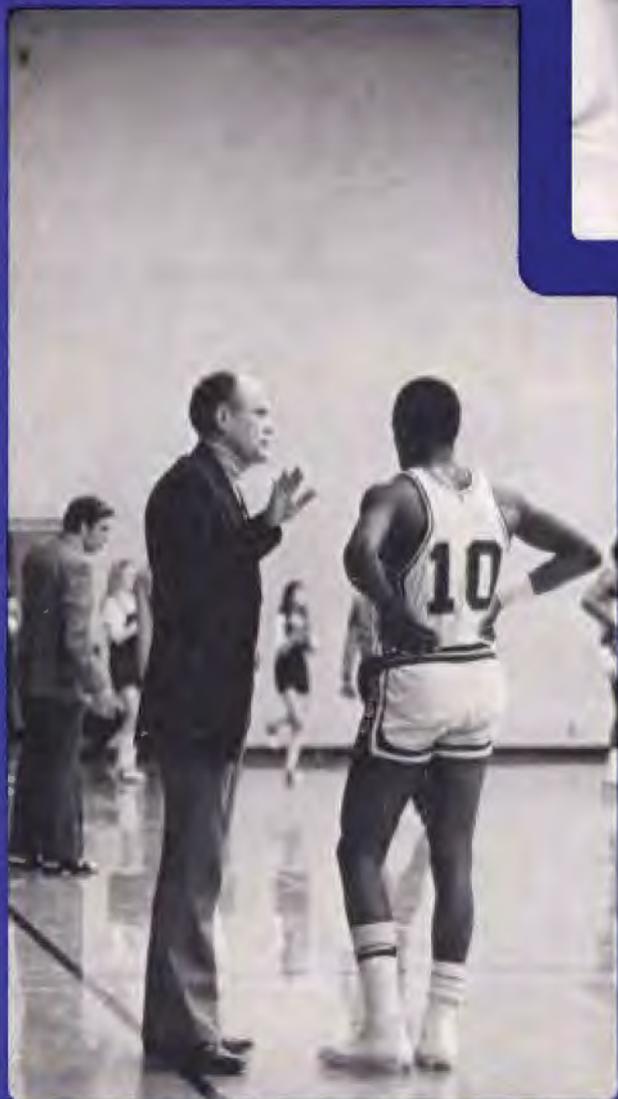
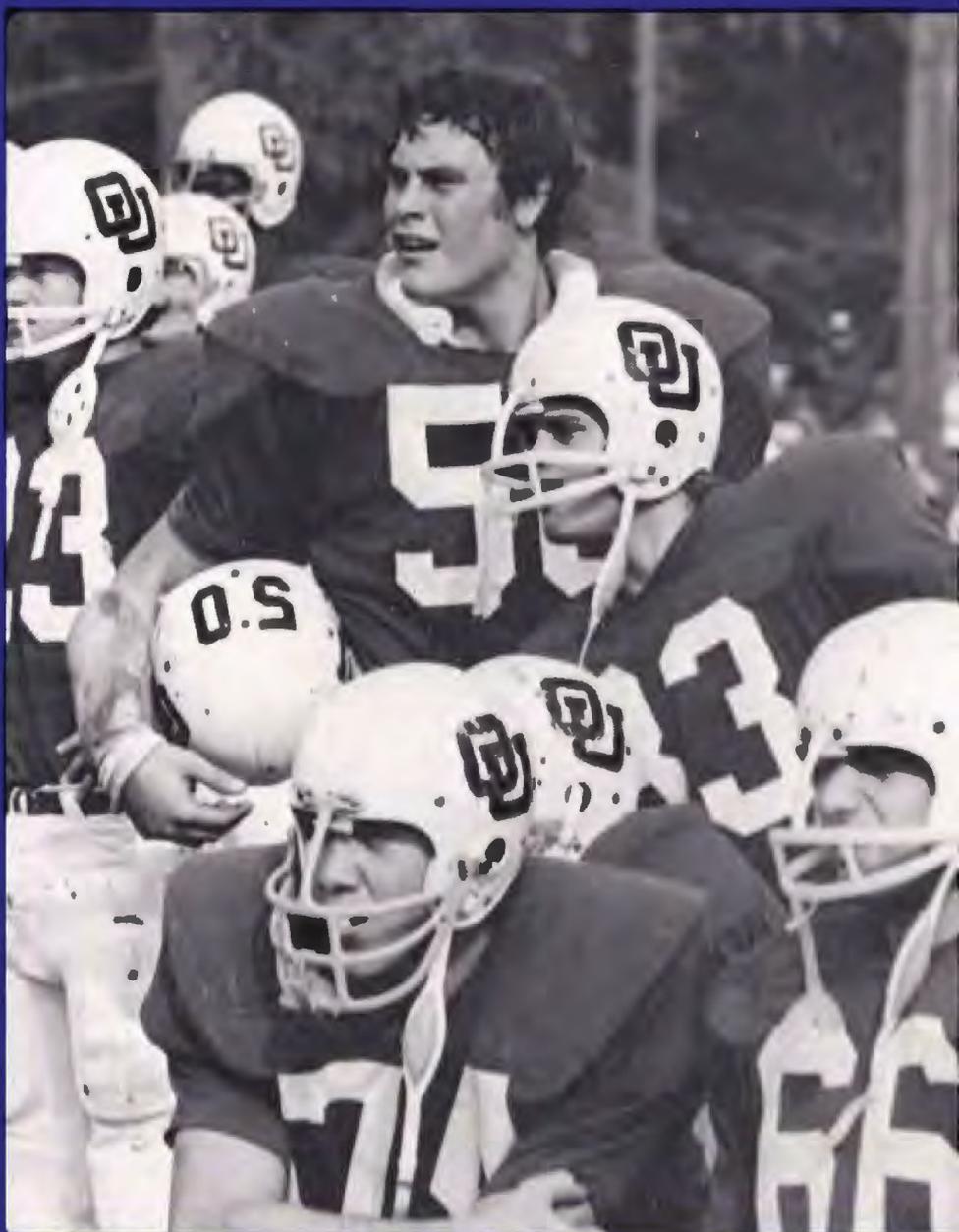


Ouachita sports seemed to not hold many highlights for Tiger fans as the football and basketball teams were not expected to rank too high in the conference. Other sports were expected to hold their own if not improve over last season's record. As Tiger fans have come to expect, predictions about the Tigers are usually not indicative of what the future holds and the Tigers proved this as they ranked high in the conference in all sports and provided fans with many exciting moments.

Ouachita added Coach Frank Spainhour to the football staff in the fall and Jim Miller and Jerry McMillion were added in the spring. Miller took over the swimming team and intramurals while McMillion became assistant track coach.



All-AIC center Bill Walker watches the Tiger defense in action from the sideline.

Pole vaulter Danny Pines propels himself toward the bar in a practice session.

