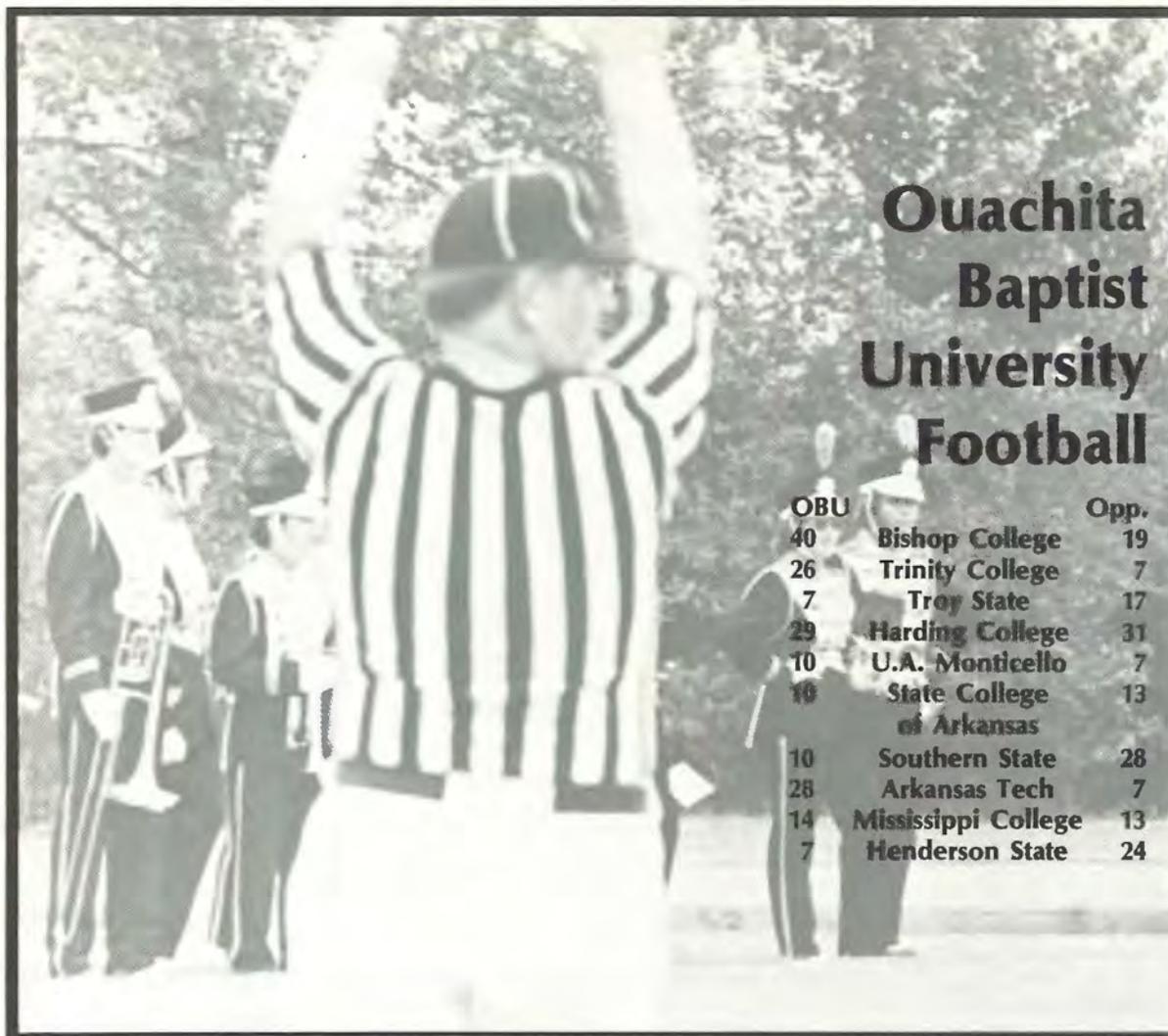


# A flash of Understanding

Sports



## Ouachita Baptist University Football

OBU	Opp.	Opp.
40	Bishop College	19
26	Trinity College	7
7	Troy State	17
29	Harding College	31
10	U.A. Monticello	7
10	State College of Arkansas	13
10	Southern State	28
28	Arkansas Tech	7
14	Mississippi College	13
7	Henderson State	24





If all football games were played at the beginning or the end of a season, Ouachita's Tigers might be perennial champions. Schedules as they are, however, have mid-seasons, and Ouachita has a mid-season

## Tigers play even season; five wins-five losses

slump. The Tigers stormed away to two quick wins in the 1973 season before dropping four of their next three contests. In all, Ouachita played even, 5-5, not a championship season but not a losing season either. Despite going 3-1 against non-conference foes, OBU managed only a 2-4 record in AIC affairs. Five Tigers did make the elite all-conference team; Paul Sharp, Jim O'Neal, Bill Lane, Bill Walker and Luther Guinn. It all adds up to another long spring waiting for another next year.



