

# To remain ridiculo

**O**f all the musical groups on the campus of Ouachita Baptist University, the faculty quartet stood out — some say like a star, others said like a sore thumb.

Dr. Raymond Coppenger, postmaster and retired professor of philosophy and religion, was the bass. The baritone was Dr. Thurman Watson, professor of education. Dr. Herman Sanford, professor of English, was the lead singer. Supplying the first tenor voice was Dr. Paul Root, formerly the director of ATAC and presently the director of the Foster Grandparent's Program.

How did the faculty quartet originate? The best way to answer that is to listen to Coppenger during one of the quartet's many routines.

"It was back in the good old days, as I recall. All students were well behaved and respectful of their professors.

All churches were well pleased with the training of their young pastors; revivals were always held over for the second week . . . and it rained every Friday night.

The occasion was a faculty variety show. Christmas was approaching and the quartet was invited . . . ordered, actually, to sing . . . The only song we had ever sung was for the lunch hour of the grave decorating and cake walk at the Prince graveyard in Bald Knob on Memorial Day.

We decided to compromise rather than try to learn a complete Christmas song. With our students in disbelief, our colleagues giggling, and our President studying our contracts, we sang: 'Deck the Hall.' "

To the delight and amazement of their listeners the faculty quartet has kept singing "Deck the Halls" since that faculty variety show in 1965.

They have added a few more songs to their

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repertoire through the years. They reportedly sang "Deck the Halls" to two other tunes when an encore became necessary.

Other faculty quartet standards included "The Old Ark's a Movein'," one verse of "Mood Indigo," "The Little Brown School in the Vale," an obscure verse of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" and their biggest hit, "The Perfect Country Song."

The idea for the latter came from a hit song by David Allan Coe. After polishing the lyrics the quartet made it "perfect" by, of course, singing it to the tune of "Precious Memories."

The faculty quartet sang at several Ouachita banquets and made occasional appearances outside of Ouachita. At each banquet Root wrote lyrics for the particular audience and always found a place for "Deck the Halls."

For a banquet honoring the development

office, the quartet performed what they termed, "The Perfect Development Song." As most of the audience guessed, it was sung to the tune of "Precious Memories."

"Precious memories of our public as they start to form a mob.

Students crying, ATAC's dying, our first tenor needs a job.

"In the reading of our history we have found a better way.

As we ponder, hope grows fonder; get us in a will today."

The fun didn't lie in the lyrics alone. The fine blend of the quartet was sometimes overlooked, but, according to Root, it was the key to their success. "The singing is the key," said Root. "If we sing badly, it won't go over no matter what the lyrics are."

Root said the faculty quartet had only one goal and that was to remain ridiculous. He added, "I believe we've made it."



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# Sharing our world

Although a Baptist university, most students did not decide to attend Ouachita as a result of divine revelation. Many probably had other schools to choose from. And all had questions to be answered; "What do I do to apply?", "Who will my roommate be?", "Are the students nice?", "Are the dorms clean?", and so on.

The people responsible for answering these and other questions were found in a small office in Mitchell Hall. They had to know a little about everything and often, a lot about nothing. They were the admissions counselors. Their job never ended. There were trips to make, tours to conduct, anxieties to relieve, and parents to please.

The office in Mitchell might have been more appropriately called "headquarters." During the fall, especially, counselors were gone as much as four days a week informing

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high school students and other prospects of the "World of Ouachita." They travelled in all the neighboring states and had contacts as far away as Florida and Hawaii. As many as 225-250 schools were visited. Churches often called for counselors to come and talk with their young people.

In the spring, efforts were turned toward following up those prospects found in the fall. This meant identifying those people interested in Ouachita, and those that Ouachita was interested in. These students were invited to campus as guests of the university to get a first-hand look at Ouachita. Lyn Peeples, a 1980 graduate and an admissions counselor, said, "Ouachita more or less sells itself." So, often there could be seen a counselor with a prospect and his family conducting a tour of the campus.

But recruiting and counseling were not the only functions of the Admissions Office.

They were responsible for awarding Achievement Scholarships and for making recommendations to the president for Presidential Scholarships.

Every summer the university sponsored one or two Contact Teams which travelled across the state leading revivals and ministering in youth camps and rallies. These teams worked out of the Admissions Office. They were able to help in informing people of Ouachita and in finding people already interested in the school.

Not everyone who attended Ouachita came as a direct result of the work done in the Admissions Office either. But without the counselors many people would have never heard of the "Wonderful World of Ouachita" and those questions which plagued all new college students would have never been answered.