Coach Bill Vining explains a play to James Washington during a free-throw in action against College of the Ozarks.



SPORTS

Bill Vining Sr. and Carolyn Moffatt were appointed to the United States Olympic Basketball Committee. They will both be involved with selecting the best athletes and determining the method of development for the Olympic teams.

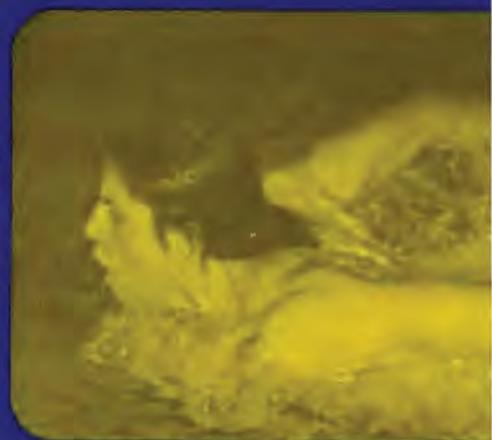
A drive was started to aid the development of Ouachita athletic facilities. With the improvement of facilities just around the corner, Tiger fans can expect Tiger sports to continue their winning ways.

Kathy Hobbs stoops to return the volleyball before it hits the floor.



Maurice Scarbrough relieves the dryness that develops in the course of a game.

Leon Carlock leads the way around the cross country course.



FOOTBALL

OBU	Opp.	Score
14	McMurry	7
13	Bishop	24
6	Trinity	0
10	Harding	0
14	University of Arkansas Monticello	7
14	State College of Arkansas	14
15	Southern State College	12
23	Arkansas Tech	7
17	Mississippi College	0
7	Henderson State College	28

BOWLING

4th Place AIC Standings
 3rd Place NAIA District Rolloffs
 4th Place Individual Leaders Lyn Ogle
 High Game Lyn Ogle 231
 High Series Lyn Ogle 590

SWIMMING

(AIC Standings)
 Hendrix
 Harding
 University of Central Arkansas
 Southern State College
OUACHITA BAPTIST UNIVERSITY
 Henderson State University



BASKETBALL

OBU	Opp.	Score
63	Oklahoma Christian	67
52	Oklahoma Baptist	65
66	Whitworth	60
86	East Texas Baptist	64
69	East Texas State	85
71	Hendrix	66
91	College of the Ozarks	52
44	Southern State College	52
88	Arkansas Tech	64
74	College of the Ozarks	66
86	Saint Olaf	74
92	Saint Cloud	74
52	Kentucky State	74
73	State College of Arkansas	57
84	UA-Monticello	74
98	Arkansas College	90
62	Southern State College	60
92	Harding	66
73	Hendrix	74
80	Arkansas Tech	58
86	College of the Ozarks	68
76	State College of Arkansas	59
87	UA-Monticello	45
77	Arkansas College	65
66	Henderson State College	77
64	Southern State College	73

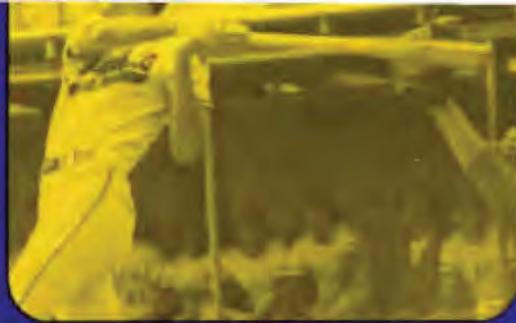
MEN'S TENNIS

OBU	Opp.	Score
8	Henderson State College	4
6	Henderson State College	2
9	Arkansas College	1
3	Henderson State College	9
3	Texarkana College	3
0	Southern State College	9
5	Hendrix	4
2	Hendrix	7
7	State College of Arkansas	2
3	Harding	7
0	Southern State College	9
3	Texarkana College	3
4	State College of Arkansas	5
5	Henderson State College	6
1	University of Arkansas Little Rock	8
6	Arkansas Tech	3

TIGERETTES

OBU	Opp.	Score
75	Arkansas Brokerage	75
68	Southern State College	68
58	Murray State Jr. College	58
58	Murray State Jr. College	58
67	Seminole Jr. College	67
54	Seminole Jr. College	54
47	Belmont College	47
56	Belmont College	56
56	Seminole Jr. College	56
51	Seminole Jr. College	51
56	Southern State College	56
46	Wayland Baptist College	46
52	Wayland Baptist College	52
72	Murray State Jr. College	72
58	Murray State Jr. College	58
71	Arkansas Brokerage	71
67	CIC Falcons	67
81	CIC Falcons	81
75	Dallas Baptist College	75
64	Dallas Baptist College	64
65	Raytown Piperettes	65
47	Raytown Piperettes	47
52	New York Chuckles*	52

*National Women's AAU Tournament



CROSS COUNTRY
(AIC Standings)

Harding

OUACHITA BAPTIST UNIVERSITY

Southern State College

University of Central Arkansas

Hendrix

Arkansas Tech

U of A-Monticello

Henderson State University

College of the Ozarks

TRACK

(AIC Meet Results)

OUACHITA BAPTIST UNIVERSITY

University of Central Arkansas

Southern State College

Henderson State University

U of A-Monticello

Arkansas Tech

Harding

Hendrix

College of the Ozarks

BASEBALL

(AIC Standings)

Henderson State University

Southern State College

OUACHITA BAPTIST UNIVERSITY

Harding

College of the Ozarks

U of A-Monticello

Arkansas Tech

University of Central Arkansas

Arkansas College

SCOREBOARD



WOMEN'S TENNIS

BU	Opp.	Won
Arkansas Tech	0	
Henderson State College	3	
State College of Arkansas	3	
University of Arkansas Little Rock	2	
Henderson State College	5	
Hendrix	1	
University of Arkansas	8	
Southern State College	4	
State Double's Champions		
Mary Jane Strnadel		
Bettie Buchanan		

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Opp.	Won	Lost
Arkansas College		Henderson
Southern State College		UA-Little Rock
UA-Little Rock		U of A
UA-Pine Bluff		Henderson
State College		Southern State
UA-Little Rock		State College
UA-Pine Bluff		Arkansas Tech

RUGBY

OBU	Opp.
0	River City
0	University of Arkansas
4	Westark
4	Little Rock Air Force Base
0	River City
0	Little Rock Air Force Base
4	River City
12	Fort Smith

"It's a tribute to the kids," Benson said of the 3-0-1 AIC mark. "I'd like to say there's one thing that turned around our year but there hasn't been. It's just been the kids' ability to stick in there and keep plugging every minute."

FOOTBALL

Beginning his tenth year coaching at Ouachita, Coach Bud Benson was faced with a task many coaches fear. He had to direct all of his energies into developing a winning team out of his predominant freshman and sophomore players. Benson met this task head on and molded the Tigers into not only a winning team but also a top contender for the AIC title. The Tigers were picked to have a mediocre season, but the team used tremendous effort to place themselves above mediocrity and finished in the second place position in the AIC.