Waiting (Above) on the bench for a chance to play is experienced by any football teammate.



Tom Fendley, (Front) and Glen McFadden (Right) guard Danny Winston on another Tiger carry. "Gator Aid" (Above) becomes a must for any football team between defensive and offensive plays.

College football is exciting, whether it's played in South Bend, Baton Rouge or Arkadelphia. Whether it's Alabama against Notre Dame or UAM versus Ouachita it's colorful, and it's a way of life for Americans in greater numbers each year.

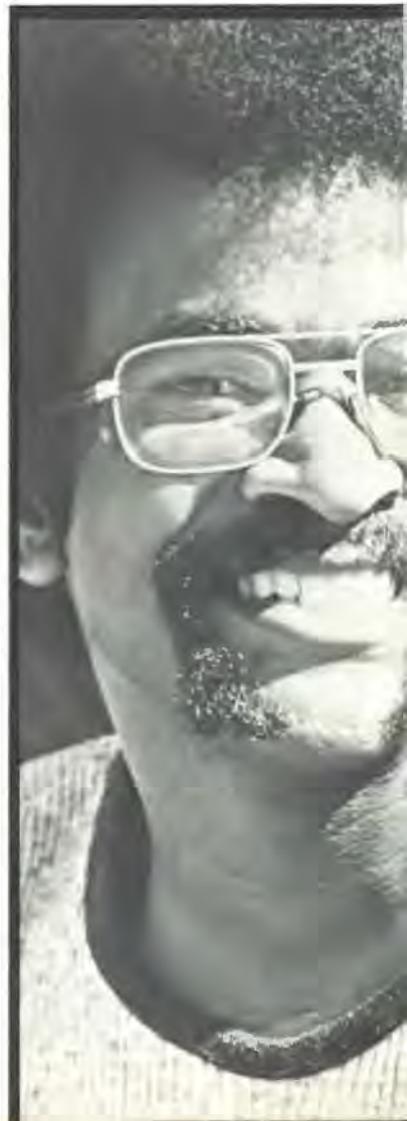
## Football is exciting wherever it is played

It's that way because football encompasses more than just 22 players donning protective gear and covering; that, with the greatest assortment of colors since the rainbow.

Towns, cities, even states rallying behind a team in search of exclusive championships and bowl bids. It's a gathering place for old friends and new freshmen. It's a place to carry dates and mates. But above all, it's a place to cross communication barriers and learn the value of a united society in reaching the goals, the ideals we hold so highly.



Head coaches have a lot besides excitement running through their minds. (Above) Buddy Benson exhorts a player in the Harding contest, carefully eyes the action on the key fourth-down play in OBU's final drive against the Bison, and then mulls over what play to call on, the important 2-point conversion.