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# First hand

**T**o discover the customs of the Japanese people, James Edward "Bim" Allison of Siloam Springs spent nine months in Fukuoka, Japan, as part of the exchange program between Ouachita and Seinan Gakuin University in Fukuoka.

"The biggest reason I wanted to go to Japan was to experience living in a different country," said Allison. "I wanted to see everything first hand -- for the interest and the fun of it."

Another reason Allison chose to spend nine months far away was to see if he could handle the changes in the customs, in religion and in education.

Handling the changes between the United States and Japan meant living in an international dorm in Fukuoka not even located on the campus of the university.

"The first seven months I lived in the dorm

run privately where Japanese, Americans and Taiwanese all lived together," he said. "We had one bath in the evenings. That took getting used to!"

The dorm cafeteria served Japanese and American food two times a day for breakfast and dinner. Allison had to eat Japanese food exclusively when he moved in with the Kiriake family for two months.

"I missed the American food a little but I loved seeing the Japanese way of life first hand," said Allison. "The home was more traditional than the dorm because we slept on mats and always took off our shoes when entering."

The family consisted of a 96-year-old grandmother, father, mother and two sons, one in college and the other in junior high.

"In Japan, the father is rarely home during the week. He leaves early and returns late. But it isn't a problem because it is the 'ac-

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cepted' thing to do," said Allison.

Allison was also able to adventure out of the city to see a different culture. In the winter, he and a friend travelled into the snowy countryside on thin and steep roads just to see the most beautiful scenery he had ever seen and to become the first foreigner those people had ever seen.

"Even though you could find secluded spots like that," he said, "you would still find a Coke sign wherever you went."

But adjusting to the changes in religion, Allison soon learned that he would not find Christians wherever he went. He said about one per cent of the Japanese students were Christians but they often studied Christianity for intellectual reasons.

"It was easy for me to be a Christian because I wasn't looked down on at all," said Allison. "Most of the students were non-Christians and they didn't usually believe

any specific religion."

Seinan Gakuin University was founded by a Christian missionary and most of the teachers were Christians, according to Allison.

The exchange students were in their own separate division, and all their classes were taught in English by American and Japanese professors.

To earn money and to learn more about Japan, Allison tutored Japanese students so they could learn to speak better English.

Allison and two other OBU students were the fifth group to study at Seinan Gakuin. Donna Catlett and Carol Green were also chosen for the 1979-81 exchange program.

The students who studied during the 1980-81 academic year were Julie Petty from Arkadelphia, and Suzette Rainey of Harrison.



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**THE CELEBRATION** began minutes before the game was over. OBU finally defeated the ravine rival Reddies.



**ONE WEEK GOOD** and the next one bad kept Coach Buddy Benson wondering what would happen next.

# Sports

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It wasn't the style of sports at Ouachita that separated us from the crowd. It was more of the style in which we played them.

Whether it was the football players who stuck it out in a losing season to beat Henderson, or the unsupported soccer players who represented us with one of the best records in the state, OBU athletes had a style and class that was the envy of other schools.

And our style didn't die when the major sports ended. We dominated the AIC, helping to bring home the All-Sports Trophy for the third straight year.

And behind the varsity scene stood the unsung heroes of intramural play whose style thrived upon competition.

So whether the sport was varsity, intramural, or just for fun, it didn't take long for a spectator to see that sports at Ouachita was in style.

**THE RHYTHMIC BEAT** of the heart and feet paced the cross-country team to second place.



As most students sizzled on the beach, spring athletes were sweating out the season

# A silent cheer

By Tim Wooldridge

**H**ibernation was finally over. Students came out of their hiding places to swarm the campus and beach, to throw frisbees or just to feel a warm breath of air. Life's beat was at an accelerated pace as the students were infected with the epidemic known as "spring fever." What a feeling it was to be free and easy going, with few responsibilities.

But, just around every corner were a few elite individuals whose responsibilities began with spring. No practices could be missed, and the warm air other students enjoyed, made these athletes sweat with exhaustion. Their hours in the sun were used for practice as they prepared to meet the other AIC teams.

Time after time the teams played. And time after time the teams won. Yet, when the last run was scored, the final volley made, or the last event won, no crowds could be heard cheering. Instead, the players themselves applauded their teammates for their efforts.

Why were there no cheers? It wasn't that the teams were not successful. They were. For years, OBU's spring sports have been one of the best, and last year's was no exception. None of the teams finished lower than third in the AIC league.