Ouachita opened its season against McMurray State at Abilene, Texas. The Tigers walked away with a victory, but the coaching staff was a little more than concerned with the mistakes the team made. Players and coaches



ence the mistakes had to be
minated. Even with the mistakes
ade, the team did show promise in
veral areas. Bill Vining played the en-
e game at quarterback after a three-
ar layoff from football. He not only
ried the entire game, but he also did
respectable job. He threw a 32-yard
rth-down touchdown pass to slot-
ck Tom Fendley. Tailback Luther
inn rushed for 122 yards on 34
ries.

Defensively, the Tigers also were
promising as they intercepted four
sses and made other big plays to
p McMurray.

Next on the schedule was Bishop
lege who took advantage of Tiger
movers to win the game 24-13.
shop led at halftime by a touchdown
ich came on the last play of the first

Bishop's lead was increased as they in-
tercepted a pass and returned it 37
yards for a touchdown to lead 21-7.
Bishop's first score came on a fumble
recovery.

The Tigers first touchdown came
on a quarterback sneak by Vining.
Playing catch-up football, the Tigers
came within eight points as freshman
quarterback Ronnie Bruton passed to
Tom Fendley for a touchdown, but the
Tigers could get no closer.

The Tigers had two weeks
between Bishop and Trinity, their next
opponent, and this time was utilized to
eliminate the turnovers which had been
disastrous against Bishop.

Defense turned out to be the key
as Ouachita defeated Trinity 6-0.
Luther Quinn gained 163 yards and
scored the game's only touchdown. He

yardage. The Tigers failed to complete
a pass in the contest.

Defense was the name of the
game and the Tiger defense was
superb as it held Trinity to a meager 57
total offensive yards and just three first
downs. Defensively, the Tigers were
beginning to stabilize into one of the
toughest defensive teams the opposi-
tion would meet all season.

With a respectable 2-1 record in
its pre-conference schedule, prepara-
tion began for the Harding Bison. Team
members realized that if they were going
to make a respectable showing in the
conference, they would be well on their
way with a win over a tough Harding
team.

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Officials signal a Tiger touchdown
after a bruising pile-up.

Ouachita's offense moved the ball well on two fourth quarter possessions but was denied the touchdown by the Bison's goal line stand at the one. The other drive was killed by a fumble on the Harding 10-yard line.

Although the offense did not score, the defense saw to it that the Tigers got the points needed for the victory. Tackle Howard Leatherwood recovered a fumble in the second quarter to set up Russell Daniel's 24-yard field goal for a 3-0 Tiger lead. Tommy Thrash scored Ouachita's touchdown on the return of an interception 20 yards into the end zone.

AIC action had begun and the Tigers had made quite a debut in their conference opener.

Winless UAM was the next victim of the fast improving Tigers. Ouachita whipped the Weevils 14-7 with the aid of a sixty-six-yard scoring run by tailback Luther Quinn who gained 166 yards on 25 carries. Although the offense was not awesome, it was sufficient as it moved the ball fairly well after deadly UAM punts.



Pressure is one thing a head coach comes to expect and Coach Benson felt it this year as his Tigers conquered many challenging situations.

Vining picked up 49 yards as he followed center Bill Walker on sneaks and ran the counter-option keeper around end.

At the top of the AIC following two conference wins, the Tigers turned their attention to the SCA Bears, who were a pre-season favorite to dethrone defending-champion HSC.



Students get caught up in the enthusiasm of a torchlight parade before the big game with HSC.

Final preparations have been made at A. U. Williams Field and the wait has begun for the Tigers who are discussing last-minute strategy in the dressing room.

Hard hitting in practice produced one of the hardest hitting teams

yards with a balanced rushing and passing attack, but still it could manage only 14 points. Quarterback Vining scored on a two-yard sneak and passed for 140 yards.

The most disappointing thing about the game was the blocked punt by SCA. As a result of the blocked punt SCA got its first touchdown, and it enabled the Bears to tie the Tigers 14-14.

Ouachita's other touchdown came on a 76-yard scoring pass from Vining to Gary Reese.

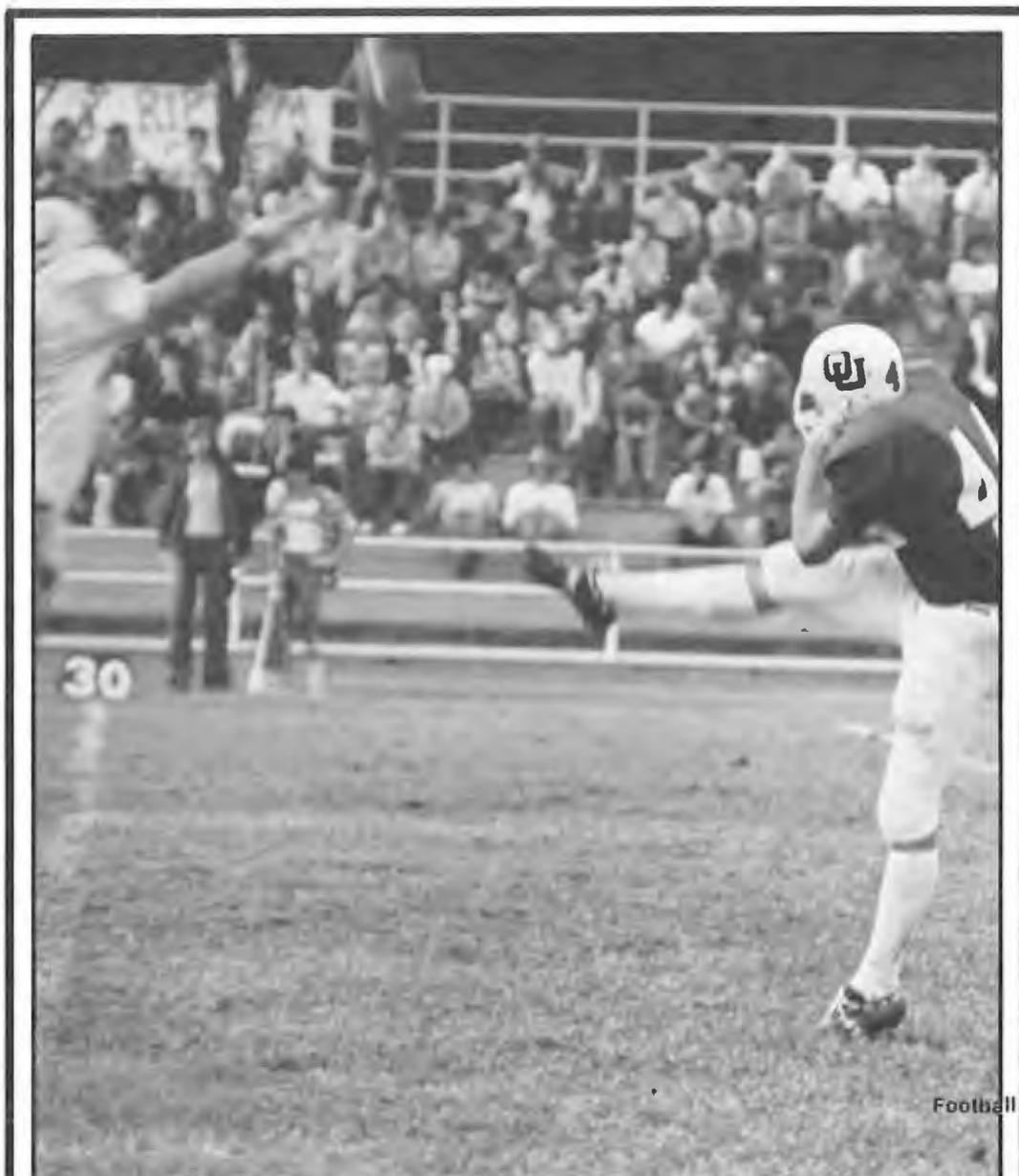
A little disappointed, because they had to settle for a tie in a game they statistically dominated, the Tigers turned their thoughts to a Southern State team that had whipped SCA 27-7.