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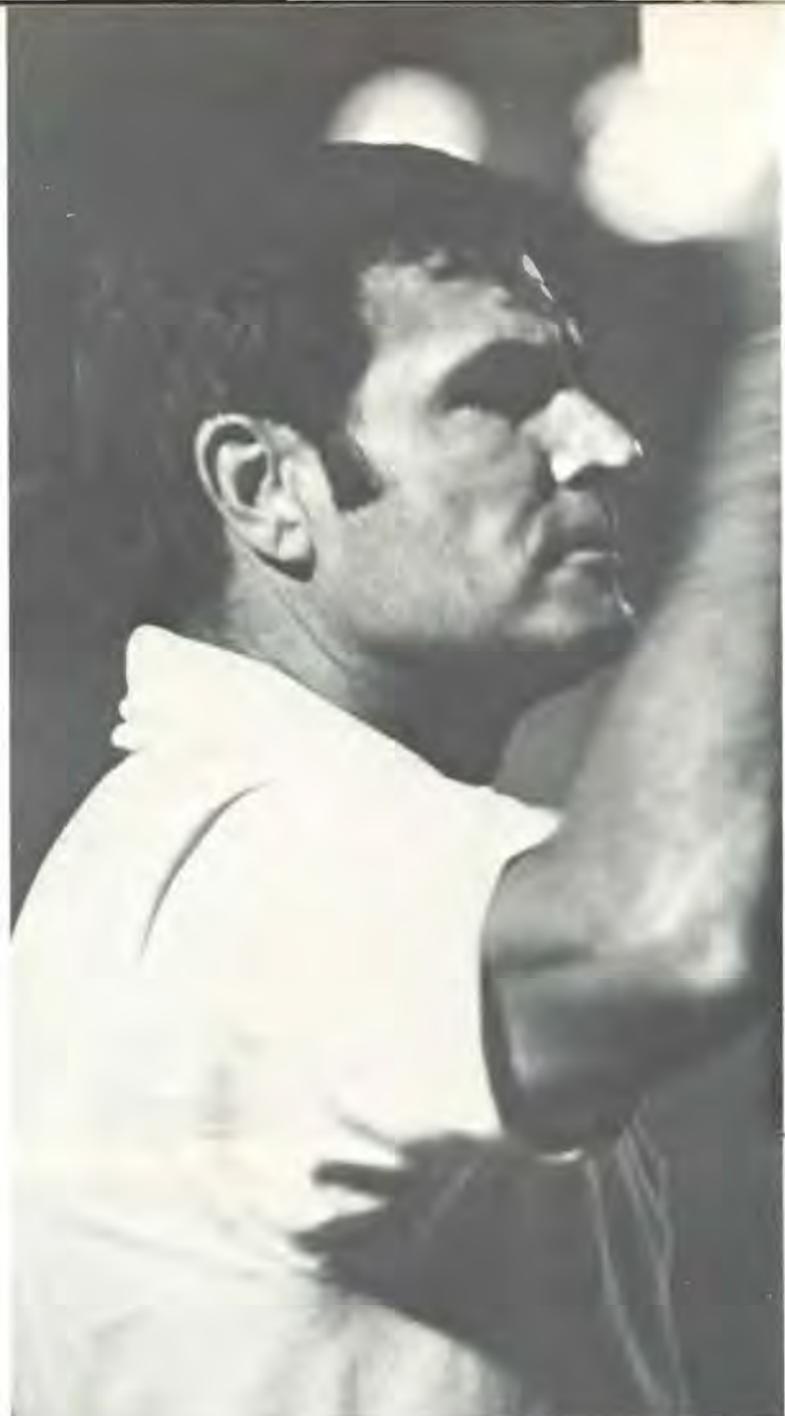
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The Ouachita Tigers spent a rough spring under the hand of head coach Buddy Benson in 1973. There had to be rebuilding of an average team the year before. The Tigers were determined that someone was going to pay when the 1973 season opened. That someone

## Tigers face rebuilding under Coach Benson

was Bishop College, a Baptist school in Dallas. Ouachita travelled to Dallas and then up and down Bishop's field with about the same ease in opening the season with an easy 40-19 victory. Luther Guinn and Tim Leatherwood raced for 304 yards and Mike Carroll unleashed a seldom-used offensive weapon: the forward pass.

Warren Woodson's undefeated Trinity Tigers invaded the A.U. Williams Stadium the next Saturday afternoon expecting to make Ouachita their second AIC victim in a row after beating UAM the week before. The Tigers used error-free ball, and gave Ouachita a 28-7 win and a 2-0 record. In 1972, Ouachita's Johnny Baker surprised Troy State with two late touchdowns. In 1973's version, the Red Wave was determined to have no late-minute shenanigans pulled by Baker's successor, Luther Guinn, or by any of the other Tiger hopefuls. In a hard-fought contest, Troy State used the kicking game to its advantage in securing a 17-7 decision. Troy State's rush was just the beginning of Tiger woes.



Buddy Benson (Left) makes a point against the Trinity Tigers in OBU's second game.



Fullback Tim Leatherwood (Left) busts through the Troy State defense but to no avail. The Red Wave prevailed. Officiating (Below) is the control factor of college football. No one agrees with the refs all the time, and some never do.



Sophomore Mike Carroll skirts right end (Far Left) to pick up yardage in Ouachita's 28-7 win over Trinity. Touchdown Tigers!—er, Ouachita Tigers, that is. (Left) In this case, it's against Trinity, as is obvious in the face of an San Antonian.