It wasn't that the teams didn't work hard. They did. They worked very hard. Day after day the tennis team sweated for hours in preparation for matches. Weak muscles ached after sprinting on the track, and rounds on the golf course.

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**A PROVEN WINNER** with a rich tradition, the OBU baseball team finished third in the AIC. Games in the fall enabled starters like Billy Land to improve their skills.

**MIKE McGOUGH WATCHES** his shot closely after driving the ball off the tee. Mike fired a 76 in a tournament held at the DeGray course during the fall.

The crowds gathered in the fall, because nights and weekends were convenient to sports fans. But, to interrupt a sunny afternoon during swims at the lake, lifestyle modules, or even work, did not always appeal to the majority. So, while the spring athletes were striving through heavy competitions, supporters set back and gave a silent cheer for an all-out effort.





**LONG HOURS OF DISTANT RUNNING** paid off for Henry Harrell as he won the 800 meter run in the AIC track and field championships. OBU was tied for the All-Sports trophy before the meet, but the Tigers domination brought the trophy to its rightful home.

**THE ONLY OBU PLAYER** named to the All-AIC tennis team was Gus Palafox. The consistent playing of the team earned OBU nine points toward the All-Sports trophy.



A silent cheer Cont.

# A hit and run season

**A**fter the 1979 baseball season, most of the AIC teams picked OBU to capture the 1980 season. The OBU team featured ten returning seniors, a good pitching staff, and a power-hitting line up, considered to be their biggest asset. The team played good, but even with all the odds on its side, they experienced problems and failed to live up to expectations.

The team finished third, falling behind UCA, who finished first and SAU who finished second.

With eight wins and six losses in conference play, OBU headed to the District 17 of the NAIA tournament. And, in what Coach Barrett called the season's finest win for his team, the OBU Tigers defeated John Brown University in the first round of play, 7-6. The win was a moral booster in that JBU was ranked twelfth in the nation and was top-seeded in the tournament. The next round for OBU was against UCA. The Bears played a better game cutting down the Tigers 5-2. It was time for OBU and JBU to tangle again. The Tiger bats were explosive, but so were John Brown's, and in the high-scoring contest JBU won 26-16, thus finishing the Tiger season.

The year ended with various individual honors. Four OBU players were selected honorable mention

on the NAIA District 17 Honor team. They were Darry Marshall, Mike Osborne, Britt Marley and Marty Sartin. Two players made the All-AIC team. They were Jerry Turner and Britt Marley. Two players were also selected honorable mention to the All-AIC team. Those players were Steve Brown and Mike Osborne.

As the talent loaded squad finished its season, Coach Barrett looked to this year's team with optimism. There were only two returning seniors and the other players had not had good game experience. Coach Barrett, though, felt this may contribute to his team. Early this fall Coach Barrett said, "Last year our team was expected to be the best. The pressure was on us. But this year the pressure isn't here. I enjoy working with the players because they have good attitudes and they work hard." Coach Barrett summed up his team by saying, "They're just a good bunch of guys."

Coach Barrett felt pitching would be the Tigers weakness this spring, but looked forward to the season with a goal of being in the top three of the AIC.

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**BEN BRIGHTWELL, A SOPHOMORE TRANSFER, cuts at the oncoming ball during a fall game between the team and alumni team members.**





FRESHMEN JOHN KLINGENSMITH, as well as the other Ouachita pitchers, faced tough competition in the AIC schools. Here, Klingensmith delivers his pitch in a fall game.



MEMBERS OF THE BASEBALL TEAM ARE, *Front row:* Billy Land, Tony Singer, Doug Meadows, Tommy Smith, Marty Sartin, Britt Marley. *Second row:* Randy Arnold, Danny Brasher, Jerry Turner, Kevin Frazier, Bill Smith, Mike Robinson, Darry Marshall, Darrell Brown, Coach Boscow Selchow. *Third row:* Coach Ernie Romero, Kenny Lindsey, Steve Brown, Mike Osborne, Steve Hartley, Mike Watts, Dickey Maas, Tracy Harris, Jimmy Ivers, Charlie Holt, Coach Van Barrett.

CONCENTRATION IS THE KEY as Billy Land, a junior starter from North Little Rock, keeps a sharp eye on the oncoming ball.

# Courting victories

**T**o most, last year's men's tennis team would have been labeled as a rebuilding year. They had lost four of its top players from a championship team and seemed young and inexperienced. They were also in a transition period of a new head coach. Most teams under these circumstances would have settled for just a good showing, but not Ouachita. The team pulled together and accomplished what they believed could be done at the first of the year; play consistent and win.

