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Bud Grant with us again this year—but this is my personal guess," Lawson said.

"These people (the Vikings) are giving up hard," Lawson added. "They appear to want Grant pretty bad."

Grant has three years remaining of a four-year contract.

Bama's Ford Joins Georgia Coaching Staff

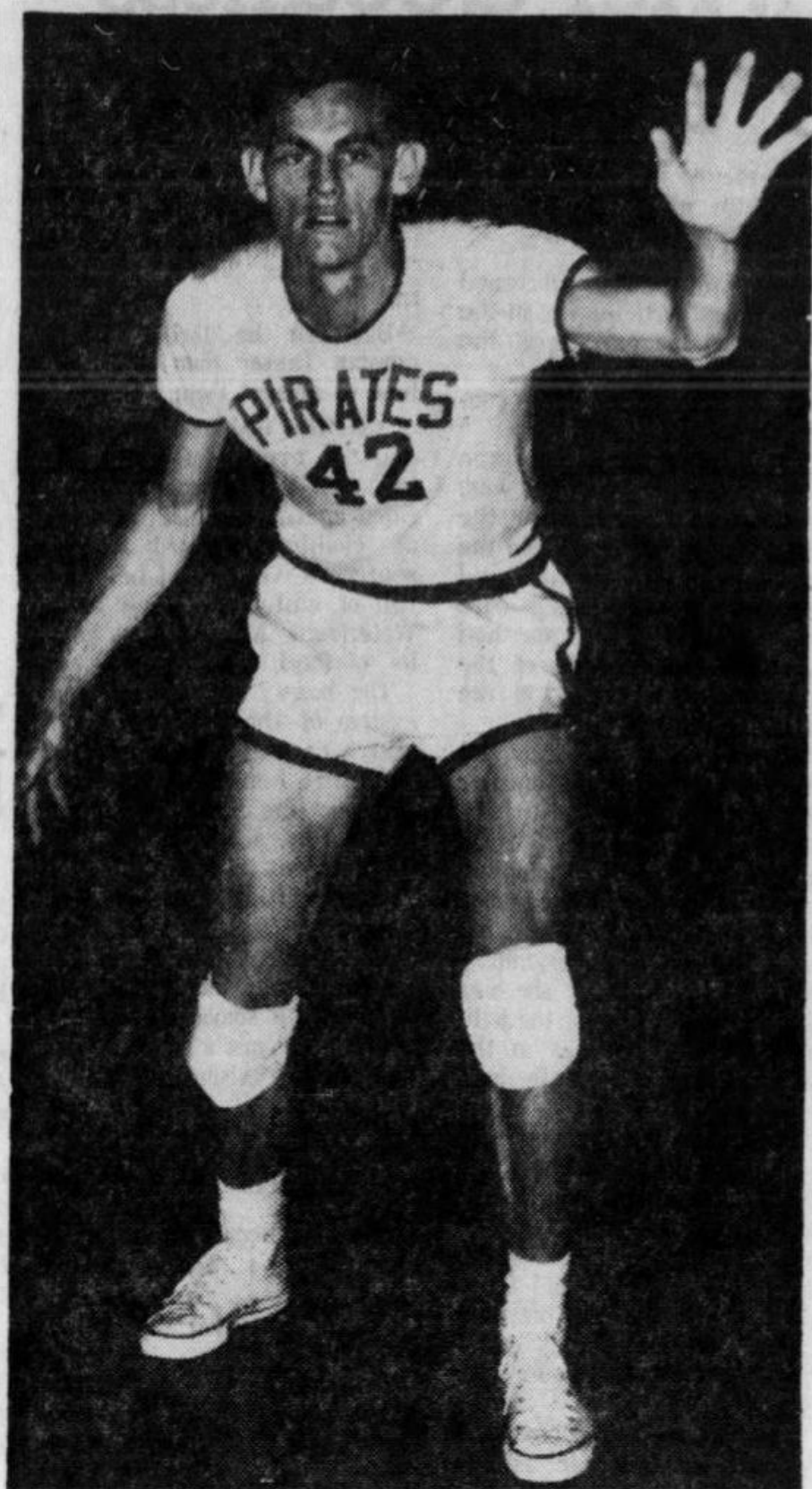
ATHENS (AP)—A hard-nosed disciple of Alabama's Paul (Bear) Bryant will coach Georgia's defensive line under Johnny Griffith, the new head football coach for the Bulldogs.

Griffith Tuesday night named Bob Ford, 26, who has been working with the Alabama centers and linebackers, to succeed Quinton Lumpkin as boss of the Bulldog defensive line. Lumpkin, a veteran of more than 20 years at Georgia, was let out when Griffith succeeded Wally Butts as head coach.

Ford, a 1955 graduate of Memphis State where he played end and center, will join the Georgia staff next Monday. He is a native of Wynne, Ark.

"Ford has a reputation of being one of the bright young coaches in football," Griffith said.

"From what I have heard, Ford is a good one," added Butts, Georgia's director of athletics.



PIRATES' LARRY BULGER: FJCAC LEADER

... success didn't 'just happen' his way

(News photo by Jim Pomeroy)

Student of the Game

Larry Takes Notes, Corrects Mistakes

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Folks out at Pensacola Junior College will quickly tell you there is not too much Larry Bulger can't do on the basketball court.

Those who haven't seen the PJC freshman in action have only to check statistics to draw the same conclusion.

Last season as a senior at Pensacola High School Bulger developed into one of the Tiger's strongest scoring threats, but that was only a preview of coming attractions.

This season Bulger has compiled a nifty 24 points per game average and leads the Florida Junior College Athletic Conference in scoring.

It didn't just happen this way. Bulger, a forward, is a student of basketball who makes a study of every game and every move.

"Coach (Shorty) Snead (former PHS basketball coach) probably taught me everything I know about basketball. He made me interested in the game."

It was through Snead's encouragement that Bulger took to "replaying" a game when he returned home. A game never concludes that Bulger doesn't drag out a pencil and paper write down situations he encountered and mistakes he made.

"The next day I come to practice an hour early and go over my mistakes until I think I have them corrected."

Four to six hours a week during the off season are devoted to basketball to keep his game sharp.

One particularly noticeable point of Bulger's

scoring is the fact he can hit well from any point on the floor.

"In my junior year at Pensacola High I alternated between forward and guard and in my senior year I played center. This taught me to be familiar with almost any part of the floor."

"One thing about Bulger that impresses me most," PJC Coach Tom Gross said, "is the fact that on the boards he has the knack of being where the ball is. He seems to be everywhere. Where the ball is, that's where Bulger is. Of course anyone who ever saw him play knows he's a good shooter."

Bulger explains it this way: "I shoot with a good bit of arch, and I can tell immediately if the ball is going in or not. If it's not, I can always tell where it will come off the rim. I find a hole and get there."

But it's the cold scoring statistics that impress observers. Bulger has these credentials and the answers to how he compiles them.

Against a zone defense he "runs the base line" and uses an outside jump shot or drives against a man-to-man defense.

"The main thing is to get the opposition off balance and keep them that way. I like to shoot from the outside the first few minutes of the game, then when my man comes out to get me I drive on him."

Bulger, a major in engineering, definitely figures college basketball in his future. The four-year school of his choice depends on which engineering school might offer him a basketball scholarship ... preferably Auburn, Florida or Georgia Tech.

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