In an action-packed game, the Tigers gained some momentum with their come-from-behind 15-12 victory. Both touchdowns were scored by Quarterback Vining. One was set up by a 44-yard pass to split-end Aaron Cook, and the other by tailback Luther Quin on a 43-yard sprint. Vining passed for a two-point conversion to slotback Tom Fendley after the second touchdown.

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Punter Randy Robertson puts everything into his kick as a fast-approaching Southern State defensive player attempts to block it.

Defensive Coach Frank Spainhour paces the sideline as Coach Benson and Quarterback Vining concentrate on the situation at hand.



The OBU defense denied SSC first downs on two fourth-and-short-yardage situations.

It was Ouachita's first victory over Southern State in three years, and it kept the Tiger's title hopes alive.

With the possibility of a season-ending showdown with HSC, the OBU Tigers journeyed to Russellville to deal with the immediate challenge of the Arkansas Tech Wonderboys.

OBU led at the half as a result of a Russell Daniel field goal and a fumble recovery by linebacker Steve Halter which the offense converted into a touchdown.

In the second half, Luther Quinn scored on runs of 28 and 21 yards to give OBU the 23-7 victory and set up the showdown with HSC.

Faced with one non-conference game before the big clash, the Tigers planned for the Mississippi College contest with thoughts of Reddie blood in the distant corners of their minds.

Playing on a field of mud in a continuous downpour, the Tigers ripped the Choctaws by a 17-0 margin in a game viewed by only a few umbrella-covered fans.

Ouachita got touchdowns from Gary Reese, Bill Vining and Luther Quinn, plus a field goal from Russell Daniel. Cornerback Don Elliot came up with an interception to set up Daniel's field goal.

All eyes turned toward HSC as the Tigers and their fans realized a possible championship with a victory over the nationally ranked Reddies.

Tiger fans filled their side of the stadium as the Tigers took the field and the football as they won the toss. Immediately the Tiger offense began moving the ball well as fans' hopes rose, but OBU could not score while the Reddies took a 7-0 halftime lead.

The fate of the Tigers seemed doomed from the beginning of the second half as HSC returned the kick-off for 93 yards and a touchdown. Stunned fans watched as the Reddies blocked a punt to set up another HSC touchdown which almost ended all hopes of a Tiger celebration.

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Quarterback Vining over the defensive scheme. Center Bill Walker prepares to snap the ball and set the offensive line in motion.



Russell Daniel kicks the extra point through the uprights against SCA.



Tension builds on the sideline as the Tigers escape another close call on the field.

Slotback Tom Fendley crosses the goal line after receiving the pass from Quarterback Vining.



Split-end Aaron Cook makes a spectacular catch and hangs on to it for a sizeable gain on the wet field.



Tailback Luther Quinn provided much excitement for Tiger fans and a lot of misery to opposing defenses. Here he escapes two Choctaws on a slippery field.



HSC added another score and Ouachita scored its lone touchdown on a perfectly thrown 56-yard bomb from Vining to split-end Aaron Cook.

Disappointed fans began to leave as the scoreboard read HSC 28 and OBU 7 at the final gun, but the disappointment did not last long as fans realized the success of a team that was not tabbed to be successful.

Five Tigers were named to the 11-AIC team. Tailback Luther Quinn, center Bill Walker and tackle Jim Hankins of the offensive unit and linebacker Steve Halter and cornerback Rick Lineberger from the defensive unit.

The Tigers finished 7-2-1 overall and second in the conference with a 4-1-1 record. For a team that was picked to finish in the bottom half of the conference, the Tigers had a very good year.

Quickness is a key to a good defense and the Tiger defense reacts quickly enough against the SCA offense.

Steve Halter prepares to wrestle an SSC back to the ground as the Tiger defense proves itself tough.





Tiger defensive men anticipate the snap to Reddie quarterback so they can charge into the Reddie line.



Senior Bobby Gilliam manhandles the SCA quarterback and causes a loss of yardage for the Bears.



SCA ballcarrier meets the Tiger defense head-on in what appears to be a face-mask violation against OBU.



SCA quarterback feels the pressure from the OBU defense as they use power to get to the quarterback.

LOOKING BACK...

“The football season of 1974 was one that started out as a surprisingly good season and almost ended as a fulfillment of that dream every football team has; to be number 1. In pre-season predictions the OBU football team was rated as a possible 4-6 or 5-5 record if lucky. This was an asset in that it took a lot of pressure off the team and made us more calm and relaxed. We went into almost every game as underdogs and this made us have the attitude that we would do our best and let the score take care of itself.

Through the first part of the season Ouachita kept winning even if it was by small margins such as 14-7, 6-0, and 10-0. These were not impressive but nevertheless they did go down as wins. The Southern State game has to be the one that really made the season and put OBU into championship contention. With it being homecoming, exceptional student support, and a little good football, the Tigers won in a close 15-12 game. As everyone knows it was the Henderson Reddies that put that halt to the dream of the Ouachita football team. A disappointing 28-7 loss which cost OBU the championship. Even with that game Ouachita still ended with a 7-2-1 record which is better than any OBU football record in the last four years. A record which we worked hard for and can reminisce with our heads held high •”

Don Elliott Jr.





“Our bid for recognition as a top AIC contender, for 1974, looked very slim at the end of the 1973 season. I guess that was because of our 5-5 season and the turnover of such a large senior class and as any team should feel, we set out to prove everybody wrong. I don't think there was a doubt that we couldn't finish up the 1974 season as number one in the AIC. We started out slow because of the lack of experience in certain key positions. But as we matured, we started a winning streak which led to second place in the AIC. Second place is not first but, neither is it third. So to sum up the 1974 season, we won seven games because we wanted to, and because the Spirit of Ouachita wanted us to also. We lost two because we didn't score as many points as the other team. We tied one because we scored the same. We had winning fans, winning coaches, and winning players. That's why we had a winning season and a winning team!”

