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which is commonly known as the "SUB". Nothing could be a more proper place to begin our look at OBU. . . CLOSE UP.



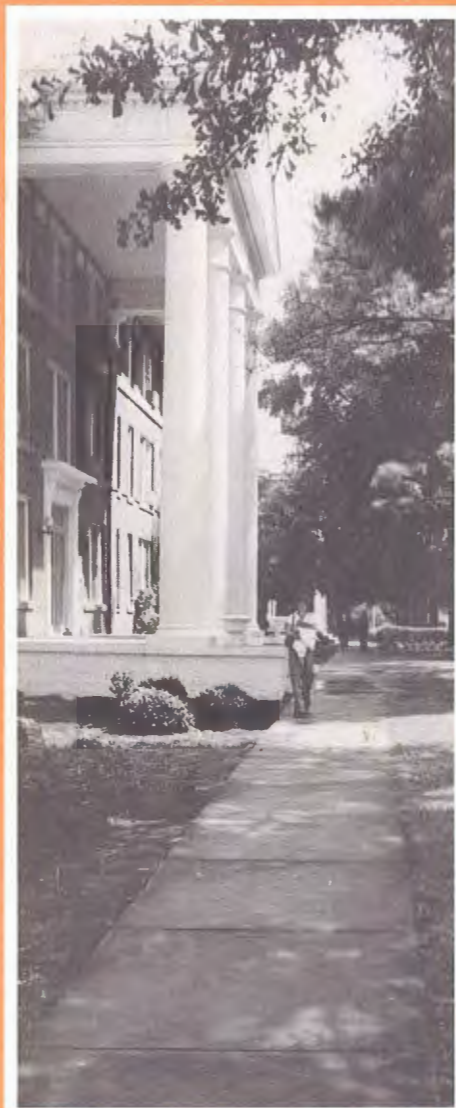
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First-of-the-year excitement shows all over the face of Diane Funderburg, a freshman from White Hall.

The only dormitory which houses both freshmen and upperclasswomen, Cone Bottoms is the setting for a leisurely stroll from classes.



The fun of seeing old friends again is one of the best things about coming back to school for Carol Short Cummins.

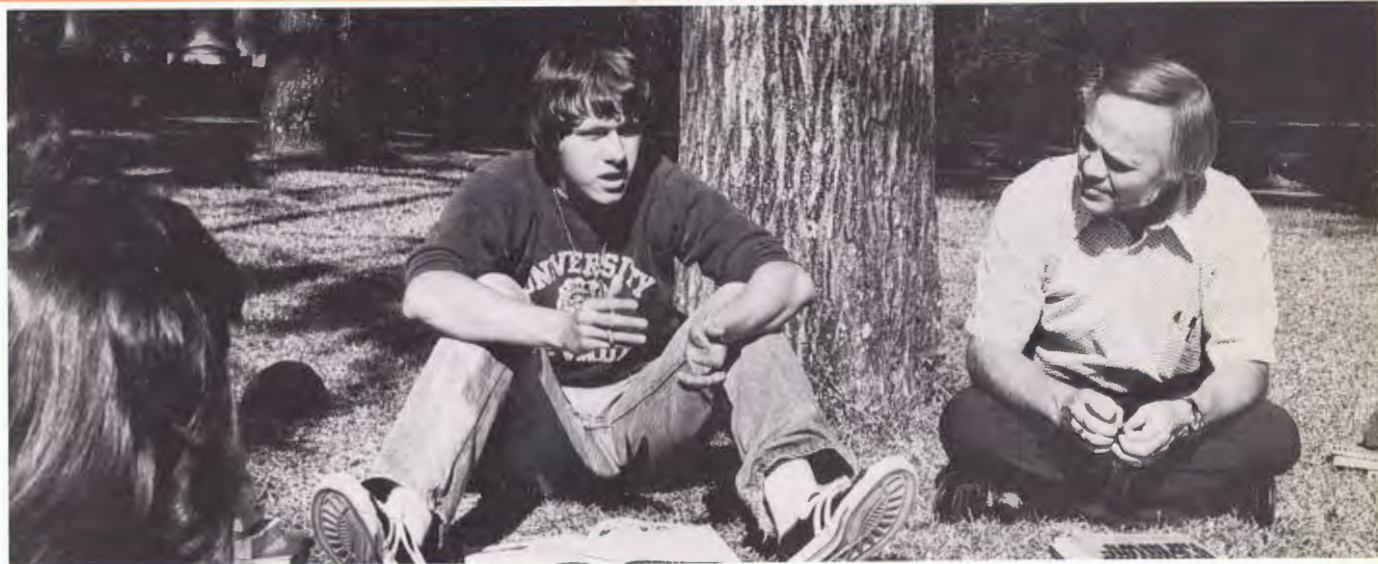


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Like an adolescent, growing quickly, and with just a little "pardonable pride," toward adulthood, Ouachita is moving steadily toward her maturity.

Although we're only two years into our Centennial Decade, our growth is progressing at an almost unbelievably rapid pace. We've got more students, more faculty and staff members, more cars, more buildings—more everything—than we've ever had before.

Enrollment this fall was up two per cent over the count taken during the fall semester of 1976. There are now 1,686 students enrolled, with 1,270 living in the various University housing facilities—dormitories, trailers, and apartments.



Pretty September days just seem to lend themselves to outside classes. Transfer student Ralph Smith discusses a point with Dr. William D. Downs Jr., chairman of the communications department.

This large enrollment, an increase of 46 students, meant that there were three students to a room in some of the men's dormitories at the beginning of the semester.

The freshman class, traditionally the largest, was even bigger this year. There were 505 freshmen, as opposed to 504 in fall, 1976.

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Despite the discomfort of a cast and crutches, Sherrie Brown continues to cheer for the Tigers.



Umbrellas, everywhere, are a typical sight during Arkadelphia's "monsoon season." Students take cover as they leave Tuesday's chapel in Mitchell Hall.

The hustle-bustle of getting a new semester underway is reflected on the face of senior Jerry Riggs.



More students meant more cars, and more cars meant, of course, that parking spaces would be a premium, unless something was done about the problem before it got started. And something was done.

The parking lot behind Daniel (men's) Dormitory was expanded last spring. In the fall, a new parking area, located on Seventh Street next to the Home Economics House, was completed. It was zoned brown and blue for freshman girls who lived in nearby Flippen-Perrin Dormitory, and for upperclasswomen.

Students who lived off campus had to find parking places away from the center of the campus in order to allow for our physical growth. Last year the commuters and married students had parked on a gravel lot between the Old Bookstore and Mabee Fine Arts Center.

That space is now occupied by the new McClellan Hall. The building, which was opened and dedicated during the spring semester, is the fourth segment of the multi-million dollar megastructure, which also includes Lile Hall, Evans Student Center and Mabee Fine Arts Center.

McClellan Hall houses the political science, sociology, psychology, education and library science departments, as well as the Maddox Public Affairs Center and the personal papers of the late Arkansas Senator John L. McClellan. (Senator McClellan died on November 28, not long before the hall was completed.)

OBU's growth was not limited to the boundaries of the campus. The expansion extended itself into the Arkadelphia community when a group of anonymous donors bought a new president's home.

Dr. and Mrs. Daniel R. Grant moved into the new home, located at 904 N. 26th Street, in December in time for the annual faculty-staff Christmas party.

Ouachita grew bigger, and we hope, better, than ever. We'll find that out as we take a look at OBU CLOSE UP.



DeGray Lake is a favorite spot, especially when we're **mer-ize** things. Beverly Bernard enjoys the **confusion** of water skiing, even when she **takes a spill**.

Wade & Bern room is first **class**. It looks **pretty drab**. They **get two heads** together and **decide** what **will result**. Wade Nicholson and Wade **personalized** their room **by building** a tall **bunk** for the **beds** and placing a **couch** **instead** for **lounging**. Fishnet **and** **markers** **completed** the **decorating** job.



Student Life

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That last-minute packing, Double-checking to make sure you haven't forgotten anything. Whether the car is a Volkswagen or a station wagon, it seems that there's just barely enough room to hold all your essential junk, and still leave room for you to sit down to drive.

You want to leave home early, so you can be on campus right after the dormitories officially open. Everyone will just be getting back from their summer vacations, and you just don't want to miss a minute of the Ouachita family reunion.

But your mother inevitably has that one last thing that she "almost forgot to tell you". And your dad has to say, "Don't drive over 55," just one more time. And your little brother or sister keeps telling you to take care of the ten-speed bike that the two of you had shared all summer.



So, you leave late and end up driving more than 55, despite all the warnings.

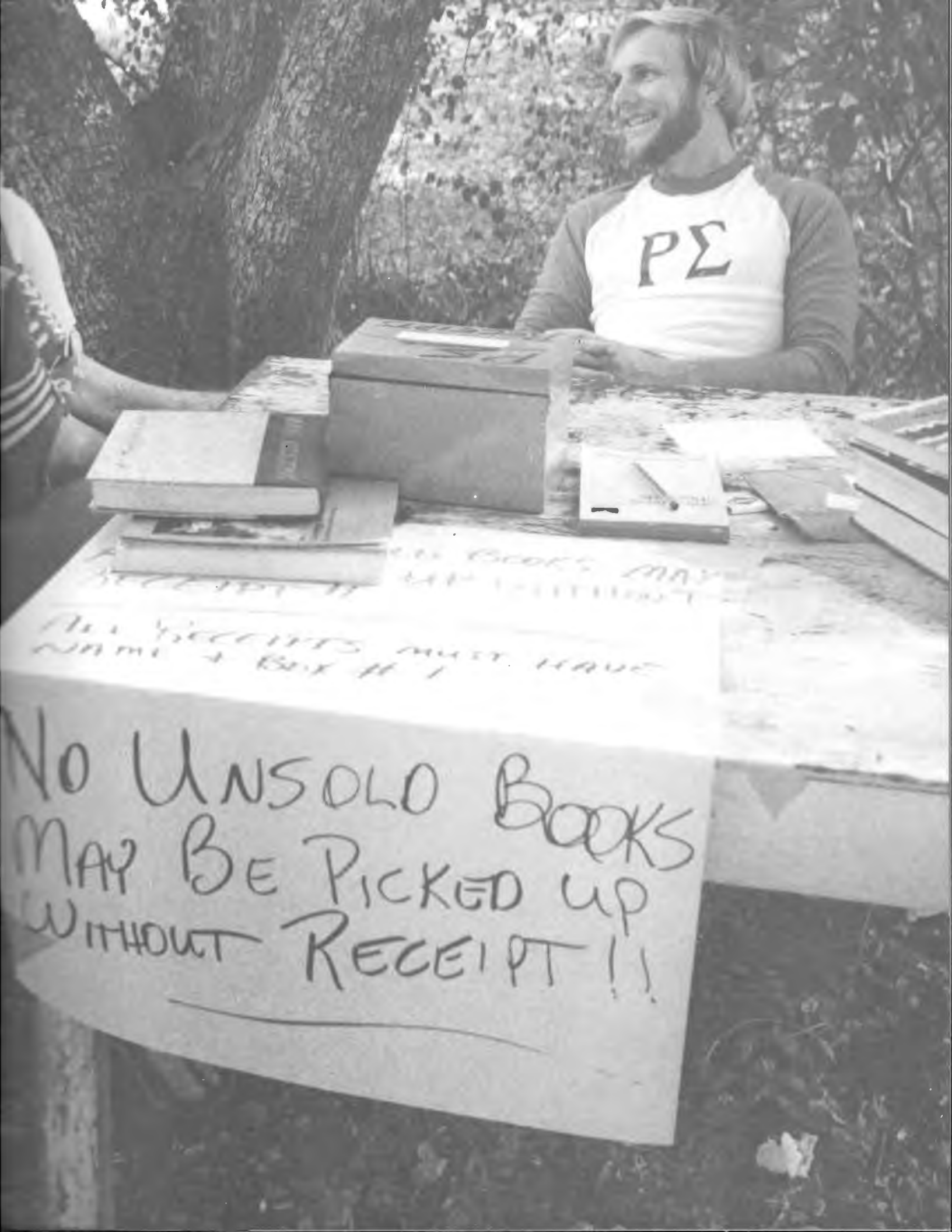
Finally, though, you're on your way. Speeding down the interstate toward Arkadoo. What will it be like when you get there?

Well, if you're an upperclassman, you have some idea already. There'll be about five hundred faces that you can't attach names to. (Most people

One of the year's first activities, the BSU hayride is always popular, and students keep up the tradition of toasting marshmallows.

Rho Sigma social club's book exchange is looked forward to as a service to students. Carol Cummins and Jerry Riggs relax during a lull in sales.





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Stacks of books and a large cardboard box on a table.

ALL BOOKS MAY BE PICKED UP WITHOUT RECEIPT !!

All receipts must have name + Box # 1

No UNSOLD BOOKS MAY BE PICKED UP WITHOUT RECEIPT !!

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call them freshmen.) And there'll be the (heart)burning question, "Why did I leave my mother's cooking to return to the Saga of Birkett Williams Cafeteria?" And, of course, it'll take most of the afternoon to get all your stuff moved into the dorm.

If you're a freshman, it's an entirely different story. Chances are your parents brought you to OBU a few days earlier, so that you could have time to get "oriented." You're just beginning to learn what names go with what buildings. The girls are learning that in college, you don't carry purses. And your group leader, an upperclassman, has already given you advice about your class schedule. That means you've been told which teachers are hard, which ones are good, and which ones you just must not take any classes under.

Next comes the inspiring thought that you've just got to meet that "foxy girl" or that "hunk of a guy." So, how do you approach this total stranger whom you are now admiring from a distance?



Part of freshman orientation includes meeting the faculty. Debbie Smith talks with Dr. Charles Mims of the education department.

Freshmen visited informally with their groups in the homes of faculty members. Clay Nelson enjoys a game of shuffleborad with LTC Billy Williams.



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"Where are you from?" often prove to be profitable. Whatever way the task of getting acquainted is accomplished, many new friendship, and in some cases, romances, are evident all over the campus.

After the hustle and bustle of getting adjusted to the college way of life, the students' attention is drawn toward the headaches, frustrations and hassle of registration.

Upperclassmen were, for the most part, acquainted with how to get what classes they wanted, which professors to take, and how to work out their schedules. But for the freshman, the concept of planning your own class day was a bit frightening.

With the completion of moving in, a time of orientation and getting acquainted and registration, it was time to plunge into the "world of Ouachita." Of course, there was the daily routine of classes, meals and studies. But it was the way you spent your spare time that made each day a new and unique experience. There was always a movie you could take a date to, or go single to see who else just happened to be there. Weekends could be utilized with a trip to Hot Springs, a movie in Little Rock, or a day at the lake.

And for the nights when there was absolutely nothing to do, the library was a place to study, research and learn . . . and of course to see who else might be "studious" on the same night. Another place for social gathering was the SUB. The bridge was always filled with the conflicting sounds of several TV stations, or the words and laughter of those who assembled to share their days with each other.

The Tiger Grrrill was also available for buying a cola, sitting down with a friend and having a little chat to pass the time away.

Whatever you did, wherever you went, and whoever you were with, life at Ouachita was one experience after another, as we'll see as we look at STUDENT LIFE CLOSE UP.

It happens every year

Students find a new building, changes in dorms, and more people at the start of a new year.

by Cindy McClain

It began in mid-August. Mothers started talking about new fall clothes and fathers started giving lectures on the cost of gasoline and how many trips home were taken last year.

Friends made plans for "one last get-together before we all leave." Watching TV on a weeknight was more appreciated, since before too long it would be a luxury.

Television and newspapers advertised back-to-school sales, and no matter how hard students tried they could not avoid the approaching date.

For 1,686 students, it was time to buckle down and hit the books again.

For freshman and transfer students, facing Ouachita and college life began several days earlier than it did for the veteran upperclassmen. Though shorter and more compact this year, new student orientation still contained the usual seminars, such as "General Orientation to Academic Life," "Introduction to Religious Life at OBU," and "Introduction to Campus Activities."

As always, the week was received with mixed feelings. Freshmen benefit-

Physical education classes are notoriously the first to close out during registration. Junior Jacques Sutley signs up for Health and Safety before it closes. Bobby Crouch, a graduate assistant in physical education, and senior Rhonda Sealy passed the cards out to students.

ed the most from it; it helped them to adjust to college life and not feel quite so lost when classes started. One male freshman, however, compared it to a summer camp. "You don't really want to go to the programs they have planned for you, but you know you kind of have to." Still, it was a nice way for freshmen to get acquainted with the faculty, administration, a few upperclassmen and each other.

The upperclassmen returned to find several changes had taken place over the summer months. McClellan Hall no longer was an empty skeleton of bricks and mortar. Girls returning to Cone-Bottoms found new vanities, mirrors and better lighting had been added. Grant Hall, the administration building, had also had a face-lift. A new reception/switchboard area was added and the offices of the dean of academic affairs and the registrar were remodeled.



A rendition of James Taylor's "Fire and Rain" was done by Steve Mayo and Hank Hankins in the freshman talent show. Disappointed upperclassmen returned to find it had been held this year before they had moved back on campus.



Of greater importance to students, however, were the changes made concerning curfews. Women's Lib made a big stride (at least according to Ouachita standards) in two areas: the six-week curfew for freshman girls was extended from 9:00 to 10:00 p.m., and starting this year male students were asked to sign out if they were going to be gone overnight.

According to Neno Flaig, dean of women, the extension of the curfew was strictly an AWS (Association of Women Students) decision. "This was voted on by the freshman girls last year," Mrs. Flaig said.

The curfew, which has been in existence about ten years, was not an

Familiar items from home make Perrin Hall seem a little bit more like home to Debora Pratt, a freshman from Little Rock.



administrative decision, but was actually started by a group of freshman girls who asked that it be tried. "They wanted the curfew so they would be made to stay in the dorm and be able to know one another before they got caught up in classes and other things," Mrs. Flaig added.

The decision to ask male students to sign out for overnight trips was an effort to bring Ouachita's male and female restrictions to equal footing, according to Bill Dixon, dean of students. Compliance with the rule was mainly on trust, however, as there was no punishment for not observing it. For girls, neglecting to sign out meant a collect phone call to parents from officials.

Another thing returning students found was that there were more people than ever on campus. Enrollment for the fall semester was up three percent over last year, an increase of 46 students. This was an all-time high except for the year 1966 when enrollment at the Nursing School was included.

But more people also brought more problems. Long cafeteria lines, longer bookstore lines and fuller dorms were some obstacles encountered by students.

At the end of the semester last spring several dorms had been filled beyond capacity. By the start of school they were still overbooked by thirty people.

Overbooking is a yearly practice by the housing officials. They can usually predict with amazing accuracy how many students will back out before school starts or how many will just not show up. This year, however, more people showed up because room deposits were not returned if a student backed out after July 1. According to Dean Dixon, the room deposit was returned in the past even if a person waited until after July 1 to withdraw his room reservation.

At the beginning of classes several men's dorm rooms had three occupants. A month after classes had started there were still two rooms left with three occupants.

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A record freshman enrollment with no homesick girls!

The shortage of rooms in the women's dorms was cleared up by the thirty-five returning upperclasswomen who did not show up for registration. There were not any "no shows" among the freshman girls, however, and this year was also the first in eighteen years that no freshman girl dropped out because of homesickness.

More people on campus also brought more cars. But there wasn't a real shortage of parking spaces-if a person wanted to walk far enough.

Starting this year all freshman girls were assigned to the newly created brown zone. A new parking lot across from Verser Theatre was zoned brown and blue, as was the lot behind Verser. The blue zone was assigned solely to upperclasswomen in Cone Bottoms and Frances Crawford dorms.

Double parking still occurred in front of Frances Crawford, however, much to the dismay of officials and anger of students who were blocked in.

There were more cars registered on campus in the fall than there were parking spaces. This did not mean, however, that there was a shortage of spaces, explained Dean Dixon. "Commuters and faculty usually register every car they have in their family because the same car may not be driven

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To freshman Camille Johnson, the punishment seniors Johnson and Faron Rogers handing out is not serious business. Camille appeared the Tiger mornings.



Even though Life Hall would not open for another thirty minutes, a line of students was waiting to get in for registration.

day." he said. One faculty member had five cars registered. The commuting students were inconvenienced the most this year by parking situation, said Dixon. Because of the construction of Lile Hall there were less spaces than the ones they did have and the farthest from buildings where they met.

Registration brought its own problems to students with the scheduling of classes and the scrambling for class cards. Unknowing freshmen were soon initiated into the process in attending college - finding the classes that were wanted. In the banquet room of Lile no one was shown whether a person was a freshman or senior. Little yellow IBM cards were the objects of every student's searchings, and once gotten, many of the ones who weren't as diligent in getting them. The cards became the property to be traded, sold, or given away but certainly not bent, torn, or destroyed.

At the end of the registration line, freshmen were introduced to the registration process in attending OBU - freshman initiation.

Freshmen "voluntarily" bought a yellow and gold beanie and were given

a list of initiation rules. With a gruff "Be at the tiger Monday morning, freshman," the student found he or she had survived registration.

Participation in initiation was higher this year than in the past. On Monday, the first day of it, between 250 and 300 freshmen turned out at the Tiger, according to Faron Rogers, senior class president. Participation, however, did not continue to be this high throughout the week. One freshman attributed it to the lack of senior participation. "We really didn't do anything at the Tiger in the mornings. Also, when seniors stopped showing up then we thought, 'Well, if they're not going to show up then why should we?!'" he said.

Many freshmen students thought the seniors went to extremes in handing out punishment. Several complaints were made to the dean of students about activities that occurred in the mornings. Dean Dixon commented, "Even though I was not directly involved in initiation, it seemed to me that it was not a fun thing this year. Some of the activities were (social club) pledge-week activities and the freshman students resented this."

He continued, "If the fun spirit is taken away then it has no place on a

college campus." He would, however, like to see it stay as a tradition if it is kept as a fun activity.

John Wiley, a senior from Atkins, considered initiation a unique activity of Ouachita. "Basically, I see it's good because it scares away the idea of loneliness and introduces you to more students." He did not participate when he came to Ouachita because he was a transfer and not a freshman. John transferred from Arkansas Tech University in 1976. As a senior this year he did not participate to a great extent. "I went to Kangaroo Court this year to see what it was like and discovered I knew more freshmen than seniors." he said.

With the conclusion of Kangaroo Court, however, students settled down into a routine of classes, meetings and homework. Freshmen quickly learned how to really study for a class, and not just memorize information as had often been done in high school. Upperclassmen re-acquainted themselves with the practice, although last minute cramming still occurred.

Another year at OBU got underway - just as it does every year.



Prize for Amy Tate for breaking one of the rules of freshman initiation was to suck on a lemon all day Friday. Amy, of Camden, and other freshmen of Pine Bluff actively participated in the week's activities.



Registration is a hassle, even if you're the first or last in line. Junior Betsy Floyd and senior Thomas Stivers find picking up class cards and filling out the registration report tedious work.

Tiger Traks Weekend grows bigger and better than ever.

by Debbi Russell

Heads low, elbows high, eyes straight ahead, Dianne Hatley and Celia Reed were poised tensely on their trikes, waiting for Tiger Traks Weekend to begin, literally, with a BANG!

Pedaling furiously for their teams, "Essence" and "Zoomin' Zetas," the two girls officially started the weekend as they raced through the first heat of the Tournament Trike Race.

It was only the beginning of what Governor David Pryor proclaimed "Arkansas' Most Exciting College Weekend," April 15-16. Other activities included a celebrity tennis match, a boys' bike race and a concert by the Grammy Award-winning Oak Ridge Boys.

The weekend's activities were the culmination of a whole year of planning and working on the part of the 35 students who made up the Ouachita Student Foundation (OSF). The activities also represented hours of practice and preliminary qualifying races for the bike and trike teams.

Competition prior to the actual races was stiff: of 20 teams, 18 qualified for the bike race. For the trike race, 24 of the 28 girls' teams qualified. Two-hundred-fifty students participated in the contests.

The trike race, usually the most exciting event, was made even livelier by the running of a faculty wives' race during the break before the finals. Mrs. Daniel Grant, Mrs. Jim Ranchino and others, dressed as everything from a 50's motorcycle moll to a character from Dogpatch, showed that it's not how you play the game, but whether you win or lose.

The winning and the losing was finally determined in a very close race between the CB Trikers and His Kids. The key to success depended on the

Accurate handoffs are a major factor in trike race competition. Phyllis Harris takes the handoff from Dianne Hatley while OSF member Dena Hall watches for fouls





Close competition between the CC Riders and Beta Bumpers is evident as they make a simultaneous rider change. James Merritt hands off to Robert Beith while Beta Tom Stivers gives the bike to Mike Reynolds.

The Grammy Award - winning Oak Ridge Boys performed to a packed house in Mitchell Hall. Here, a group member is featured in one of the pop songs.



quickness and accuracy of the handoffs, and in the ability to turn the curves of the track close to the inside without fouling or losing control.

The CB Trikers won first place and a stereo system for each of the four team members. His Kids and Truckin' Trikeees were second and third. They won a Bostonian rocker and a lighted AM-FM digital clock radio for each girl.

Team members were: (CB Trikers) Billie Stout, Kathy Baldwin, Anita Engler, and Lorie Lefevers; (His Kids) Laura Dewbre, Terri Bell, Lyn Peeples, and Pam Tedder; (Truckin' Trikeees) Pam Hall, Lisa Brown, Paige Witt, and Cindy Brown.

With hopes of making the boys' bike race as exciting as the girls' race, changes were made in the basic format of the contest.

Instead of the grueling 30-mile endurance test of the past two years, it was organized track-meet style, with five places in each event.

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Scholarship winners are: (back row) Tom Calhoun, Mark Holmes, Bobby Boyles, Mike Ward, Ronny Yowell, David Smith, Bruce Andrews, Scott Willis. (third row) Donna Tan, Wade Doshier, James Vinson, Philip Curtis, Richard Brown, Rosetta Brown, Vicki Wilson, Mark Brooks, Tom McCone. (second row) Lisa Lewis, Teri Garner, Leann Shadd, Steve Dewbre, Rhonda Francis, Ken Sutterfield, Jan Sutterfield, Patti Hebert, Becky Henry. (front row) Cathy Parker, Rocky Starnes, Carla Smith, Lynn Brooks, Susan Chesser, Janice Cunningham, Bobby Cook.

After a very close race, the CB Trikers enjoy the thrill of victory. Billie Stout, Lorie Lefevers, Kathy Baldwin and Anita Engler congratulate each other.

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No longer an endurance test, the bike race adds more excitement.

The five events were: 1) Two mile relay—first man riding a 660-yard sprint with second, third, and fourth men riding 880-yard sprints; 2) 660-yard sprint—one team member riding 660 yards; 3) Medley relay—first man riding 660 yards, second riding 880 yards, third riding one mile and the last man riding two miles; 4) Mile sprint—one man riding one mile; 5) 50-lap race—all team members participating with two required pit stops.

Points were awarded according to the total points each team accumulated. Prizes were a black and white portable television set for first place; a back pack, Coleman lantern and sleeping bag, for second place; and a Kodak EK4 camera for third place.

Momma's Boys took first place with the CC Riders coming in second. (For the past two years, CC Riders, a team of cross-country track runners, had placed first.) The Beta Bumpers were the third place team.

Team members were: (Momma's Boys) Ted Cook, Jim Cox, Gary Benson, Steve Jones and Steve Halpin; (CC Riders) James "Spider" Williams, James Merritt, Mark Mosely, Tim Harper and Robert Beith; (Beta Bumpers) Steve Goss, Mike Reynolds, Mike Truly; Mike Ray and Thomas Stivers.

For those who wanted some excitement before the Saturday afternoon bike race, and for those who were in to the tennis racket, there was the celebrity tennis match Saturday morning. Ron Ely (of Tarzan and Doc Savage fame) and Fess Parker (well-known as Daniel Boone and Davy Crockett) competed for the second year at Freeman-Dunklin Tennis Center.

Ely teamed with Gus Palafox, an amateur tennis champ, to soundly defeat Parker and Jay Freeman, a former Ouachita student. (This defeat was accomplished despite the fact that Ely and Palafox were handicapped by the

rope that tied them together.)

The weekend ended with a concert by the Oak Ridge Boys, who were Grammy Award winners in 1975 and 1977. The group, which has appeared on the Mike Douglas show and has toured Russia with singer-instrumentalist Roy Clark, performed contemporary gospel music mixed with some popular and country-western songs before a standing-room-only crowd in Mitchell Auditorium.

Students' reactions to the concert, and to the whole weekend, were overwhelmingly positive. "I went to every activity, and I thought the whole weekend was great! I'm looking forward to next year," were the words of one sophomore girl.

Reactions like that are what makes the OSF tick. The foundation's purpose is "students helping students" by raising scholarships for upperclassmen and by providing quality entertainment for the student body.

The 35-member group raised

\$17,500 to award 35 \$500 scholarships twice the number that were raised last year, and five more than this year. Attendance was up from 3,400 last year to 4,150.

Being part of OSF is no easy feat. Carol Roper, a former member, says, "Having felt the joys and frustrations of working toward what seem like unreachable goals and sharing victories with others through Tiger Traks and scholarships, my participation inside is one of satisfaction and accomplishment."

Tiger Traks Weekend, an annual year affair, was bigger and better than ever. It was "Arkansas' Most Exciting College Weekend."



Crowd enthusiasm added to the excitement of the bike race. Lorie Johnson cheers for her favorite team as a rider nears the finish line.

Road hog Veda Ranchino takes a quick handoff from Kay Payton while team mates Marcella Rauch and Kathy Martindale cheer her on.



If you want to kiss a celebrity, you have to ask for it. Mary Ann Harrington did just that to get a kiss from Ron Ely at the bike race.

Even with their mobility hampered by their being tied together, Gus Palafox and Ron Ely manage to return their opponents' shots and to win the match.



Speed and endurance are of utmost importance to Mike Truly as he pedals for his team, Beta Bumpers. The Betas placed third in the finals.



Expressions on the faces of the crowd reflected the positions of the teams they supported. Lorie Johnson gazes hopefully after the bikers as they round the west curve of the track.

It happens every year (cont)

Annual battle begins with paint, eggs, and cross-campus cheers.

by Cindy McClain

It was a most extraordinary ending to a most extraordinary week. The event - homecoming, the annual "Battle of the Ravine," and the ending - a 17-16 loss to the Henderson Reddies that hurt.

The week had a relatively quiet beginning. The Tiger had gotten splashed with red paint the Thursday before, but otherwise the week was well under way before most students realized what wasn't happening.

And then it started.

Shouting matches between OBU's West and HSU's Newberry dormitories began Wednesday and that evening there wasn't a car to be seen in either dorm's parking lot. There also wasn't any red or purple paint left in local hardware stores, nor eggs in the supermarkets. By the end of the week it had turned into a messy homecoming. It was colorful, though.

The theme for the week, chosen by the homecoming committee, was "Minds of the Future." Appropriately enough, it was inspired by the *Star Wars*

craze of this year. Floats, built by the girls' social clubs and the freshman class, featured various symbols of science fiction, ranging from "Star Trek" to R2D2.