**Ouachita (Above) takes to the air against the Boll Weevils of UAM. Mike Carroll sets up to throw as three weevils barrel in. Bill Foster of El Dorado (Right) tries to get the offense in gear against the Harding Bison.**





Tom Ed Gooden provided the next big rush on the Tiger agenda. After being sidelined in an earlier game with a separated shoulder, Gooden came off the bench and rushed, passed and kicked the Harding Bison to a last

## Bisons come from behind; secure 31-29 win

minute 31-29 come-from-behind victory. After falling behind 21-0 before halftime, Luther Guinn clicked off two straight touchdowns on quick plays to send the Tigers in at halftime trailing 21-14. Then Gooden came out and produced a long touchdown drive, but Ouachita countered with two TD's of its own, including a two point conversion to put the Tigers up 29-28. Gooden cranked up again and drove the length of the field before kicking a short field goal with five seconds left to win for the Bison. The UAM Weevils had the worst defense in the AIC against rush, but the AIC's leading ground gainer, Guinn, and compatriots could manage only 10 points. However, Rick Lineberger and company held the Boll Weevils to only 7 and Ouachita evened its conference record at 1-1. Then the proverbial bottom fell out, starting with an inexperienced SCA freshman, Sam Coleman. He turned out to be more than the Tigers could handle, rushing 105 yards and two touchdowns in leading the State College Bears to a 13-0 triumph over OBU.



Head manager Roscoe Stidman (Above Left) senses the futility of it all after Tom Ed Gooden had just kicked a short field goal with time running out. Luther Guinn (Center Left) finds himself headed toward the turf in the hot Bison contest. Freshman Angela Payne (Left) from Prescott added her special touch to the halftime performances with her twirler routines.

Social clubs provide much of the spirit at Tiger ball games. (Right) Ken Rippey bursts through the Rho Sigma presentation of the spirit hoop.

Floyd Canady (Right) lowers a shoulder for Southern State, but Ed Willman has position and Canady is stopped for a short gain. It was a bad night (Below) in Magnolia as Benson watches his Tigers fall to the methodical Muleriders.



In a power sweep (Right) left tackle Jim Hankins bumps his man before heading downfield. Guard Glen McFadden pulls to lead the play. Center Bill Walker cuts down the offside guard. Right guard Ken Rippey goes after the middle linebacker, as fullback Bill Lane fills the gap left by Rippey. Right Tackle Jim O'Neal blocks the defensive tackle and Steve Bourne cuts down the outside linebacker as Mack Harris heads around the end.





Southern State is hard to beat and at Magnolia the Riders are next to impossible to knock off. Rip Powell's Mules scored four touchdowns, more than any other team scored on the Tiger defense all year, and

## **Tigers break even; win five games**

downed OBU 28-10. Enough was enough. It was time for someone to pay again and the Arkansas Tech Wonder boys were handy targets. Ouachita's stagnant offense began to stir. In fact it got downright awakened and enraged. The Tigers rolled to an effortless 28-7 triumph to again even their season record, this time at 4-4.

With an even record and one of the two games left being with nationally ranked rival Henderson, Ouachita's road trip to Mississippi College became the key to averting a losing season. Luther Guinn and Mack Harris were out. So Tim Leatherwood was called in. Danny Winston at tailback chalked up 98 yards rushing and one touchdown. Phil Baker scored another. Paul Sharp added his 21st and 22nd consecutive PAT's. OBU had 14 points. Mississippi College pushed across one touchdown to make the score 14-7. Late in the game the Chocs again started to move and scored with 2:24 left, closing the gap to 14-13 and decided to go for two to win. Ed Wilman stopped the progress and Paul Sharp dropped the ball carrier on the three, and Ouachita held on to a 14-13 win and assured themselves of at least a break-even season.



Southern State's Canady (Left) is again converged on by the Tiger defense.

Henderson was 9-1, Ouachita was 5-4, and HSC was already AIC champion before coming across the ravine to meet the Tigers.

Ouachita buttoned its chin straps a little tighter and gave the Reddies fits before two

## Ravine-rival HSC wins; first in four years

late drives gave Henderson a 24-7 win, its first in four years over the Tigers. The Reddies broke for one long score in the first half but were outplayed throughout the first two quarters.