In the four previous years, the men's tennis team had lost to an AIC school, compiling four straight conference championships. Last year's team picked up where the other left off by defeating the AIC schools early in the season. The team was gaining experience and at the same time shooting for a fifth championship title. The momentum was jolted, though, when Southern Arkansas University handed OBU its first AIC loss in five years. Although the title eluded them, the team kept their consistency to defeat the remaining AIC teams and capture second place.

With a 7-1 conference record the team headed into the NAIA District 17 tournament. A good showing again by the team enabled OBU to take third in the district.

First year coach Don Littles explained the team's consistency by stating that "the team was not overpowering, but had quality players from top to bottom."

Individual honors climaxed the season. Gus Palafox was named to the All-AIC team, and Bernado Fernandez was named honorable mention.

The women's tennis team could have also been labeled as a consistent team. In the nine years that Miss Tona Wright has been coach, the women's tennis team had never finished lower than fourth in the ten team Arkansas Women's Intercollegiate Sports Association. And, in keeping the consistency, the team finished fourth behind UALR, ASU, and SAU.

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**LAURIE LUNA, A JUNIOR from Hawaii, volleys during a practice in the spring. Laurie had competed on the team since she was a freshman.**

Coach Wright credited last year's performance to experience and depth. The team returned its four top seeds of Landra Bell, Vaughn Clary, Jo Stinnett, and Laurie Luna. In addition to the returning members, the team added some talented freshmen women. Coach Wright was pleased with her team's performance and felt, win or lose, the team would learn something. In comparing her team to others, she complimented her team by calling them "a fine group" and said that "Although tennis is an individual sport, the girls worked at it like a team." Coach Wright said, "I feel that makes the difference."

The team's showing in the state enabled the team to go to East Texas State University to compete in the regional tournament. This was only the second time in nine years for the team to go. They did not place in the regional tournament, but in the state, Beth Olson and Vaughn Clary combined as the number two doubles and captured the state championship.





**THE ONLY SENIOR** on the girl's team, Jo Stinnett keeps her concentration on the ball as she backhands a shot.



**MEMBERS OF THE TENNIS TEAM ARE:** Chris Chance, Keith Chance, Doug Lancaster, Thomas Talbot, Coach Ernie Romero, Dale Tommey, Mark Cushman and Bobby Smith.

**HOURS OF PRACTICE** everyday was needed to keep in competition with the AIC schools. Mark Cushman backhands a deep shot during practice.

A silent cheer Cont.

# The final frame

**L**ast year, Ouachita, as well as the other AIC schools, played their final frame of league bowling, passing along the NAIA's decision to drop the sport.

In their final season, OBU finished second to Harding University. Harding took the lead in the very first round and never relinquished it. The only other school fielding a team was Arkansas Tech., who finished third.

Headed by first year coach Jim Thomson, the OBU team was determined to beat Harding in the final round. Competing in Little Rock, the team played its high game of the year defeating Harding and placing two team members on the All-AIC team. Larry Root and Frank Tabler rolled impressive scores to capture sixth and seventh on the team. Coach Thomson was also named AIC Coach of the Year; the first time an OBU bowling coach had received that honor.

There were several reasons the NAIA decided to drop bowling as an intercollegiate sport. One reason

was the expense. The schools could not afford to field teams, send them to play other schools, and not receive any feedback in money from spectators. In a way to compensate the traveling expense, half of the season's rounds were played in an awkward way. Each school would bowl on its own lanes and would then report their scores to the other schools. But this caused another problem: trusting the other team. Coach Thomson called this an "extremely unfair way to bowl." And one had to agree. There were no witnesses, and nobody to stop the schools from reporting higher scores. It is with hope that none of the AIC schools falsified scores, but because of the uncertainty of it, Coach Thomson felt it was a reason the sport was dropped.

Bowling at Ouachita will not come to a complete halt, though. A team would still exist but it would not compete in an AIC league. Instead, it would compete independently and would not be sponsored by OBU or the AIC.



**WHILE DEMONSTRATING** his bowling form, Steve Blachford practices picking up spares. Harding won the AIC with 22,674 pinfalls, and OBU took second with 20,718.

**ROCKY MANTOOTH SHOWS** his style of looking the green over before his putt shot. Rocky was named to the All-AIC golf team and had an average score of 76.





# Playing up to par

In a year of individual honors, the OBU golf team once again played up to par in the AIC. The season marked the first time in four years that the OBU team did not win the AIC, but a second place showing proved OBU was still the dominant team.