The EEE Social Club again won first place in float competition with their colorful model of the starship "Enterprise," EEE members worked in to the wee hours of Saturday morning, as did other clubs' members, in order to finish by parade time. The E's built their float in memory of the late Minoru Maut-Sui, a former Ouachita cheerleader.

Second place in floats went to the Chi Delta Social Club with their "Compute to Win" float. Gamma Phi Social Club took third place with their "Tiger's R-2-D-Feat-U" float.

The floats were built at the old Arkadelphia National Guard armory this year. In fairness to Henderson organizations, the fair grounds, normally used by Ouachita organizations, was used this year by HSU groups.

The armory had some advantages, despite the shortage of space. The



A colorful model of the starship "Enterprise" was the winning OBU float entry. "Phase Out the Reddies" was its slogan. Anita Stafford, who represented the EEE Social Club for homecoming queen, rode on it.

The traditional bonfire was held Thursday night after the pep rally. Silhouetted against it, cheerleaders perform a stunt. Students walked with torchlights from Walton Gym to the practice field, where the pep rally ended.



building offered heating and restroom facilities, two things the fair grounds did not have.

Homecoming was also a time for Ouachita alumni to return for get-togethers with classmates and old friends. The various social clubs held reunions for old members before and after the game Saturday.

An alumni buffet was held Saturday for the classes of '42, '47, '52, '62, and '72. Dr. Daniel Grant, president of OBU, and Mrs. Rosie Dunham, president of the Former Students Association, presented the Purple and Gold Heart Award at the buffet for Mr. Jack McHaney and Mr. Robert "Red" Nelson for their outstanding service to Ouachita. A reunion buffet was also held at the Lake DeGray Lodge Friday before homecoming for the classes of '42-'72.



Homecoming means, to many people, getting to see old classmates and friends again. Mrs. Cecil Camp of Dardenelle warmly greets an old friend at an alumni buffet held at the DeGray Lodge.

Tigers were ahead 'till the clock struck :23

Game day Saturday started as a pretty good day. Although slightly overcast at first, by parade time the sun was breaking through the clouds.

The Rho Sigma bell, traditionally rung from noon Friday to game time Saturday, had broken Friday evening for the second year in a row. An ominous warning, perhaps, as to what was to come?

During pre-game ceremonies Anita Stafford, a senior Communications and Political Science major from Camden, was crowned queen of the festivities. Miss Stafford represented the EEE Social Club. First runner-up was Renee Poteet of Little Rock, second runner-up was Jane Chu of Arkadelphia, Martha Jane Smith of Camden was third runner-up and fourth runner-up was Sheri McMullan of Little Rock.

Ouachita participated in a new concept designed to give national recognition to college homecoming beauties. It was sponsored by Agree Conditioner, a product of Johnson Wax. The Associated Collegiate Press picked the winner out of the various homecoming queens from colleges in Arkansas. UAPB's Sandra Dupree was

chosen by them to represent Arkansas at the Orange Bowl, a nationally televised event held in Florida.

The following game was almost too good to be true. The Tigers got in it early, scoring on a field goal. By halftime Ouachita was ahead 9-0. Spirit was high at the half, despite the chilling wind that had begun to blow, or the annoying sprinkle of rain.

Then Tiger fans watched as a nine point lead disappeared as unbelievably as they had watched it appear. Both teams scored in the third quarter, making it 16-7 as the fourth got underway, a very uncomfortable nine point lead again for Ouachita.

But the Reddie offensive initiative enabled them to score once again, diminishing Ouachita's nine point lead to two.

With only minutes left in Ouachita, unable to score, was to turn the ball over to the hoping the defense would hold them.

But it wasn't. With 23 seconds in the game Henderson's Bo completed a field goal and for the first time that day Ouachita fans watched as the out.

Completing homecoming was a Cyndi Grecco concert night sponsored by SELF. Miss recorded the theme song for popular ABC television series and Shirley" entitled "Make Dreams Come True."

But for Ouachita, making dream come true would have another year.



A shortage of space forced Pi Kapp Zeta member Brenda Shepard to work on top of unused lumber. Each club had one small room in which to work besides the main

Approval of the last play shows on top of band members Steve Blatchford, Scott and Steve Nicholson. The band own style of cheering, using their



A newly crowned queen gets her crown from Dr. Grant, president of OBU. Anita Stafford, a senior from Camden, was chosen queen by the student body at a previous chapel.

Third runner-up is Martha Jane Smith, representing the Student Senate; **first runner-up** is Renee Poteet, representing the Freshman class; **Queen** Anita Stafford; **second runner-up** is Jane Chu, representing the Junior Class and **fourth runner-up** is Sherri McMullan, representing Blue Key.



Top beauties, top pageants: an OBU tradition

by Debbi Russell and Cindy McClain

It's no mean achievement for a small private university to be able to boast of six girls in competition in the Miss Arkansas pageant.

Ouachita's beauties are well-known across the state. Since 1967, the University has had two young ladies to become Miss Arkansas title-holders, one second runner-up in state competition and three top-ten finalists, including Paula Woodall, Miss OBU 1977.

"Good, high quality pageants are a tradition here," according to sophomore Janice Langley.

The two pageants—Miss OBU and the OUACHITONIAN Beauty Pageant—are generally well-liked and are looked forward to by the general student body as well as by the contestants.

The Miss OBU pageant was the official preliminary to the Miss Arkansas pageant, and eventually to the Miss America pageant. The contestants were judged according to the guidelines and criteria used in Miss America competi-

tion.

They competed in evening gown, swimsuit and talent presentations, along with an interview. Fifty per cent of the judges' decision was based on the first three aspects of the competition.

Prior to the pageant, the girls were interviewed by the judges; and during the pageant they were asked a question for which there was no preparation. This accounted for the other fifty per cent of the judges' decision.

"Good, high quality pageants are a tradition here . . ."

The OUACHITONIAN Beauty pageant, however, was not a Miss America preliminary. It was, instead, a pageant held to select a beauty for the yearbook. It was sponsored annually by the OUACHITONIAN yearbook.

Contestants in the pageant were judged on photogenic qualities, sportswear, evening gown and an

interview with the judges. Photogenic qualities accounted for fifty per cent of the scoring.

Many students felt that the OUACHITONIAN pageant was a preliminary for the Miss OBU pageant, a sort of 'practice run' for the girls.

It is true that most OUACHITONIAN beauties are eventually in the Miss OBU pageants, and many win it or place in the top five. Two major differences are that no talent or swimsuit competition is required in the yearbook pageant. This means that

Six girls from Ouachita were in the Miss Arkansas Pageant

some girls who would not participate in the Miss OBU pageant were still able to enter a contest.

Also the pageant was open to married women as well as the single ones. As a Miss America preliminary

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Not only third runner-up in the Miss OBU pageant, Naylene Vuurens is also Miss Diamond Lakes. She will compete statewide in July of 1978.

Poise and personality, along with a good voice, are musts to gain points in talent competition as fourth runner-up Susan Shambarger did.





Three moods of Paula Woodall: exuberant as the newly crowned Miss OBU; vibrant in performance in the Miss Arkansas production number; poised before the judges as she competes for the title of Miss Arkansas.



First runner-up Sharon Floyd flashes a big smile for the judges as she pauses on the ramp for evening gown competition.

Experience gained as a member of the Ouachitones helps calm some of the jitters for second runner-up Martha Jane Smith.

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In an elaborate costume Teresa Trull performs "Adele's Laughing Song" in the talent segment of the Miss OBU competition.

Nineteen beauties, competing for the title of Miss OBU, smile for the judges and the crowd after being introduced by the former Miss OBU, Sheri McMullan.





Miss Arkansas competition, Pine Bluff's Beth Bodie models a fifty's costume.

Miss OBU pageant was restricted to the women only.

The winner of the OBU pageant this spring was Paula Jane Woodall, a business administration major from Little Rock. She played a piano "The Warsaw Concerto" for her presentation.

First runner-up was Sharon Floyd, a cheerleader from El Dorado. Sharon later competed in the Miss Arkansas pageant as Miss El Dorado, after winning the local pageant.

Martha Jane Smith, a senior from Camden, was second runner-up to Miss OBU. She later became Miss Camden, and was that city's representative in the Miss Arkansas competition.

A sophomore from Searcy, Naylene Vuurens, placed as third runner-up in the school competition. Naylene was the Miss Diamond Lakes pageant winner from Waverly, and will be a competitor in the 1978 Miss Arkansas pageant.

Susan Shambarger, a sophomore from Arkadelphia, was fourth runner-up.

Miss Congeniality, elected by the

contestants before the pageant, was Barbara Bradford, a junior from Pine Bluff.

The pageant, with the theme "Let Your Light Shine," was sponsored by the Blue Key national honor fraternity, and was emceed by Lee Royce. Entertainment was provided by Sheri McMullan, the 1976 Miss OBU, before she crowned the new queen.

Other Ouachita coeds who participated in the Miss Arkansas pageant were: Beth Bodie, who was Miss Pine Bluff; Mary Mann, who represented Fort Smith; and Sheri McMullan, who was invited to perform as a member of the Court of Honor which provides entertainment during the weeklong competition.

An invitation to perform with the



As Fort Smith's representative, Mary Mann competes at Hot Springs Convention Center.

Court of Honor is generally considered to be as high an honor as placing in the statewide competition. Sheri was the second consecutive Miss Ouachita title-holder to be asked to perform with the group. Miss OBU 1975, Beverly Fanning Guinn, was also a member of the group of entertainers at the 1976 state pageant.

Following the tradition set by Beverly Guinn and Sheri McMullan, Paula Woodall became the third consecutive Miss Ouachita to become a top ten finalist at the Miss Arkansas pageant.

Betty Lynch of Hot Springs, a coordinator for the Miss Arkansas competition was a judge for the campus pageant. Other judges were Larry Thurman of Pine Bluff, Bert Botter of Hot Springs, Travis Knight of Texarkana, Texas, and Cherri Baker of North Little Rock.

"The judges for the Miss OBU pageant are always well-qualified for the job," according to sophomore Cindy McClain. "The pageants are always carefully planned and are first class productions."

The members of Blue Key started planning for the spring competition early in the fall semester. They secured judges for the pageant and raised money by selling homecoming corsages for \$4.50 and \$5.50. They provided a service to the students by selling the corsages, and they provided entertainment by producing an interesting activity for student participation and enjoyment.

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Chosen to perform with the Court of Honor, Sheri McMullan does a routine during a break in the pageant.

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Several "firsts" marked this year's OUACHITONIAN Beauty Pageant. For the first time in three years, sophomore contestants outnumbered the freshmen. Carolana Carmichal and Ron Edsell were the first student emcees. And for the first time, the cheerleaders and the yearbook staff worked together to produce the pageant.

The cheerleaders were asked to help so that the staff would be free to work as much as possible on the 44-page deadline which was due ten days after the pageant. Earlier in the semester, the yearbook staff had voted

A series of "firsts" mark the sixteenth annual OUACHITONIAN Beauty Pageant

to discontinue the production because it interfered with the deadline schedule.

However, after an informal verbal survey of students revealed that they looked forward to the pageant and "would be disappointed" by its absence, the pageant was scheduled to get underway as usual.

The dirty work began on the Monday night after Thanksgiving break with preliminary painting of the set to carry out the theme "South Pacific".

On Tuesday, the eighteen contestants met in Mitchell Hall for the first rehearsal. They had to learn how to walk on stage, and they found out that it's not easy to walk across the stage smiling, with heads turned towards the judges' seats without walking into the curtains.

At the two remaining rehearsals, the girls learned a dance routine and the song, "Happy Talk", for the production number. Emcee Ron Edsell doubled as a choral director in teaching the group to sing together. Mrs. Diane Balay of Arkadelphia directed the choreography, which the contestants learned in just one session.

Carolana Carmichal, the other emcee, learned the song and dance

along with the girls, which turned out to be a very convenient, since she had to perform with the contestants on Saturday night. Teresa Trull, contestant number nine, was ill on the night of the pageant, so Carolana took her place during the production number, then made a quick change into her red evening gown to take her own place in her official job as emcee.

Illness seemed to plague participants in the pageant. One of the judges, Michael Tidwell of Little Rock, was unable to attend because he came down with the flu.

The four judges who did attend were: Eve Green, a Little Rock real estate agent; Glynn Hambrick, a financial manager from Little Rock; Christal Phiffer, who owns a school of modeling and dance in Texarkana, TX; and Charles Stewart, of the First National Bank in Little Rock.

The judges evaluated the girls Saturday morning and afternoon on the basis of photogenic qualities (which counted 25 points), an interview (which received 10 points) and a two-minute sportswear presentation (which also counted ten points).

The girls considered the sportswear segment the most difficult part of the competition. "It's hard to think of something original to say," said freshman contestant Diane Hopson of Prescott. Most of the girls used some type of prop to lead into their



Interviews were done in pairs to make girls a little more comfortable. Diane Hopson smiles and listens attentively as Charles Stewart answers one of the judges' questions.



Photo judging counted as 25 points, so Charles Stewart reviews the pictures and checks his scores.



In keeping with the theme "South Pacific", Brenda Batchelor and Suzanne Harris sing "Happy Talk" with the other contestants.



First runner-up Brenda Batchelor, a senior from Pine Bluff, was sponsored by the Chi Delta Women's Social Club.

Sophomore Suzanne Harris, of San Antonio, TX was sponsored by the Rho Sigma Social Club. She was second runner-up.



Sigma Alpha Sigma Social Club sponsored third runner-up Cindi Richards, a freshman from Memphis, TN.

Fourth runner-up Carolyn Hansen represented Phi Mu Alpha. She was a senior music major from Stuttgart.

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description of the outfit they were modeling.

The only competition on Saturday night was the 20-point evening gown presentation. The judges commented after the pageant that the seventeen contestants were the "friendliest group" they'd ever worked with.

The girls themselves rated Leanne Stanfield as the friendliest one of the group by voting her Miss Congeniality. Leanne, a sophomore from Little Rock was sponsored by the Beta Beta Social Club. The elementary education major was also selected by the judges as one of the eight semifinalists.

Other semifinalists were Marilyn

Gail Brown, a junior from Foreman who was sponsored by the Black American Student Society, and Donna Mack Cox, a junior from Hope who represented the Gamma Phi Social Club.

Carolyn Hansen, a senior music education major from Stuttgart, was

Sportswear competition:
"It's hard to think of something original to say."

fourth runner-up. She was sponsored by the Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia music fraternity. She had been a Miss OBU contestant and was a runner-up in the OUACHITONIAN Beauty in 1974, when she was a freshman.

Third runner-up was freshman Cindi Richards who was a business major from Memphis, TN. Cindi

represented the Sigma Alpha Sigma Social Club.

Suzanne Harris, a sophomore sociology major from San Antonio, TX, was second runner-up. Suzanne, a Rho Sigma sweetheart, was sponsored by that club. She had also been a semifinalist in the OUACHITONIAN Beauty Pageant in 1977, during her freshman year.

First runner-up Brenda Gay Batchelor was sponsored by the Chi Delta Social Club. She was a senior speech pathology major from Pine Bluff.

The last of the "firsts" that marked the day's activities was the naming of sophomore elementary education major Laura Smith, of Little Rock, as the new OUACHITONIAN Beauty. She was the first transfer student to win the title. Laura was sponsored by the Blue Key honor society of which she said, "It's nice to know the smart guys picked you."



Backstage preparations include sharing a cup of ice for contestants Judy Moore and Susan Grafton, and Sher Lunningham.

Pageant director Debbi Russell, editor of the OUACHITONIAN, welcomes the crowd to the pageant before introducing the judges with co-director Randy Thomas.



Chosen as Miss Congeniality by the other contestants, Leanne Stanfield is congratulated by Carolyn Hansen.



Careful notes made during the interviews are necessary in determining the final scores. Christal Phiffer makes a memo about one of the contestants.

Surprise and excitement show on the face of the newly announced OUACHITONIAN Beauty Laura Smith. The portraits show a less excited, but still beautiful, Laura. The larger portrait was used in the photo judging.



Though aims vary, women are finding

Involvement in Religion - *their way.*

First there was Deborah, the judge. And for the Catholics there was Joan of Arc. Today, it's women all across the nation who want to become involved in church-related vocations-in responsibility positions.

Their aims vary. Some just want to be involved in church work, not necessarily a certain position, just involved. Others want to go so far as ordainment.

But regardless of their ambitions, they aren't waiting for their sheepskin to become involved.

Take Martha Vastine, a junior from Rogers, Arkansas. This past summer she became involved in a Baptist Student Union mission team that went to Zambia, Africa.

Though not your everyday church, this structure served its purpose for these Africans to worship under. Martha Vastine (center), along with team members Cindy Cullum from UCA and Greg Smith from Arkansas State, lead the congregation in singing hymns.

The team, which consisted of Martha and two other Arkansas students, lived with missionaries and worked with the natives in the organization of a new Baptist Convention founded recently in the African country.

Their main work was with the young people, who make up such a large portion of the population. These young people are just beginning to reject many of their tribal customs and are turning to Christ.

And it's this work, and work in churches here in the states, that is attracting women to the field of religion. Ordaining of women in other faiths has spurred a small interest among Southern Baptist women even though it is still frowned upon by the convention.

Two Ouachita coeds decided to

become involved in the field of religion in a new and unique way. In early January of this year the two sophomores quietly packed their bags and instead of returning to the academic world of Ouachita, headed for a six-month visit in Nassau, Bahamas.

The two coeds, Chere Sneed, of North Little Rock, and Beth Patterson of Searcy, were pioneers. Together they were among the first participants in a newly-conceived Mission Service Corps which the 12-million-member-plus Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) just began this year. The Corps are a means of providing missions-minded laypeople with opportunities to use their expertise on the mission fields for up to two years on a volunteer basis. At Ouachita, Chere is a political science major, while Beth's area of concentration is chemistry.



President Jimmy Carter was a catalytic agent for this new Southern Baptist Convention mission thrust when he challenged his fellow Baptists at last year's annual meeting of the SBC in Kansas City to strengthen the short-term volunteer missionary phase of its already initiated "Bold Mission Plan."

In response to this challenge, a goal of enlisting 5,000 short-term volunteer missionaries by 1982 was set with finances to be supplied for the effort through individual and church support.

For Chere and Beth, Mrs. Marie Smallwood Thomas, a retired educator-musician in Russellville, made the missions excursion possible as a memorial to her late husband, John Thomas of Magnolia.

While on the field Chere and Beth will be performing whatever duties deemed suitable and necessary to assist the growth of the Baptist work there. One of the first decisions the girls had to make was whether or not they would use a car while on the field.

According to Dr. Daniel Grant, the girls decided to use the mass transit system while in Nassau since that is the form of transportation most of the native citizens use.

"We, speaking for the University, are very pleased to already have two of our students involved in this



program," Grant stated, adding that he hopes Ouachita can make some special contributions to the program realizing "the tremendous opportunity OBU has as a Baptist-supported institution."

This was not the first missions efforts Ouachita has participated in. For several years this Arkadelphia college has sent among the highest number of student summer missions volunteers of any university in the country. In the summer missions program students are placed somewhere in the United States where they can minister in whatever ways are needed. Travel expenses and a very modest salary are given to the volunteers.

OBU has sent among the highest number of summer missions volunteers . . .

Not only are women becoming involved in ministry through missions, but they are also seeking majors in religion, persuing a career in some area of ministry. Although the classes they take may be those that are considered for the pastoral student only, these "women in religion" are showing that ministry goes beyond the pulpit.

Daisy Friedle, a freshman from Little Rock, plans to major in religion or minor in religion with a major in sociology or psychology. She also plans to extend her studies to receive a masters degree in religious education from seminary.

Daisy wants to persue one of two careers in the area of ministry: chaplaincy or minister of education. In the field of chaplaincy she would like to work in women's prisons or in a girl's training school. Ministry in the field of education would include family and child care, or preschool work.

When asked why she chose to study religion, her answer was like that of many male ministerial students, "I felt God calling me into his ministry."

"Women in religion" is vastly becoming a reality on campus as evident by the women who are majoring in religion. Daisy Friedl began her study of the ministry by taking Introduction to Christian Ministries.

What do you think?

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I have never really thought about the difference in the role of men and women in the church until I was older and I noticed that the preacher was always a man . . .

I think that if we can break ourselves away from tradition enough to look at this matter of women in religion objectively, we will have to accept the fact that your relationship with God does not relate to your sex and your expression of this relationship shouldn't either.

-Donna Robertson

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I believe God can speak through women as well as men. I don't believe women should try to fulfill the man's role. Submissiveness is more of an attitude than an action.

-Neal Blackburn

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I have never thought about going to a church where the pastor is a woman. I guess I have never visualized a woman in that type of position. But women are desperately needed in religious jobs. A woman can reach some types of people better than a man. Isn't that one purpose of the Christian faith - reaching others?

-Susan Chesser

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Women make excellent missionaries and do hold positions of leadership in Southern Baptist churches. The exception in most cases comes when consideration for pastoral selections are made. Deacons are becoming something new, but I personally do not favor women in every aspect of leadership, although they may be qualified.

-John Wiley

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A week to analyze failures and seek potentials

Catch The Vision

by Deborah Holley



It was a week of analyzing failures and seeing potentials. It was a week to "Catch The Vision." It was Christian Focus Week. Held on campus February 6-10, this week of religious emphasis was sponsored by the Baptist Student Union.

Class schedules were rearranged to allow students to attend special chapel programs during the week. The featured speaker was Charlie Baker, pastor of University Heights Baptist Church in Stillwater, Oklahoma. His lectures were centered around the theme of the week, "Catch The Vision." Mike Knight, the music and youth director of University Heights, provid-

Music is provided at one Noonday service by Greg Harvey, a freshman from Hot Springs. Team members were speakers everyday during the week.

ed music for the chapel services.

Afternoon seminars were held on campus during the week. These included a lecture on "Dating and Mating" led by Charlie Baker. Bobby Walker, pastor of Sharon Baptist Church in Arp, Texas, lectured on "Personal Discipleship." The topic of the occult was discussed by Lacy Solomon. Baptist Student Union Director at Cameron University in Lawton, Oklahoma, Scott Pallett, spoke on "Worship in the Church."

One of the highlights of the week was the appearance by Jeanette Clift George, who portrayed Corrie ten Boom in the film "The Hiding Place." Mrs. George presented two monologue skits during the week, one of which was "Mrs. Noah," a comical



A child's aspect of God is shown in a skit by members of The Jeremiah People. They portrayed children in a Sunday School class.



in an apron and a southern accent, Jeanette George, actress in "The Hiding Place," conveys a woman's feelings as she witnesses the crucifixion.

led a seminar entitled "A Dramatic Bible Study."

Monday night, following the Tiger victory over the University of Central Arkansas, a re-enactment of television's "Gong Show" was presented in Evans Student Center. Students participated in original routines, skits, and performances.

Dormitory devotions were held during the week. These were under the supervision of Christian Focus Week team members. This was a time set aside to share with dormitory friends, to study the Bible, and to pray for each one's needs.

Tuesday night brought the concert by the "Jeremiah People," a Christian musical touring group under the direction of Chuck Bolte. Their performance included contemporary religious music, skits, and monologues dealing with the Christian lifestyle.

Wednesday, team members and personnel for the week led in the worship services in local churches. At 10 p.m. a midnight breakfast in Birkett-Williams cafeteria was held. The program for the breakfast, which was student-led, included music provided by "Daybreak" and skits performed by the "Ouachita Players."

with a "Sonlight Service" Friday night in Mabee Recital Hall. Mrs. George performed a monologue "The Serving Maid." Portraying a waitress, Mrs. George conveyed the feelings of a woman witnessing the crucifixion. OBU groups who performed included the Puppet Team, Jesus Christ Power and Light, Psalms, and the Ouachita Players. Bringing devotional thoughts was the speaker of the week, Charlie Baker. Mike Knight led in songs of praise.

It was a week of concerts, chapel services, lectures, dormitory devotions, and religious drama presentations. Christian Focus Week: a time to worship, to sing, to "Catch The Vision."



A variety show patterned after T.V.'s "Gong Show" was held after the OBU-UCA basketball game. Dressed in her original costume, Kathy Thye was one of many students who participated in the show.

The contemporary religious group, The Jeremiah People, performed in concert on Tuesday night. One aspect of the Christian life they shared was reaching out to others despite barriers such as social status.

R2D2 captured our hearts, Starsky and Hutch kept our attention, and the King left forever.

by Deborah Holley and Cindy McClain

Mass Media: an escape from the hassle of books, papers, and professors. Many nights students would spend the evening listening to Peter Frampton, watching Donnie and Marie, or viewing a new movie at the local cinema instead of studying for an upcoming test or writing a term paper.

One could always walk through the halls of Flippen-Perrin, Daniel or any of the other dorms, smell the buttery scent of freshly made popcorn, and hear the laughter of those enjoying a relaxing evening with their television set. Weeknight viewing provided a choice of thirty-minute situation comedy shows such as "Eight Is Enough," "Three's Company," and "Laverne and Shirley." For those who enjoyed the world of violence there was "Starsky and Hutch," "Baretta," and "Charlie's Angels."

Two controversial shows which were aired in the fall were "Washington Behind Closed Doors," a mini-series about the happenings in Washington that do not appear to the public, and a new weekly series "Soap," a satire on daytime dramas.

Variety shows were also a favorite to students. "Donnie and Marie" became popular as the couple's childhood style changed into that of a more sophisticated adult's. Another favorite was "The Carol Burnett Show." Ms. Burnett began her new season by adding Dick Van Dyke as a regular.

Television would not be complete without the day to day drama of the soap opera. Students of all classes, races, and sexes sat glued to their television sets for thirty minutes to an hour each day to see who divorced whom, if the operation was successful, and who was in love with whom. The most popular daytime dramas to students at OBU included "All My Children," "General Hospital," and "The Young and Restless."

Weekends and an occasional week night were spent at the Highway 67 cinema by many students. It didn't matter that the waiting line was two

hours or that the ticket was \$2.50. Students took their curious minds to a new movie to see what it was all about. Many used the theatre to escape the campus, to have a good time with friends, or to inspire a new romance.

In late spring, following the peak of the CB craze, Sally Fields and Burt Reynolds starred in the truckin' movie "Smokey and the Bandit." For those who liked underwater adventure, there was Jacqueline Bissett in "The Deep."

Jogging through the streets of Philadelphia and drinking a glass of raw eggs, Sylvester Stalone went to the top in the movie "Rocky." In late November, George Burns and John Denver starred in "Oh God," a highly controversial movie among church members. In this movie, Burns portrayed a most unusual God.

Conway, Arkansas was chosen as the filming site for the movie "9-30-55" starring Richard Thomas. Conway was also chosen as the site of its premier showing. In the movie Thomas portrayed the feelings of a young boy the day James Dean died.

For those who enjoyed war movies there was "MacArthur," a World War Two movie that starred Gregory Peck. The Cinema 150 in Little Rock was the spot of lights, glamour and excitement as Peck was on hand to view "MacArthur" on its premier night.

The box office success of 1977 was without a doubt, however, "Star Wars." This science fiction thriller was also voted as one of the all-time outstanding movies by American Film Institute members. Its theme was used for just about everything from advertisements to the toy industry. It also inspired the theme of Ouachita's homecoming, "Minds of the Future," and the movie's theme song climbed to the top of the pop charts.

Whether it was heard on the radio or played on the stereo, almost everyone had what they referred to as "their song."

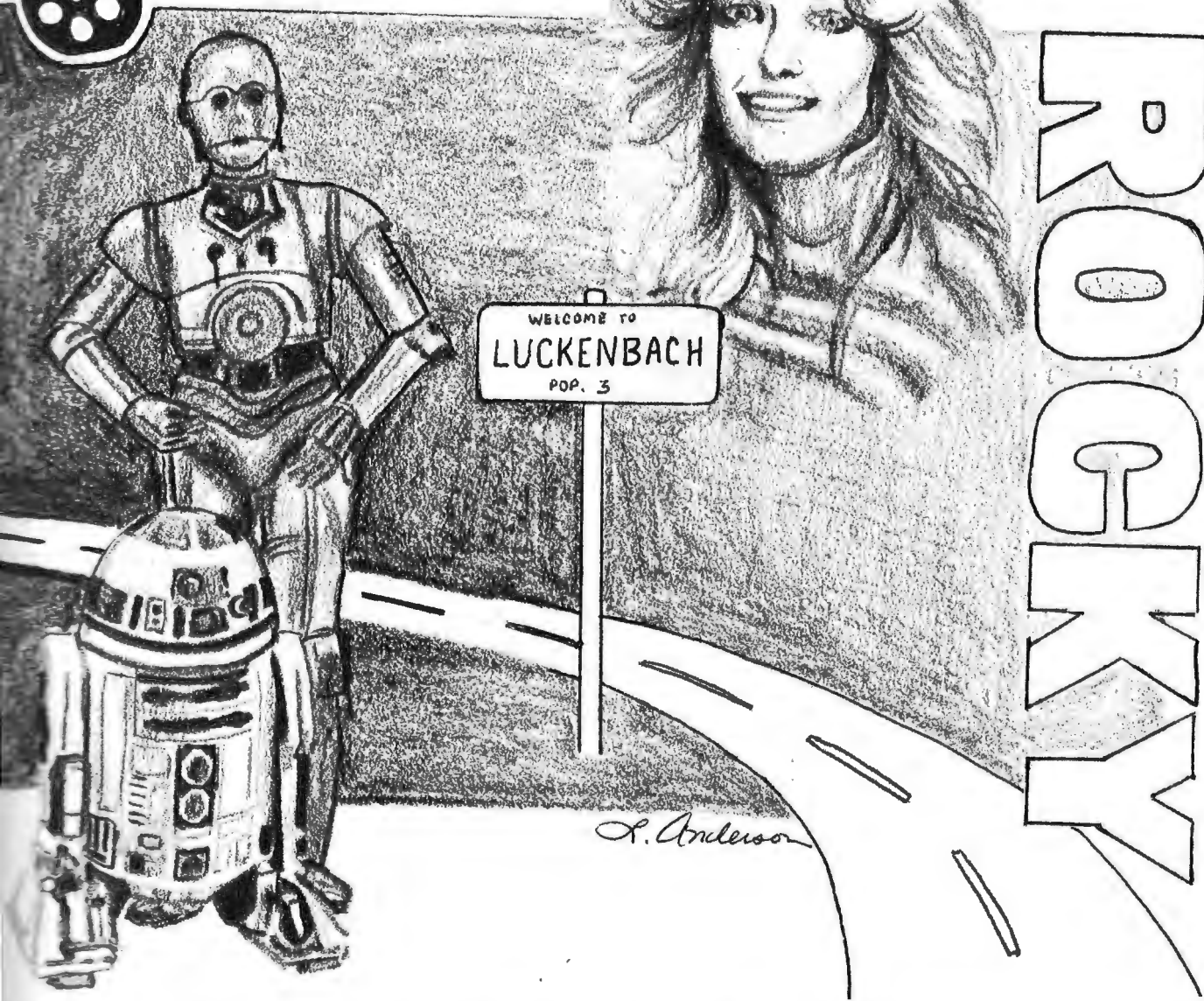
Hit songs which appeared last spring were "Blinded by the Light,"



"Hotel California," "Your Love Is Lifting Me Higher," and Leo Sayer's hit, "When I Need You." Others which came out included "After the Lovin'," "The Things We Do For Love," "I've Got Love On My Mind," "Angel In Your Arms," and the theme from "Rocky."