Tommy Fendley

“I couldn't have played with a better bunch of guys, especially the seniors. We were a team that enjoyed playing together and we had a lot of fun with few problems. We got better each week and when you are progressing steadily, the sport doesn't get monotonous. I think the coaches did their best with the coaching and we players did our best. You can't ask for any more except good student body support which we had (even in the rain) •”

Bill Vining Jr.

Basketball

by Rick Young

Coach Bill Vining began the 1974 season with a group of young men who lacked size and experience. The Tigers were beginning a season where both could be very important.

The Tigers opened their season on the road against Oklahoma Christian College. The Tigers suffered first-game jitters as they led in the game until about five minutes to play when the Tigers hit a cold streak to fall behind and lose the game 67-63. James Washington scored 22 points, while Randy Terry and Maurice Scarbrough added 13 and 12 points respectively.

The next opponent, Oklahoma Baptist University, dealt the Tigers their second loss in as many games. At Shawnee, the score was Ouachita 52 and Oklahoma Baptist 65.

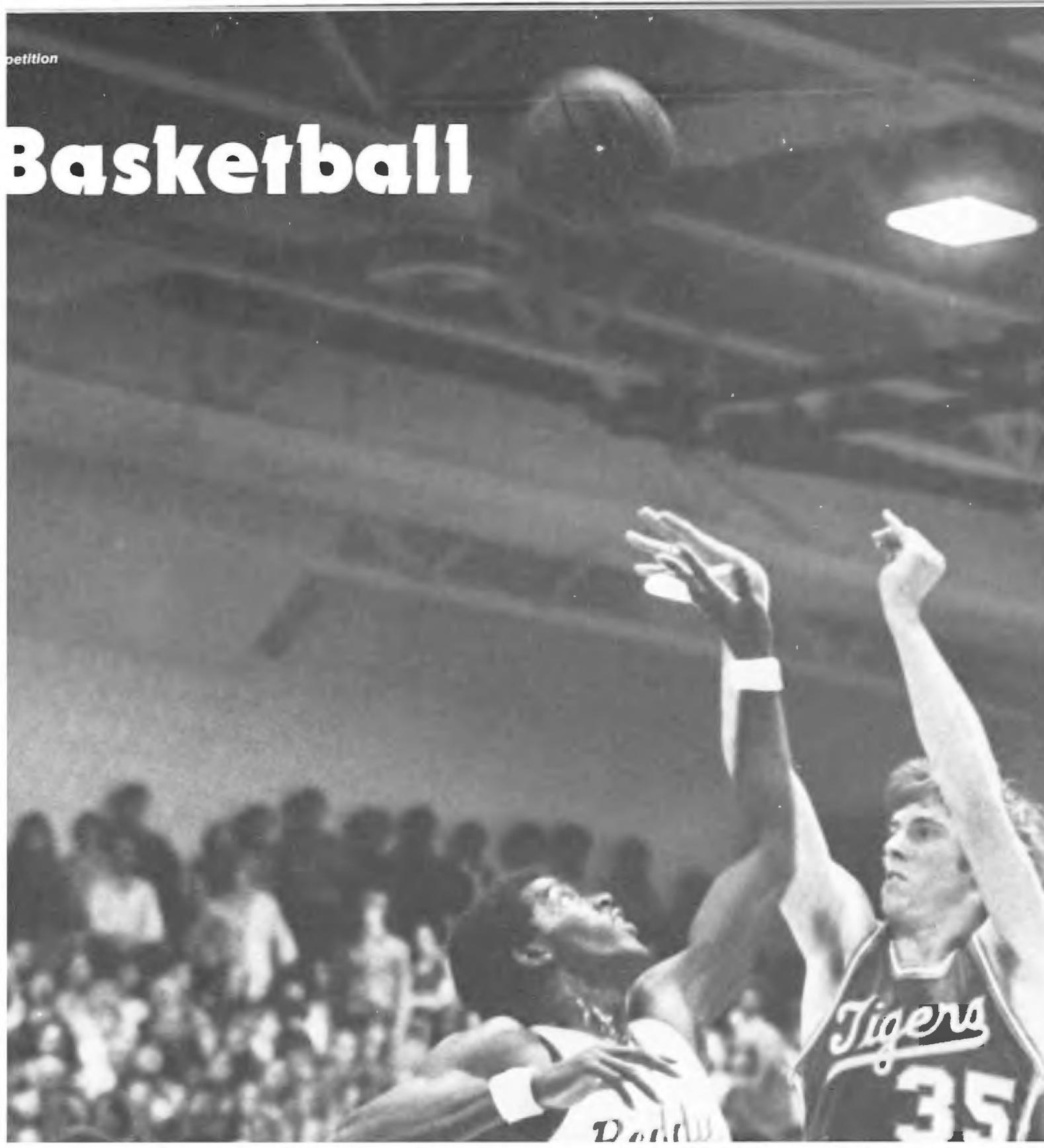
The Tigers' biggest problem seemed to be rebounding as the Tigers shot 48 per cent and hustled well in both road games.

The Tigers returned home to tangle with Whitworth College in search of their first win of the season. The Tigers did win the game 66-60 but they hardly looked like a team that could compete in the tough AIC conference.

The next opponent, East Texas Baptist fell to the Tigers 86-64 as the Tigers picked up their second win in a row to even their season record at 2-2.

One game away from the AIC pre-season tourney, the Tigers faced East Texas State with the chance of going above .500 early in the season. This chance was soon gone, at least temporarily as East Texas State demolished the Tigers 85-69.

With the Tigers at 2-3 for the season, fans began to wonder if the Tigers would develop into the AIC powerhouse they had proved





AIC pre-season journey. It doesn't look like Coach Vining might be developing one of his best teams as the Tigers upset unbeaten HSU 71-66 in their first game of the tournament.

The Tigers were next tested by the start College of the Ozarks. Ozark won 91-52 and the Tigers seemed to be putting it together.

The Tigers now were in the hunt against a Southern State team that was being tabbed as one of the best in the conference. The game was played before a sparse crowd but there was plenty of action on the court as the ball changed hands throughout the game before Southern State took control in the final minutes to edge the Tigers 44 for the championship.

Fans' optimism grew even though the Tigers had not won the tournament. Fans knew that a Vining-coached team would definitely keep improving. We were already beginning to look optimistic, so fans knew many exciting games were ahead for the Tigers.

It was time for the conference opener and the Tigers seemed ready as they demolished Arkansas Tech 88-64 to begin their season with a 1-0 record.