Individual honors were highlighted by the selection of Reid Allison to the first annual NAIA Academic All-America golf team. Requirements included at least a 3.00 grade point and demonstration of athletic excellence. A committee of five coaches studied Allison's qualifications and selected him to be one of the nation's 13 honorees. Allison was the only Arkansan selected.

Other individual honors included Rocky Mantooth and Reid Allison being named to the All-AIC golf team. Also, Ricky Self and Reid Allison were named to the NAIA All-District 17 golf team.

These honorees, as well as the other fine OBU golfers, showed their talent on the courses around Arkansas. OBU won the NAIA District 17 tournament in Benton and headed to Saginaw, MI, for the NAIA National Championship Tournament. After surviving the first two cuts, the team headed home after the third cut, and with a 24th place in the nation.



MEMBERS OF THE GOLF TEAM ARE *Front row:* Ricky Self, Andy Self. *Back row:* Joe Schwarz, Reid Allison, Mandel Brockinton and Rocky Mantooth.

**CONCENTRATION AND SKILL** are needed to make consistently good shots. Sophomore Joe Schwarz eyes the green to judge the distance and direction he wants his shot to travel.



The goal was to have a championship team and the key was consistency

# A constant pace

**B**lessed with talented runners and good field competitors, OBU continued its role in the AIC track and cross country sports.

The 1980 track team continued what it has done for the last four years: dominate. Headed by All-American senior Mark Mosely the team overpowered the AIC schools and even held its own against the NCAA Division 1 schools. Consistency was the key.

Coach Bob Gravett commented on this consistency by saying "If there is something I do, it is to try to have someone in every event. I'd rather have one good one in each event than three or four in one event. I believe that makes for a better team morale."

In the AIC Track and Field Championship this balanced team walked off with the title. The team finished with 174 points, 106 better than the second place team UAM with 68. The high point individual of the meet was Anthony Daniels of OBU who finished with 22½ points.

In addition to a championship team, OBU had several individual champions. Seniors Mark Mosley, Alton Kenner, and Billy Lillard all were named All-

Americans. Mosely, Kenner, Lillard, Larry McFarlin, Genevle Wright, Holt, Terry Thomas, and Henry Harrell were all named All-AIC.

The 1980-1981 cross country team played a back seat role only to Harding, who has won the cross country competition for ten consecutive years.

The Harding team had the first three finishes in the AIC meet before OBU stood in with its star Mark Mosely, to take a fourth place finish. Mosely was the only OBU runner to finish in the top ten, and was the only Tiger to make the 1980 All-AIC cross country team.

Although not strong with runners in the top ten, the Tiger placement after those kept OBU nine points ahead of Southern Arkansas University, and finished second in the meet.

Individual honors were dominated by Mosely. Mosely's finish in the AIC meet qualified him for the NAIA Championship Cross Country meet held in Salina, Kansas. Mosely place 52nd among more than 300 competitors. That was the highest finish ever for a Ouachita athlete in a national meet.



MEMBERS OF THE TRACK TEAM are, FRONT ROW: Alton Kenner, Wayne Cooper, Larry McFarlin, Henry Harrell, Gerald Jones, Leonard Campbell, Johnny Williams. SECOND ROW: Tim Zachary, Kirk Lee, Donald Harris, Ronald Harris, Nathaniel Williams, Melvin English, Anthony Daniels. THIRD ROW: Ed Garza, Mike Robinson,

Tommy Inman, Roland Carrasco, Mark Moseley, Wilford Holt, Darl McGill. BACK ROW: Bobby Chadwick, Jerry Byrum, Russ Morphis, Brad Swafford, Ricky Cavenport, Billy Lillard, Genevle Wright, Terry Thomas, Brad Scott, Chris McCollum, Steve Hughes, Mrs. Gravett, Coach Bob Gravett.



**PRACTICING BEFORE THE AIC MEET**, Kirk Lee keeps  
keen concentration on his attempt. Lee finished fourth in the  
event while Ouachita won the meet.

**HEADED BY SENIORS MARK MOSELEY** and Carl McGill  
the cross country team finished second in the AIC. Moseley,  
McGill, and Ed Garza try to keep a pace ahead of the other  
runners.



**MEMBERS OF THE CROSS COUNTRY TEAM** are **FRONT**  
**ROW:** Vernon Brown, Roland Carrasco, Henry Harrell, Phil  
Brown, Wayne Cooper. **BACK ROW:** Coach Bob Gravett,  
Carl McGill, Tim Zachary, Keith Baker, Ray Brown, Ed  
Garza, Mark Moseley.