Following these in late summer were "Looks Like We Made It," "It's Sad To Belong To Someone Else," and the London Symphony Orchestra's recording of "Star Wars" theme.

In the fall, songs such as "We're All Alone," "Blue Bayou," and "Brick House" were introduced. Debbie Boone's recording of "You Light Up My Life" climbed to the top of both pop and country song charts. Other country songs that also made the pop charts were "Luchenbach, Texas" and Dolly



...s recording of "Here You Come
 Tragedy also struck the music and
 industries this year. Several
 bers of the rock group Lynard
 and were killed when their airplane
 and in Mississippi. They were best
 for their songs "Ricky Don't
 That Number" and "Sweet Home
 After a multitude of hit songs and
 Elvis Presley died in his
 Ireland Mansion in Memphis,
 see on August 16.
 He began as "Elvis the Pelvis" with
 his gyrations and ended with the
 of being called the "King of Rock

and Roll." Presley's numerous record-
 ings included "Hound Dog," "Jailhouse
 Rock," "Love Me Tender," and the
 beautiful "Can't Help Falling in Love
 With You." Because of his romantic style,
 good looks, and talent, he was a big
 success in the movie industry. he
 starred in such movies as "Girls, Girls,
 Girls," "Blue Hawaii," and "Girl
 Happy."
 On October 14, family, friends, and
 fans from all over the world were
 shocked to hear of the death of actor
 and performer Bing Crosby. Crosby
 suffered a heart attack while playing golf
 in Madrid. He was also a success in the
 movie and recording industries.

Among his 850 recordings was "White
 Christmas," which alone sold almost 40
 million copies. He also starred in a total
 of 70 movies, two of which were
 "Going My Way," and "The Country
 Girl," both earning him academy
 awards.
 It was, therefore, the media:
 television, radio and movies which
 provided students escape from physics,
 philosophy, and freshman English.
 From "Star Wars" to "You Light Up My
 Life" to "Soap," the media kept the
 academically minded students of
 Ouachita preoccupied for hours with
 its laughter, excitement, and catchy
 tunes.

by Debbi Russell

Giving credit where it's due was the basic idea behind the various honors and recognition programs at Ouachita.

Ways of honoring students ranged from the nationally coveted award of "Who's Who Among American College and University Students," to the yearbook's own recognition system, the OUACHITONIAN Leadership Awards. Along with these, there are the Outstanding Senior Man and Woman Awards which are given by Blue Key and the Association of Women Students (AWS), respectively.

Thirty-four students were named to Who's Who during the fall semester. These students were chosen from a list that had originally included 321 names of seniors (with at least 89 hours) and juniors (with 80 hours or more) who planned to graduate in May or August. They were required to have a minimum grade point average of 2.0.

Awards and honors:

Lists were mailed to each of the 321

Who's Who honor. The students were chosen.

Alan Ainley, of Paragon member of the Rangers, the Baptist Student Union (BSU), Chemical Society, Scuba, Childiggers social club. He was an exchange student to Seinan University in Japan during the school year. Alan was a major in applied sciences who planned to become a physician in a semi-rural area.

Phil Baldwin, from Little Rock, a BSU Big Brother, a member of the Student Senate, Blue Key, Ministerial Alliance. Phil, a major, served as a BSU missionary to Idaho in 1976. He worked in some capacity as a

Brenda Batchelor, of Little Rock, was a member of Chi Delta and Kappa Delta Pi. She was a cheerleader here for two years and also a two-year homecoming candidate. She majored in pathology with plans to earn a Master's degree and work in

Denise Bellamy, of Brookhaven, was a member of the BSU Chi Delta and Kappa Delta Pi. She was a member of the BSU off-campus social. Denise travelled to Japan as part of an exchange program in 1976-77. She has an elementary education degree and plans to teach elementary and junior high school.

Gary Bevell, of Beard, was a member of Beta Beta social, Blue Key, Alpha Chi, Beta Beta Beta Society and American Medical Society. Gary majored in chemistry and plans to become a doctor.

Rosejane Chu, of Arkadelphia, was a member of the Ouachita Student Foundation, Sigma Alpha Iota, Kappa Delta Pi student faculty committee, choir and band. She was head of the marching band. Jane majored in musicology and second education with plans to attend graduate school.

Rodney Davis, from Memphis, was a member of Blue Key, Blue Key Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the BSU Executive Board. With plans to go to graduate

Giving credit where it's due

students, who were allowed to vote for 31 people. After this balloting, the top 62 names were sent to the Student Senate for approval. The Senate voted to eliminate three students who had previously been selected to Who's Who.

Fifty-nine names were sent to a faculty committee composed of one person from each department, along with the Dean of Women, the Dean of Students and the Vice-president for Academic Affairs.

After a tally of the committee's votes, the top 31 students were to be named to fill Ouachita's quota. However, there was an eight-way tie for the last position. Bill Dixon, dean of students, called the Who's Who National Committee to get special permission to include all the people involved in the tie. This resulted in 34 students' becoming recipients of the

y bacteriology, Rodney majored in
ogy and chemistry.

Pamela Dunklin, of Pine Bluff, was
ember of Chi Delta social club,
a Tau Delta, Kappa Delta Pi, and
a sports writer for the SIGNAL.
her majors in English and Spanish,
plans to teach at Dumas High
ool after attending graduate school
e University of Arkansas.

Susan Eldridge, of Little Rock, was
ember of the EEE social club, the
en's volleyball and tennis teams
the OSF. She was president of the
L. Susan majored in physical
ation and health with plans to
tually work on the college level.

Terry Glover, from Houston, TX,
a member of the OSF, Blue Key, Phi
Lambda, Student Senate, Rho
a social club and the Pre-law Club.

Thirty-four students are named to Who's Who Among Students.

majored in business administration
career options of law school,
ess law, marketing or banking.

Steve Goss, of Pine Bluff, was a
ber of Blue Key, Beta Beta social
Ross Foundation Joint Lecture
on Committee and the varsity
ball team. He was also a Chi Delta
With his major in natural
ces, Steve said he plans to become
ctor. "possibly a pediatrician."

Dena Hall, of Clinton, was
ent of the OSF and was a member
National Collegiate Players. She
d in history with interests in a
n public relations or touring.

Carolyn Hansen, of Stuttgart, was a
er of Chi Delta social club,
Singers, University Choir and
conciliation singing group. She
ored in music education with
on piano. She said she plans to
ublic school music, church
private piano. Carolyn, a
OUACHITONIAN Beauty
-p, was also interested in
modeling school.



Members of Who's Who are: (back row) David McClanahan, Teresa Trull. (second row) Faron Rogers, Melinda Steiger, Dena Hall, Sheri McMullan, Rusty Simmons, Martin Theilen. (front row) Susie Eldridge.

Giving credit where it's due

Eight-way tie in Who's
Who balloting makes
OBU exceed
31-member quota as
set by the national
committee.

Melvin Klinkner, of Arkadelphia, was a student loans officer, a member of Phi Beta Lambda, and a participant in the U.S. Army Reserve. With an interest in student aid work or college business teaching, Mel majored in business administration and economics.

Gerald Masterson, from Arkadelphia, ran track and cross-country, and was a member of the Alpha Omega Eta social club. With his major in recreation, physical education and health, Gerald was interested in becoming a physical therapist or a college level track coach.

David McClanahan, of Pine Bluff, was a member of the Beta Beta social

club, Blue Key, the school committee, and was president of Student Senate. David majored in biology and plans to become a physician.

Hilton McDonald, from Little Rock, was a member of Blue Key, Kappa Pi, the track team and FCA. He majored in elementary education with plans to teach elementary school.

Sheri McMullan, a former member of OBU and OUACHITONIAN, from Little Rock, was a member of the Ouachi-Tones, Ouachita Singers, University Choir. She was a member of Chi Delta Social Club, Delta Phi and Alpha Chi. She majored in music education with plans to teach music on the senior high school level.

Kenny Oliver, of Booneville, was a member of the Student Senate, Beta Beta social club and the marching band. He was president of the sophomore class in 1975. He plans to "someday be a certified accountant", Kenny majored in accounting and business administration.

Frank Orr, of San Angelo, played varsity football, participated in advanced ROTC, and was a member of Blue Key and of Rho Sigma social club. Frank majored in pre-dentistry and plans to go into the Army Medical Corps for three years upon completion of dental school.

Don Phillips, of Pine Bluff, was a member of Blue Key, SELF, Beta Beta social club and the varsity tennis team. He was co-chairman of the Student Worship committee. Don majored in religion with plans to attend a seminary.

Harriet Reaves, of Pine Bluff, was a member of SELF, the Student Senate, the Student National Education Association, the Ozark Society, Delta Pi, the Ross Foundation, and the Lecture Selection Committee. She majored in P.E. Majors and Minors Club with plans to become a secondary teacher.

Faron Rogers, of Paragou, was a member of Beta Beta social club, Student Senate, Blue Key, Democrats, Pre-law Club, M.A.A. Alliance and FCA. He was afternoon director and was president of the senior class. Faron majored in



Who's Who members are: (back row) Phil Baldwin, Kenny Oliver, Martha Vastine, Harriet Reaves, Carolyn Hansen, Rodney Davis, Gary Beville, Brenda Batchelor, Denise Bellamy. (front row) Alan Ainley, Pamela Dunklin, Jane Chu and Debbi Russell.

Debbi Russell, of Pine Bluff, was editor of the OUACHITONIAN for two years, a three-year member of the AWS Judiciary Board, and a two-year member of the OSF. She was sophomore class secretary in 1975 and senior class treasurer this year. She was also a two-year candidate for homecoming. A communications and English major, Debbi plans to teach on the secondary level and eventually to work on a national magazine.

Rusty Simmons, of Benton, was a member of the OSF, Phi Beta Lambda, and the rugby team. He was president of Sigma Alpha Sigma social club and was a cheerleader for three years. Rusty majored in biology with plans to become an optometrist.

Anita Stafford, from Camden, was director of the Photo Lab, president of EEE social club, a Sigma Alpha Sigma social club sweetheart, a BSU retreat counselor and a SIGNAL contributor. Anita was a mass communications and political sciences major. After graduation, she will manage a studio in Malvern for Southern Photographic, Inc.

Melinda Steiger, of Little Rock, was a member of the BSU Freshman Council, EEE social club, Panhellenic Council, OSF and was junior class secretary in 1976. Melinda majored in art with plans to teach secondary art

Steps in the election process begin with student balloting.

and art appreciation.

Danny Tate, from Camden was a member of the BSU and was a summer missionary. He is a singer-guitarist who has performed at talent shows for SELF, BASS and Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity. Danny was a music major whose vocational interests include performing and composing.

Martin Thielen, of Hot Springs, was a member of Verbatim, Ministerial Alliance, BSU Big Brothers and an OBU Contact Team. He was a BSU president. Martin majored in religion with plans to become a minister or a professor of religion at the college level.

Teresa Trull, of Pine Bluff, was a member of the Ouachitones, Chamber

Singers, Revised Edition singing group, EEE social club, Kappa Delta Pi, and an OBU Contact Team. She was a Phi Mu Alpha sweetheart. Teresa majored in music with plans to "either teach music at the college level or perform."

Martha Vastine, of Rogers, was a member of the BSU Executive Council, Ouachita Singers, Homecoming committee, and AWS Judiciary Board. She was a member of the Revised Edition singing group and vice-president of the Pi Kappa Zeta social club. Martha was a summer missionary to Zambia. She was a religious education and sociology major who planned to be a missionary.

Andy Vining, of Arkadelphia, was a member of the tennis and swim teams, Beta Beta social club, Blue Key, Student Senate, and the OSF. Andy was a business administration and economics

major interested in banking or "business-related management".

Scott Willis, of Little Rock, was a member of the BSU Executive Committee, OBU Contact teams, Beta Beta social club, "Jesus Christ Power and Light" singing group and the Title IX advisory committee. Scott majored in psychology and plans to become involved in BSU student work upon completion of seminary training.

Ronny Yowell, of Pasadena, TX, was a member of the swimming and rifle teams, the Rangers, FCA, Student Senate, National Society of Pershing Rifles and the drill team. He was president of the Rho Sigma social club and was a cartoonist for the SIGNAL. Ronny is interested in marine biology, and plans to receive a commission as second lieutenant and make the Marines his career.



Members of Who's Who are: (back row) Don Phillips, Hilton McDonald. (front row) Ronny Yowell, Terry Glover, Anita Stafford, Andy Vining and Scott Willis.

Giving credit where it's due

(cont.)

by Diane Hopson

Of the 56 students nominated for the Ouachitonian Leadership Awards, only ten received the honor. This gives some idea of how slim the chance of being selected.

First, one must be nominated by departmental chairmen and campus clubs. These nominees are then passed on to a committee of students and faculty who shorten the list somewhat.

Last, the top 25 per cent of the nominees complete information sheets on which they are awarded points for their participation in extra-curricular activities. The nominees with the ten top-most points are Ouachitonian leaders.

Carol Cannedy, an English and secondary education major from Texarkana, joined the OBU Band Council and has been an active member for the past two years. Last year, she was named Outstanding Sophomore Band

Kappa Delta Pi honor society was a three-semester member of the President's List, which honors students who maintain a grade point average of 4.0.

David McClanahan, the Ouachitonian Leadership Award winner, was president of the Student Senate. Aside from this, he was a member of the Baptist Student Union, Blue Key and the Beta Beta Beta. David was named to the Student Senate three times, and was selected as Outstanding Senior Man by the Student Senate and National Honor Society.

Pam Morgan became a member in the Pre-law Club and the EEE social club. She was a reporter for the EEE's and participated in the Pre-law Club. She was a parliamentarian for the Association of Women Students (AWS) and an intramural director for the American Student Society.

Harriet Reaves majored in secondary education with teaching certificates in physical education and biology. She was chairman of the Student Entertainment and Lecture Fund (SELF) and the Student Senate's vice-president of SELF. Harriet was also a member of the Ross Foundation Joint Leadership Committee.

Mona Rowe, from Texarkana, participated in a number of campus activities. She was crowned Ouachitonia Queen and Miss OBU first runner-up and Arkansas third runner-up. She was a candidate for the title of Outstanding Student in 1978.

Mona's club activities included being vice-chairman of the finance committee for the Ouachita Student Foundation (OSF), first vice-president and secretary for the EEE social club, and membership on the Association of Women Students (AWS) Board.

Debbi Russell was a student of Journalism and English major from Bluff. She spent the majority of her time editing the OUACHITONIAN. She was recognized academically by being named to Who's Who in America and awarded a University Scholarship by being named to Who's Who in America.

Debbi was a member of the AWS Judiciary Board. She was also a member of the American Collegiate Pro



Hours of practice are a daily routine for music major Brenda Ingram.



Careful management of time is a must for Pam Morgan who is not only a Dean's List student and a member of six major campus clubs, but is also an employee at Sears downtown.

Member. She was a member of Kappa Delta Pi, the Ouachita Student Foundation OSF, SELF, and the Student Senate.

Jane Chu was head majorette for the band this year. She has a major in music education. Her background in this field led to many opportunities. She was the piano accompanist for the Chamber Singers this year, and for the Ouachi-Tones the year before.

Brenda Ingram, a senior from Farmington Hills, Michigan, majored in music education. She was corresponding secretary for the Pi Kappa Zeta social club, and was president of the



Only one male was selected as a 'Ouachitonian leader'. David McClanahan, who was also chosen Outstanding Senior Man by Blue Key, enjoys the unusual amount of snow we had this winter.

Between her secondary education professional semester "block" courses, Harriet Reaves takes time out to relax and read the *Gazette* in the Tiger Grrrrill.



Multi-talented music education major Jane Chu plays flute, piccolo, and piano. She has also been head majorette and feature twirler for the marching band.

With a look of rapt attention, junior English major Carol Cannedy listens to a lecture.

Giving credit where it's due

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tion and the Columbia Scholastic Press Association conventions in New Orleans and New York City.

Martha Jane Smith toured Hawaii this Christmas as a member of the Ouachi-Tones. She served as AWS president and as songleader for the Chi Delta social club. Martha Jane was a member of the BSU, Kappa Delta Pi and the OBU Singers.

Anita Stafford was a senior mass communications major from Camden. She served as photographer for the Signal and the OUACHITONIAN, and as director of photography for OBU. Even with that much responsibility, she became a member of the EEE social club of which she was elected historian, rush chairman and president.

Anita was selected Homecoming Queen and shared the title of AWS "Outstanding Senior Woman."

Anita's co-titleholder was **Dena Raye Hall**, a senior from Clinton. Dena was a history major who spent most of her "extra" time coordinating the activities of the OSF. She was president of that organization which raised thousands of dollars of scholarship money for upperclassmen, works with student recruitment, and sponsors the annual Tiger Traks Weekend.

In the annual Ouachi-Tones concert, senior music education major Martha Jane Smith performs a solo specialty number. Martha Jane is a two-year Ouachitonian Leadership honoree.

A busy and demanding schedule is part of the daily routine for Anita Stafford, director of photography.

Anita was elected Homecoming Queen and Outstanding Senior Woman.





Most of the headlines in the OUACHITONIAN are handset using acetate rub-on lettering. Two-year editor Debbi Russell works on headlines for the student life section, and pauses to approve a layout by one of the staff members.

In preparation for the fourth annual Tiger Traks Weekend, Ouachita Student Foundation president Dena Hall spends lots of time in Rockefeller Field House.

The "Outstanding Senior Women" were elected by other senior women through a poll conducted by the AWS.

Whether the honor came in the form of a national award like Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities, or in the form of campus-wide recognition like Ouachitonian Leadership Awards and Outstanding Senior Man and Woman, at Ouachita, we were giving credit where it's due.



In a routine from the Ouachi-Tones annual concert, Mona Rowe dons a cowgirl costume. Mona was among the group who toured Hawaii during the Christmas vacation.



by Cindy McClain

For America, 1977-78 was a time of normalcy - we were at peace with most other countries even if they weren't at peace with themselves. The nation's economy wasn't much better, but neither was it much worse.

Jimmy's smile was still the same one from the campaign trails of '76 though around it were new lines and creases after a year in office. For the president, 1977 was a year of learning.

And while Carter fought congressional opposition to his programs, brother Billy and sister Ruth were making their own headlines. In October Billy Carter unveiled his own name-brand line of beer, made to his taste and complete with his own

signature on the can. Sister Ruth Carter Stapleton, meanwhile, was busy with the religious conversion of "Hustler" editor Larry Flynt.

Scandals still made headlines in '77. Carter's personal friend Bert Lance resigned from his job as budget director while under investigation for past questionable banking practices as president of a bank in Georgia.

Maryland Governor Marvin Mandel stepped down after a jury found him guilty on 111 counts of fraud and racketeering. Former Attorney General John Mitchell and H. R. Haldeman, chief of staff under Richard Nixon, both began serving federal prison sentences for their parts in the Watergate

Coverup. The hero from Watergate, Leon Jaworski, took over the investigation of "Koreagate," the new scandal coined for investigation of alleged Korean payoffs to U.S. congressmen.

In crime the headlining scandal was the capture of David Berkowitz, the "Son of Sam," after a six-month manhunt by New York police. Berkowitz killed six young people in New York City, and, according to the orders, he said, of a dog.

But as soon as Berkowitz was captured, making headlines in New York City, the Hillside Strangler started making headlines in Los Angeles. The Hollywood Strangler (who killed several young women, police weren't even sure of the number after 11 murders) liked to pick up young prostitutes. They compr



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...of the slain women.
 America also lost several notable people during '77-'78, among them Minnesota Senator Hubert H. Humphrey and Arkansas Senator John McClellan (see separate article). Senator Humphrey died January 13 after a long fight with cancer. "The Warrior," as he was called, was responsible for such legislation as the Peace Corps, the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency and the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The weather again made headlines as the winter of '78 set records just as the winter of '77 had. Most memorable in Ouachita's history was the three-day snowfall right before Spring

registration that kept several students stranded at home an additional week. Area residents and students were at first delighted with the first real snowfall to hit Arkadelphia in years. But after two weeks of freezing temperatures and slippery sidewalks, the snowy wonderland began getting bothersome.

On a much warmer June evening a lightning storm north of New York City shut down that city's power supply for 25 hours, leaving the famous skyline a black silhouette. In the ghettos a barrage of looting and arson went unchecked during those dark hours.

Terrorism also hit home in April when twelve Hanafi Muslims invaded

three buildings in Washington and held 134 people hostage for three days.

The nation's farmers, discouraged by rising farm costs and lower market prices began striking in late autumn. While most Americans sat down on Thanksgiving Day to a dinner of turkey, stuffing and all the trimmings, many farmers were participating in "tractor-cades," carrying signs with slogans such as "Eat hearty today for tomorrow you may go hungry."

And so the year went. Even though '77-'78 might not have been comparable to a year out of the roaring twenties, neither was the nation sinking into the depths of depression. We could take solace in that.



Ouachita's adopted U.S. Senator dies at 81



The death of Senator John McClellan, on November 28, 1977, was probably the national happening closest to Ouachita students during 1977-78. Senator McClellan died in Little Rock. He was 81 years old.

Senator McClellan announced in June 1976 that he would leave his official papers and memorabilia to Ouachita. They will be housed in the \$1.5 million McClellan Hall, which was opened for classes during the Spring semester.

"My decision to make Ouachita Baptist University the repository of these papers was largely influenced by the stature and prestige that Ouachita has achieved as a Christian institution dedicated to providing the highest quality of formal education since its founding more than 90 years ago," McClellan said at the time of the announcement.

Had Senator McClellan lived to complete his current term, he would

have spent fifty years in public office, thirty-five of them in Washington. He was the most senior U.S. Senator in the history of Arkansas, and, at the time of his death, was second in seniority in the Senate.

Following Senator McClellan's death, Dr. Grant issued the following comment: "Arkansans and Americans have lost a great friend and dedicated public servant in the death of Senator John McClellan. Ouachita Baptist University especially shares in the sorrow as we near the completion of a beautiful classroom building on our campus to be named for Senator McClellan and to house his official papers and memorabilia from more than fifty years of public life. Our sorrow is deepened in the knowledge that he was looking forward to participating in the dedication of the building. We will redouble efforts now to make this facility an outstanding memorial and tribute to his distinguished life."

Cheap entertainment - wallet-wise, not quality-wise - gives students something to fill the empty days of a semester's first start.

By Cindy McClain

Gil Eagles . . . Cyndi Grecco . . . Jerry Jarrett. True, we didn't have concerts by big name people such as Linda Ronstadt, Earth, Wind and Fire or Barry Manilow. Sometimes even, the people who appeared here we hadn't heard of before.

"But the performers we did have were excellent, even if they weren't big name performers," commented freshman Janet Wilson. "Concerts sponsored by SELF (Student Entertainment and Lecture Fund) ranged in price from one dollar to three dollars, so college budgets didn't suffer in order for the student to be entertained."

Ten concerts were sponsored for students during the year, eight of them musical. Besides these, SELF sponsored a wide range of movies, coffeehouses, a talent search held in conjunction with comedian Bob Hope, and a last lecture series by campus professors.

Several movies and two concerts were sponsored by the organization at the start of the fall semester, providing students with entertainment during those first few empty weeks when classes and clubs were just getting started.

The Wright Brothers Overland Stage Company, a versatile group whose music ranged from bluegrass and ballads, to gospel and rock, was composed of six guys. The Wright Brothers have in the past shared billing with Earth, Wind and Fire, Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, Mac Davis, Waylon Jennings and others.

The same week psychic Gil Eagles also made another appearance at Ouachita.

Three movies accompanied the Wright Brothers concert and Gil Eagles to round out entertainment the first

week of the semester. All proceeds from one of the movies went to the Clark County Muscular Dystrophy drive.

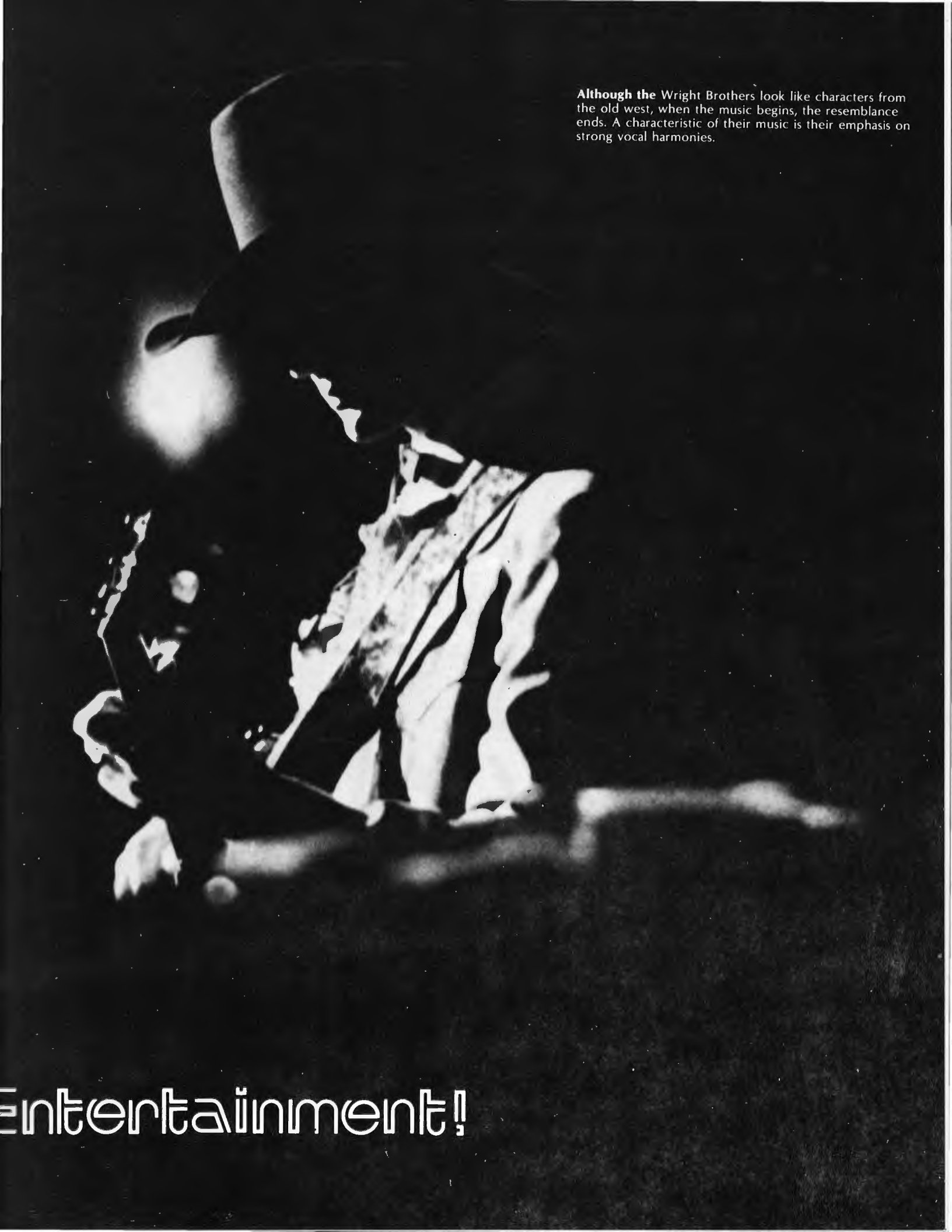
In September, area competition for a nation-wide "Search for Top in Collegiate Talent" was held here. The talent contest was a joint effort between comedian Bob Hope and the National Entertainment and Campus Activities Association (NECAA), to which the SELF organization belongs.

The winner of the competition at Ouachita was Beth Browning, a sophomore from Roxana, Illinois. SELF presented her with one hundred dollars prize money. Another hundred dollars was divided between the next top four winners, Gwyn Monk, the Ouachi-Tones, the OBU Stage Band, and Billy Elmore and Bruce Webb. Miss Browning then went on to win the area competition at Russellville. Twelve other colleges and universities from Arkansas and Louisiana participated in the area competition.

The top two winners at Russellville also performed in person with Bob Hope in a concert at the Pine Bluff Convention Center in October (See related story on page 228). The top six acts in area competition then continued on to sectional competition held at Texas A&M. The winners chosen there continued to national competition in January.

Miss Browning did not place in the top two spots at sectional competition, although she did place in the top five. Only the top two could continue to national competition, however. From the national competition Hope selected eight to ten winners to appear with him on nation-wide television.

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Although the Wright Brothers look like characters from the old west, when the music begins, the resemblance ends. A characteristic of their music is their emphasis on strong vocal harmonies.

Entertainment!

Ouachita's own Beth Browning performs with comedian Bob Hope, places in top five of talent search sectional competition.

The purpose of the search was to provide a vehicle whereby college students could display talents, advance careers, and gain educational experience at the same time. It provided a stepping stone for students into the field of entertainment and performing arts. "It has been said, 'Seek and ye shall find' and that's what we're doing. Let's hope to find a star," said Mr. Hope.

Something else new for students during the fall semester was a last lecture series. Four professors were asked by SELF to give the lecture they would present if they knew it was their last. The four professors chosen to participate in the series were Dr. Bill Elder, professor of religion; Mrs. Betty McCommas, professor of English; Mr. Jim Ranchino, associate professor of political science; and Mr. Lavell Cole, associate professor of history.

Dr. Elder's general topic was courage. Elder was an announced candidate for Congress for district four. Mrs. McCommas' topic was communication, verbal and non-verbal. "Apples of Gold in Pictures of Silver," a figure of speech taken from Proverbs 25-11 was the title. "You can Lead a Horse to Water But Don't Push Him In Because You Know How Much a Wet Horse Stinks," was the title of the lecture given by Jim Ranchino in the lecture series. The final lecture given by Mr. Cole was "Insecurity-National and Personal." His topic covered observations he made during the time span of the 60's and 70's.

Jerry Jarrett, former star of Broadway's long running musical, "Fiddler on the Roof," presented his one-man show "An evening with Tevye" in October.

The SELF-sponsored concert was

actually a two-man show as Jarrett was accompanied by pianist James Roberts as he presented songs and stories from "The Fiddler."

Jarrett played the father and lead role who is Tevye, for over four years on Broadway, on tour and in regional stock and repertory productions.

The audience favorite of the concert was the popular song "If I were a Rich Man." He also performed the song during the Tuesday chapel prior to his concert.

For Homecoming this year, Self presented popular musical performer Cyndi Grecco. Miss Grecco is best known for her recording of the theme song "Making Our Dreams Come True" from the popular ABC television series "Laverne and Shirley." She has also released an album for Private Stock Records by the same title.