When Ouachita scored with a drive on its first possession of the second half, the traditional battle was tied at 7-7; however, the Reddies' offense got it together and put on winning drives with the Tigers ending the season with a 5-5 slate.



Paul Sharp (Above) shows the leg drive that propelled him into becoming one of the top punters in the AIC last season. Tom Fendley (Right) gets the call from quarterback Carroll against the Reddies.





Wide-receiver Danny Winston (Above) stretches for every inch in the Henderson contest.



Ouachita and Henderson (Above Top) head into each other in the annual battle of the ravine. Homecoming Queen Susan Coppenger (Above) and her court add their encouragement in the contest.



Luther Guinn (Above) the story of a football player that the team loved. The league's leading rusher, Guinn gained more than 1,000 yards during the season, despite being injured most of the year. Good backs are born and developed. (Right) In practice, Guinn works on his running technique power. Cracked ribs are painful. (Far Right) Jim Hankins assists Guinn from the turf after Luther was injured.





Ouachita finished the season with a 2-4 conference mark, which was by no means an indication of the talent of the Tigers. It was a frustrating season, to say the least. Reasons for the downfall are a dime a dozen. Some say that OBU's "Luther to the right, Luther to the left" offense was the reason, but statistics show that Ouachita was in the upper half of the AIC offense. Fault the defense, but its up at the top, too. Fault the coaching, but Buddy Benson

## **OBU season frustrating; Tigers look ahead**

is regarded by the coaches in the state as being the most consistent coach in the state and the best at using to the maximum his available talents. Some say that there is a fine line between winning and losing. Ouachita was just too close to that line all year, and wound up treading on both sides too often. It's always a familiar cry to wait until next year and that's what Tiger fans are vocalizing, but so are Henderson's and Southern State's and SCA's and everybody else with the exception of possibly Harding which is losing their dynamic duo of Tom Ed Gooden and Snake Dixon. But still, Ouachita has the right to look ahead. The first right is the return of the conference's leading ground gainer, Luther Guinn. Among other things, Guinn holds the record for most yards in a single game rushing. Yet there is another "big" reason for an optimistic look to next year, and that's the return of center Bill Walker, no doubt one of the strongest centers in the nation. There are two real question marks concerning Ouachita's 1974 chances for the championship. First, can Quintas Crews continue to produce a solid defensive line, where three of five regulars are lost? Second, can Ouachita finally find a fullback; something that's really been missing since Johnny Johnson departed the scene back in the late '60's? Chances are good for an affirmative answer on both counts. Chances are even better that when Henderson week rolls around next year, there will be a lot more riding on the battle of the ravine, possibly even a conference championship.

# OBU Basketball

OBU	Opp.	
98	East Texas Baptist	63
71	Oklahoma Baptist	52
81	Dallas Baptist	63
	College of the	
85	Ozarks	69
61	SCA	71
81	Arkansas Tech	75
	College of the	
76	Ozarks	55
77	Dallas Baptist	88
75	East Texas Baptist	71
86	Oklahoma Christian	60
93	American Christian	70
62	Dallas Baptist	67
80	East Texas Baptist	68
80	SCA	84
71	UAM	59
78	Arkansas College	77
68	HSC	75
60	Southern State	62
71	Harding	52
79	Hendrix	72
94	Arkansas Tech	61
	College of the	
81	Ozarks	62
77	SCA	76
76	UAM	67
71	Arkansas College	72
70	HSC	65
72	Southern State	61
61	Harding	62
73	Hendrix	83
64	HSC	69





Members of the basketball team are: (Left, Back Row) Coach Bill Vining, Mike Reynolds, Melvin Brown, Charles Ashworth, Frank Hodge, Mark Wooderson, Maurice Scarborough, Bill Vining Jr., Coach George Jones, (Second Row) Mike Locke, Charles Cooper, Mark Million, Jim Hamilton, Gary Jennings, Joe Edwards, Mark Lowman, (Front Row) Johnny Hayes, Michell Lowman, James Washington, Ralph Porchia, Ted Hall, Jerry Thomason.