College of the Ozarks awaited the Tigers in Clarksville and the Tigers knew that Ozarks would like nothing better than to upset them. The Tigers avoided this upset as they controlled the game from the beginning and won 74-66 to raise their conference slate to 0 before the Christmas break.

The Tigers journeyed to St. Cloud, Minnesota, to play in the Granite State Classic. The team fared well in the tournament as they reached the semifinals before losing to Kentucky State 53-47. Kentucky State was at that time NAIA's number one team according

Mike Reynolds, a sophomore from Benton, Ark., displays the proper techniques for shooting the basketball against HSU.



Ralph Porchia eyes basket as Southern State defenders surround him.



Guard Randy Terry hits a cript shot in a runaway victory over Harding





Maurice Scarbrough releases the shot as Harding defenders anticipate the possible rebound.

the finals by defeating Ouachita 81-77 and St. Cloud 92-74. In the St. Cloud contest, freshman Johnny Jenkins turned in an amazing performance as he hit 15 of 15 shots from the field to finish with 31 points.

Conference action resumed after Christmas as the Tigers demolished State College of Arkansas 73-57. The Tigers were rolling after somewhat of a sluggish start.

Ouachita traveled to the University of Arkansas at Monticello to battle with the Weevils. There was not much of a battle as Ouachita rolled to an 84-74 victory on the Weevils' home court.

Ouachita students returned for the spring semester anxious to see the team that had reeled off four conference victories with a 4-0 mark.

Students got their opportunity to see the Tigers when the Arkansas College Scots came to town to attempt to slow down the high-flying Tigers.

The Tigers never touched the ground as they whipped the Scots 98-90 behind senior James Washington's 43 points.

Harding College was the next victim of the hot handed Tigers as they succumbed 92-66.

The Tigers then faced the Southern State College Muleriders in one of their toughest tasks to date. Maurice Scarbrough saved the Tigers with a basket at the buzzer that gave OBU a 62-60 victory over the Muleriders to remain in a tie with the HSU Reddies. Both teams were 7-0 in conference play to date.

Another showdown was in the path of the Tigers AIC championship hopes. The next foe, Hendrix, was waiting on the Tigers in hopes of get-



Maurice Scarbrough concentrates on the free-throw he is about to shoot.

Mike Reynolds goes high to control the second-half tip-off against Arkansas Tech.

ting revenge for the early season loss the Tigers had pinned on them. The Warriors' wish was fulfilled as they upset the Tigers 74-73 to knock Ouachita from the top spot in the conference.

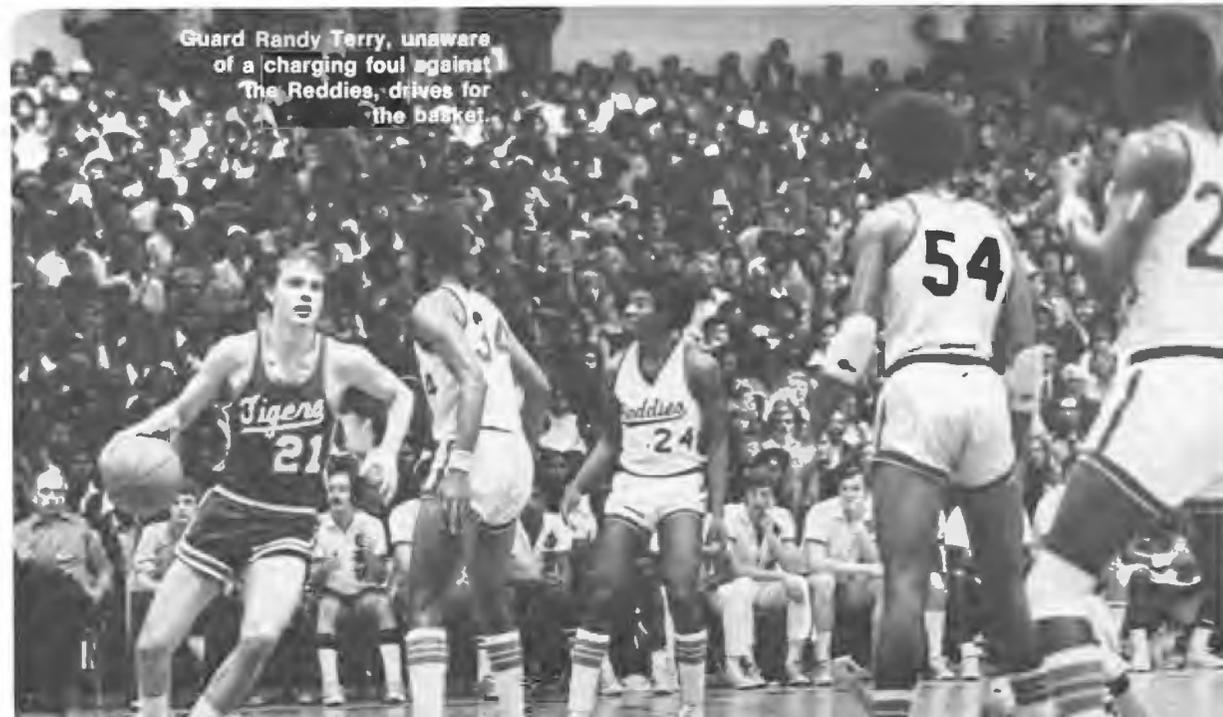
The Tigers were far from satisfied with their performance as they missed five of the last six free throws they shot.

With hopes of an upset of the league leading Reddies, Ouachita demolished the Arkansas Tech Wonderboys by the margin of 80-58, but the win only helped the Tigers stay in second place.

College of the Ozarks arrived at Rockefeller Fieldhouse after having lost to the Tigers twice early in the season and the Tigers domination of Ozarks continued as the Tigers annihilated the Mountaineers 86-68.

The Tigers traveled to Conway to face the University of Central Arkansas Bears. The game was dominated by Ouachita all the way as the Tigers won 76-59.

The Tigers seemed to be fully recovered from the one point loss to



Guard Randy Terry, unaware of a charging foul against the Reddies, drives for the basket.



James Washington attempts a shot to no avail against HSU.



Randy Terry looks for a teammate to pass the ball off to in the AIC pre-season tournament.

James Washington puts the shot up despite strong opposition from Arkansas Tech defenders.

Hendrix as they toyed with the Weevils in a game that saw the clear the bench before the second began. The Tigers won easily 87-

The Tigers were still holding second place as the league let Reddies refused to yield any ground. The Arkansas College Scots attacked the Tigers in Batesville and they wasted little time with the Scots and put them away 77-65.

Tiger fans were getting excited the week everyone had been waiting for had finally arrived. The Tigers Henderson twice and Southern once in a week that proved fatal to Tiger championship hopes.

Tiger fans crossed the river to watch the Tigers battle the HSU Reddies. The Tigers were tied with the Reddies for first place after the Reddies had fallen to the Muleridge Magnolia.