This was Miss Grecco's second appearance at Ouachita. She also appeared in concert here last April. As a singer-keyboard artist, Miss Grecco performed blues, ballads, love songs, and other popular music in her concert.

An unusual concert during the fall semester was Tziganka," a Russian folk troupe. Tzinganka, which means "Gypsy Girl" in Russian, featured 15 performers including Faina Zinova who has taken the British public by storm since 1974 with her performance of gypsy songs.

A highlight of the show was the balalaika "juggling" number in which the balalaika instrument, similar to a ukulele, was spun around, up in the air, twisted behind the head and back, under one leg and turned back to front while still being played.

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A very colorful person" was how one student described actor Jerry Jerrett. In his performance of "If I Were a Rich Man," Jerrett got the audience involved by snapping his fingers.



Some students were disappointed when Jerrett didn't appear in the Russian clothes Tevye wore in "Fiddler." He did wear the cap Tevye wore, however.

Stories told by Jerrett included some from his own personal background. He said his own family was not unlike that of Tevye's in "Fiddler on the Roof."





"The Long Road," a Russian song popularized in this country under the title "Those Were the Days," is sung by Russian singer Faina Zinova. Miss Zinova currently resides in London.



"A way for students to enter the field of entertainment" was what comedian Bob Hope called the Top in Collediate Talent Search. Students who met him at the Pine Bluff concert said he was a "very friendly and sincere guy."



Handling the microphones with extreme ease, the Hear and Now Singers perform a number from their pop show.

In her second appearance, Ouachita Cyndi Green performed at Homecoming. Afterwards, she attended Sigma activity also held that night.

Mitchell's stage came alive with Russian folk dances in a concert by "Tziganka," a Russian folk troupe

A wide range of entertainment awaited students when classes resumed after Christmas break. Three concerts—Mac Frampton, the Hear and Now Singers and masked mimes Serrand and Berlovitz—kept students entertained during registration week and the start of classes.

Frampton and his group "Triumvirate" sang and played a wide variety of music from classical to jazz and rock. Pieces played from the classical "Rhapsody in Blue" by George Gershwin to the pop theme from "Star Wars."

The eight-member Hear and Now Singers and their 10 band members performed three acts within two shows while at Ouachita. On one night Act III entitled "Hallelujah!" was performed. This program contained selections of contemporary sacred materials including solos, ensembles, puppets and testimonies. The next night the group performed Acts I and II. Act I contained up-tempo, popular materials, complete with choreography and bright costumes and sets. Act II was "The World of a Clown," and featured the group in full clown make-up and costumes.

The 18-member Samford University ensemble from Birmingham, Alabama were all full-time students at that Baptist university.

The group also held a workshop on both days for OBU singing groups. The ensemble shared performance techniques and "tricks of the trade" with the OBU students.

The highly talented Barbara Berlovitz and Dominique Serrand was the third concert for students during the first week. The duo blended mime, clowning, acrobatics, dance and maskmaking to create a stirring kind of new theatre, one which defied descrip-

tion and tickled one's sense of absurdity. The duo termed their two-act presentation "Silent Night." It partook of, but was not limited to mime and even that was not the classic white face mime. They performed in full or partial masks which were blank faces that became incredibly comic organs of expression by association with the actors' amusing flow of postures, gestures and movements.

During Christian Focus Week, SELF and the BSU jointly sponsored the Jeremiah People, a singing group composed of three females and two males who sang contemporary religious selections of music.

To round out the year's entertainment SELF also sponsored a wide variety of movies throughout it. A Barbara Streisand Film Festival was held in the fall. Streisand films shown included "Funny Girl," "Funny Lady," "The Way We Were," and "What's Up Doc?" Some movies during the year included "The Sting," "The Outlaw Josey Wales," "4 Musteteers," "Barry Lyndon," and "The Robe."

Selected as chairman of SELF for the year was Harriet Reaves, a senior from Pine Bluff. She also held an office in the regional conference as a student member of the Steering Committee of the NECAA. The NECAA is an educational service organization of student and professional activities programmers with over 1,000 colleges and universities throughout the United States in its membership.

Nine representatives of SELF attended the NECA regional conference during the fall semester. Larry Payton, director of student activities at OBU and SELF sponsor, served this past year as regional coordinator for this organization.



Sports

CLOSE UP

There was one aspect of Ouachita that brought students together more than any other activity: athletics. Whether it was a Saturday afternoon football game at A. U. Williams field or a group of athletically minded students playing a late-night game at Walton Gym, that spirit of competition was there.

Almost every student, male or female, dreamed of that big moment in any given athletic contest when he or she excels beyond expectation by scoring the game-winning touchdown, sinking a shot at the buzzer to push the team to a win, or turning a double play for the final two outs in the bottom of the ninth inning.

Sports came in two varieties. For the more talented, it was putting on pads and a helmet, or



maybe spikes and a golfer's cap and competition for Ouachita in varsity sports.

For those with a big heart but short talent, there were intramural sports, a chance to compete in practically the same game with

Roundballer Dan Taylor, who runs the Tiger offense, tells a UCA Bear just how it's going to be.

Every player is all ears as head coach Buddy Benson gives his football team a last-minute pep talk.



Sports CLOSE UP

(cont.)

Getting involved was one the main reasons students turned to some form of athletic competition.

"It gives me a chance to meet other people, get a little exercise, and it's fun," said Renee Rogers. "Although football is my favorite sport," continued Renee, "I'll play almost any other sport because I like to get involved."

Enthusiasm, practice and desire

Ouachita's athletic program got so close to winning the Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference All-sports trophy that it hurt. Finishing with 72 points, Tiger varsity athletics slipped painfully to second place behind the trophy winner, University of Central Arkansas.

Presentation of an all-sports trophy would have been an added plus for the athletic banquet, at which KARK-TV sports-caster Rob Wiley, who was sports-caster for the year in 1976, was the main speaker.

Members of all the University's men's and women's teams attended, along with members of the soccer and rugby clubs, cheerleaders, faculty, administration and other guests.

But there was more to athletics than a yearly banquet. Playing varsity sports required a great deal of practice and a real desire to play, and most importantly, a desire to win. Varsity coaches at Ouachita were looking forward to a good athletic year before their seasons began.

"Our squad had been very enthusiastic in practice, and has shown a tremendous will to work hard," said basketball coach Bill Vining. "They have also shown great team unity, and we



hope this unity and hard work will pay off for us this season."

Tigerette basketball coach Carolyn Moffatt also expressed optimism about the upcoming season. "We're looking pretty good. We are installing a new offense which is coming along real well right now, and we hope to have it down real good by our opening game."

In his first year as Tiger Shark head coach, Van Barrett said, "All of our swimmers are working hard, and want to improve on last year's fourth place showing in the AIC."

Of course, all of Ouachita's varsity teams worked hard in an effort to win the AIC crown in their sport. Three Ouachita teams accomplished that goal.

Ouachita's track, golf and tennis teams all finished first in the AIC in their sport. An accomplishment which took hard work, but netted quite a reward.

Increasing interest in intramurals

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With a look of determination on her face, Tenley Griffith sprints around left end in an intramural football game.

A steady increase in participation improved the university's intramural program according to intramural director Van Barrett.

The total number of participants in the intramural program was somewhere over the 700 mark, and therefore it improved the program tremendously.

Percentage-wise, Ouachita had probably as many or more participants than any other school in the state.

The intramural program included sports for men as well as women. Just to mention a few, there were football, volleyball, basketball, softball, swimming and tennis. A new sport, soccer, was added to the intramural department's program.

Although the total number of football teams in this year's intramural program was only 17, the number of volleyball teams, for both men and women, skyrocketed to a total of 30, and the number of participants in the turkey trot hovered around the hundred mark.

Athletic competition is an aspect of Ouachita that helps fuse the student body into what it is . . . close, as you will see in SPORTS CLOSE UP.

What does it take?

Even though the Tigers outplayed their opponents in most statistics, they were still unable to put it all together, finishing with a 4-6 record, leaving them in a three-way tie for fifth place. "This is one time that the record doesn't show the kind of individuals, the kind of people, on the football team. We had some just outstanding players, but due to the injuries we couldn't keep it all together," said Head Coach Buddy Bob Benson.

Ouachita netted 1,724 yards overall, rushing 130 yards over their opponents. The Tigers also made more first downs, 165 to their opponents' 126.

In individual scoring for OBU, tailback William Miller was on top with 10 touchdowns for 60 points. Miller finished the season second in the Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference (AIC) with 1,191 total rushing yards and a 4.2 yard average.

Neal Turner was our top passer connecting for ten touchdowns and a 48.6 percentage of completions. Turner took second honors in AIC passing, completing 84 of 173 passes of 1,030 yards.

Scott Carter and Eddie Jackson, both freshmen, were Turner's favorite receivers with 26 and 17 catches respectively, for seven touchdowns between them.

Defensively, Ouachita ranked fourth in the AIC allowing an average of only 159.4 yards for 16 touchdowns on the ground. In pass defense, the Tigers gave up an average of 94.9 yards a game for nine touchdowns and a total average of 254.3 yards per game.

Junior Ricky Davenport led the Tiger tackle chart with 96. Sophomore Ezekiel Vaughn was second with 94 tackles to his credit.

Gary Benson was the leading punt returner with 13 carries for 58 yards.

Steve Halpin, our leader in pass interceptions was fourth in AIC standings picking of five of the enemies passes.

The team elected tri-captains this year choosing Steve Halpin, George Hern, and Gary Benson. These seniors are three of six players named on the All-AIC team.

The Tigers started the 1977 season with a bang by blanking both McMurray college and Bishop College in their first two games. Opening the home season, Ouachia beat McMurray College 14-0 before the annual Choir Day crowd of over 5,00 fans. One week later, the Tigers traveled to Dallas

Tailback William Miller darts through the hole opened in the offensive line by all-AIC team tackle George Hern during a game at Searcy against the Harding College Bison.





Tri-captains for the homecoming game against Henderson were Gary Benson, George Hern and Steve Halpin. Steadily chewing his gum, George Hern tells the head referee which goal the Tigers will defend at the kick-off.



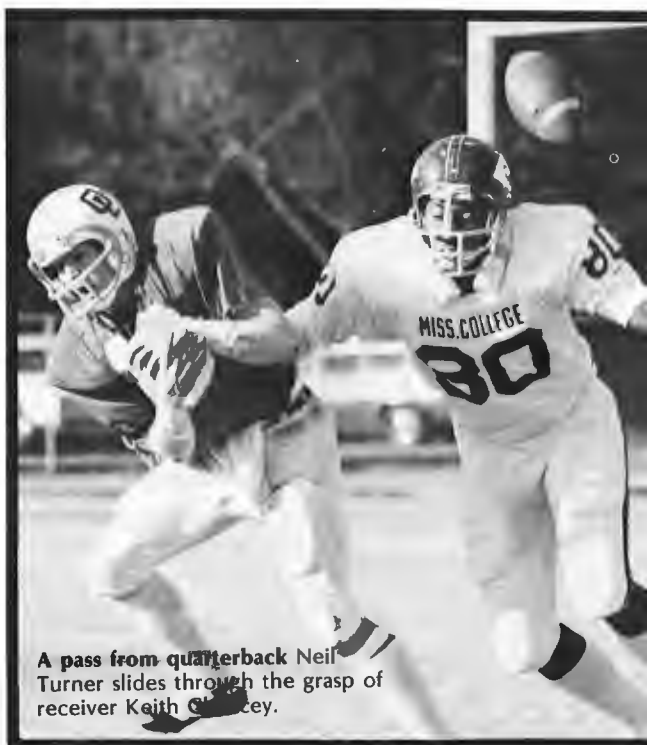
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to take on Bishop College. The Ouachita defense played brilliantly, keeping their opponent's scoreless once again. A big setback came as senior Rickey Remley of Mesquite, Texas suffered a leg injury putting him out of the season.

This winning streak was short lived as the Tigers fell 35-13 to Southeastern Oklahoma University's Savages. Ouachita got on the scoreboard with only 1:46 on the clock by a 58-yard touchdown pass to freshman Scott Carter. Defensive linebacker Ronald Harris recovered a fumble on the Savages' ten yard line setting up for the final score, another pass to Carter.

In a crucial conference game, Ouachita beat the University of Arkansas at Monticello 12-6. The next Saturday, Ouachita fell to the Harding College Bison 29-15. William Miller was named "Southland Life AIC Athlete of the Week" as he made both Tiger touchdowns in the traditionally tough battle against Harding.



A pass from quarterback Neil Turner slides through the grasp of receiver Keith C. Coney.





In another loss for Ouachita, Gary Benson was named "Southland Life AIC Athlete of the Week" as the Tigers fell to Mississippi College 20-8.

Coming off two consecutive losses, Ouachita just couldn't pull it together once again, losing to the University of Central Arkansas 17-19.

The next weekend, though, the Tigers devastated the Southern Arkansas University Muleriders 38-27 before SAU's homecoming crowd of over 5,000 fans. Afterwards, Coach Benson said, "Our offense was super, which gave our defense extra incentive." In a tight first half SAU led 21-17 with three runs by Mulerider favorite Don Hawkins. William Miller opened the Tiger scoring with a run in from the 11 yard line. David Sharp was next to score with a 28 yard field goal. Filling in for injured Lance Shinall, halfback Danny Turner and Miller moved the ball to the 37, setting up for a TD pass to Ronnie Bruton, new at tight end position, with 3:37 left in the first half.

Ouachita dominated the second half after capturing an SAU fumble, a surprise play came with Miller taking a hand-off and then passing to split end Eddie Jackson

Checked closely by a UAM defensive back, Scott Carter makes the reception on a sideline pattern.



Watching the defensive unit in action, quarterback Neal Turner goes over the next offensive series' plays in his head.

Led by linebacker Ricky Davenport, the Tiger defensive unit converges on a UAM tailback. Davenport led the Tiger tackle chart for the season with a total of 96 assisted and unassisted tackles.

What does it take?

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regaining the lead 24-21. After a ten-play drive, Miller went in from the one. Another touchdown from the one by Mark Scott brought the Tiger total to 38 points.

The Ouachita offense tore holes through the SAU front line. "Our people did it today, something we could see all week in practice. . . it was a total effort," said Paul Sharp of the OBU coaching staff.

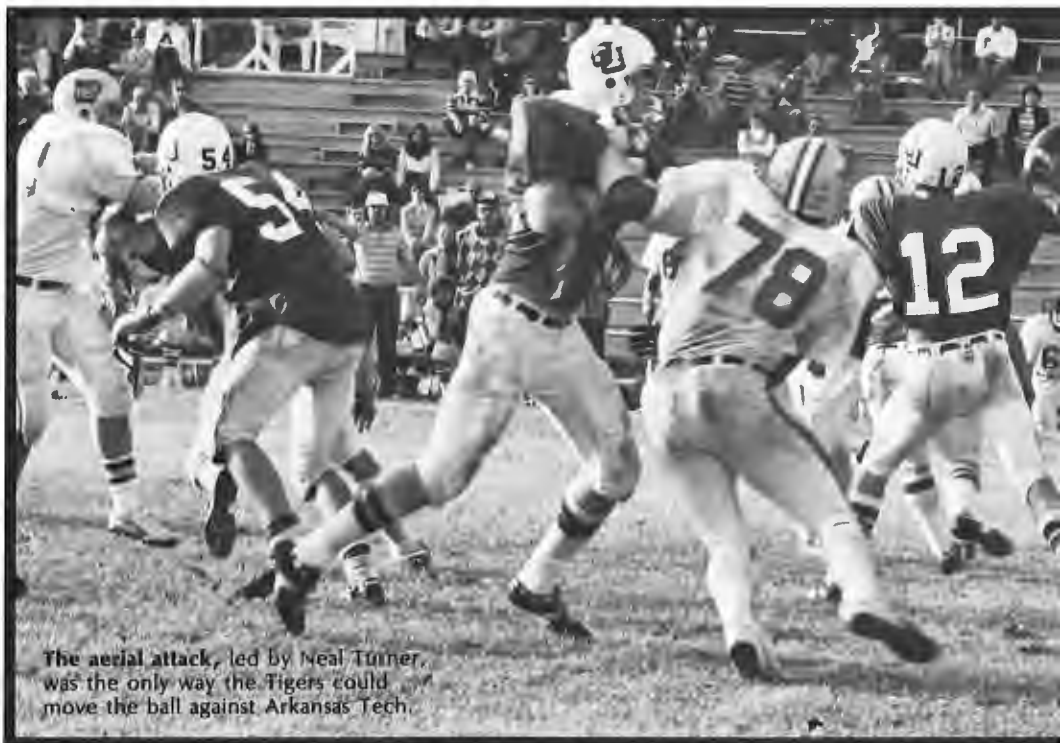
Known for their offensive line, the Arkansas Tech Wonder Boys were ready for the Tigers after also being put down by UCA just one week before. Ouachita fell to Tech in that game by only four points, 27-31.

With two weeks to get ready, the Tigers were prepared to take on the Henderson State University Reddies for the crucial joint homecoming meeting often called "the battle of the Ravine." Ouachita came into this, the 53rd meeting of the two universities holding a 26-22-4 margin over the Reddies in a series which started in 1907. For the first time since the two spectacular shut-outs at the beginning of the season, Ouachita was almost well from so many injuries that plagued them all season.

The first half belonged to Ouachita with the first score from David Sharp and a 25 yard field goal. Quarterback Neal Turner fired an 80 yard touchdown pass to Keith Jackson for a 9-0 halftime lead. In an important fourth and ten play from the Tiger 45, Reddie kicker Bo Adkisson faked a punt for a first down on the OBU 34. The Reddies closed the gap with a 22-yard touchdown.

A fumble late in the third quarter recovered by Ezekiel Vaughn put Ouachita in good position for a 28 yard drive

Tripped by a Harding defender, tailback William Miller goes into the air for a few extra yards. Miller led all Tiger rushers with a season total of 1,227 yards.



The aerial attack, led by Neal Turner, was the only way the Tigers could move the ball against Arkansas Tech.



After having two weeks to prepare, Coach Buddy Benson took his team into Haygood Stadium at HSU for the traditional battle of the ravine. During the final minutes of the game, Coach Benson wasn't quite as calm.

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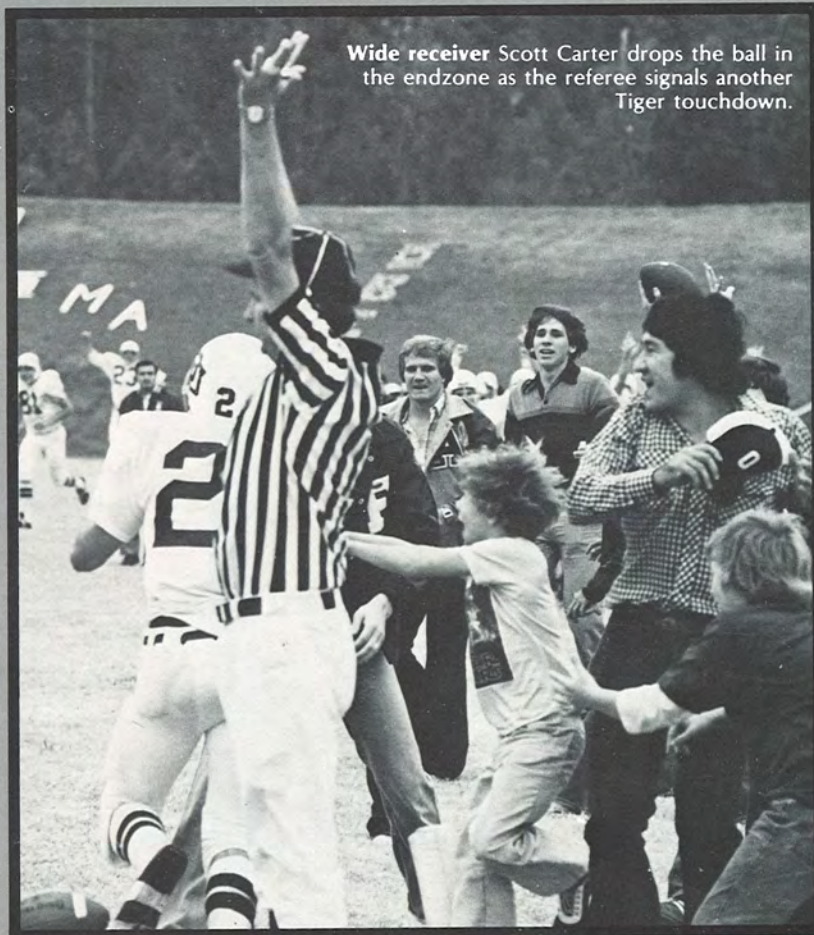
ending in a William Miller touchdown from the two. Late in the fourth quarter an OBU penalty again set up a Reddie TD. On fourth and ten the Tigers were called for a clip, and HSU had a first at the Ouachita 48. Nine plays later, a Reddie touchdown brought the score to 16-14. Then with only 49 seconds on the clock, Henderson kicker Adkisson put the three points through the uprights to win the game 17-16.

Later, Coach Benson said he thought the Henderson game was a highlight of the 1977 season even though the Tigers lost. Said Benson, "I thought it was a super football game, it was just a shame we lost. We clearly outplayed them all over the field."

Injuries and inexperience were the main downfalls for the Tigers, according to Head Coach Benson. He add that "other teams get hurt too, but they have the depth to make up for it. That's two years in a row for us so our time ought to be about up."

"I was really pleased with the way our seniors came along real strong toward the end. They could've gone and quit, but they kept being good leaders and really working at it," said Benson.

One unique part of Ouachita's athletic program is that she is the only school in the AIC that sports a male-female cheerleader squad. Randy Thomas gives Johnny Johnson and Pam Hall a whirl in one of the many stunts the cheerleaders perform.



Wide receiver Scott Carter drops the ball in the endzone as the referee signals another Tiger touchdown.

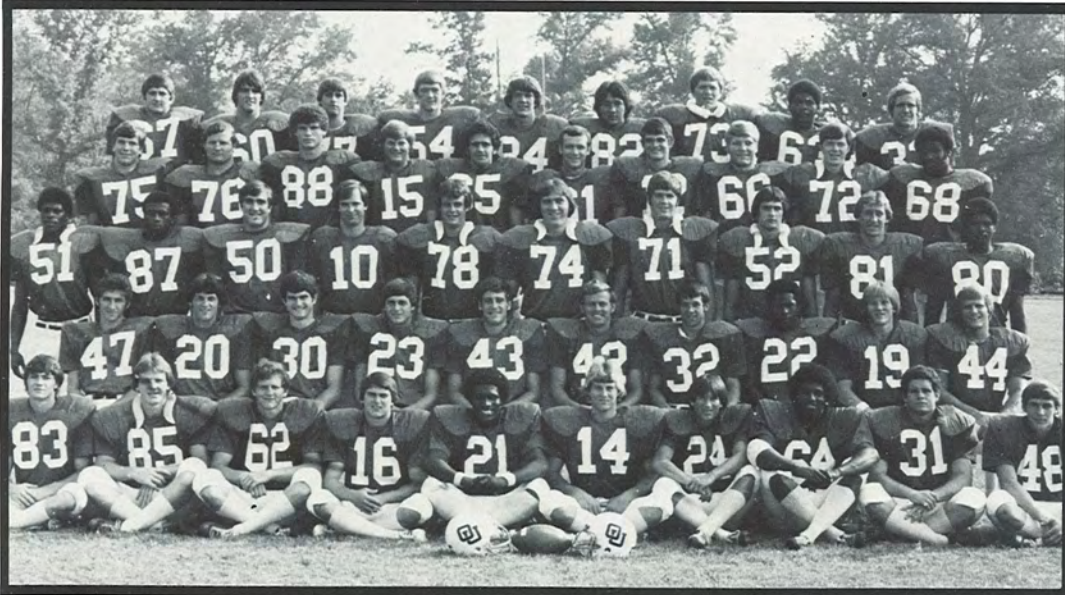
TIGER

Football squad members are: (back row) Tab Turner, Jimmy Bradshaw, Kent Westbrook, Neill Hunter, Charles Whitworth, John French, Steve Jones, Ronald Harris, Mark Scott. (fourth row) David Sharp, Jerry Hall, Billy Lillard, Charlie Holt, David Cowling, Jimmy Dean, Neal Turner, Archie Cothran, Jackie Fendley, Joey Zinamon. (third row) Rickey Davenport, James Dingle, Ronny Bruton, Stan Turnipseed, George Hern, Frank Orr, Ted Cook, Jimmy Cornwell, Donald Harris. (second row) Alan Rettman, Steve Halpin, Gary Benson, Eddie Morgan, Ronnie Brooks, Rickey Remley, Danny Turner, William Miller, Keith Chancey, Lance Shinall. (front row) Scott Carter, Tom Harris, Doug Starkey, Danny Pines, Scott Carter, Kirby Baggett, Eddie Jackson, Ezekiel Vaughn, Craig Gilliam, Rodney Slinkard.



Field goal kicker David Sharp kicks one more. Sharp was Ouachita's third leading scorer with a total of 24 points for the year, four field goals and 12 extra points.

FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD



OUACHITA	OPP
14 McMurry College	0
17 Bishop College	0
13 SE Oklahoma	35
12 UAM	6
15 Harding College	29
8 Mississippi College	20
17 UCA	19
38 SAU	27
27 Arkansas Tech	31
16 HSU	17

What does it take?

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For next spring, the Tigers face a great disadvantage. "Next year we'll be a very young football team; the youngest since I've been here," explained the coach.

Plus factors for next year are optimistic with Neal Turner returning as quarterback with two years under his belt. Our young receivers Carter and Jackson will only be sophomores next year, but already with much valuable time on the field.

Also returning for the Tigers will be running back

William Miller in his final season of play for Coach Buddy Benson and his staff. Miller was utilized not only as running back, but also as a pass receiver and a kickoff specialist. Benson expects the return of two-year all-AIC team member Miller to contribute a great deal to the Tiger offense.

Benson and his staff put in a total of approximately 100 hours a day preparing for an upcoming opponent. "The coaching staff will have to work even harder to help bring out the inexperience out of the youngsters," commented Benson.

But Benson realizes that the hard work put in with next year's young club will help subtract from their inexperience and add confidence and experience which they must have to perform. Benson added, "All in all, it will be exciting to see how they progress for next season."

For a team that didn't place well "it's a great honor"

The Tigers placed six players on the all AIC team this year. According to Coach Buddy Bob Benson, "It's a great honor to have this many named from a team that finished in a three-way tie for fifth place in the AIC." Benson

added that it is normal to have only one or three players honored.

Representing the Tigers were Coach Benson, of Arkadelphia; Ted Cook, of North Little Rock; Steve Halpin, of Mesquite, Texas; George Hern,



Hailing from Arkadelphia and son of coach Buddy Bob Benson, free safety Gary Benson is repeating on the all-AIC team at the free safety position. Benson, a 6'2", 180 pound senior, intercepted one pass and returned it 24 yards, and returned 13 punts for an average of 4.5 yards per return. Benson was also one of the tri-captains for the 1977 season.

Senior offensive guard Ted Cook, of North Little Rock, made the all-AIC team for the first time this year. Cook, a 6'2", 200-pounder was recognized by coaches throughout the AIC for his ability to pull and block on the end sweeps. Cook was one of the main reasons William Miller was able to lead the Tigers in total offense.



Anchoring the corner back position, Steve Halpin helped hold the opposing teams to only 945 net yard passing. A senior from Mesquite, Texas, Halpin led the Tigers with a total of five interceptions, with a return per catch average of 1.8 yards. Returning punts, Halpin, a 6 foot, 175 pounder, averaged 10.8 yards on five returns. Halpin finished the season with a total of 49 tackles, 23 unassisted, and 26 assisted.

A 6'3", 225 pound senior from Memphis, Tennessee, George Hern, also made the All-AIC team. Hern, an offensive tackle, is one of the tri-captains for the Tigers this season. Coming to Ouachita as a walk-on, Hern earned a scholarship his sophomore season and has been a starter at offensive tackle ever since. Hern said that one of the main reasons he came to Ouachita was that he liked the hard-hitting style of Coach Benson.



In the AIC, only two teams had players named: Henderson and A, both with seven representatives making the team.

Defensive end Billy Lillard, tight end Ronnié Bruton and tackle Frank [unclear] were selected to the honorable mention all AIC team.

Benson explained that the players chosen by popular vote by AIC coaches throughout the state, and he plain surprised we placed so many."



Running back William Miller repeated as a winning back on the all-AIC team. A 5'9", 155 pound junior from Rison, Miller led the team in total offense by amassing 1,227 yards, which was also the second in the AIC. Miller also led all individual scorers for the team with ten touchdowns for a total of 60 points. Miller will return next year as a senior with yet another chance to make the all-AIC team.

"Noseguard is one of the toughest position to play", said senior noseguard Joey Zinamon. The six foot, 210 pounder from North Little Rock made the all-AIC team this year, after making the honorable mention team a year ago. Zinamon finished the season with 72 tackles, 29 unassisted, 43 assisted. "Coach Benson's offer of a full scholarship helped me make the decision to come to Ouachita," said the high school senior from American.



Macbeth, feature twirler, performs to the music of Giuseppe Verdi during homecoming.



Honesty •

on the field & in the home

This year ends a "different" player-coach relationship, that between senior free-safety Gary Benson, No. 30, and Head Coach Buddy Benson. The difference is they are also father and son.

Both Coach Benson and Gary talked about how honestly is the foundation of their relationship.

Coach Benson has been at Ouachita for 17 years, 13 of them as head coach. Because of this, Gary has been raised around OBU and has been a part of the Tigers since kindergarten. For the past four years, Gary has played for



"When the going gets rough, he reverts to his family."

the Tigers under his father.

There really has been no problem with Gary; we just stay honest," said Coach Benson about having his son as a player.

Benson added that he has never had that much contact with his son as far as direct coaching. Even though Benson is head coach, Frank Spainhour is over Gary as defensive coach.

When Gary was a first semester freshman, he declined a scholarship for fear the other players would think it was given to him. "Another opening came up the second semester, so he decided to accept it," the coach added.

Benson said there has never been a problem among the other players with Gary being his son. He added that the other players respected him as a teammate trying to do his best, without any special treatment.

"Gary is a gentleman and is an honest person. I don't question him about the players other than how they feel about different ballgames," the coach said.

Even though he is a coach, Benson never spent much time working with Gary during his junior high and senior high school days. Benson said, "If he was under a certain coach's handling, that coach didn't need my philosophy while at home."

While the offense is on the field, free safety Gary Benson thinks about the next series.

As for what he requires of today, the coach said, "Just to give the best."

"Gary has a good positive attitude, always positive with his thinking," Benson said.

Asked if Gary ever gets depressed, Coach Benson said, "Yes, there are times, but with his positive attitude, it doesn't stay down." Benson added, "Like everyone else, when the going gets rough, he reverts to his family."

"He's honest with me, and in return, I'm honest with him."