The 1973-74 season started with a 98-63 victory over East Texas Baptist and ended, OBU 64-HSC 69, in the second game of the NAIA district 17 tournament held at HSC, the conference leader. State College of

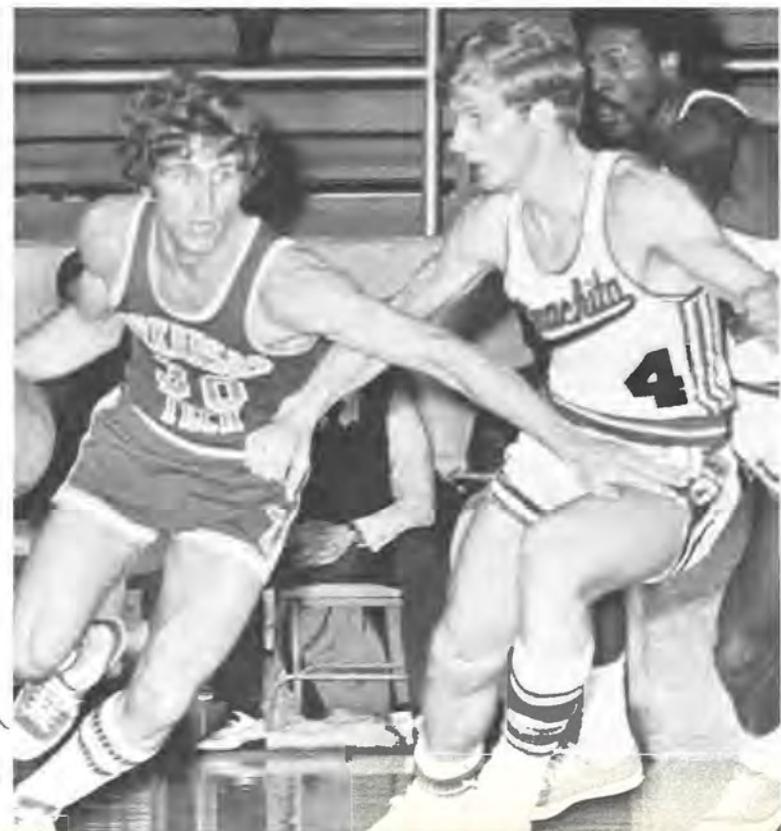
## AIC conference close; Tigers satisfied

Arkansas in the tournament defeated independent UALR and in the finals, HSC. SCA started as the second-seated team. SCA had beaten OBU two of the three times they played the Tigers. Our season ended with a satisfying 21-9 record. Jim Hamilton and Maurice Scarborough were named to the NAIA district 17 All-Star team. The Tiger team worked as one; and when the season was over they thought about it, and they realized it was a good season, not the best, but they were happy. So were the fans. It's nice to have a satisfied feeling, but the trip to Kansas City would have been nice.

Jan Johnston (Left) awaits the free-throw of a HSC Reddie.



Bill Vining (Right) goes up against a Tech Wonderboy. The Tigers outplayed the Reddies (Below) but the Reddies went home with the victory.





The Tigers beat Harding at Searcy then came home to defeat Arkansas Tech, 94-62. Jim Hamilton scored 26 points to lead the Tigers in the Arkansas Tech contest. Tech had problems, however, with

## Conference race tightens; end of season will tell

the Tigers. It seemed that they were getting all the rebounds, and they were. At the time OBU was playing Tech, HSC had their problems across the ravine. They battled with SCA and came down with a 91-80 loss to SCA. This tightened an already close conference race destined to be decided only in the last few games of the season. The next game had OBU matched with SCA, and they tangled and won by one point in the last few seconds.



Arkansas Tech (Opposite Page) had a hard time against the Tigers. OBU won the game, 94-61. A referee (Left) calls a foul on James Washington.

Maurice Scarbrough (Right) shoots and makes a free-throw during the HSC game. A referee (Below) watches action in the last few minutes of the OBU-HSC game at Henderson's gym. The Tigers won.





Wherever there is a ballgame, there is excitement. The players, coaches, fans and referees get excited, all united for the same cause. During these matches there is interaction between the

## **Basketball games are exciting especially OBU vs. HSC**

fans and the playing floor, the players and the referees, and cheerleaders against cheerleaders, All are united for the one cause . . . victory for their team. There is no pity for the other team. Games like the OBU vs. HSC are probably the most exciting games played in the Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference. It should rightly be so for two rivals that battle it out year after year proving that one team is better than the other.



Fans (*Opposite Page*) unite to yell the Tigers on to a victory. Maurice Scarborough (*Left*) shoots for two points at a crucial time in the SCA ball game.