The Tigers shot 55 per cent in the game but HSU blistered the nets for more than 64 per cent as they put the game away in the last few minutes. The final score read OBU 66 and HSU 77 with Ouachita once again falling to second place in the AIC standings.

Ouachita had to regroup quickly as Southern State was anxious to avenge the two point loss to the Tigers at Arkadelphia.

The Muleriders were ready and the Tigers were not as the Tigers lost their second conference game in a row by 75-64. The Tigers were helped by the Arkansas College Scots, who upset the Reddies to give the Tigers another chance to overtake the Reddies if they could beat them in Rockefeller Fieldhouse on Saturday night.

The Tigers seemed to be on their

way to a victory over the Reddies as they led by eleven points at one time in the game. The Reddies stormed back to overtake the Tigers and win the game 55-49 and drop the Tigers into a second place tie with Southern State.

With two games remaining in the regular season, the Tigers had to be content with a spot in the NAIA District 17 playoff since HSU had clinched at least a share of the title.

Ouachita defeated Harding 80-70 and Hendrix 81-71 in their final conference games.

Ouachita finished the season tied for second place with Southern State with a 14-4 conference record.

The NAIA District 17 playoff was what the Tigers turned their attention to as they hoped for a trip to Kansas City.

Southern State took care of the

Tigers plans for a trip to Kansas City with a 73-64 victory over the Tigers in the playoff.

Ouachita finished the season with a 20-10 over-all record. The Tigers placed two players on the All-AIC list. James Washington and Maurice Scarbrough were selected for this honor. Both played out their eligibility this year.

Players were not the only ones receiving honors as Coach Bill Vining was selected to coach in the second annual All-Arkansas Collegiate All-Star Classic. He will be head coach for one of the teams.

Vining has been a member of the Ouachita coaching staff for 21 years and he has been instrumental in developing the Tigers into the powerhouse they have become •

James Washington spots
Randy Terry open under
the basket against HSU.





Mike Reynolds cuts to the inside in anticipation of a shot against the Reddies.

Bill Vining Jr. feels the pressure of the Reddie defense as he looks for an open teammate.



Maurice Scarbrough leaps high to release a shot against Southern State in the pre-season tourney.



Debbie Adams puts a soft touch on the ball for an easy two points.

Kathy Hobbs shows her shooting form against



Marsie Hickey follows through on a shot that is almost blocked.

TIGERETTES

The Ouachita Tigerettes began practice for the 1974-75 season with four returning starters providing the foundation for the squad. Coach Carolyn Moffatt remarked early in the year that she would be strongly disappointed if the squad did not earn a ranking among the top eight teams in the Amateur Athletic Union's poll prior to the national tournament.

Even with seniors Mary Jane Strnadel and Kathy Hobbs, junior Virginia

Cooper and sophomore Bonnie Dinkins returning, the Tigerettes found themselves facing a depth problem.

The Tigerettes faced a tough schedule as they met several powerhouses in women's basketball. Among these were Wayland Baptist College and Nashville Business College.

Even with the tough schedule the Tigerettes faced, the squad put together another winning season.



Debbie Adams sets a screen for Mary Jane Strnadel, who knows how to take advantage of it.



Mary Jane Strnadel shoots from fifteen feet away.

Kathy Hobbs rises high above defenders to shoot her jump shot.

Bonnie Dinkel shoots over outstretched hands of Belmont defenders.





Marsha Lackey shows the near-perfect shooting form of a good basketball player.

The players were not the only ones receiving recognition as Coach Moffatt received another honor this season. The Tigerette's leader was appointed to the United States Basketball Committee. Coach Moffatt will be involved in selecting the best athletes and determining the method of development for the women's Olympic team.

This national recognition is not new to Coach Moffatt as she served in the capacity of assistant coach for the Women's World Tournament in Brazil, the World Basketball Festival in Peru and tours of South America.

Debbie Adams tips the ball towards a teammate against Wayland College.



Bonnie Dinkel goes around Kathy Hobbs to the basket.



Baseball

David Lynch, one of Ouachita's pitchers, throws another strike.

The Ouachita Baptist University baseball team, under new head coach Don Purdy, set as their goal to win the A.I.C. title back to Ouachita. Coach Purdy believes the team has the potential to do so. The only weakness will probably be defense, but Coach Purdy feels the Tigers will improve in this area.

The team has a sound nucleus on which to base its hopes. All A.I.C. third baseman Terry Viala and All A.I.C. designated hitter Mike Thrasher lead the returnees •



David Carpenter watches a teammate bat as he awaits his turn.



Mike Burks gets ready for the pitch.



Scott Engels takes off for first base after a solid hit.

Mike Burks swings as the oncoming pitch approaches.



Women's

Ouachita's women's volleyball team has been in existence since 1967. In 1971, Miss Tona Wright took over the coaching duties of the team. This year Miss Wright coached the team to a fifth-place finish in AWISA competition. Nine colleges participate in the AWISA.

Previously, the OBU volleyball team was self-supported, but the Student Senate helped finance the team this season.

Miss Wright loses only one senior from this year's team and she feels that the opportunity of having a championship team next season is very promising.

Captains for the team were Betty Buchanan and Janie McLain •



Kathy Hobbs stretches out as she tips the volleyball over the net in graceful style while teammates anticipate the return of the ball.

Betty Buchanan leaves the floor as she sets the ball up for the final tip over the net.





Debbie Adams attempts to spike the ball as UAPB volleyballers anticipate the arrival of the ball.

Volleyball



Ruthie Ingram clasps her hands together to get more power as she returns the volleyball across the net.



Coach Tona Wright expresses joy as her volleyball team performs expertly on the court.



Leon Carlock and James Williams lead the way as the cross-country team runs to develop the durability needed for a cross-country meet.

1974's cross-country team not only produced the best finish in the sport in the school's history, but made coach Bob Gravett smile as he looked to the future. The OBU harriers finished second in the AIC meet with only one junior and no seniors.

The one junior, Steve Lewis, made the All-AIC team for the second year in a row as well as making the All-District 17 team both years.

OBU did well in 1974 despite several injuries. During one meet, the Tigers came up with only five runners (the number required to field a team). But the injuries healed in time for the AIC meet, as the Tigers not only took second, but won it by a wider margin than Gravett had expected •



C C R O O O U N S T R Y

James Williams, Leon Carlock and Jerry Masterson break into a smile as they approach the end of the course.

Jerry Masterson and David DeArmond lead the way at a cross-country meet held in the fall.



TRACK



Jim Stanley stretches out as he tries to overtake the leader in the hurdles.

Coach Bob Gravett was looking for his fourth AIC track championship in a row as spring of 1975 approached. Gravette had everything going for him except the law of averages and the loss of standout E. J. Outley to graduation.

Among things going for him were returners Cary Crawford, Steve Lewis, Danny Pynes, Cleo Hunter, and last but not least, Luther Guinn.