The whole key to a father and son relationship is honesty. He's honest with me and in return I'm honest with him," said Gary Benson when asked about playing under his father.

Gary said his hardest adjustment was reminding himself that his father was coach on the field and father at home. "Oh the field, there are 40 players out there. Sometimes it's hard to accept the criticism he offers," Benson added.

"Everyone will have a bad practice or a bad game. The biggest help is my mother. When the chips are down, she'll come through. She'll be there," Gary said. "When he (his father) is down, she's there. We all rely on her heavily. We're a very tight family," Benson added.

On his first day of practice, Benson was more concerned about surviving than he had seen what others had done. He had seen through, and knew he wasn't going to please his father, but to please himself.

As a defensive player, Gary had relatively little contact with his father on the field, working under defensive coach Spainhour. He had Spainhour as a high school coach also, so as he grew up, "I knew what it would be like

As the head coach's son, it would be natural for other players to suspect of 'telling on them.' But Gary says, "Dealing? There is no such thing, it can't be. The foundation of the team is honesty. It would be a cardinal sin to squeal."

Gary added there has never been a problem with the team. Players are not put on pedestals, but work with mutual respect.

While looking over the past years as a Tiger football player and playing for his father, Gary quickly reflected, "Yes, I would do it again!"

Both Coach Benson and Gary talked about the influence Mrs. Benson has made on their lives. "As a wife, I owe 100% of my allegiance to my

Coach Buddy Bob Benson carefully views the football game from the sidelines.



"... but in doing so I don't want him to lose contact with people."

husband. My children come next. They're my everything," she said.

On honesty, Mrs. Benson said the family tries to discuss everything. "We are always open and honest; it may hurt sometimes, and many times it does. But in the end it's always the best policy."

Mrs. Benson, a junior high school teacher, said they have tried to raise Gary and his sister, Laurie, to be independent thinkers and to stand up for what they believe. She said, "I had the privilege of teaching Gary, so I know he has a good mind. I want him to develop his mind to its fullest potential, but in doing so I don't want him to lose contact with people.

"When things are on top, anyone can be a 'good person,' but when times get rough, you have to dig a little deeper," said Mrs. Benson.

Mrs. Benson added, "It has been a growing experience. It hasn't been easy, but that's alright. I've never felt that things had to be easy. If we had wanted it to be easy, we wouldn't have come to Ouachita. Life has been a challenge and we love that challenge."

Mrs. Benson is ambitious for Gary to do what he wants, but to give his all. With that, she added, she does not equate success with money.

As for the future, Mrs. Benson said, "When Gary leaves, he will still be a part of Ouachita. It will be a memory for him, and reality for us."



A closeknit family, the Bensons stress honesty in their family relationships.



head over the Reddies at the NAIA District 17 finals, all the standing, cheering Ouachita fans could say was. . .

KANSAS CITY! KANSAS CITY!

The '78 conference race started out just like those of the recent past, Henderson was picked to win the conference with all the other schools falling into place along the way.

But odds makers failed to realize that the Tigers had come back this season ready to play. Not just with a little enthusiasm, devotion or excitement, but with 100 percent effort in

all aspects of the game.

"Our squad came back this year ready to play, and this was very encouraging to me," said Head Coach Bill Vining.

Vining also expressed hopes that their efforts during the season would remain as good as they had been in early season play. That hope became reality as the Tigers reeled off 16 straight wins

after carding their first loss in the third game of the season to Stephen F. Austin of Nacogdoches, Texas.

Ouachita lost more men by graduation this year than in past years, and returned only six men who had any type of playing experience. But those who returned knew how to play together, became close as a team, and with the help of several newcomers, went on to finish regular season play with a sparkling 21-4 record, and co-champions of the AIC. The Tigers shared that title only until the conclusion of the NAIA District 17 playoffs, where Ouachita breezed through the tournament bracket as the second seeded team and defeated cross town rival Henderson in the finals before a crowd of over one thousand Ouachita fans screaming "Kansas City—Kansas City," by a 17 point spread, 72-55, and became undisputed champions of the AIC.

More was at stake in that tournament final than the AIC championship—a birth to the NAIA division national championship tournament in Kansas City, Missouri. With the 72-55 win over the Reddies, the worst drumming Ouachita's delivered their perennial rival in years, the Tigers won the right to represent the AIC as conference champions in Kansas City.



The only game the Tigers lost to the Reddies in three outings, Dan Taylor goes up for a jump ball against Reddies guard John Hansen.

A junior from Arkadelphia, Ricky Allen makes the pass from the point guard position to the corner. Allen was forced to sit-out several games late in the season due to an eye injury.

KANSAS CITY! KANSAS CITY!

Vining's prediction of a good year more than comes true

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Coach Bill Vining had predicted a good year for his Tigers, and they played well on their first outing, especially on defense, were the Tigers forced 15 turnovers against East Texas Baptist College.

According to Vining, the Squad was very enthusiastic in practice, and had worked hard. "They are also showing a great team unity, and we hope this unity and hard work will pay off for us throughout the season."

The great team unity paid off as the Tiger roundballers coasted to a 53-46 win over ETBC in Marshall, Texas.

Johnny Jenkins, a senior forward for the Tigers, and Donnie Williams at the post position, tied for high point honors with 18 against the Texans.

In capturing their third victory of the season, the Tigers drew first blood 13 seconds into the game when senior Johnny Jenkins scored on a jump shot from the field, on his way to becoming the games leading scorer with 25 points, helping defeat the Oklahoma Baptist University Bison 85-64.

Ouachita established a dominating lead early in the game and maintained it throughout the contest with excellent play execution and solid defense.

Tigers gobble-up their first season loss during Thanksgiving holidays.

By getting just inches above his opponent, postman Donnie Williams, a senior from Arkadelphia, controls the opening tip-off in a game played at Rockefeller Field House.

Vining's squad wrapped up a busy week of holiday basketball by downing two of three opponents over the Thanksgiving break.

The Tigers lost the first game of the three game series, logging their first loss of the season, by surrendering a 90-73 decision to Stephan F. Austin in Nacogdoches, Texas.

In Durant, Oklahoma, the Tigers took on the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma and came home with a win, 87-78. Charles Gilbert led rebounding with seven, and Jenkins was high scorer with 26 points.

The Tigers played Phillips University the following night at Durant and the

Tigers won a close 76-72 decision. Johnny Jenkins and Dan Taylor led a second half scoring surge as they won their first Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference game, 64-52 against Harding College Bison.

Jenkins sank six quick points in opening moments of the first half to add to Taylor's eight at the same time and Vining's cagers were out to a halftime advantage.

Taylor was hot the second half, leading the top of the key, while Charles Gilbert and Donnie Williams worked the boards for a 35-26 rebounding victory over Harding.

The Tigers logged their



Arkansas College Scots in Rockefeller Field House.

The Tigers got tough for a dramatic e-from-behind victory with some excellent offensive work and defensive c. Ouachita shot for 28 points in first half, going to the locker room a three point lead.

The lead fell in the second half, and tigers were down by as much as six s. However, the Tigers bared their and reeled off a shooting spree of points in the second period. Jenkins the game in both scoring and ounding, shooting for 23 points and hing eight from the backboards.

that they were legitimate contenders for the AIC crown by handing the University of Central Arkansas Bears a 64-48 womping at the Jeff Farris Center in Conway.

For the Tigers, it was a story of outstanding shooting and solid defense. Ouachita shot a torrid 68 percent from the field, while the Bears shot a cool 34 percent.

Dan Taylor, a sophomore from Little Rock, helped the Tigers get off to a good start in the second half as he rattled-off eight points in the opening minutes of the game.

Vining's cagers kept their perfect

State University Reddies by a score of 57-56 before 2,200 fans at Rockefeller Field House.

Dan Taylor was the man of the hour putting in the winning goal, a 25-foot jump shot from right backcourt, with five seconds left in the contest.

The game was closely contested with excellent defensive play by both teams contributing to several minutes of non-scoring basketball. At the half, the score was even at 29-29.

With 57 seconds left in the game, the Reddies wasted no time in going ahead on a goal by Anthony Avery, which gave Henderson a one point lead in the game. The lead was short-lived, as Taylor shot his game-winning jumper to put the Tigers on top.

The Tigers avenged an earlier loss to Stephen F. Austin as Bill Vining's mentors rolled to an impressive 65-56 win over the Lumberjacks at Rockefeller Field House.



In a game contested at Wells Gymnasium, William Hall, guard for the Tigers, goes up for a layup over a Reddie defender.

All AIC performer Johnny Jenkins, a senior from Byrd High School in Shreveport, lays one in front of a Henderson defender.



Basketball team members are: Ricky Allen, Kevin Crass, Keith Stovall, Ronald Flournoy, David Fletcher, Willie Williamson, Donnie Williams, Jimmie Greer, Alan Wall, Charles Gilbert, Johnny Jenkins, Paul Arand, Dan Taylor, William Hall

Scoreboard

East Texas Baptist College	53-46
Oklahoma Baptist University	85-64
Stephen F. Austin University	73-90
University Of Science and Arts	87-78
Phillips University	76-72
Harding College	64-52
Arkansas College	76-63
University Of Central Arkansas	64-48
Henderson State University	57-56
Stephen F. Austin	65-56
East Texas Baptist College	61-47
Hendrix College	84-78
Arkansas Tech University	68-63
College Of The Ozarks	66-51
Southern Arkansas University	58-53
University Of Arkansas-Monticello	49-47
Harding College	88-71
Arkansas College	83-65
University Of Central Arkansas	69-68
Henderson State University	63-64
Hendrix College	80-84
Arkansas Tech University	60-54
University Of Arkansas-Monticello	75-49
College Of The Ozarks	83-75
Southern Arkansas University	68-70
NAIA District 17 Tournament	
John Brown University	84-63
Hendrix College	93-80
Henderson State University	72-55
NAIA National Championship Tournament	
Eastern Montana	76-67
Southern Missouri	69-56

Reg. Season: 21-4
Dist. 17: 3-0
NAIA Championship: 1-1

As the AIC teams broke for the holidays, the Tigers were leading the conference with a perfect 4-0 record in conference play and 9-1 overall.

About 50 Ouachita fans braved the icy drive to Conway Friday night and saw the Tigers take sole lead of the AIC basketball race with a 84-78 win over the Hendrix Warriors.

The game was played before an official sell-out crowd, complete with spectators two-deep on the floor at both ends of the court.

But the high energy level was not enough to overcome the hard playing Tigers who never seemed shaken by the war cries as they worked to the victory before their own vocal fans.

Johnny Jenkins led the Tigers with 26 points and five rebounds. Donnie Williams had 19 points and seven rebounds.

The Tigers pulled away from a four-point lead at halftime behind the shooting of Charles Gilbert and Johnny Jenkins to defeat College of the Ozarks, 66-51.

In the second half, the inside scoring of Charles Gilbert and the outside scoring of AIC leading scorer Johnny Jenkins put the game away for the Tigers.

Freshman guard William Hall hit a 25-foot jump shot from side court with :04 seconds to play to give the Tigers a hard-earned 49-47 victory over the University of Arkansas at Monticello Boll Weevils.

For the Tigers it was a frustrating experience all night as the shots were not dropping through the hoop. In fact, the Tigers suffered their worst field goal shooting of the year, 38 percent, and were not much better from the charity stripe, shooting 58 percent.

Bill Vining's Tigers kept their perfect AIC winning streak alive as they defeated the Muleriders of Southern Arkansas University by a score of 58-53 in Rockefeller Field House.

The Tigers jumped to an early lead in the first half, leading by 16-4 at 10:55. The Tiger defense seemed invincible during most of the half, and it appeared that SAU wouldn't be able to beg, borrow or steal, much less shoot for two

points. Ouachita's shots were on target to compliment the defensive magic, with junior Charles Gilbert, a 6 foot 5 inch, 198 pound forward from Magnolia, leading the scoring stats with 18 points-nine points better than his average.

Bill Vining's cagers secured a 83-65 victory over the pesky Arkansas College Scots at Rockefeller Field House. The win propelled the Tigers to a 11-0 league record, and in turn protected their eighth place standing in the Division I NAIA top ten poll. The Tigers shot a very respectable 53 percent from the field for the night's work, but saw their free throw shooting drop to 59 percent.

It took a double overtime to do it, but the Hendrix Warriors finally handed the Tigers their second AIC conference loss of the season by a score of 84-80 at Rockefeller Field House.

The Tigers first AIC conference loss came at the hands of the Henderson Reddies at Wells Gymnasium by a score of 64-63. The game was typical of all OBU-HSU matchups-loud, tense and hard fought. The half saw the Tigers go to the lockerroom with a two point lead, 32-30, but the Reddies took command

Using his elbow to hold off a Henderson Reddie, Jimmie Greer muscles inside to put up two points for the Tigers in a losing effort in a game played at Wells Gymnasium at Henderson.



During a called time-out Coach Bill Vining tells the Tiger first stringers what they must do to get back into a ballgame.



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after the half, running up a ten-point-lead which the Tigers chiseled away at the rest of the night, until time ran out, leaving the Reddies with a one point victory.

The Tigers relied on an outstanding performance by Charles Gilbert and Ouachita bench strength to take a victory over the Arkansas Tech Wonder Boys by a margin of 60-54 at John Tucker Coliseum.

Gilbert's performance was accentuated in the final minutes of action with two crucial free throws and a 20-foot jumper to put the Tigers up by six. The Magnolia High School product had 19 points for the evening and was the leading scorer for both clubs.

Sensing a conference championship, the Tigers protected their number one position in the AIC conference race with a 75-49 win over the University of Arkansas at Monticello Boll Weevils at Rockefeller Field House. Ouachita entered the game as the nation's number eight NAIA team, a fall of two notches because of the Hendrix loss.

Gilbert was high point man for the Tigers with a total of 16 points for the night. He was complimented by double-digit help from Jenkins who shot for 14. Jenkins also topped the Tiger rebound stats by coming down with eight.

The Tigers claimed at least a tie for the AIC title with a win over the College of the Ozarks Mountaineers by a score of 83-75 in Rockefeller Field House.

In winning the game, the Tigers paid a price. Two key players, junior Charles Gilbert and Jimmie Greer, a 6-8½ postman, were injured in the game.

In the final regular season game for the Tigers, Bill Vining's squad traveled to Southern Arkansas University where they were upset by the Mule-riders, 70-68, and forced to settle for a conference co-championship, because HSU also lost to Hendrix.

A junior starter from Magnolia, Charles Gilbert puts in a slam dunk against UA at Monticello in a late season game played at Rockefeller Field House.

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Area five coach of
the year "pleased
with performance

The Tigers began to stretch their lead to more than ten points midway through the second half of the playoffs by keeping the Reddies off the offensive boards with outstanding play from Donnie Williams.



In the NAIA District 17 playoffs, senior forward Johnny Jenkins puts in two over a Reddie defender. Jenkins was elected MVP for his performance in the tourney.



Conference championship and a
 in the NAIA Tournament was
 NAIA Area Five Coach of the
 The area covers six states —
 nsas, Kentucky, Tennessee,
 gia, Florida and Alabama.
 Vining, whose Tigers finished the
 n with a 25-5 record, was honored
 g the closing ceremonies of the
 nament.

A native of Eudora, Vining
 pleted his 24th season as the Tigers'
 man in championship form, losing
 three games to AIC competitors
 g the season.

A near perfect first game and the
 hopes of Ouachita fans were
 d by the Tigers' loss to Missouri
 ern, 68-56, in the second round
 y in the NAIA National Basketball
 nament in Kansas City, Missouri.
 Ouachita, seeded fourth in the
 st, defeated the Eastern Montana
 wjackets in Kansas City in the first
 d. The game marked the return of
 r forward Charles Gilbert to the
 lineup. Gilbert suffered a knee
 three weeks prior and sub-

OBU controlled the entire first half
 never losing the lead. With Williams
 scoring consistently from the inside and
 Johnny Jenkins hitting from the
 outside, Ouachita held two 12-point
 leads in the half.

A nine-point streak brought the
 Yellowjackets within 3 points, 32-29,
 with 2:24 left in the half. Jimmy Greer
 scored on a turn-around jumper from
 the lane and Jenkins connected on two
 straight field goals with less than a
 minute left. Eastern Montana ended
 the half with a free-throw to make the
 score 38-33.

In the second half, Williams kicked
 the lead up to 11 points, 46-35, with
 15:41 left to play. He came back later to
 give the Tigers their first 12 point lead
 of the half with a ten-foot jumper.

Williams received his fifth foul
 midway through the second half and
 was replaced in the lineup by Gilbert.
 Though his mobility was limited, he
 scored twice, once on a layup and again
 with a one-and-one situation.

William Hall and Ricky Allen each
 sank two free throws and Jenkins
 followed with two more to secure the

Kevin Criss scored on a two-point
 jumper with one second showing to
 end the game by a score of 76-67.

OBU Coach Bill Vining indicated
 that he was extremely pleased with he
 victory and especially with the play of
 seniors Williams and Jenkins.

"They played great," Vining told
 reporters in the dressing room, "I was
 very pleased with the patient way we
 attacked their zone. We played much
 smarter and much more under
 control."

Williams led the Tigers in scoring
 with 20 points, followed by Jenkins with
 19 and Greer with 13.

For a record breaking fourth time
 in one season, Johnny Jenkins was
 named Southland Life's AIC Athlete of
 the week. Jenkins, the Tiger's team
 captain, was later named as the playoff's
 Most Valuable Player and a member of
 the five-man All-Tournament team,
 along with senior teammate Donnie
 Ray Williams. Jenkins was also honored
 with selection to the NAIA 3rd team
 All-American squad for his play in
 Kansas City.



Using the fast break, William Hall helped the
 Tigers open up an irreversible lead in the
 second period, a lead so large that HSU fans
 started pouring to the exits.

Because of a knee injury to Charles Gilbert,
 Keith Stovall became the Tigers sixth man.
 Both Stovall and Greer saw considerably more
 action due to Gilbert's injury.

Potential setters

Title nine prompts athletic scholarships for women

The Tigrette volleyball team finished the 1977 season with a tie in the third place slot, sharing the honors with the University of Central Arkansas. Arkansas State University and Henderson State University ended the season in first and second spots respectively.

The women-volleyballers play in the Arkansas Womens Intercollegiate Sports Association League competing with nine other schools in the state. The teams compete in a round-robin format with every team playing each other twice for a total of 18 games in the season. The season begins with the fall school term and continues through the second week of November.

Practices started before school opened for an optimistic Tigrette team with coach Tona Wright predicting a good season.

Much of last year's depth returned this year making for an experienced team. "Probably our only weakness will be our height. We will be very short," related Coach Wright.

The key position in any volleyball team offense is the setter. This player sets up the ball for an offensive move by another team member. The Tigerettes started with a 5-1 offense; one person as a designated setter and five players free to shoot. Valerie Shuffield and Delanie Wagnon, both shorter players, opened the season as setters, but that line-up proved to be inefficient.

They finally settled on two different offenses—the 5-1, and a harder 6-0 method. In the 6-0 offense, every player is a potential setter.

The players rotate positions throughout the game with three on the front line and three to the rear.

Injuries were light this year with Anita Lutz missing two games early in

Volleyball coach Tona Wright takes a time-out to explain game strategy in a match at Rockefeller Field House.

the season due to a turned ankle. Candi Harvey, a player with a history of weak ankles, turned one of her ankles, but did not miss any play.

As a team, the Tigerettes took time to warm up, taking advantage of a five-set match. "Sometimes it took the girls a while to bring things together as a team and maybe they'd fall in the first two sets, but come back to win the last three of the match," explained Miss Wright.

This proved to be a disadvantage in the AWISA State Tournament in November. Arkansas College in Batesville hosted the event with the top six of nine teams in single elimination competition. Ouachita fell to the top-ranked UALR team in their first match.

This fall marked the first year Ouachita has offered athletic scholarships for women. Scholarships in volleyball were awarded to Anita Lutz and Delanie Wagnon.

Only four years ago, women's volleyball was not funded by the school. Under Arkansas Title Nine though, schools are supporting more athletic programs for women.

Senior volleyballer Candi Harvey leaps high into the air to tip the ball over the net.





One of the two freshman who received an athletic scholarship, Delaine Wagoner sets the volleyball for a spike.



Volleyball Team members are (front row) Maria Romero, Lydia McGlashan, Angela Mobley, Anita Lutz, Val Shuffield, Delaine Wagoner. (back row) Shelley Brady, Donna Eden, Candi Harvey, Barbi Watson, Stacy Snead, Carolyn McFarlin.

They had a good recruiting season, optimism and depth, but they couldn't . . .

Bring the pieces together

During a game in Rockefeller Gym, Candi Harvey goes up to defend a shot by an Arkansas State University player.



scoreboard

OBU	OPP	49	U of A Monticello	84
71 Univ. Central Arkansas	78	64	Arkansas State Univ.	79
64 U of A Monticello	85	56	U of A Pine Bluff	64
48 Arkansas State Univ.	61	70	Arkansas College	75
45 Arkansas College	61		Southern Arkansas	
62 ARKANSAS TECH UNIV.	56		Univ. Central Arkansas	
45 UA Little Rock	59		U of A Pine Bluff	
65 Henderson State Univ.	66		Arkansas Tech Univ.	
44 UA Little Rock	57		Henderson State Univ.	
53 Southern Arkansas	88			

Tigerette roundballer Marilyn Stanley, who played the post position reaches high into the air to get the tip from an Arkansas Tech player.



They needed a good recruiting season.

Women's basketball coach, Carolyn Moffatt, was excited about her 1977-78 version of the Ouachita Baptist University Tigerettes and had good reason to be.

The Tigerettes returned everyone from last year's squad which finished a 6-16 overall and a 6-12 in AWISA play. The Ouachita squad was tied with Arkansas College for seventh place in the conference. It was the youngest team Moffatt had ever coached.

Ouachita needed a good recruiting season and got one, said Miss Moffatt. "This is the best recruiting season that we've had in a long time, and I am thoroughly pleased," said Miss Moffatt early in the year. "We have all of our girls back from last year, plus several outstanding freshman who should step in and help us immediately. We have 18 girls out now so depth should not be a problem for us."

Even with all that optimism nothing ever materialized. The Tigerettes needed a catalyst that never came.

The Tigerettes opened their

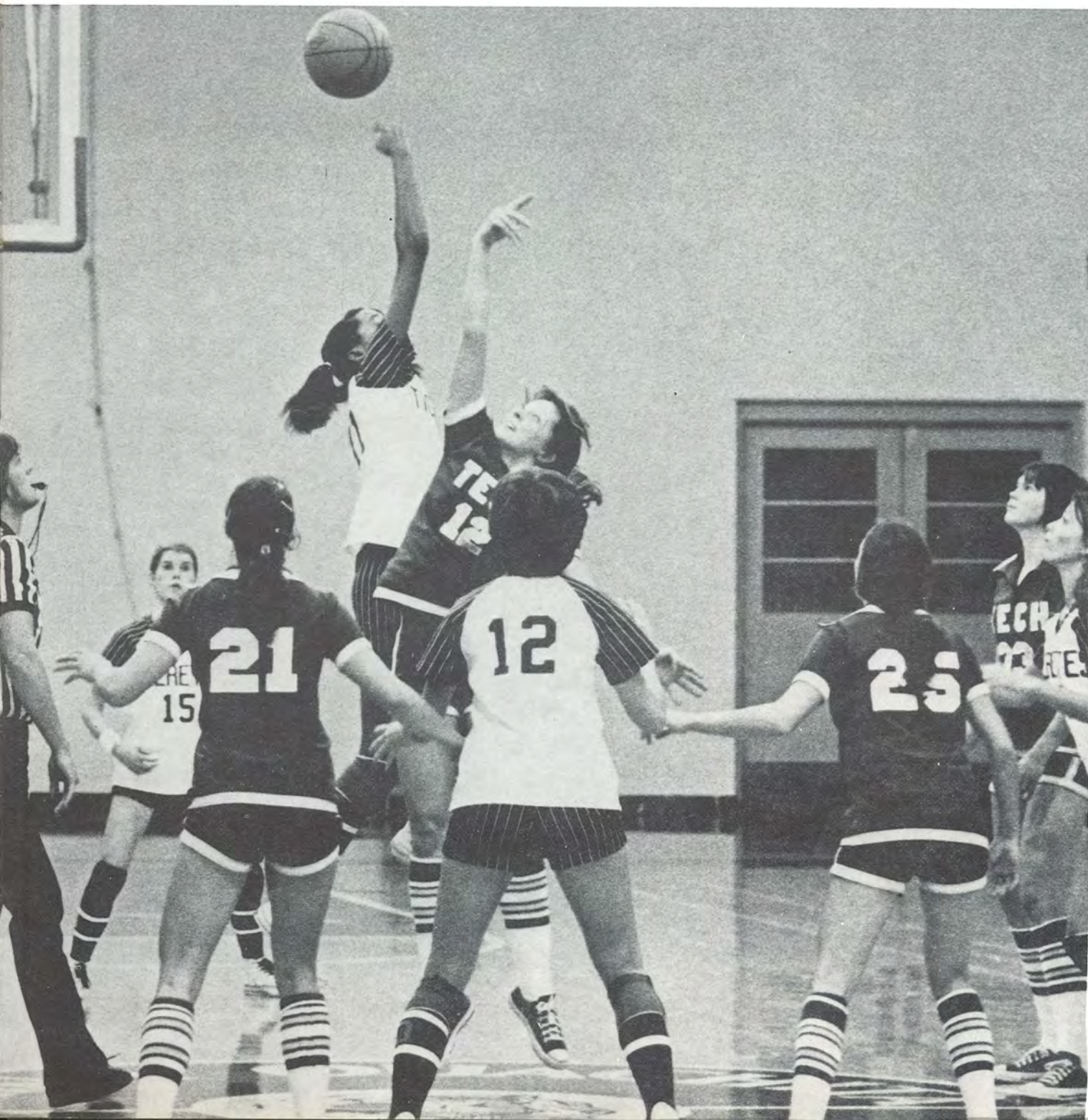
1977-78 season Nov. 21 as they travelled to Conway to take on the University of Central Arkansas Sugar Bears. At the half, UCA led 42-37. That narrow margin never changed much as the Tigerettes fell 78-71.

Unfortunately, the Tigerettes were never able to bring all the pieces together and fairly well set a pattern for the season.

The Tigerettes relied mostly on upper-classmen the first few games while the freshman adjusted to playing both ends of the court.

A key player has been Marilyn

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Bring the pieces together

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One of the Tigerettes leading scorers, Marilyn Stanley shoots from the side.

Under the lights, Tigerette Candi Harvey battles it out with two Henderson State University players.



ey, a six foot junior from El
ado. Playing at the center
ion, Stanley has been the lead
er in most of the games.

This was the second year for the
rettes to play in the Arkansas
men's Intercollegiate Sports
ciation (AWISA). Designed to
note, encourage and expand
etic programs for women in the
ges and universities in Arkansas,
AWISA grew from the Arkansas
men's Extramural Association
ed in 1965-66. Basketball came
e a part of the state program in

the winter of 1969-70. Ten colleges
and universities compete in confer-
ence play in the AWISA level.

One of the most exciting games
of the season came as the cross town
rivalry of Henderson State University
and Ouachita hit the courts again.
This time though, the HSU women
Reddies handed the Tigerettes their
sixth loss of the season by a score of
66-65, winning on a foul shot drawn
by HSU in the last second of the
game.

Henderson's Theresa Stewart put
in the game-winning free throw with

no time left on the clock. The last
second win summarized the pace of
the entire game, very defensively
with the lead going back and forth.
Neither team led by more than five
points at any time in the game.

The final blow was dealt when
with only two seconds remaining,
Ouachita was charged with a personal
foul that gave Stewart a one and one
opportunity. She sunk the first and
missed the second, but it didn't
matter, as the single point gave the
Reddies the game.



A handful of spectators watch as Tigerette Mindy Truly goes up on a tip-off against an Arkansas State Squaw.

Shooting from the baseline, Mindy Truly puts up a jump shot above Arkansas State defenders in a game contested in Rockefeller Gym.



Tigerette team members are Kathy Rollins, Carrah Efurd, Nina White, Candi Harvey, Anita Engler, Jacque Lowman, Mindy Truly, Marilyn Stanley, Renee Tolbert, Rhonda Sealy, Teresa Schaefer, Sandy Bledsoe, Val Shuffield, and Dana Wilson.

Ouachita misses
All-Sports Trophy
by . . .

A Narrow Margin



Following through is an important part of throwing the shot. Bill Wilson gets off the ground on a throw at Henderson State University.

The only woman on Ouachita's championship tennis team, Olga Palafox zeros in on a backhand shot from the baseline.



With the sun setting behind A.U. Williams Field, pole vaulter Chris Jones clears the bar for another successful vault.

missing the all-sports trophy by only 1½ points is enough to any athletic director cringe and

If we had only finished one place in this sport or that, we could have won the whole thing.

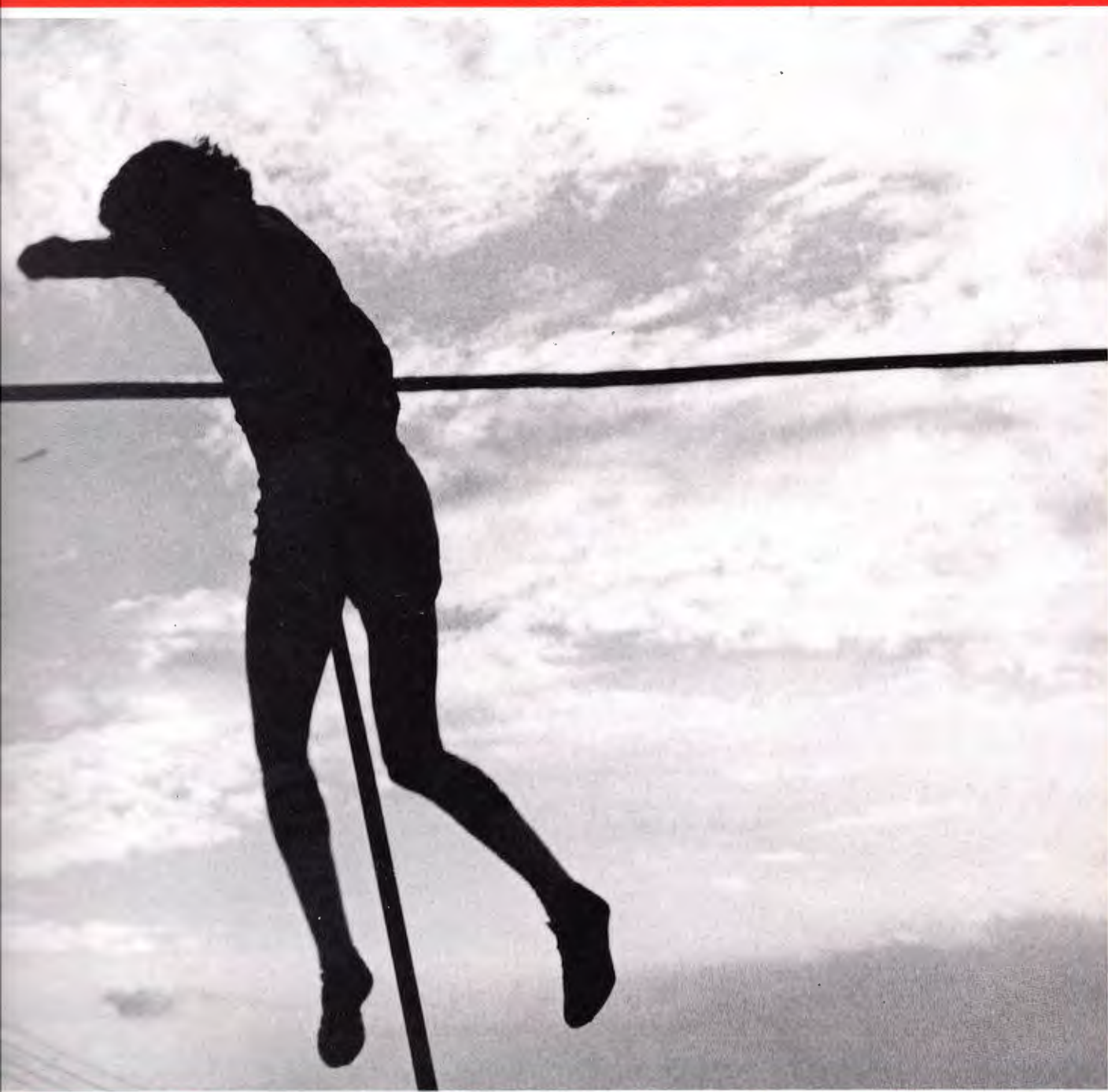
The Tiger's golf, track and tennis teams did their part by finishing first in Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference (AIC) in each of the three sports.

