season and captured the GIAC crown as well as the honors for District 25.

In both of the major sports, basketball and baseball, ASC didn't reach the .500 mark in either—basketball ended its season 8-20 and baseball wrapped up its schedule 11-18. The statistics show that while the Pirates had a potentially good pitching staff (ASC hurlers gave up 190 hits, an average of 6.5 per game.), the offensive team managed only 182 hits, or 6.2 per game. Coupled with this season-long batting slump, the Pirates were defensively insecure, committing a total of 89 errors at a 3.4 per game rate. The Pirates as a team batted .234 and fielded .910 (The 89 errors were out of a total of 811 fielding chances.)

Only four starters hit better than .250 this season and three of these are All-Conference candidates, Tommy Swinford, ASC's surprise winner, helped himself out at the plate by collecting 10 hits in 22 at bats for a team-leading .455. Freshman David Smith was

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second with 24 hits in 74 trips for .388; the Pirates only senior, Danny Sims, finished the season—and a very successful year—at .322 with 19 hits in 59 at bats plus 14 walks. This makes the second year in a row that Sims has reached first base safely more than any other of his teammates. The other Pirate hitting better than .250 is Ray Kellett, who was tied with David Smith for the most hits (24). Kellett was 24 for 96, giving him a .250 average. The letterman also struck out fewer times than any other Pirate—4 times in 28 games.

The fielding percentages show the error proneness of the ASC squad as only three players finished the season over .900. Again, Tommy Swinford lead the pack by playing errorless ball. Clyde Jordan posted the next highest by committing only two miscues in 98 total chances for a .980 percentage; David Smith followed in third with a .955 mark, committing 5 errors in 106 total chances. Phil Duke, who recently joined the U.S. Air Force, posted .975, or 3 errors in 130 chances.

In the pitching department, Tommy Swinford wrapped up a fine season by posting a 5-2 record with one save in 15 appearances. Swinford's earned run average was low for the Pirates at 1.74 (12 earned runs

in 621/3 innings). Doyle Kelley, Coach George Bedwell's other workhorse, compiled a 5-8 season slate, allowing 24 earned runs in 881/3 innings for a 2.34 average. Kelley was also high on strikeouts, putting down 45 opponents. The team run average was a good 2.64 allowing 64 earned runs in 2181/3 innings.



Pirate golfers traveling to the National Tournament are, standing left to right, Ed Winter, John Haupt, Craig Palmer, and kneeling, Toby Browne, Coach Bob Backus and Jim Pinard.

ASC golfers take District 25; Team to go to Nationals June 4

From the time the Pirate Golf Team teed-up the little white pill, right through the NAIA District 25 tournament, the ASC linksmen had one thought in mind—the National Championship.

With one more match to go; the Pirates will have a chance to prove their point. After sweeping the district meet in Valdosta, the Pirates will compete in the National Tournament in Bemedji, Minn., June 4-7.

The Pirates, anchored by four-year letterman Toby Haupt rolled to nine straight victories in quest of their berth in the nationals. ASC averaged just over 300 strokes per game in amassing the undefeated slate.

The trip to Bemedji represents the first for any ASC athletic team since the College became a four-year institution. This is the second trip to a national tournament by the golf team in the history of the school. The Pirates, at that time, known as the Geechees, earned a berth on the 1965 Junior College Tournament in

Grand Rapids, Michigan.

As a team, ASC finished 15th in the '65 meet and Haupt ranked 14th on the medalist list with a 75, Browne was 15th with a 76.

Late-comer Jim Pinard paced ASC through the recent district meet, gaining medalists honors with one eighteen of 70 and leading the Bucs to a 20-plus stroke victory.

Browne has been a stalwart of the ASC Golfers throughout his four-year college career. The Business Administration major anchors the current issue of "Pasture Paraders" with a fine 73 average going into the Nationals.

Haupt, although playing in his second National Tournament, is only a second-year letterman. After the '65 season John's college career was interrupted for military service. His return this year was instrumental in the Bucs' success. The number two man averaged 75 shots per 18 over the regular season.

Hot on Haupt's heels pre numbers three and four-men,

Jim Pinard and Craig Palmer, who both averaged 76 per round in seasonal play. The number five-man duties were split between Jim Brotherton (80), Ed Winter (81) and Bob Goodman (81).

The Bucs, with the exception of Jim Pinard who comes to us from Connecticut, are all former members of the Jenkins golf team.

The Pirates for 1969 will miss only one of this year's squad. Browne will play his last round of college competition golf on June 7th, a round that will hopefully present the Pirates with National Title. Haupt, who has been in two Nationals in two years will be back to serve as the lucky charm that is to bring three trips to the Bucs.

Conservatives outline views

The Armstrong State College Conservative Club in its regular meeting of April 23rd issued a statement of policy and purpose.

"The Armstrong State College Conservative Club was formed to provide a forum for those students and faculty, who are members of the American Society and are dissatisfied with the trend since the depression toward a Socialist form of government in the United States. We are supporters of a true Democracy, the Constitution of the United States, the Bill of Rights and all amendments of either.

"It is our purpose to discuss the controversial political issues of the day, to weigh the issues and determine if the end justifies the means. To endorse and promote actions is an intellectual manner, to further the cause of individual liberty and to stop the threat of a bureaucratic government from depriving us of our liberties.

"We are a non-partisan organization and are neither supported, aligned with or endorsed by any other organization. Our actions are our own and we refuse to be coerced or intimidated by any other organization, individual, group or race into deviating from our purpose."

The Club also announced plans to continue its regular meetings through the summer quarter.

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