Guinn, who holds Ouachita's intermediate hurdles record, was looking for higher things including the AIC mark and other school marks in sprints and hurdles. It disturbs him to see records go unbroken, regardless of the sport.

Pynes, who vaulted 15 feet in the 1974 season, needed only four more inches to put his name in the AIC record books.

The Tiger tracksters had standouts but they were solid in nearly every event and were looking for a fourth consecutive AIC track championship.



Danny Pynes displays the talents that make him one of the best.



E. J. Outley works out to get in shape for the meets ahead.



Outley proves that practice pays off as he prepares to take the lead in this event.



Jerry Gragg stretches out as he takes the baton on the relay.

"I WOULDN'T TRADE MY TEAM FOR ANY OTHER TEAM IN THE CONFERENCE," GRAVETT SAID. "THEY WORK AND BELIEVE IN THEMSELVES."

The 1975 Tiger Sharks were under a new coach this season as Jim Miller took over the spot vacated by Bill Goff.

Although Hendrix College, the AIC's perennial power in swimming, was expected to dominate the AIC again, Miller felt that the Tiger Sharks could place as high as second.

A new breakthrough this season was the addition of a girl on the team. Debbie Phelps became the first female to participate in competitive sports against men at Ouachita •



Bubba Hawley scores high points with this forward dive-half twist.



Ronnie Yowell takes a start from the blocks.





Back Row: Greg Meeks, Chuck Benton, Ronnie Yowell, Hardy Forrest. Front Row: John Sullivan, Billy Prickett, Bubba Hawley, Richard Edds.

SWIMMING



Ronnie Yowell strokes out a grueling 200-yard freestyle.

Chuck Benton performs the butterfly in the 400-yard medley relay. The butterfly is one of the four strokes used in this race.



Betty Buchanan returns the ball with her excellent backhand in singles competition.

As old man winter departed, tennis enthusiasts arrived at Ouachita's Freeman-Dunklin Tennis Center. New faces turned up to join the Tiger's tennis team, but it was the old-timers who returned to lead the squad through another season.

Returnees Ross Grant, Edsel Danner, Jim Bob Hightower, and Bill Vining Jr., gave an improved team experience. Southern State, who has always been tough on AIC tennis courts, was to be reckoned with again in 1975.

After 20 matches, Ouachita, along with Henderson, co-hosted the annual AIC tennis tournament in Arkadelphia during mid-spring •

Edsel Danner returns a powerful backhand to a teammate during ten-



TENNIS



Mary Jane Strnadel shows her skills at playing net during state doubles competition, which she and Betty Buchanan won.

Bill Vining Jr. keeps his eye on the ball as he plays the net during a match at Ouachita's Freeman-Dunklin Tennis Center.



Mary Ann Marshall returns the ball with her forehand as she looks into the sun, a common foe of all tennis players who look into it.



Back row: Dr. Raymond Coppenger, John Gibson, Jores, Ross Grant, Steve Beal, Edsel Danner, Bill Vining Jr., Chuck Henry. Second row: Debra Creamer, Mary Ann Marshall, Pam Miller,

Front row: Karen Moore, Marsha Lackey, Betty Buchanan, Delcie Conley, Anita Sutherland, Mary Jane Strnadel, Mi

The Ouachita Rugby Club finished last season with a 1-4 record. The club's lone win was over Westark Jr. College of Fort Smith. In the Arkansas Rugby Classic last semester, the club finished fourth with five teams competing in the meet.

Rusty Simmons, manager of the rugby club, said that the team's major problem is lack of experience. The club, only in its second year of competition, finds itself up against other clubs who are more familiar and experienced with the game. According to Simmons, the main thing the club has in its favor is its hard hitting.

Scheduling is one of the problems of the rugby club. Simmons is trying to schedule matches with the University of Arkansas, Texas Tech and Lamar Tech •



Spotty Hope shows his speed as he turns the corner.



Charlie Cook breaks through a hole in the line as Joe Wilson follows for the pass.

RUGBY

Mike Stowell makes a tackle as other players come up to form a ruck.





Richard Fletcher polls the ball from a loose ruck as River City defenders set up for a tackle.



Mike May watches his defender as he passes the ball.



Wesley Lites, finding a break in the line, moves through looking for tackles.

RUGBY IS LIKE NUCLEAR WAR, THERE ARE NO WINNERS, ONLY SURVIVORS.



Mike Grober heads high in defense of the ball.

SOCCER

The OBU soccer team, although not widely publicized, has maintained Ouachita's tradition of athletic excellence. Now in its fourth season, the team has compiled a 20-1-4 record. They are undefeated champions of the state and have won a second place trophy in a regional invitational tournament at Louisiana Tech.

Officers of the team are Wayne Poe, player coach, David Spiegel, president, Alan Ichter, captain, John Pennington, treasurer.

Defensively, the team members are David Poe, Mark Wakefield, Bob Harper, Dale Johnson, Charlie Cook, David Miller, and John Evans. Eric Madsen, Ross Williams, and Ray Akridge man the mid-field positions •

Wayne Poe, Alan Ichter, Mike Grober, David Spiegel, and John Pennington lead the team offensively.



Mark Wakefield (15) shows



In an OBU exhibition game, Ray Akridge, hatchet man, makes it tough for Mike Grober.



John Pennington heads the ball away from a North Little Rock soccer jock.



Mike Grober punches his way through as Ross Williams moves in for a piece of the action. Jonathon Musgrave, an OBU player, helped their team out due to a lack of players.

GOLF

After having finished in second place in the conference two out of the past three years, the OBU golf team is hoping for a rise to the top this season, with four seniors making the nucleus of the team. The addition of two golfers would help the team reach its goal.

The seniors, who will be looked to for leadership, are Charles West from Malvern, David Robinson from Benton, Bobby Robinson from Benton and John Crisp from Nashville. The addition of Mike Smith, Bob Peck, Ross Rickels and Mike Fowler should help round out the team and assist it in reaching its goal for the season •

Charlie West concentrates on a putt during competition.

David Robinson narrowly escapes a trap.



Members of the OBU golf team are Mike Smith, David Robinson, Ross Rickels, Bob Peck, John David Crisp, Mike Fowler and Charlie





Members of the bowling team are David Deamor, Jeff Bradley, Bob Ferrand, Tommy Smith, Lyn Sellers, Ray Jett, Dennis Weimeir, Bob Morrow, Les Longstutt, Charlie Martin, Lyn Ogle, Steve Welchel, Jerrold Bradley, Tim McCowan.

In 1975, OBU's only tournament other than the AIC and District 17 tournament was 12-team match at Springfield, Mo., where the Tigers finished in a tie for seventh place.

Coach Frank Taylor was "quite pleased" with his team's performance while noting that the Tigers should be improved in the future as the team had only two seniors •

BOWLING



Dennis Weimeir concentrates on the pins he is about to bowl down.

David Deamor looks down the lane as he anticipates the release of the ball.