A first place finish in an AIC sport is worth 11 points, second place is awarded nine points, and third receives eight in a cumulative point system. The track, golf and tennis teams netted a total of 33 points, slightly less than half of the athletic program's 72 points.

The University of Central Arkansas won the AIC all-sports trophy with a total of 73½ points, only 1½ points ahead of quickly-closing Ouachita.

The Tigers also compiled points with second or lower place finishes in football, basketball, cross-country, swimming and bowling.

By finishing only one place higher in any sport, Ouachita very possibly would have been the school to bring home the AIC all-sports trophy, but as the standings stand, we missed by a narrow margin . . .



A Narrow Margin ² (cont)

Ouachita captures the AIC crown with four of the top five golfers.

For the first time in school history, the Tiger golf team competed in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Championship Golf Tournament held June 7-10 at Bay Valley Golf Club in Saginaw, Michigan.

After scoring a strong first round of 316, the golfers slipped to forty strokes off the pace to a 36-hole total of 638, just good enough for twentieth place. The field of 34 teams was cut to 17 after the second round to send the team back home.

"I told the boys that if we could shoot our team average of 310, I thought we had a chance to be in the top ten," said Frank Taylor, golf coach. "I really didn't expect us to shoot that well and our primary goal in the tournament was to make the cut." It was a goal they failed to accomplish.

Ouachita was led by Steve Wernecke of Arkadelphia. He shot a 79 in the first round, which he followed with a 78 for a two-day total of 157. Wernecke missed the individual cut by three strokes.

Taylor said the course, designed by Jack Nicklaus, was very challenging and quite different from courses the team had been playing on.

AIC STANDINGS
OUACHITA
University of Central Arkansas
Hendrix College
Southern Arkansas University
Henderson State University
Harding College
Arkansas Tech

DeGray State Park's golf course provides golf enthusiasts with a beautiful place to play or practice. Ouachita golfer Ricky Self takes advantage of a clear spring day to practice his game.



placing four golfers in the top five individual finishers, ending in a win at the Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference-NAIA District 17 golf tournament April 28 at the Ghills Country Club in Benton.

Tiger golfer Mike Branson was the top individual finisher and medalist for the championship match with a score-over-par 147 for 36 holes.

Branson, a transfer to Ouachita from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, won the Southland Life Athlete of the Week Award May 1, for his effort in lifting the Tigers to their third AIC golf title. Ouachita won the conference title in 1949 and 1957.

A newly constructed 3-hole golf course on the north campus offers Mike Branson the ideal "rough" situation for practicing.

Golf Team Members are: (back row) Rocky Mantooth, Phil Rickles, Reed Allison. (front row) Ricky Self, Mike Branson, Mandale Brockington, Steve Wernecke.



A Narrow Margin (cont.)

Hard work, after setting goals, helps the tennis team take the Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference crown.

A victory by Victor Almaral over opponent Cliff Vogel gave the Tiger tennis team an undisputed team championship in the Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference (AIC) Tennis Championship held in Conway at the University of Central Arkansas.

Ouachita squeezed by second-place finisher Harding by only two points.

Coach Larry Payton felt that the team would be able to take the AIC crown by fully utilizing the five top flight players returning from the previous year.

"Setting our goals and working hard to reach them helped the team get ready for their season opener," Payton said.

The tennis team opened its fall season by sweeping Harding College, 6-0, in singles and dropping one singles match to Southern Arkansas University, 5-1. In doubles, the Tigers were flawless, winning 3-0.

Almaral, the team's top seed, disposed of his opponent, Kyle Asbill of Harding, in a tough three-set match, and then beat Pacho Guevara of SAU in straight sets.

Continuing his string of fall victories, Almaral won the Division I singles crown by defeating Charles Lane of Southwest Baptist College at the Hendrix College Invitational.

Both Lane and Almaral were named last spring to the NAIA honorable mention squad at the national finals.

Ouachita was third in the overall team competition with eight points, but led all AIC teams in the meet.

The Hendrix College Invitational turned out to be the AIC barometer in tennis, as the Tigers met their biggest challenge, and performed up to Coach Payton's expectations by winning the AIC tennis championship held at Conway.

Victor Almaral held off a determined Cliff Vogel in the finals of the AIC, taking a 6-3, 6-4 victory over the junior player from the College of the Ozarks.



Tennis team member Jerry Coston goes deep into his backhand court to hit a passing shot to his opponent in a match at Freeman-Dunklin Tennis Center.

Tennis Team Members are: (back row) Coach Larry Payton, Dale Tommey, Jerry Coston, Mike Williams, Scott Duvall, Victor Almaral, Iker Ortiz, Chuck Henry, Asst. Coach. (front row) Blane Smith, manager, Chris Chance, Randy Hill, Olga Palafox, Hank Hankins, Roy Jones.



AIC STANDINGS
OUACHITA
 Harding
 Southern Arkansas University
 College of the Ozarks
 University of Central Arkansas
 Hendrix College
 Arkansas Tech
 Henderson State University
 University of Arkansas at Monticello
 Arkansas College

...to giving Almaral the Division I title, the
h clinched an overall team championship for Ouachita.
Tigers finished with 30 points, followed by Harding with

"In the match, anything could have happened," Almaral
after the win. "There really are no easy opponents here
this is a strong conference."

Winning the AIC championship gave the Tiger tennis
an added attraction: qualification for competition in
National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA)
Championship Tennis Tournament held June 6-9 in Kansas
Mo.

The doubles team of Almaral and Ogi Faldon yielded
Ouachita's best performance by posting three consecutive
wins to reach the tournament's round of 16. Almaral,
seeded No. 10 in singles, won two matches to reach the 32nd
round for the teams best in singles competition. The Tigers
scored eight points to finish in 17th place, bettering last
year's finish of 28th by 11 places.

"The competition had improved greatly and we didn't
have an easy draw," said Coach Payton. "Everyone who beat
us finished well in the tournament."



A low drop shot from his opponent
makes Victor Almaral stretch to reach it.
Victor was the tennis team's top seed.

A Narrow Margin

Masterson, the cream of a good crop, paces thin-clads to an AIC crown.

Paced by a one-two-three finish in the 800-meter run, Tiger tracksters wrapped up the Arkansas Intercollegiate crown at the Championship Track and Field meet, outdistancing their nearest opponent by 12 points.

The Tigers began sharpening for their trek to the top by finishing a close second to the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff in the Ouachita Relays, compiling 87 points.

Tiger speedster Gerald Masterson won both the mile and the 880-yard run. Jim Rankin won the pole vault at 15 feet, while teammate Robert Beith won the 440 intermediate hurdles with a 55.3 time.

Ouachita's Gerald Masterson placed third in the 1,000-yard run at the Jack-in-the-Box Games February 19 in San Diego, California with a time of 2:08. That performance captured the Southland Life Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference Athlete of the Week Award for Masterson.

The following week, Masterson repeated as the Southland Live AIC Athlete of the Week award winner for his sparkling performance at the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) meet held in Kansas City, Missouri.

Masterson set two meet records in the 600-yard run and the 880, and was voted the outstanding athlete of the meet, held at Kempner Arena.

By finishing fourth in the 800-meter run in the Muhammad Ali Invitational, Masterson established a new state record of 1:46.7. The previous record of 1:46.8 was set in 1976 by Niall O'Shaughnessy of the

University of Arkansas.

Ouachita ran away with the AIC track race by finishing in first place in the conference meet.

In the field events, the Tigers were paced with first-place finishes by Genevle Wright in the discus with a throw of 162' 3", Billy Lilliard in the triple jump with a leap of 47' 2", and Jim Rankin broke the mark set by Garry Smith of SAU with a vault of 15' 5".

The Tigers finished one-two-three and five in the 800-meter run. Gerald Masterson, Ouachita's premier runner, won the race with a time of 1:48.59.

Following Masterson was Jerry House, with a 1:50.84; Tim Eshleman, placed third with a 1:51.216; and Mark Mosely was fifth with a time of 1:51.86.

The Tigers won the meet with a total of 64 points, outpacing their nearest opponent, Arkansas Tech, by 12 points.

Masterson finished third in the 800 meter run to lead Ouachita's entries in the NAIA National Outdoor Track and



Tiger pole vaulter Chris Jones plants the pole firmly in the pit, and uses his weight to get maximum propulsion for his jump.



Perfect timing is needed to pass the baton in relays as shown by Hilton McDonald and Raymond Butler.



Ouachita runners Hilton McDonald and Raymond Butler stretch out for the last few yards in a track meet at Henderson State University's Haygood Stadium.

Championship held in Arkadel-

The Tiger tracksters scored six points to finish 39th among 124 colleges and universities.

Gerald Masterson was one of the favorites in the 800 meters and finished second in both heats of both the preliminaries and semi-finals. The junior lacked a big kick to overtake leader Evans

White of Prairie View College in Texas and finished with a time of 1:47.84.

Also competing in the 800 meters for the Tigers were Jerry House and Tim Eschleman. Eschleman was eliminated in the preliminaries while House ran a 1:51.31 to send him to the semi-finals before being eliminated.

Willie Williamson, Ouachita's entry in the decathlon, finished 27th with 5,875 points, the highest of any Arkansas athlete competing in the event.

Alton Kenner, A Tiger sprinter,

qualified for the 100-meter dash but had to drop out due to a pulled groin muscle prior to the meet and did not compete. Kenner was a member of the Tiger's mile-relay team which qualified for the meet but did not compete due to the absence of Kenner.

Track team members are: (back row) Coach Bob Gravett, Johnny Hatchett, Gerald Masterson, Jim Rankin, Warren Allen, Joey Morin, Tim Eschleman. (middle row) Jerry House, Alton Kenner, Johnny Rhyne, Galand Thomas, Robert Beith. (front row) Jimmy O'Brien, Alan Ainley, Chris Jones, Hilton McDonald, Jimmy Lee.



- AIC Standings**
OUACHITA
 Arkansas Tech
 University of Central Arkansas
 Henderson State University
 Harding College
 University of Arkansas at
 Monticello
 Southern Arkansas University
 College of the Ozarks
 Hendrix College

A SPLIT SEASON

Practice starts early with desire and hustle.

The Tiger baseball team started practice in mid-February for its opening game of the season on March 5 against East Texas Baptist College at Marshall, Texas.

The team members had been working out on their own running and lifting weights, since the beginning of the spring semester, with Coach Don Purdy joining the squad at the end of February. In an early season interview, Purdy expressed pleasure in his team's attitude. "The desire and hustle that our ballclub had shown so far was tremendous," said Purdy. "We had hoped to continue that same desire and hustle throughout the entire season."

In a game against Southern Arkansas University's Muleriders, Darry Marshall takes a mighty swing and connects for a base hit.



A
Four
Year
Winner



Terry Viala

Terry Viala, four-year starter for the Tiger baseball team, was named the All-Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference (AIC) team for the consecutive year.

Viala and fifteen other players were named to the honor team by a vote from the coaches of the AIC.

Viala, a 5' 10 1/2", 165 pound



Making the play sometimes means getting a little dirty and putting forth a little extra effort. David Cordell rounds up a short pop-fly from his position, catcher.



man, was also named to the strict team for 1974-75. His .300 g average made Viala Ouachita's best hitter.

At the beginning of my first year, myself what I wanted, and that to be named All-AIC. That was my hardest year," Viala said. That hard work paid-off with being named All-AIC that year. My first year was the clincher. For years after that, it was hard work,

but not as hard as the first," added Viala.

When asked if he had anyone he looked up to as a model player, Viala said, "I admire everyone on the team, especially the graduating seniors."

"Terry was probably one of the best third basemen ever to play for Ouachita," said Don Purdy, Tiger baseball coach. "He had a very strong, accurate arm. He also demonstrated lots of determination."

That determination was shown on

the field. "If Terry couldn't get a glove on the ball, he would use his body to stop it. Not many players are willing to do that," Coach Purdy commented.

As for Viala's personality, Coach Purdy said, "His attitude was one of the best I've ever found. He was unselfish as a player and as an individual."

Purdy concluded by saying that Viala filled an important role on the team. "I'd like to have nine just like him."

A SPLIT SEASON (cont)

After a sluggish season of split doubleheaders, sluggers end with 17-17 season.

In their season opener, the slugging Tigers dropped a pair of 1-0 decisions to East Texas Baptist. But the Tigers rebounded in the next outing on March 8 and took a pair of home games from Centenary by scores of 8-4 and 6-4.

Christian Brothers College dealt the Tigers their worst defeat of the home season, 10-1, but Ouachita bounced back to take a 4-3 decision in the nightcap.

Opening Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference (AIC) play on March 12, the slugging crew evened its season record at 4-4, splitting a doubleheader with Southern Arkansas University at Rab Rodgers Field. The Tigers took the first game 4-2 in ten innings, but fell in the nightcap 6-3.

The Tigers jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first inning of the opener, but SAU scored single runs in the fourth and seventh innings to knot the score. The Muleriders went scoreless the next three innings, and the Tigers took the victory as they scored two runs in the bottom of the tenth.

That evening the game was tied after five innings 3-3, but SAU erupted for three runs in the sixth inning to secure the victory. The Riders banged out 13 hits as compared to seven for the Tigers.

Ouachita took both ends of a doubleheader at Principia College on March 14 at Rab Rodgers field by scores of 2-0 and 14-5.

Mark Ratliff pitched a fine one-hitter in the opening game to lead the Tigers to the win. Mike Osborne drove in both Ouachita runs with a fourth-inning single.

In the second game the Tigers slugged in 12 hits in a 14-5 rout. Jimmy Ivers pitched a two-hitter for the Tigers. Most of Principia's runs came off errors and walks.

On March 16 the Tigers traveled to Fort Worth, Texas to take on Texas Christian University from the Southwestern Conference and split a pair of games. TCU won the opening game 2-1, but the Tigers took a 4-2 victory in the second game. Bimbo Davis, won his first game of the season.

Luther College came to town March 25 and once again the Tigers split a doubleheader. Mike Downs pitched a four-hitter in the opening game as the Tigers took a 4-1 victory, but fell in the nightcap by a score of 5-3.

Ouachita returned to conference play against the University of Arkansas at Monticello (UAM). Jerry Turner pitched three hits including two home runs as the Tigers won the opener 7-5 in eight innings, but UAM won the second game in eleven innings by a narrow 2-1 margin.

The Tigers downed the University of Central Arkansas in the first game of a doubleheader 6-1, and they went on to sweep the home series by winning the second game, 4-1.

The Tigers lost their last two games of the season to Henderson State University by scores of 3-1 and 4-1. Ouachita finished the season with a 17-17 record, compared to a lighter 16-14 record of a season ago.

Baseball Team Members are: (back row) Coach Don Purdy, Charles Barber, Rodney Rice, David Cordell, Mike Downs, Mark Ratliff, Bimbo Davis, Mickey Bryson. (second row) Derrel Opper, Jimmy Ivers, Darry Marshall, Terry Viala, Benny Wilkerson, Wade Harris. (front row) Michael Osbourne, Clay O'Steen, David Frierson, Steve Buelow, Rick Lawson, John Sorrell, Tim Mobley. (front and center) Pooh Downs-team mascot.





With a helpful hint from the third-base coach, David Frierson makes a quick turn there and heads for home to score in a game against the UALR Trojans.

Tiger baserunner Mickey Bryson finds that a head-first dive is required to beat the throw-back from the pitchers mound.



Ouachita	0	EAST TEXAS BAPTIST	1	Ouachita	1	UAM	2
Ouachita	0	EAST TEXAS BAPTIST	1	OUACHITA	6	Univ. Central Arkansas	1
OUACHITA	8	Centenary	4	OUACHITA	4	Univ. Central Arkansas	3
OUACHITA	6	Centenary	4	OUACHITA	1	Southern Arkansas	0
Ouachita	1	CHRISTIAN BROTHERS	10	Ouachita	0	SOUTHERN ARKANSAS	5
OUACHITA	4	Christian Brothers	3	OUACHITA	5	Harding	1
OUACHITA	4	Southern Arkansas	2	Ouachita	3	HARDING	7
Ouachita	3	SOUTHERN ARKANSAS	6	Ouachita	5	UALR	7
OUACHITA	2	Principia	0	OUACHITA	1	U of A Little Rock	0
OUACHITA	14	Principia	5	Ouachita	1	COLLEGE OF THE OZARKS	2
Ouachita	1	TCU	2	OUACHITA	6	College of the Ozarks	3
OUACHITA	4	Texas Christian Univ.	2	Ouachita	3	ARKANSAS TECH	4
OUACHITA	3	Luther	0	Ouachita	0	ARKANSAS TECH	2
Ouachita	3	LUTHER	5	Ouachita	4	UALR	6
Ouachita	1	BUENA VISTA	4	OUACHITA	3	U of A Little Rock	2
OUACHITA	3	Buena Vista	2	Ouachita	1	HENDERSON	3
OUACHITA	7	U of A Monticello	5	Ouachita	4	HENDERSON	6

Sharing the slim crowds



Sophomore swimmer, Philip Snell swims the backstroke leg of the 400-yard relay, helping the Tiger Sharks win the event in a triangular meet at HSLU.

on campus here at Ouachita who
out to seek fame and glory for
achievements. They get no loud
ns from hundreds of cheering
These are the athletes whose
share the slim crowds.

ven though the sports are
itor events, swimming, soccer,
ng and cross-country seldom
more than a handfull of fans. But
ns that do attend are among the
and are certainly considered
ed followers of that sport, simply
se the events are not widely
ized.

he competition is just as fierce as
ore popular sporting events on
s, so those who do attend will
be back, will seek out scheduling,
ecome part of the slim crowd.
he Tiger Sharks, Ouachita's
ning team practiced over a month
eparation for their season opener
nderson State University.

Swimmers overcome experience with hard work.

Robert Cawthorne won the
ard butterfly with a 2:25 clocking
e 500-yard freestyle with a time
6, while Philip Snell won the
ard intermediate and the 200-
backstroke with a 2:25 clocking in
of those events.

lake Hassenmiller was also a
e winner for Ouachita as he won
-yard freestyle with a 24.4 and the
ard freestyle with a 54.7 showing.
t Maung was the final first place
er, winning the 200-yard breast-
with a time of 2:56.

ne Ouachita swim team also took
lace in a trangular meet against
nd Arkansas Tech: OBU won by
e margin, defeating Tech by a
spread of 61-38 and pounced on
erson, 61-12, by winning nine of
ents.

an AIC dual meet, the Sharks
ed to Conway and came away
62-39 win over the University of
il Arkansas.

looked good," said Van Barrett, first
year swimming coach. "All of our
swimmers worked hard to improve on
last year's finish."

The month's preparation and hard
work-outs paid off for the Tiger Sharks
as they won the season opener a double
dual meet against HSU and Arkansas
College at Henderson 78-18, and
Arkansas College by a 62-32 count.

First place finishes for Ouachita
were carded by the 400-yard medley
relay team with a time of 4:43.26, the
400-yard freestyle relay team with a
time of 4:27.

Exhausted after an event, an OBU swimmer
gets a hand from the pool from teammate
Cawthorne.

In a meet at Henderson's Wells Complex,
Robert Cawthorne slides above the wake to
take a breath on his way to a victory in the
200-yard butterfly.



Tiger shark swimming team members are: Robert Cawthorne, Mike Hassenmiller, Alonzo Davis, Philip Snell, Jonathan Swann, John Franklin, Lance Huff, David Carswell, Robert Maung.

Sharing the slim crowd

cont

Known by his teammates as Spannapolis, Jim Spann lays some skin on teammate John Mayger after scoring a goal in a soccer match.

Soccer club member George Sauer maneuvers the ball around club teammates in a practice match on OBU's north campus.



Setting a new school record on the way to a 10-1 season

The newest team sport on campus, the Ouachita Soccer Club, chalked up one of the best athletic records on campus by finishing the spring season with a 10-1 mark.

Supported by a slim but steadily growing crowd of devoted and loyal fans, the soccer club rolled up seven straight wins before losing to Louisiana Tech University in a game played at Ouachita, 4-3. Ouachita's club had a 2-0 lead at the end of the first half play, but Louisiana Tech came back in the second half, using what one team member described as "violet kicks" to score a goal in the final seconds to win the match 4-3. The loss to Tech was the only smudge on the team's record.

The soccer club, host of the 6th Annual 2nd Invitational Soccer Tournament, took the championship by defeating the University of Arkansas in the final 12-2.

Hugh Redman, who led the scoring with four goals, helped the Ouachita Soccer Club chalk-up its best win of the season by scoring a school-record of 15 total goals as they shut out Hot Springs 15-0.

scoreboard

OBU		OBU
11	UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL ARKANSAS	0
4	LITTLE ROCK SOCCER CLUB	2
10	FORT SMITH SOCCER CLUB	0
15	HOT SPRINGS SOCCER CLUB	0
7	HENDRIX	0
5	UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL ARKANSAS	1
11	HOT SPRINGS SOCCER CLUB	2
3	LOUISIANA TECH SOCCER CLUB	4
7	HENDRIX	0
14	HOT SPRINGS SOCCER CLUB	0



In competition for a spot on the Ouachita bowling team, Larry Root releases near the foul line.

Soccer team members congratulate Hugh Redmon after he scored yet another goal in match against the Hot Springs soccer club.

Tiger keglers didn't throw in the towel

With the loss of four top bowlers off of last year's team, Ouachita bowling team Coach Bill Harkrider did not throw in the towel. "We had six bowlers who bowled extremely well for us this year," said Harkrider. They were all experienced, and did a fine job."

The Ouachita bowlers placed fifth in a field of eight in the Harding College Invitational Tournament held in Searcy.

High roller for the Tiger Keglers was Charlie Martin, shooting two, three game sets of 530 with a 212 game. Larry Root followed with a 541 and 480 with

a 220 game, Bill Billett with 459 and 505, John Evans scored 431 and 509, and Gerald Bradley rolled 434 and 456.

In a Southern Intercollegiate Bowling Conference matchup in Jonesboro, the Tiger bowling team rolled to a split decision against Arkansas State University.

Ouachita and A-State each took one of two three game sets, with the Tigers winning the first with a series total of 2,570. Ouachita also captured 33 of 53 decisive quality points for a win in the first set. The Indians won the second set.



Using total concentration, John Evans releases the dark marble, hoping for the perfect strike.



Soccer team members are: (front row) Mike Moore, Jim Spann, Mark Dewbre, Hugh Redmon, Chuck Henderson, George Sauer, Steve Dewbre, Shokat Ali. (back row) Tom Hart, Caly Nelson, Steve Grober, Iker Ortiz, John Wilson, Bob Berry, Danny Hickey, Byron Eubanks, John Magyar, Dan Berry, Glyn Richards (coach)

Sharing the slim crowds

continued

Coach uses early season meet to get runners ready

The Tiger Cross Country team opened its 1977 season by hosting the Ouachita Baptist University Invitational meet held on the cross country course on the north campus.

Harding College, winner of the last six Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference Cross Country championships, swept six of the top seven spots to win the meet handily with 19 points. Ouachita, which had one man, freshman Carl McGill, breaking the top ten, finished third with 73 points.

According to Tiger Coach Dr. Bob Gravett the Tigers were far from being in shape, but needed the competition.

"None of our men were in very good shape, but we felt that the best way to condition them was to have an 'early meet' to see what they were made of," said Gravett.

In their worse finish of the season the Tiger cross country team finished seventh in a field of nine during the 15th annual Harding College Bison Booster Invitational Cross-Country meet.

In three meets, each one week apart, the cross country team logged finishes of one first, and two seconds.

The Tigers took a first place finish in a three-team meet at the OBU course as they defeated Henderson State University and LeTourneay College of Longview, Texas.

Freshman Carl McGill paced the Tigers to a second place finish in a team meet at Arkansas Tech University in Russellville by finishing in second place with a time of 27:00.

Host Arkansas Tech won the meet with 37 points, followed by the University of Central Arkansas with 43.

A fourth place finish by the House lifted the Tigers to a second place finish in a five-team meet at the University of Central Arkansas.

Perennial cross country champion Harding, who won the meet, was followed by Ouachita, Henderson State, and Hendrix.

In the AIC championships held in Russellville at Arkansas Tech University, Ouachita's cross-country team finished fourth behind the running of Beith and Gerald Masterson.

Tiger Coach Bob Gravett was pleased with his team's performance during the year, but some were disappointed with their fourth place finish, behind winner Harding College.

Carl McGill, Ouachita's top runner this year, did not finish the meet. According to Gravett, "If McGill finished the race anywhere in the top ten, then we could have finished second."



Getting a point from a cross country course marker, Carl McGill rounds the corner and heads for home.



A freshman from Hope, Carl McGill provided the spark the Ouachita cross country team needed to do well in AIC competition.



What's the best way to keep an eye on all your runners? Cross country coach Bob Gravett used a motorcycle to travel from one point on the course to another.



Bowling team members are: Larry Root, Kenny Humphries, John Evans, Bill Billet



Cross country team members are: Carl McGill, Jerry House, Gerald Masterson, Jim McGee, Mark Mosley, Robert Beith

A pain in the _____ *finger, foot elbow, leg ankle, eye

*

If the twelve members on this year's cheerleading squad, four members returned from last year's squad. Of those eight new comers, six had no previous experience in cheering at all.

With this new talent, it's surprising that they took four blue ribbons and one red ribbon at cheerleading camp this summer. At camp, held at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, the cheerleaders competed against other men-women teams from the entire nation, including Texas University, Baylor University, and others.

They earned a spirit stick as an extra award for being "not just a team that cheered well all week, but one that really showed genuine spirit," according to Randy Thomas, captain of the Ouachita team. Seven sticks are awarded among approximately 30 teams competing. "I was really pleased with how we placed in competition. We weren't quite as good as last year, but we had an almost new squad with eight new members," Thomas continued.

Mike Buster, a sophomore member, said he had played football through high school, but "I've never felt as sore as I did at camp." The workouts started at 8:00 in the morning with calisthenics until 11:30. After lunch, the cheerleaders were back at work from 2:30 to 4:30 for private practice. From 6:30 to 8:30 the teams competed each night. All the teams worked out on a football field in the 102 degrees Texas sun.

Randy Thomas was asked to return next summer as an instructor for ten

weeks. Only seven cheerleaders were asked to return. Randy explained that he would be working with the men on the high school mixed squads.

A quarter of the time in training is spent on "spotting." Thomas described this as making sure your partner lands safely in a maneuver. "Sometimes it takes your falling under them to break their fall, but you can't do that at a game."

Injuries plagued the cheerleaders throughout the year. Sherry Brown was injured the day of their first pep rally. "Since then someone has been out," added Thomas. Nancy Whitten suffered from an ankle injury and a dislocated elbow. Pam Hall's eye injury required five stitches. Johnny Johnson broke a foot and John Evans broke a finger.

Thomas continued saying the injuries have "hindered us from showing what we can really do."

When asked about crowd responses, Thomas stated they were pleased, the fans give us a lot of support. He added that especially in football



Even with her slight disadvantage, a leg cast, Sherry Brown keeps on cheering and smiling.



Taking their bows after performing a skit routine in Walton Gym are Beth Bodie, Nancy Whitten and Mike Buster.

a faster game, basketball games might the crowd to life much easier. The cheerleaders are financed by administration grant as well as with money from the Student Senate. Thomas says that the money from the administration covers about half the expenses and the Senate supplying the rest. The cheerleaders also made money by selling pennants at Choir Day, sponsoring a car wash, and helping with the Ouachitonian Beauty Pageant.

With that extra money, the cheerleaders hope to purchase a "mini-tramp"; a small trampoline for gymnastic maneuvers. This will add a new dimension to their cheering, allowing them to do more intricate stunts.

One of the keys to a good working relationship with any cheering partner is trust. Especially in the case of the man, she must have complete trust in her partner that he will do his job.

Timing is probably the second most important aspect. Thomas explained that "timing not so much between two people, but rather one person knowing his part. If both partners know their parts, they are usually successful in one or two tries."

that involves being on the road for six hours or more, not including a couple of hours for the game.

Why does someone want to be a cheerleader? For the most part, they enjoy travel, sports, gymnastics, and most importantly being in the limelight.

For the captain of this year's team, it was a desire to be a Christian witness. "When I was younger, I was always taught that Christians were to be quiet, but I'm not that way. Through cheering, I want to show how Christians can be excited and have fun."

Thomas wrapped it all up by saying "you don't realize the closeness of the people until after the season." He added that during summer camp, everyone gripes about their soreness and the heat, but later they look back and remember the times of staying up until 3:00 in the morning just talking. In conclusion, Thomas added, "you make good friends and good memories."

With a little help from Ricky Hogg, Nancy Whitten cheer the Tigers on to V-I-C-T-O-R-Y.

Using the mini-tramp, a small trampoline used to perform cheering stunts, Randy Thomas roots for the Tigers during Homecoming.



Opportunities for student participation

A good way to
break from studies
and have fun

The intramural program was blessed with a new face this year, that of Van Barrett.

Barrett came to Ouachita from Baton Rouge, Louisiana where he worked with Campus Crusade for Christ. This meant a homecoming, since the coach was a student here from 1961 through 1965. He succeeded Jimmy Miller who moved to Jonesboro to teach at Arkansas State University.

Except for Tiger Traks weekend, more students participated in intramurals than anything else on campus. One-half of all students took advantage of at least one sport in the program.