From the bench (Right) Coach Vining watches action in the OBU-HSC contest. OBU is known in the AIC for defensive moves (Below).



Jerry Thomason, (Right) eyes the Reddie Defense. Coach Vining (Opposite Page) shows disgust at a referee.





The season started with high hopes and plenty of teams ready to knock you off the throne. OBU finished in a tie with Henderson State College in 1973, and the Tigers won the NAIA district

## **Season starts with hope; one victory short**

17 tournament earning the right to go to Kansas City for the NAIA tournament. This year it was a different story. HSC claimed the AIC Conference title and Ouachita was in a three-way tie for second place with Arkansas College and Southern State College. The Tigers barely got into the district 17 tournament held at HSC and they lost the first game with top-seated HSC, 69-64. Thus another AIC basketball season for the Tigers ended and people were shouting, "Wait until next year." They always do.



Rebounding (*Right*) is a must if a team expects to win.



The whistle blows (*Above*) and every muscle stretches as both girls concentrate on getting to the ball first. After putting the ball in the air, Mary Jane Strnaedel (*Right*) finds control is impossible until the ball comes down.





Barbara Witt (Left) hopes to clear the block to score two points.



It takes a coach who can communicate with the players and knows what she is doing. Carolyn Moffatt does this and much more. She tries to stay on top in all she does. Basketball is no exception.

## Tigerettes' success is attributed to coach

Coach Moffatt developed her female dribblers into one of the strongest girl's basketball squads in the nation that in past years has been ranked either first or second in the national girl's basketball polls. Along with her team, Coach Moffatt is number one nationally.



Coach Carolyn Moffat (Above right) and the Tigerette bench seem concerned with what is happening on the basketball court. Virginia Cooper (Below) is challenged to a little practice session by Roscoe Stidman.



Marilyn Hendrick (Right) outreaches opponents.





Members of the Tigerettes are (Left Back) Marilyn Hendricks, Kathy Hobbs, Barbra Witt, Pam Miller, Bonnie Dinkel, Carolyn Kitchens, Cynthia Kauk, Virginia Cooper, Ruthie Ingram, Mary Jane Strandel, Verna Johnston, Jan Mitchell, Betty Buchanan and Lana Scroggins.

Compiling a group of girls that work well together and represent OBU well was Carolyn Moffatt's job as coach of the girl's basketball team.

## Team plays group from Nationalist China

Coach Moffatt and the Tigerettes traveled to junior colleges and four-year universities and colleges located in various areas throughout the United States for basketball games.

The highlight of the girl's season came when the team played a girl's basketball team from Nationalist China.



RAB RODGERS FIELD



Rab Rogers Field (Above) is the scene for OBU baseball games on Sunday afternoons. A baseball team member awaits his turn to bat (Right).





**Coach George Jones, baseball coach, is in his second year as head baseball coach and is trying for his second**

## **Baseball team has aims for AIC title**

**consecutive AIC title.**

**The baseball team has won seven consecutive baseball titles. Coach Jones also serves as assistant basketball coach.**

**He worked the team pretty hard in the afternoon at Rab Rogers field hoping for their eighth consecutive championship.**



Sliding for second base (Right) an opponent is out! Practice swings (Below) are a must before batting in baseball.





Two years ago Coach George Jones accepted a task: the Ouachita Tiger baseball team, which had won five straight AIC titles.

## Tiger face tough schedule in the spring

He met the task and added another, making it six consecutive titles. Now this year he is trying for his eighth title and he may just get it. Last year the Tigers faced an unbelievable schedule in Ouachita's history and they came out on top.



Track team members are: (Opposite Page, Back row) Coach Gravette, Buzz Andrews, (Fourth row) E. J. Outley, Doug Foster, Jeffery Thomas, Walter Jauden, Ron Hill, (Third row) Jim Stanley, Steve Bowlin, Larry Hill, David DeArmond, Tim Eschelmann, (Second row) Leon Corlock, Gerald Fuller, Danny Pines, Roger Norman, Mike Archer, Steve Lemmond, Carry Crawford, (Front row) Hubert Johnson, Steve Lewis and Jim Chaffin. Ron Hill (Right) practices with the discus.



Relay races (Right) are a specialty of the Tiger track team. Pole vaulting (Opposite page) requires plenty of practice and precision.