Football and basketball were the

largest with three hundred players in each. This was broken down into twenty football teams and thirty basketball teams.

The BSU won the men's football competition as well as men's volleyball. In women's play, the Gamma Phi Social Club won in football with the Tinas and the Dinas, an independent team, winning in volleyball.

A turkey trot was held right before Thanksgiving break. Prizes given to the winners were Thanksgiving turkeys. Danny Hickey won the individual award with the Longhorns winning as a team.

In a game against the Stumpjumper, BASS player Ronnie Lasker battles Clark McGill for the rebound.

The starting gun is fired and the annual pre-Thanksgiving Women's turkey trot has begun.





The field in front of Daniel Hall brought on intramural football between the Longhorns and Beta Beta Social Club.

Opportunities for student participation

continued

Ouachita and her eternal cross-street rival, Henderson State University, held joint intramural championships in football and a turkey trot with Ouachita dominating both events. In football, the Ouachita team won in sudden death overtime. Ouachita runners also placed in seven of the top eight places in the turkey trot.

David Taylor, a sophomore religion major, was very pleased with the intramural program. "When I was a freshman, it was a good way to meet people, the guys on the team as well as the players on the other teams," said Taylor. He also stated that these sports were good ways to break from studies and to have fun.

Barrett and Taylor both felt intramurals provided a good outlet for what students learned in physical education classes.

The intramural program was organized in the early 1960's to

'provide an opportunity for every student at Ouachita University to participate in some type of competitive sports activity,' according to the official handbook. The principal objectives were stated as to provide recreation, social contact, permanent interest in sports, group spirit, and physical fitness.

For better organization, a Board of Governors was established consisting of the faculty director of intramurals, the head of the physical education department and a senior intramural manager. A council of intramural managers was also established.

Until 1967, the intramurals were best described as haphazard. At that time some care was given to better organize the problem but it still needed much improvement.

Coach Barrett is still not pleased and wants to keep working for better organization. He explained that some-

As other players for BASS look on, St. Jumper John Morgan goes up for two points in an intramural game held in Rockefeller Fieldhouse.



Deciding which direction to go with the ball, is Longhorn player, Jimmy Ivers as Beta Beta player David McClanahan tries to change his mind.



Shooting from the line in intramural play against the Stumpjumpers, an independent team, is BASS member Ricky Armstrong.

times whole teams wouldn't show for a game, and that there was a problem with the officials. This year six officials were on the work-study program. Next year, Barrett hopes to pick his own personnel.

He also stated that Ouachita is in need of better facilities, especially in the area of football.

In a women's intramural football game between Gamma Phi Social Club and freshmen Rookies, Sue Powers is on her way to the goal line.



Whether it's skateboarding,
football, frisbee or
racquetball,
Ouachita students play

JUST FOR THE FUN OF IT ...

by Steve Nicholson

Whether it be skateboarding in front of Evans Student Center or finishing a high spirited sandlot football game, students at Ouachita enjoyed sports of all kinds—just for the fun of it. Organized sports and intramurals might have been fine for some, but many enjoyed other sports as well.

With warm weather hanging on well into the fall semester, tennis drew a big crowd of followers at Ouachita's new Freeman-Dunklin Tennis Center. As recently as this fall, two courts were added to the facility located directly east of Rockefeller Fieldhouse. This brought the total to six courts. The harshness of winter cleared the courts

for a few months, but at the first signs of spring, tennis buffs were back out there.

As long as there was football on Sunday afternoon television, there would most likely be sandlot football. Charged by all the instant replays of diving in from the one yard line or making a great divine tackle, students of both sexes vicariously became all-pro superstars during their impromptu games. The favorite playing field was in front of Rockefeller Fieldhouse, but players would start a game anywhere they could find a clearing in the trees around campus.

A college student's worldly possessions weren't complete without at least

one frisbee. Any time the weather was decent, frisbee flyers could be found around campus, often competing with the football fans for a sacred clearing. Most likely sparked by a rise in professional meets on a national level, frisbee buffs were always eager to show a new way to throw or catch their plastic plates.

The past two or three years has seen a revival in a sport popular in the mid-sixties—skateboarding. On their custom boards with high speed rollers and special paraphernalia, skateboard followers covered in the entire campus on their 'push-power.' On occasions, one or two were seen inside Birkett-Williams Dining Hall! The sport was



Enjoying the countryside by bicycling are Rachel Moore and Candy Earney.

winning determination, Robert Brown table tennis in the spacious game room.

much more seriously by this new d of skateboarders paying as much tion to safety as to speed and rol. Borrowed from the football s were ankle and elbow pads as well ecial head gear and heavy gloves. Are there experts? Of course. As skateboarding student put it, "I ght I was doing pretty good, ng down this monster hill, when I passed by some nut riding on his s!"

When the temperature began to in November and December, ents retreated indoors for basket- in Walton's Gym. According to h Bob Gravett, the gym was kept a afternoons and nights as well as oughout the weekends for free play. most any time a few students could ound working on their lay up or g a dunk shot.

Popular all year was the gameroom ans Student Center. Here students yed foosball, pool, air hockey and tennis. They also took advantage Duachita's excellent bowling ties. There were nominal fees for



ita has six tennis courts for play by the nt body.



Launching from the steps in the front of Mabee Fine Arts building are skateboard enthusiasts Garland Phillips and Allen Cole.

JUST FOR THE FUN OF IT ...

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Both of the racquetball courts at Rockefeller Fieldhouse are always occupied by students who enjoy this new indoor sports craze.

Taking advantage of one of the many indoor sports offered in Evans Student Center game room is freshman Jim Fisher.



student's benefit. Ouachita also boasts an indoor swimming pool. During regular hours, students swam for free in the pool located next to Walton Gym. Also in the area was a weight machine for aerobics workouts.

Probably the fastest growing sport was racquetball. This quick sport has grown on a national level for the past three years. For the year, racquetball caught on very quickly around Ouachita. Unfortunately, players worked with only two courts, creating long waiting lines for an open court.

Another fast growing sport was

jogging. It seemed everyone got into the act with their bright new color-coordinated warm-ups as well as the old faithful gray sweat suits. Most joggers ran on the streets around campus. By rule of thumb, two times around campus was one mile. Ouachita also allowed the use of the track at A.U. Williams Field north of the main campus for joggers.

According to Dr. Ken Locke, director of counseling at Ouachita, running and racquetball are two of the best sports for healthy escapism. The pressures of college life can mount. These activities are good release of those tensions in that a person can do them alone.

The rolling hills around Arkadelphia made an excellent setting for bicycling. Whether a leisurely cruise around campus or a trip out to DeGray, bicycling remained good relaxation.

A sport failing to receive much notice in the past was archery. The target ranges north of the main campus allowed the avid hunter as well as the occasional sportsman a good place for practice. Targets were left on the ranges most of the year for the free use of students.

Playing sports that differed as do their personalities, Ouachita students enjoyed athletics on their own. They didn't get a letter jacket or any kind of award. They only played for fun.



Come rain or shine, faithful joggers like Ginger Rollins and Karen Gentry keep on running.

Open throughout the week as well as the weekends, Walton Gym is a favorite spot for basketball fans throughout the year. Mike Hobson defends Tim Mack in some one-on-one action.

Academics

CLOSE UP

Let's face it. Not too many memories were made in the classroom. Despite the fact that we are here for learning and broadening our horizons, our most memorable experiences in college were the foot ball games, the intramural teams, dates, social club activities and involvement in campus organizations.

However, classes did rule our lives. How many times did you turn down a date to the Sonic to cram for that big test? How about the time you had to take an otherwise free afternoon and fill it with a 3:00 Editing II class? And we turned almost blood-hungry getting those class cards at registration. If someone was in your way in the banquet room of Evans, you were likely to run over him and leave tred marks!

Nevertheless, classes weren't what you'd call "number one" on the list of college favorites. According to an informal poll conducted by the OUACHITONIAN, involvement with a club or



organization and living away from home were listed as "favorite aspects of college life." Few people listed academic work as their favorite aspect.

When asked what faults the academic program had, several respondents to the poll listed a lack of depth in any particular area. However, Dr. Carl Goodson, vice-president in

Showing off a fern to Teri Garner is Dr. Victor Oliver. The greenhouse is in its second year of operation.

Graduation isn't what it's all cracked up to be! During one of the graduation speeches, Debbie Hagan takes a quick yawn only to be caught by photographer Anita Stafford. Debbie, who majored in political science, is now a graduate student. She is planning to get a masters degree in education.



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Academics

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Goodson said that the purpose of a liberal arts program was to give wide exposure to a number of academic areas. He said, "In-depth study is what graduate school is for."

However critical the opinion of academics may be, Ouachita did fare better than the national averages in various aspects of academia.

In a report from the academic affairs office dated January 1977, the average ACT composite score of freshmen was 18.8 while the national average was 18.7.

The report also mentioned that more Ouachita freshmen were interested in graduate studies than the national average, more freshmen at Ouachita were interested in extra-curricular activities than the national average and more first year students at Ouachita were interested in honors programs, foreign studies and CLEP tests than the national average.

Another report on Ouachita conducted by Dr. Earl McGrath, overseer of the Lilly-McGrath Study of Southern Baptist Colleges, ranked Ouachita the highest in institutional esprit, or school pride.

A new way to 'test out'

- Ouachita accepted a new testing program to get credit by examination. In addition to the CLEP (College Level Examination Program) tests, students could also use the American College Test (ACT) Proficiency Examination Program (ACT-PEP).



submitted any test results from ACT-PEP for the fall semester.

Unlike the general CLEP tests, which Ouachita uses, the ACT-PEP tests covered specific subject areas. Thirty-three of the ACT-PEP tests were designated as those that qualify for possible granting of credit at Ouachita.

One criticism of credit-by-examination programs came from Dr. Herman Sandford, chairman of the English department. "They (CLEP) are not testing the way we teach," he said, "I have seen a copy of the English test and the two are not equivalent. I don't believe the examination tests the student's ability to write, which is the primary aim of our freshman program. That can't be determined on an objective types test. The student must write."

Although CLEP claims that the objective test does measure a student's ability to write, it is offering an essay portion on the general test in 1978, according to Goodson. The addition of the essay portion is optional since the English departments of the individual schools are responsible for evaluating the essays.

The Ouachita English department voted in September to adopt the essay portion.

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At a regular Thursday lesson with Virginia Queen, Sylvia McDonnough practices Chopin's *Ballade*. Sylvia practices 10 to 12 hours per week.

Closing the gap

So academics, our real reason for going to college, ruled our lives. For some, academics were the last on a list of favorite aspects of college life. But others considered academics their favorite aspect. And everyone has got to admit that the hassles, homework and hair pulled were worth it when our brains finally grasped that theory or formula or musical arrangement.

We probably closed the wide gap between ourselves and whatever cosmic truths there may be just a little more as we studied the year at . . . OBU-Close Up.



Racism and prejudice are discussed by Mrs. Frances Coulter in a Contemporary World review of the controversial book "Blaming the Victim."

The Tiger Grill is a comfortable study area for Donna McCoy and Susan Williams as they prepare for their Applied Math class.



A closer look



Keeping his classes interesting is the goal of Dr. Jim Berryman, who teaches GNED courses in three areas.

Solving the GNED blues

Have you ever wished someone would make those "tired, old" general education courses more interesting? Well, that is what Dr. Jim Berryman's been doing for years.

"One of the keys to teaching," says Dr. Berryman, "is that if the teacher is interested in a subject, the students will retain the interest." He does his best to cultivate interest in the three GNED areas he teaches; religion, humanities, and Decision Making.

Taking the courses one-by-one, Berryman explained what he has done in each. In Decision Making, for example, he has "changed approaches until I found one which is both interesting and effective, and also challenging to the student." The Bible survey courses cover too much ground, so he has placed the emphasis

on the method of study instead of on his own opinions. "The professor always be around to interpret for me," he said.

Berryman adds interest to humanities courses by teaching a new module a semester. He says it "makes the teacher study more about what he's teaching."

Building interest in classes is Dr. Berryman's goal as a teacher. He wants to help the student "discover who he is, his abilities, and how to use the two to live effectively." The teacher is not an authority on thinking, but an "enabler" according to Berryman. He is someone who "helps the student to learn, to develop the skills of thinking, and to develop his relationships with others and with God."

Self-evaluation was the major emphasis for the General Education program this year, according to Dr. Carl Goodson, vice president of academic affairs. A variety of studies were conducted for a possible revision or restructuring of the program in 1978 or 1979.

The major thrust of the evaluation was conducted by the GNED Study Committee, headed by Dr. Everett Slavens. Consisting of seven faculty members and students Paige Witt and David Pinkston, the committee considered private studies and a student survey to make suggestions toward revision.

The student survey was taken in November and gave students a chance to state their opinion of the program. With Dr. Charles Chambliss in charge, the survey will be correlated and its implications and applications noted. The evaluation also included other studies comparing Ouachita's GNED program with other Southern Baptist liberal arts schools, and schools in this state or neighboring states.

General education classes were designed to give students a broad liberal arts education. Required courses ranged from science and English to humanities, religion, math, and Decision Making. A total of 43 semester hours of GNED must be completed for

graduation. CLEP tests are available for testing out of a possible 23 hours.

Most faculty and students favored the present GNED program, or one with some revisions. Dr. Jim Berryman, a GNED instructor, said that "our program is a good one. Compared to other schools, it always fares well."

Gray Allison, a junior, agreed with Dr. Berryman. "There have been a lot of complaints about general education classes. But compared to other schools, it's a good program. It's based on the ideals of Christian excellence, like Dr. Grant says."

Freshman Nick Brown agreed that students "definitely need it, but a few alterations need to be made. Required general education courses should be centered around the individual major with some courses required for everyone. For example," Nick said, "science majors in chemistry wouldn't have to take life science, which is below them." One junior went as far to suggest the dropping of Old and New Testament Surveys as required courses. She also maintained that Decision Making should be a sophomore or junior course so that it would be more effective. "That's when we face those decisions."

A study committee looks at the GNED program while students speak out on a survey

'It's a good program'



Lectures on the world energy crisis means more notes for Laura McBeth, Scott Carter, and Dickie Smith in Contemporary World.



The romance "Spring Snow," an outside reading for freshman English, takes Babbe Rodger's mind off of English.

Teacher apprenticeships and McClellan Hall highlight changes for education department

Getting a head start

Teacher apprenticeship and moving into McClellan Hall highlighted the year for the Educational Department.

This fall the Education Department began a new program called Teacher Apprentice. It was a program in which sophomore education majors worked in the Arkadelphia public schools one day for two hours. The students did not teach as a practice teacher would. Instead, they observed the classroom and teacher and acted as an aid to the teacher.

"We feel very positive about the new program," said Dr. Charles Chambliss, Chairman of the Education Department, "The kids are excited about it."

Ninety-six students were placed in the program during fall.

"One of the most important changes is moving into our new building, McClellan Hall," smiles Chambliss. "I feel new and better surroundings will help motivation in the department."

The Educational Department continued its work with the Upward Bound program. They were also in their third year of curriculum revision in which they analyzed courses trying to

find a way to prepare students for actual performance as a teacher.

"Our goals on special education are of a main interest to the department at this time. We aren't sure how to advance in this or exactly what our responsibilities are." Chambliss said.

Special education was an area of concern and one that Ouachita Education Department was concerned about, according to Chambliss.



A **Library Science** class is held in the library by Mrs. Dorothy Chapel.

Debbie Smith, a freshman from Milpercen Germany used her work study hours teaching a tumbling class at Ouachita. This was the first year for the class and was open to any faculty member child.



A successful program at Ouachita. Under joint administration of the United States Health, Education, and Welfare Department and Ouachita, ATAC was a program designed to aid public schools in discipline, awareness, discrimination, and racial problems.

The program works with anywhere from 25 to 35 schools per year. They offered suggestions and presented new requirements and court cases dealing with education to the kindergarten through High School schools.

The main interest of ATAC was dealing with Title IX in the schools. Title dealt with sex discrimination in the public schools.

Although every problem, great and small, is an outstanding accomplishment in itself, there were a couple of extra special ones. For instance, Arkansas parents were taught how to teach their elementary kids to read. A comparative study between the kids helped by their parents and those not helped showed a significant improvement. Two schools were helped

curriculum. Ms. Rae Rice, a representative of ATAC, described her work as "challenging and demanding. Dealing with attitudes is one of the most difficult jobs," says Rice. "Often I get discouraged but the rewards of a successful conclusion to a problem is rewarding."



A closer look

Mr. Ray Gillespie is one of the many workers at ATAC, a program designed to aid public schools in working out problems.

Mrs. Pam Arrington instructs students on making bulletin boards as part of a media class.



Hilton McDonald does his practice teaching at the Goza public school in Arkadelphia. Hilton spent half the semester in classroom study and the other half with this fourth grade class in actual teaching.

Dozing in Econ? Mike Cummins gets caught in the act of catching ten winks in a Principles of Economics I class.

A calculator verifies the results Benny Wilkerson got from working an accounting problem. Benny is an accounting major.



Work in the Student Aids office is a contribution to experience for Dale Allison, a business major. Dale worked with student loans.



N keep abreast of the demands of business. We can't stand still but must always keep moving."

These were the comments made Mr. Jonathon Kelly, head of Office Administration, concerning the Arkansas College Teachers of Economics and Business. This organization, which Kelly presided, held its annual meeting in Little Rock in December. It is composed of college and university business teachers in Arkansas. The program is one of the projects of the Department of Higher Education. The members meet with community leaders to see what the people of Arkansas would think the schools should be like. However, Kelly's comments on the NEAB could also apply to the Business Department here at Ouachita. The department has constantly tried to keep ahead of the demands of business,

department has doubled in the past five years.

"This increase was because students have become greatly interested in the idea of such good job prospects for the future," stated Mr. Martin Gonzales, head of Business and Economics. Kelly added that there has been no problem for business majors graduating from Ouachita finding jobs. He said there has been a special demand for the accountant majors.

Randy Jerry, a junior Business Administration major, said the business Administration major, said the business department is exceptional. He said, "It is rough, but with OBU's instructors, one gets a chance to comprehend it." He added, "The value of a Business degree is getting a

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Trying to keep ahead of demands

"Enrollment in business department doubles in five years"



A home economics major, Beverly Banard takes an office machine course during summer school under Jonathan Kelley.

Trying to keep ahead of demands

well-rounded education." continued

Tina Cochran, a freshman Office Administration major, and Sharon Floyd, a junior Office Administration major, were also involved in the Business department this year. They worked as secretaries to Mr. Gonzales and Mr. Lee Royce. Both of them feel the experience was invaluable. They each plan on being a secretary so doing such jobs as typing, answering the phone, and taking care of correspon-

dence with other schools and between departments had been good training in an office environment.

The department received two new faculty members. Dr. Winston Beard, an OBU graduate, returned to be the new divisional chairman for Business and Economics. He said he is looking forward to revising the curriculum in Business and making changes that will further improve the quality of the programs.

Mr. James Brown also came to Ouachita this year to teach the Principles of Accounting, Intermediate Accounting, and Personal Finance. This was the first time he had ever taught, but he said, "It went better than I expected for the first year."



Principles of Economics, taught by Lee Royce and Winston Beard, is a two semester course required for Business Administration, Economics and Accounting majors. As a result, the classes are quite large.

Valuable experience is gained by Tina Cochran, a freshman Office Administration major, by working as a secretary for Lee Royce and Martin Gonzalez.



Before his Econ class starts, Don McCormick checks over his assignment. McCormick's wife, Sue, is also a student here.



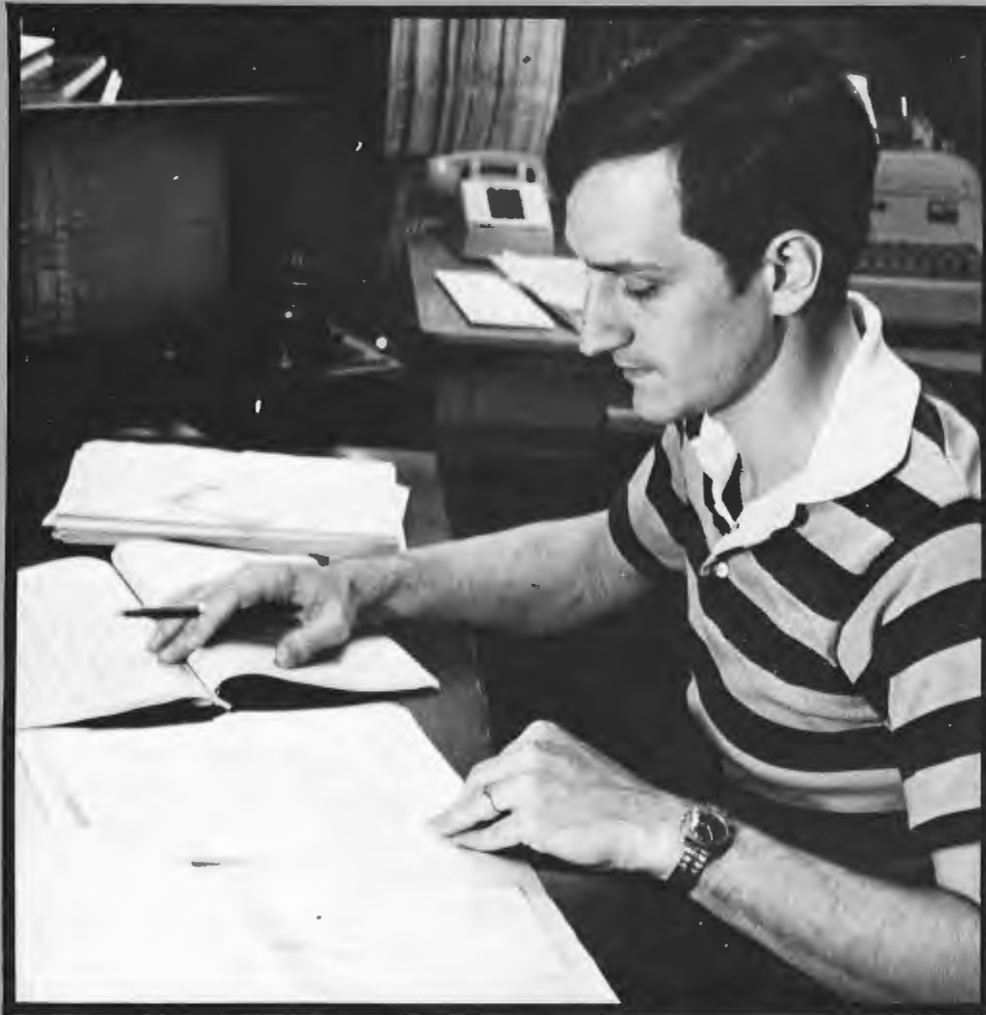
Melvin Klinkner: Saying I can do more

Anyone who has ever received a loan from Ouachita has probably at some time or another come in contact with Melvin Klinkner, a senior Business and Economics major, who is the student loans director. Mel works under Mr. Phil McCommas, director of student loans, but after McCommas approves a loan, Mel takes over.

Mel started working in the student loans office four years ago. He trained for the job during his freshman year and became the student loans director when he was a sophomore.

Since that time, there have been about 400 new loans. This means a lot of work considering how much is involved with one loan. Each time a loan is given out, the recipient must be informed what he is getting into.

Then when the student leaves school, he is counseled again concerning repayment of the loan. After that,



Replacement for Klinkner is already in the making. Phil Rickles, a sophomore Business Administration major, will be the loans director next year.

correspondence is still kept with the person until the loan is paid off.

There is also a lot of paper work that must be done. Two government reports must be completed annually. The Fiscal Operations report is due in August and the Request for Funds is due in October. Mel commented that as long as they kept up with their records, making a summarization for these reports isn't too difficult.

He added, however, that this year wasn't so hard because he knew what was to be expected.

As for keeping up with his classes in his busy schedule, Mel said he has had to learn to discipline himself. He is also married, so managing his time has been very important. He said, "It has been good experience, though, because when I thought I had been pushed to my limit, I found I could do more."

"I have enjoyed it; it's been a good experience," he said. "If I had the choice between this job and not

Klinkner, whose wife Corliss, also works in the student aids office, is serving his third year as loans director.

working, I'd do it again. It's really been a challenge. Mr. McCommas has been a big help, however, in showing me the real business world. He gave me the opportunity to innovate and try new things.

"I think the changes have been beneficial, and overall I have been very pleased with the job," he added.

What are rules anyway? These students, like many others, are breaking a rule. This study carrel in Riley Library is supposed to be for reading periodical guides only.



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Making the grade

***or: How the
OBU student
makes it through
a myriad of
teachers, books & hassles**

Making the grade*

'I got off easy—only \$60.00'

by: Bob Browning

There I was, a new member of this great institution and with only a faint notion of what was going on. Faced with the problem of finding books for my classes, I decided first to seek information and wisdom from the warehouses of knowledge called "upperclassmen."

I climbed the stairs to the second floor and sought out the room of the guy from my hometown that I half-way knew. I quickly explained my situation and asked for tips on book buying. "Go to the Rho Sigma book exchange," he replied. "They got all the books you need."

With a lightened spirit, I left the room and trodded across campus to the book exchange. My heart jumped when I saw all of my books there at lower prices. I stood in the checkout line grinning when somebody said, "Hey, freshman, all those classes

changed books this semester."

I gasped with disbelief and drew my checkbook to my chest, as if to protect it. My fate was set . . .

I walked slowly to the sub. A friend called out, "I got away easy—only \$60." After descending the stairs, I pondered the bookstore lurking before me. My courage rose and I entered.

Under the appropriate heading I found my first book. The price read \$15.95. Everyone jerked their heads my way when the book hit the floor. I recovered and found the rest of my books, fearfully computing the price. The long checkout line gave me time to sweat.

My total was \$69.47. When I ripped the check out, I felt it in my heart and even more in the old pocketbook. I walked away stunned yet also a little wiser, but a whole lot poorer.





PIT STOP!

by: Brent Polk

The library has to rate number one as the social center of OBU.

With the completion of the multi-million dollar megastructure, it would appear that the sub would suffice as the pit stop for those cruising about the campus. This, however, is not the case.

It is quite apparent that there are a few who go to the library to study. But others can be seen hopping from table to table "rescuing" some poor soul to give him (her) a break from the dreary routine of studying. This would not be quite so bad if they would not "rescue" everyone else in the library at the same time (i.e. by boisterous laughing).

To the poor student who occasionally finds it necessary to have a session of uninterrupted study, there are two choices: 1) ear plugs and a blind fold or 2) Henderson's Huie Library where everyone is not quite "one big family" continually greeting each other—leaving you precious time for the last minute exam cram.



Manch out

Twelve o'clock midnight — the studying might have been done (although it probably wasn't) and the stomachs were growling. After all,



ner at Walt's wasn't the best. So, to the famous "Stop" was in

pecifically, it was Glynn's Truck the interstate. Open 24 hours a ne Stop featured Arkadelphia's cheeseburger and fries and asts comparable to Mom's.

at even more important was the here — there wasn't one! OBU ts could go at their dirtiest and cleaner than the gruff truckers, pp's main customers.

owever, good food and little y music on the juke box made ght munchies fun.

nd if you were lucky, a couple of coeds might have snuck out of s Crawford to join you!



Feeling out a teacher

one starts a semester of classes, here occurs a process known as "g out a teacher." The results will g your social life, studying habits, and, in the end, whether you come home the family's pride and joy r parent's "other" child.

he first step in this process is to find out what the teacher is like. "ou have to take a lot of notes?" "many cuts does he allow?" "Are ts hard?" and "How does he " are some of the questions

it sometimes this doesn't work. Some people actually like a boring r and note taking and hard tests. Some people don't ever skip a

nce in the class, the next step is g the teacher's personality. Does h at your jokes? Or do you see ade plunge the split second the aves your lips? Can you talk to er class or does he head for a cup ee at the sub the second the l chimes ring at ten minutes 'til ur?

eel out a teacher by seeing what jokes he tells," says sophomore Nicholson. "I can tell from his f humor just what I can get away

By the time the teacher gives his first test, you are pretty well set. You know what his sense of humor is like, how many cuts you have, how to take notes, how interesting he is and what kind of tests he gives.

Unfortunately, after you have all this vital information, you can't use it on a term paper or an essay test. You can still fail. But the information can ease the sometimes painful (and sometimes enlightening) road to making the grade.



Freshmen "get the goods" on various teachers during freshman initiation week. Trying to imitate idiosyncracies of the teachers, the freshmen had to rely on upperclassmen to tell them about the teachers.

Rapport with teachers is one positive result of "feeling out a teacher." Charlyn Hampton and Hilton McDonald help Mrs. Pam Arrington, of the education department, with a bulletin board.

Making the grade*

Finding a quiet place

(cont)

Studying wasn't always an easy task to accomplish. Finding a quiet place, to cram for an upcoming test or just reading a chapter, was the main obstacle to overcome.

The dorm, with seven loud stereo systems, three televised football games and the constant chatter of gossip had to be ruled out.

The library was usually overcrowded with hushed (and distracting) whispers of gossip and "what are you doing Saturday night" conversations.

So, one spent too much time just finding a quiet place.

But when you found a place, a second distraction, procrastination, had to be dealt with . . .



The foreign language lab is used for repetitive drills to build skills in speaking a foreign language. French and Spanish are the languages OBU offers. Kieko Yoneda, one of the 1976-1977 exchange students from Japan, drills French.



The lobby in Verser Theatre provides a quiet

Achieving a major goal

Achieving a major goal in life, 294 students received degrees during commencement exercises the evening of May 14. The degrees included 268 bachelors and 26 masters.

The speakers were chosen by the faculty and Dr. Daniel Grant, president of the University. They were Dr. Tom Machino, associate professor of physical science, and Wesley Kluck, a professor of math, chemistry and biology from Arkadelphia.

Graduating seniors who completed the ROTC program were sworn into the United States Army at the rank of first lieutenant.

Brigadier General Tom F. Digby Jr., of North Little Rock, received the Distinguished Alumni Award in honor of his outstanding work in his field. He was honored for his services to the community through the Former Students Association.

Baccalaureate service was held the morning in Mitchell Hall with Dr. Charles A. Trentham, senior minister of



the First Baptist Church of Washington, D.C., speaking.

At the summer commencement, August 12, 37 bachelor and 26 master degrees were awarded.

Two seniors who completed the ROTC program were commissioned into the Army.

Speaking was Dr. C. Ronald Goulding of Washington, D.C., director of the Division of Evangelism and Education of the Baptist World Alliance.

Brigadier General Edward J. Hopkins (ret.), of New York, received the Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Rev. R. H. Dorris of North Little Rock, director of missions for the Arkansas Baptist Convention, received an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree.

Consulting the program to check his place in line at commencement is Larry Raines.

Following the Baccalaureate services, Jeff Pounders, Debbie Hagan and Lyn Kinnamon Wesson talk with Dr. Bob Riley, professor of Political Science. Dr. Charles Trentham, minister at President Jimmy Carter's church in Washington, spoke at the service.



Making the grade*

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Oh, that feeling again

Oh that feeling again. That feeling of wanting to be any place but this boring class. Despite the full eight hours sleep, despite the two hours reading preparation and despite the good intentions of being interested, the eyes are drooping into that "boredom position" while the class instructor rambles on and on with his lecture.

You're zapped now. You can't take notes; if you do they don't make any sense. Usually they are just a little scribble here and a little scribble there. Then, shake, your head has bent over too far and you wake up. Embarrassment! You can feel the blood pounding in your face. Surely the teacher is staring directly at you.

Oh well, at least you are awake now. The notes make a little more sense. You are really tuned in to what the teacher is saying — for five minutes. And then, take a look at the clock. Twenty-five minutes more left! Oh, that feeling again . . .



by Kevin MacArthur

Mabee Fine Arts Center may have looked a little sterile from the outside, but one step inside proved that Mabee was a little world of its own.

The jumbled, but pleasant sounds of musicians playing gentle notes on pianos, singing classical music and performing the final "skawees" on trumpets let you know that 125 music majors were perfecting their art for those all-important recitals or an upcoming ensemble performance.

Music majors had to put themselves into a world of their own. Their courses were mostly two credit hours. Therefore, with a full load of 16 or 17 hours, they had more classes to practice and prepare for than other students.

Sandy Webb, a junior, said, "You have to devote all of your time to practice." She said that practice frequently prohibited much outside social life.

Ellen Goodson, a junior Music Education major, said, "Time-wise, it is very demanding, but the School (of Music) is fantastic; it is so thorough." She said that she has never had an "incompetent teacher" at OBU.

Dr. Charles Wright chairman of the Music Education department, agreed. "I feel that for a small university, the OBU School of Music offers a very high quality degree," he said. "The demands on the students are extensive and they respond to those demands."

Recitals, especially senior recitals, were the "biggies" for music majors. And, all majors had to attend 15 recitals of fellow musicians each semester. As an experiment, recitals were given at 5:00 instead of 8:00 so that the instructors would not have to spend so much "overtime." However, many

Music majors' extensive practice leaves little time for other activities

A world of their own

One of the ten singing groups in the music department, the Ouachitones practice for their Christmas performances. Over the Christmas break, the Ouachitones journeyed to Hawaii. Paula Woodall, Amy Anderson and Jan Sutterfield practice a routine.



A world of their own

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students were upset with the change. Not only did this new time conflict with supper, a question of what to wear came up. "A tux at 5:00 in the afternoon?" said one disgruntled student. Also, parents of students who lived great distances away found it difficult to be at 5:00 recitals. Goodson said, however, "The controversy soon subsided."

A new course, Opera Workshop, introduced music students to music theater. The workshop performed "Amahl and the Night Visitors" during the Christmas season. The workshop, which was taught by Terry Fern, was assisted with costumes and makeup by the Home Economics and Drama departments.

The music Library was updated with better music selections and a cassette recorder so that music students would not have to bring their own recorders and "hope that no one made any noise" as Goodson said.

Music students, in a world of their own, were sometimes accused of "being weird" according to Goodson. Sandy Lankford, a senior, explained, that like drama majors, "People who express their emotions artistically are called 'weird' because others just don't understand."

We should have all been as weird.



At the University Choir's annual Christmas concert, Vicki Martin and others sing from Vivaldi's "Gloria."



In the chapel, Amy Tate looks over her music with the help of Cheryl Waters.



One of several outdoor band concerts, this one was presented to the students at a "picnic" supper on the main. Director Lawson introduces the next number.



Records are an important part of a teacher's assistant's work. David Williams helps instructor Dr. Francis McBeth.

A record from the music library helps Kenny Nix study his assigned music for Music Literature class.



A closer look

Debut as King in Opera, a shot at stardom



Dressed in kingly robes, Clay Nelson plays the role of a king in the Opera Workshop's Christmas performance, "Amahl and the Night Visitors."

His debut in an opera provided a shot at stardom for freshman Clay Nelson, a business administration major from Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. His role- a black king, one of three following the eastern star to find a special baby. It was "Amahl and the Night Visitors," the first performance by the Opera Workshop.

It is a regular semester class, taught by Terry Fern, and offered for the first time last fall. The class made its own sets and individuals did their own makeup. They were assisted by the Home Economics and Drama departments.

The opera itself is seen through the eyes of a crippled 12-year-old, the son of a poor widow, whose house the

three kings stop at to rest during their long journey. The mother tries to steal some of the kings' gold but is caught. One king says "Woman, you may keep the gold. The child we seek doesn't need all gold." The widow wants to send a gift but has nothing, so the child offers his crutch. He is miraculously cured. He asks to go with the kings and is permitted to do so.

"It was really a worthwhile experience. I recommend the class to anyone." Clay was invited to try out for the class and was accepted. This will add new experiences to Clay's music background, which includes 15 years of choir, previous voice lessons, and participation in various dramas in high school.

Some personal instruction for biology students is given by Richard Brown. These students are in his Human Anatomy and Physiology class.



Science majors, loaded with hard courses, give reasons for pursuing science degrees

It always had that odor, that Moses-Provine odor, redolent of formaldehyde with a tinge of sulphur or some other caustic solution from organic or chemistry lab. It was a comfortable smell, though, once you got used to it. And the clinking of broken test tubes and flasks was a familiar sound in the science labs and the water research unit where the NARTs (Nix's Allstar Research Team) were busy studying area water bodies.

There was comraderie among the people who studied and worked in Moses-Provine. "I'll get the stuff for bromide burns," says one organic chem student when a lab-mate spills some bromide solution on her hands. They joked about the lab report that was due at 9:00 a.m. the next day and still not started. And they enjoyed working together to unravel the confusing problems Dr. Jeffers thought so important.

But science courses weren't easy. In fact, they were downright tough. Between the lectures and labs, most science students spent at least nine hours working for four or five credit hours. And that didn't include preparation time.

Tests were well, TESTS. Each of the major organic chemistry tests took three hours to complete. The grading

scale had to allow 50% as a "C."

So, why do students major in science? Well, those who stick with it (there is a high attrition rate among freshman science majors) have several reasons.

Cindy Ashcraft, a sophomore, says "A desire to know what and why" is her reason for being a chemistry major.

Nancy James, a junior, says "Chemistry (science) is hard, but challenging." Brent Polk, a sophomore pre-med student, agreed, "It's a challenge; I love it!"

To the outsider, demanding courses like calculus, chemistry, histology, organic chemistry, biology, zoology and physics may seem unnecessary for a student planning to enter the medical field.

Indeed, even Dr. Joe Jeffers of the chemistry department says that it would be possible to teach someone to be a doctor in about three years by teaching a technical "how to" course of study.

However, Jeffers says that, because of the requirements set by medical schools, "there is a need for a broad knowledge. Background in the sciences will allow for understanding later on."

Dr. Joe Nix, also of the chemistry department, says that the undergraduate study of science is essential for someone to be a doctor. "What we're doing is teaching *tools* by which someone can become a scientist," he said. "These tools are the same ones a doctor needs later in study."

**'It's a challenge;
it's tough—
I love it'**

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technician, Fish Burke must take organic chemistry. She joked about liking science courses until she took organic, one of the more difficult science courses.

A full time NART (Nix's Allstar Research Team that does water research for area water bodies), Butch Evans, works with Melinda Scarborough, a secretary for the water research unit. Melinda is also a lab instructor for chemistry labs. Other workers in the water research unit are students who are hired on a part time basis. The research unit is headed by Dr. Joe Nix.



A pre-medical student, Rodney Davis dissects a cat in his Comparative Chordate Anatomy Lab. Commonly called "Chordate", the course is a junior-senior level biology course.

'It's a challenge; it's tough— I love it'

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Kim Holstead, a sophomore, plans to enter the Medical Service Corps. When asked if she thought all her science courses were necessary for her career, she said, "Yes, these courses will help with understanding of later courses in the field." She agreed with Jeffers about "tacit knowledge." "Anyone can count blood cells," she said, "but what good is it if you don't understand the structure of blood cells and how they work?"

Aside from the age-old problems of lack of equipment and number of teachers, science students interviewed were generally pleased with the science division.

Teri Garner, a senior, said the smallness of the school gave way to

good teacher-student relationships. "My organic lab is technically over at 4 p.m. but Dr. Jeffers will stay until the last person has left," she said.

Garner feels that the natural science division is the best Ouachita offers. "We spend so much time here (in the science building) that we get much more instruction than in the other divisions."

She also said that any course that could possibly be offered by the division would be through special studies.

Polk said, "For the most part, the division is good. My complaint is with the other departments on campus; they are not demanding enough."

So, science is a tool. It was tough to learn how to use. But it was a tool that the hard-core science students learned to love. Why? Maybe Dr. Nix said it best. "We teach people how to think. God gave people a mind, and we are teaching them how to use it."

Much time is spent by Gary Bevill in the chemistry library preparing lab reports. The library, which is an extension of the main library, contains books and periodicals pertaining to various facets of chemistry.



The physics lab oscilloscope is used to measure electrical impulses. Terry Smit examines readings from the machine with Lee Padget, a graduate.





amped with requests for help, Brent Polk and Brian Burton with an experiment in a chemistry lab. Brent's duties as a lab assistant include grading lab reports.

Lab assistants learn by repetition

At least it helps pay the bill! That's what Brent Polk said about being an assistant in the freshman chemistry lab. Brent is one of several students who used their work-study aid in the science departments as lab assistants, secretaries or store room personnel. Brent said that, overall, he enjoyed working with the students in the labs. "It's up an awful lot of time, though," he said, "time that could be spent in the library studying."

He does gain from the job academically, however. He said, "Working in the chemistry lab is a great source of learning. The material that I learned this year is solidified by continuously going over it with others."

With his job, classes and labs, Brent spends approximately 35 hours in the science building. "If my courses weren't so interesting, it would get old," he commented.



Organic Lab is one of the most difficult of the science labs. David Dube listens to instructions from Dr. Joe Jeffers, the course instructor.



A graduate assistant, Pat Bolding works with a computer which is part of the water research micro-meteorological station complex.

A shortage of brass meant no polishing for Wednesday labs. And a girl won the freshman shoot-off!

ROTC— a controversial part of tradition

When freshmen males thought of ROTC, visions of constant marching, endless exercising, verbal abuse and detailed inspections came to mind. In reality, these were just exaggerations told by upperclassmen and products of the student's imagination.

The program exposed the freshman cadets to the Army and its rank system. They had to obey fellow students who were in some cases younger. Promotions or appointment as squad leader put a cadet ahead of other platoon members or in charge of a group of them.

Several firsts were achieved. The freshman shoot-off was initiated in the fall. Linda Bequette was the winner with a score of 162 out of a possible 200. This was the first year that freshmen and sophomores were able to participate in field training.

Cadets got to experience the Army's way of working by making the trek through the supply room to get the right size uniform (in most cases close enough).

The cutdown in brass brought joy to

incoming cadets, as they would have to get the Brasso out of Tuesday night.

In class, fundamentals of leadership were taught. This was done through use of lectures, Army textbooks and occasional film. A popular film about Vince Lombardi, the late football coach of the NFL Green Bay Packers, teaching a person leadership basics using examples from his work with the Packers.

Captain Lymon Harrold, an instructor, said that "especially in the second semester leadership course we teach cadets the basics to make good leaders. This will enable them not only communicate with the people under them, but to obey their superiors."

Jeff Honea, a freshman, differed in opinion. "It would be fine without class, the lab, the uniforms, etc."

Lab consisted of the usual marching drills and instructional mini-lectures. These included first aid, weapon marksmanship and rappelling. Marching was still a large part of the lab program. A drill competition was held at the end of each semester to find the best squad and platoon.



Taking a cooler way home, Ed Haswell returns from a Field Training Exercise at the DeGray Spillway.

Basic marching maneuvers are demonstrated for a freshman squad by David Ragsdale, a senior. Ragsdale, with the rank of Cadet Lieutenant, is the leader of the third platoon.



'I think that ROTC would be a good liberal arts program minus the lab,' said Nick Brown, a freshman. "Taking the lab should be the choice of the student so that people who can't take lab for medical reasons can still participate in the program."

Hank Hankins said that "It isn't fair that OBU students have to take ROTC and students elsewhere in the state don't. I wouldn't mind taking it if other schools required it."

The requirement of freshman males to take a year of ROTC was griped at and criticized by students, but it was still the rule.

The reason for requiring that freshmen take ROTC was to insure a quota of students in the program.

If the quota isn't met, the Army would be compelled by Congress to withdraw the program from OBU.

In an optimistic opinion (for the ROTC department anyway), Mike Wagdon said, "It should be required because it does teach you leadership abilities and helps you make decisions." However, he added, "I don't think lab should be required. It is a waste of time."



Winner of the freshman shoot-off contest, Linda Bequette demonstrates how to fire a .50 caliber machine gun.

Physical fitness is strongly stressed by the ROTC department. Randy Jerry, a junior cadet, practices on the horizontal ladder for the advanced physical fitness test.



Social Science and Religion G.E.'s . . . broad enough to be useful, specialized enough to whet your appetite for more.

New teachers, new ideas and (the new) McClellan Hall

A one hour course entitled "The Mind of the South" is the fall honors seminar. Dr. Herman Sandford and Lavell Cole are the instructors of this seminar.

Whenever the question arose last fall as to what was in the near future for the social science department at Ouachita, almost without fail the answer was "McClellan Hall!" Completed in early 1978, McClellan now houses the psychology, sociology, political science, and education departments the graduate school as well as the papers of Arkansas Senator John McClellan and the Maddox Public Affairs Center. The history department will remain in Terrell Moore.

The social science department at Ouachita included a wide variety of classes in which there was something to interest everybody. Sophomore religious education major Cathy Starbuck said of the department, "The general courses are broad enough to be useful and interesting if you don't want to go further but they're specialized enough to whet your appetite for more."

Dr. Everett Slavens, chairman of the social science department, said that each of the sections in his department was actively involved in a curriculum study which is a part of Title III and was revising courses and approaches to teaching. Dr. Slavens said, "The history department is developing archives to be housed in the library and is organizing an oral history program."

For the student who didn't relish the idea of spending an entire

Christmas vacation at home nothing, the political science department, in cooperation with Maddox Public Affairs Center, sent students to Washington D.C., for credit.

John Carter, a senior political science major, said, "The political science department here is one of the most diversified departments on campus. Ranchino is an expert on American foreign policy; Riley being a brilliant man, knows just about everything you'd want to know about state government; and Bass is a very analytical thinker."

The sociology department is concerned with identifying the problems of today's world and presenting each of the students an idea as to how to solve them. Janice Langley, a sophomore sociology major, said she enjoys being a sociology major because of the challenge of identifying what to learn in class with what goes on in the world around us. More than once she has caught myself saying that I have studied this particular concept in sociology class."

Scott Willis, a senior psychology major said that the psychology department was, "adequate."

Dr. Kenneth Locke, head of the counseling center and a psychology professor said that the psychology department has been expanded to include Experimental Psychology. Randy Smith was hired to give strength in this area. "This gives us a well rounded department," Locke said.

Ouachita's religion and philosophy department was on the move. With the addition of Dr. Gene Petty, a graduate



chita, to the religion department, to the philosophy department and the announced professional candidacy of religion professor Dr. Bill Elder something was always happening.

Along with the new staff members and new ideas which were needed, according to sophomore Jack Batters. "The religion department

needs to get a better balance between the teachers we have and the ones that we are going to get. We need a greater variety of teachers than we have now."

While directed mainly toward the ministerial student the religion department also provided for those who wanted to know more about their church and denomination. In the two general education courses, Old and

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A closer look



Two hours credit and experience go along with the internship program. Dan Berry (above) worked as special assistant on housing to the Mayor of Warren. Glen Hoggard (below) worked on Mississippi County Judge A.A. Bank's staff preparing material for the Quorum Court and drafting a proposed affirmative action program.



Sunny days are often taken advantage of by classes meeting outside. Dr. Robert Staggs explains some principles of Christian thought to sophomore Donnie O'Fallon.

New teachers, new ideas and (the new) McClellan Hall

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New Testament Survey, the entire student body was exposed to a more historical approach to the Bible. David Vandiver said of the religion department, "It's not the best department on campus. The teachers are adequate but we need more professors with specific interest or areas of concentration."

The philosophy department acquainted the students with beliefs and thoughts of great and learned men. In this way it opened wider vistas and stimulated open-mindedness.

This year we moved into a new building, added new professors, and tried new ideas. Some things worked, some things didn't, but true to Ouachita—We tried!



It's all a part of the job. Dr. Bob Riley talks with visiting high school students about Ouachita.



Helping students seems to run in the family. Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Locke deal with the frustration of a puzzled student during registration.

For his part in the Last Lecture Series Ouachita professor Jim Ranchino staged his fictitious resignation.



Searching Washington for bananas was part of a student's summer with Senator John McClellan.

Last May, when most college students were taking a well-deserved rest from the spring semester and were busy hunting for a summer job, Andy Westmoreland was doing neither. Instead he was preparing to leave for Washington, D.C. where, for the next two months he would work in the office of Arkansas Senator John McClellan as an intern.

"I had high hopes when I arrived in Washington, and I guess that it was inevitable that I would be somewhat disappointed with what I found," he said. "But, through friendships that I made with other newcomers, my disappointment was lightened.

"My primary function," said Westmoreland, "was to catalog the papers of Senator McClellan, spanning the years between 1943, his first year in the Senate, to the present, which will be placed in the new McClellan building here at Ouachita."

Westmoreland, a junior political science major from Batesville, was interviewed for this job in late March by McClellan's chief administrative assistant, Buddy Whiteaker. He was later notified that he had been selected to serve as one of four interns in the Senator's office.

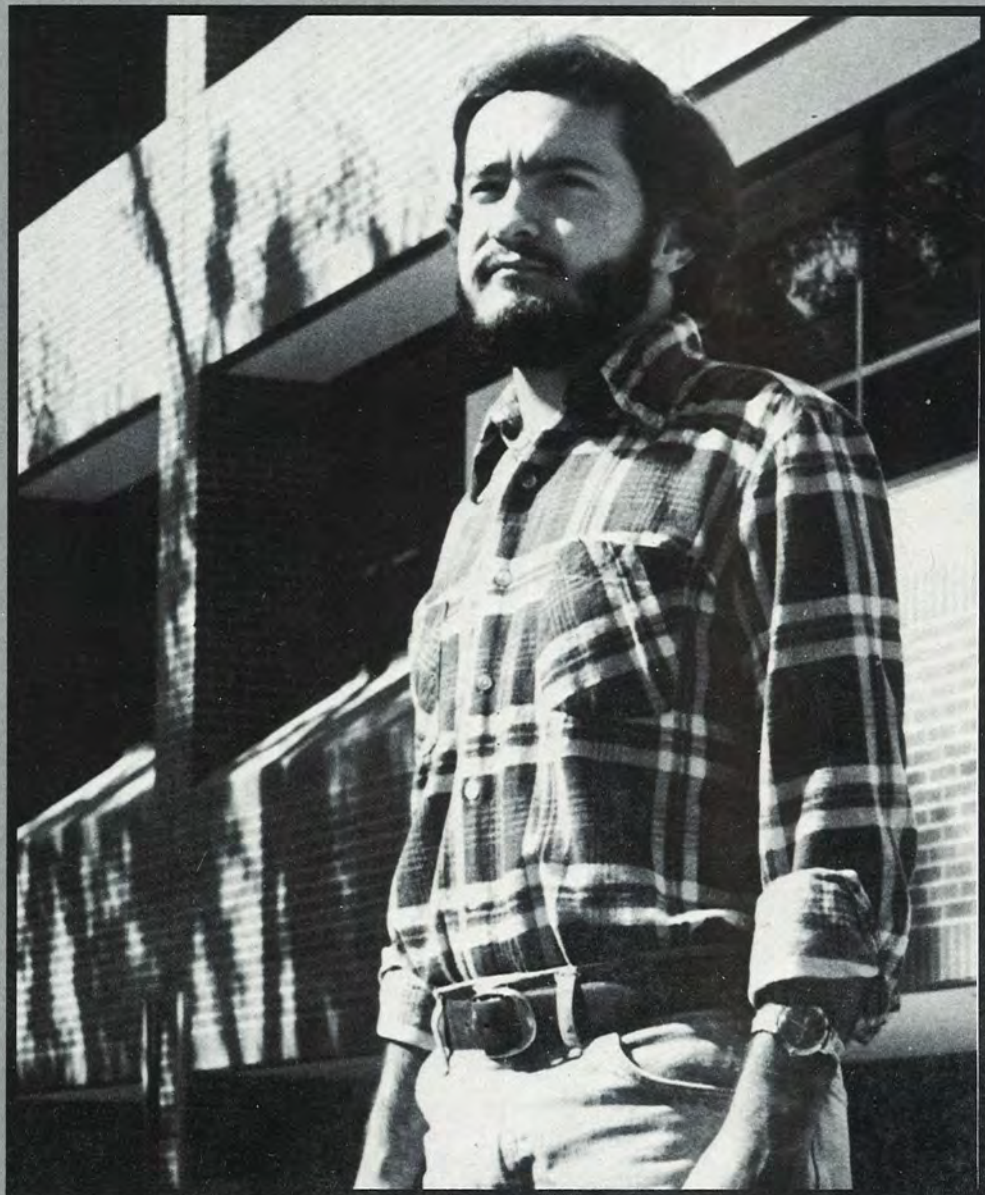
An average working day for Westmoreland started at 8:30, and ended somewhere around 6:30 in the evening. One of the more unusual jobs of Westmoreland's occurred one day when McClellan decided he would enjoy a small snack of bananas. The staff naturally dispatched Andy to the nearest cafeteria to find them for him. He went to every cafeteria on Capitol Hill looking for the Senator's bananas, but was unable to find a single banana in the whole area and went back to the office empty-handed.

But the summer was not all work and no play for Andy. He managed to afford enough time to see a few of the sights of Washington and to enjoy some interesting events. Besides Boz Scaggs and James Taylor concerts, he attended

the National Symphony and several plays at the Kennedy Center. A magnificent fireworks display was held on the Fourth of July in front of the Washington Monument, which he also attended.

"This was an extraordinary opportunity for me, as a political science major, to gain actual experience in the American political process," said Westmoreland. "One of the things that

I developed this summer was a greater appreciation of the press and the role that it plays in government. While I believe that most of our elected officials are honest, an active press helps to keep them that way. I found many things I disliked, but overall, I was happy with my two-month stay. It was a summer I will never forget."



Westmoreland poses in front of McClellan Hall, which was completed in the spring. Westmoreland's main duty was cataloguing the Senator's papers, which are housed in the new building.

Although career opportunities are limited, in certain areas, students gain from 'service departments' in Humanities.

Learning a lot of good things about living

We are not career or vocationally-oriented as much as concerned with personality development," said Dennis Holt, chairman of the Speech and Drama department.

Jobs are not specific in the field of humanities, so the small number of graduates in speech, drama, art, communications and English are learning a "lot of good things about living."

Drama tends to be seen as a glamorous field not leaving much room for the practical jobs most students are looking for. "We don't fool the students — We're not big on preparing students for a career," Holt said.

Among the five to eight graduates the Drama Department trains a year, most will go into teaching, according to Holt. Speech and Drama are being combined for a teaching field. To "go to the top" a student would have to receive his education in a larger college and city. But Holt feels that even

though there are not big opportunities here, the drama major is learning a lot of good things about living.

The art department also graduates a small number of students. Phares Raybon, chairman of the department, sees most of his students use their art knowledge

in the teaching field. The department is set up on two separate programs: teacher education and commercial art. Mrs. Betty Berry said students with a commercial art major have job opportunities in interior decorating, decorating in department stores and advertising.

Mrs. Donna Hutchison was added to the art faculty. She taught the art modules in the Humanities program. A new sculpture and pottery room was begun. Raybon said that more space was needed to cope with a rise in enrollment.

Because of freshman English and literature modules, the professors in the English department came in contact with almost every student on campus. Dr. Herman Sandford, chairman of the department, sees the English department more of a service department with a great responsibility toward students. "We want to see that every graduate of the school can communicate effectively," he said.

Among the 30 English graduates a year, most of the students head for the teaching field. Lately, though, other jobs are opening up. Businesses are starting to hire English majors for public relations, advertising and jobs in banks. Dr. Sandford feels this is because more people are becoming aware of the advantages of an English major. "I thought before we were preparing students just for the teaching field, but now the opportunities are bigger," he said.

Students in Advanced Reporting and other courses in the communications department "are getting in on some real life experiences," according to Dr. W. D. Downs Jr., chairman. Part of the class requirements is to work for the *Daily Siftings Herald* and the *Southern Standard* as reporters for the city.

The department's interdisciplinary approach to education is one of its greatest strengths, providing students with broad training and exposure to a variety of subjects that will be helpful later on. A computer to set type for the campus newspaper and yearbook is on the list for improvements in the department.

Also planned for the department is a broadcast journalism program complete with an FM radio station and television studio.



Freshmen who score well on the English portion of the ACT test are invited to take an honors section of freshman English. Kevin Boone, who enrolled in the class, reads *Crime and Punishment* which is one of the required assignments for the class.



A transfer student, Pam Lynch works on a painting. She is an art major.

Long Wednesday nights are always in store for staffers Andy Westmoreland and John Wiley and others. A weekly paper, the SIGNAL had to be completely pasted up by Thursday morning to insure distribution by around 3 p.m. that day. Communications majors are required to work on either the SIGNAL or the yearbook.

Learning a lot of good things about living

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A new addition to the Speech Pathology department was the audiometer. Becky Buster and Debbie Green, clinicians, practice using the equipment.



Art electives are popular with students like Margie Bright. Margie, an undecided major, is making a bowl in Mr. Phares Raybon's Ceramics and Pottery class.

Art students enrolled in Drawing I spend much of the class hour outside drawing buildings and trees. Sonia Hutchins draws the old white house across from Cone-Bottoms.





A closer look



Burnett has appeared in such Verser productions as "Ten Little Indians" (above), "Uncle Vanya," "The Raincrow Summer," and "Ah, Wilderness."

Burnett wins award at theater festival

Joe Burnett was a pretty good actor. At least the Arkansas College Theater Festival thought so.

For the second consecutive year, Burnett won an acting award for his performance in Ouachita's festival entry. Last year, his performance in the title role of "Uncle Vanya" garnered him an award.

His performance as Uncle Jimmy in Drama Department head Dennis Holt's play, "The Raincrow Summer" earned him his second award.

The play received a nomination for the regional festival in Dallas. Pam Alexander and Steve Cheyne received acting awards also.

Audio-Visual workers Allen Garvin and Jim Hope take I.D. pictures during registration. A.V. also records and videotapes lectures and television programs for humanities and other classes.

Productions range from a French classic to an Agatha Christie murder mystery

PLAYBILL:

“Tartuffe”
“The Raincrow
Summer”
“Ten Little
Indians”

Dorine (Kim Weast) begs Orgon's son, Damis (Gary Wilson), not to expose Tartuffe just yet. She wants him to be caught seducing Orgon's wife by Orgon himself.

by Cindy McClain

Auditions, rehearsals, lights, costumes, make-up, and finally the performance . . . These were the ingredients for success of the drama department each time the curtain rose on Verser's stage.

Last April, the department performed a French classic, “Tartuffe,” a comically presented protest against religious hypocrisy. Tartuffe, the main character, represented everything that is hypocritical in the world of religion. He was a con man whose dishonesty takes advantage of an entire household.

In the first act, Tartuffe never appears, but his personality is discussed at length with the head of the household, Orgon, who is totally blinded by Tartuffe's influence. Other household members such as Dorine, the maid, see through Tartuffe's mask, but nothing can change Orgon's wishes for his daughter to marry Tartuffe—despite the fact that she is in love with another man.

In Act Two, Tartuffe, played by Joe Burnett of Arkadelphia, appears on stage revealing his outward appearance and inward nature. The plot grows as members of the household devise a plan to stop the marriage of Tartuffe and Orgon's daughter. After complications, and a close call with the law, the household is finally able to rid itself of

Tartuffe. Through the character of Cleante, the author of the play brought out the concept that although Tartuffe is a fake, true piety can still be found.

Other cast members of “Tartuffe” included: Carl Utley of San Francisco, California as Orgon; Pam Alexander of Jonesboro as Madame Pernelle; Robin Murray of Hot Springs as Elmire; Gary Wilson of Springdale as Damis; Ken Suggs of Pine Bluff as Loyal; Kim Weast of El Paso, Texas as Dorine; Monica Barnes of Percy as Marianne; Dale Yager of Chicago, Illinois as Valre, Mark Allison of Arkadelphia as Cleante, and Aaron Cole of Omaha, Nebraska as the police officer.

When “Tartuffe” was first published, many religious leaders of the day felt it their duty to keep the play from being performed. Because of the play's attack on actualities and hypocrisies of individual lives, petitions were circulated protesting the production of “Tartuffe.” It was five years and several petitions later before “Tartuffe” was produced.

One of the petitions written by Molier in defense of the play, was read each night before the performance. Dennis Holt, professor of drama, explained the necessity of the audience's need to understanding what the play was trying to do, which was “to expose the ills of society in a comic manner.”



The performance of "Tartuffe" commemorated the tenth anniversary of Verser Theatre. It was the 67th major production to be performed in the theatre since its completion in 1967. Material ranging from student-written one act plays to Shakespeare's "Hamlet" have been performed in the theatre over the past decade.

"The Raincrow Summer," written by Professor Holt, opened the 1977-78 theatre season in October. The play was about a farm family in the hills of Arkansas during the summer of 1939. The scene was an old farmhouse back porch, located close to Bismark.

When asked why he chose to write

on this subject, Holt replied, "Always in the past I have written plays about situations far removed from my own, but "The Raincrow Summer" is taken mostly from actual events I remember growing up in the mountains during the '30's," He added, "For a long time I avoided writing about my background, but now I've come to the point of being proud of it."

The cast for "Raincrow" included: Pam Alexander as Sara Holder; Steve Cheyne of Arkadelphia as Thomas Holder, Mark Allison as Ollie Holder, Melody Wise of Malvern as Rosanna Holder, Joe Burnett as Uncle Jimmy; and James McCully of Hot Springs as

David Holder. Other cast members were: Randy Sandifer of Arkadelphia as Booley McKinley, Tanya Burnett of Arkadelphia as Kate Hartley, Aaron Cole as Mr. Hewitt, Kim Weast as "Honey", and Ken McClenny of Little Rock as the photographer.

"The Raincrow Summer" was the drama department's choice for performance at the Arkansas American College Theatre Festival in Little Rock. In the drama competition, the play was nominated as one of three plays in the state to represent Arkansas in the American College Theatre Festival Regional competition in Fort Worth.



Each of the visitors in "Ten Little Indians" was invited to the resort by an unknown man. Mr. Rogers, the butler, explains to Phillip Lombard and Ms. Emily Brent how he came to be employed by the mysterious Mr. Owen.