Not often is one person or one performer singled out for exceptionally outstanding performances. But in this case, after his final competition for Ouachita in the spring of 1974, E. J. Outley deserves all the

## **OBU, AIC track champs for two seasons**

recognition that can be given. Outley has done it all for Coach Bob Gravette during the last four seasons. OBU has been AIC track champions for the past two seasons and many feel that no one person could be responsible. Two years ago, Outley took the baton on the anchor leg of the mile relay in the AIC meet when Ouachita's chances for the victory were slim, as one of the fastest men in the South was ahead of him. An Arkansas Gazette photographer tried to capture Outley's style, but only caught a blur. That's all anyone else saw as Outley won. That's indicative of Outley. He has been coming up with those kinds of performances for four years.

During the annual post-season round-up, Coach Bob Gravette headed to Texas after the 1973 season. He came back with a team of experienced freshmen. Just take a look at

## OBU track team AIC Champions

the defending AIC track champions roster. A quick glance shows a vast majority from Texas. Arkansas can't be overlooked, although E. J. Outley, Steve Lewis and Roger Norman are from the Land of Opportunity. One can spell Ouachita's track program anyway he wants to, or figure it up by any method, and yet there is one thing that is always there —championships. Bob Gravette has built a winner at Ouachita.





Jeffery Thomas (*Opposite Page*) runs the mile at the HSC meet. During a pre-season meet Ouachita (*Left*) placed third.



Track team members (*Left*) take a break between events.



David DeArmond (Right), a freshman from Little Rock, proves his running ability at the AIC track meet at OBU in the fall.





Sophomore Steve Lewis and senior Gerald Fuller headed a freshman-oriented cross-country program in the fall for OBU. Coach Bob Gravette headed for Texas during the off-season

## Fuller and Lewis qualify for NAIA at HSC meet

and returned in time for the season with a recruited bunch of freshmen. Freshmen don't normally do too well, but the Tiger Jackrabbits proceeded to aid Lewis and Fuller, and Ouachita won several meets before falling to the middle of the pack during the AIC cross-country meet. Both Lewis and Fuller qualified to run in the National Championships of the NAIA.



Members of the Cross Country team are (Above) Cleophus Hunter, Steve Lewis, David Laird, Coach Bob Gravette, David DeArmond, Fred Miller and Gerald Fuller. Steve Lewis (Left) leads the team during a practice meet on the OBU Farm.



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Members of the swim team are: (Above, Back Row) Bruce Bailey, Jim Scott, Ronnie Yowell, John Steiger, John Almond, (Front Row) Hardy Forrest, Bubba Holly, Gary Wilson, Chuck Benton. Chuck Benton (Left) practices a dive in the OBU swimming pool.





Susan Ferguson (*Right*) and Mary DeArmond double during challenge day in the spring. Challenge days decide the rank of the players.

Members of the Tennis Team are: (*Right, Back Row*) Ross Grant, Connie Meskimen, Richard Lusby; (*Fourth Row*) Edsel Danner, Tommy Smith, Jim Starnes; (*Third Row*) Joe Robertson, Chris Graham; (*Second Row*) Kay Engstrom, Teresa Powers, Mary Ann Marshall, Debbie Phelps; (*Front Row*) Delaine Wagnon, Susan Ferguson, Mary DeArmond and Lana Scroggins.





During the spring months it was pretty hard for a non-tennis team member to get onto the courts in the afternoons. Many hours of

## Tennis team finishes season in middle of standings

practice by the OBU netters helped the standings at the first of the semester, but by the end they finished in the middle of the standings. Richard Lusby, a senior philosophy major from Camden, played the number one position throughout the spring. Edsel Danner, Bill Vining and Connie Meskimen added extra experience to the team.



Chris Graham (Above) finds a warm afternoon great for tennis practice.

Passing the football (Right), a "Nut Squad" team member throws for a touchdown in intramural action. Hershel Strickland (Far Right) rushes through a defensive line in a intramural game.



Max Kimbrough (Right) and Randy Garner battle for the basketball during intramural action in Walton Gym. Shooting (Above) for two points, a "Nut Squad" member wins the game against Beta Beta.





In the past, social clubs, being more organized, tended to take all the marbles in intramural competition. This year it was a

## **Independent Nut Squad dominates action**

different story. The Nut Squad, an independent team, took nearly all the honors in intramural play.

Social clubs took a far second in all the sports with BASS and the football team (playing basketball) being the only serious challengers to the Nut Squad.