**ALTHOUGH FREESTYLE** is one of the team's strongest points. Jim Ed Stillwell, a junior from Malvern, feels comfortable on the diving board. In January, he placed second in the meet against Arkansas Tech.



**LIKE EVERY SPORT,** the success of the team depended on every athlete to earn his share of the points in relay, freestyle and diving. One swimmer displays his skill in a backstroke exercise.



Ranking third place in the conference championships and setting school records proved the Tiger Sharks combined talent and skill

# Adding depth to a season

By Lance Galloway

**T**he Ouachita Baptist University Tiger Sharks placed third in the 18th annual Arkansas Inter-collegiate Conference Swimming Championship. The Sharks set 12 new school records during the championship meet held February 19-21 at Hendrix College in Conway.

Hendrix won the meet as expected with a dominate 654 points. Harding University was second with 286 points. Ouachita had a third place showing of 278 points.

"This was our best meet by far," said Dr. Elmer Goble of his OBU swim team. "We set 12 new records in 15 events, that in itself shows you the kind of improvement the swimming program is having."

Freshmen Harley Northup, Blair Thomas and Stan Detamore were Ouachita's leading scorers during the meet. Jim Wright, a junior, swam consistently in his events as he was fourth in points for the Sharks. Larry Locke, another freshman, swam his best time of the season which gave added depth to the swimming team.

Northup led the Sharks with 40 points. Northup set records in the 1650 yard freestyle in a time 18:15.2, the 1000 yard freestyle in 11:05.4, the 500 yard freestyle in 5:15.5, and got under the old record in the 200 yard freestyle in 1:57.2 in which Thomas set a new record in at 1:56.3. Northup also collected points in the 100 and 200 yard butterfly.

Thomas set the new school record in the 200 yard freestyle and was under the old record's time in the

500 yard freestyle that Northup broke with a time of 5:28.1. Thomas earned more points in the 1650 freestyle and the 200 yard I.M. Thomas scored a total of 38½ points for the Tiger Sharks.

Detamore was third in scoring for the Sharks with 32½ points. The Charlottesville, Virginia swimmer set a new record in the 50 yard freestyle in a time of 22.9 and got under the old record in the 100 yard freestyle. More points were scored by Detamore in the 100 yard and 200 yard breaststroke.

Wright scored 32 points and set two new records. Wright broke his own record in the 100 yard breaststroke with a 1:06.3 and also set a record in the 200 yard breaststroke in 2:25.7. Wright went on to score in the 200 yard I.M., the 200 freestyle and the 200 yard butterfly.

The three graduating seniors, Brian Hintz, Paul Floyd and Jim Franklin combined for 41½ points. Hintz set a new school record in the 100 yard freestyle with a time of 51.7.

Joey Cunningham set a new record in the one meter diving with a score of 266.3. The combined total for the diving was 28 points between Cunningham, Jim Ed Stillwell and Donald Moore.

Records were set in the 400 yard relay by the team of Detamore, Thomas, Hintz and Shore in a time of 3:27.0. The 400 yard medley relay team of Detamore, Wright, Floyd and Northup set a school record of 4:05.2 but the time was disqualified from the team score on a controversial kick by Northup. Thirty points were abolished from the Tiger Sharks score leaving Ouachita in third place by eight points.



**SKILL IN ALL AREAS**, such as the breaststroke, is necessary for building a successful team. Sophomore Bobby Gosser won the 200 fly at the upset over Harding University on November 4.

**THE VICTORY OVER ARKANSAS TECH** extended the Sharks record to a 5-2 season. Jim Franklin, a junior from Gurdon, placed second in the 1000 freestyle and won the 100 freestyle.

To the few who loved the sport it was more than "just a kick in the grass"

# More than a kick

By Dan Berry

**A**lthough soccer was the most popular sport in the world it was not an AIC varsity sport. But the OBU soccer team, state champions in Arkansas for the second straight year, was still alive and well in Arkansas in 1980.

Soccer did not attract a large crowd, but a faithful one. According to senior Bruce Welch from Fresno, California, "It was great to have twenty fans at an away game encouraging us in 36 degree weather." But moral support was all the school could offer.

Soccer club president Dan Berry, senior from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, explained, "Since soccer is not an AIC sport, the team cannot receive financial support from the administration. The only support the team does receive is from the student senate, who this year provided \$1500. This covered almost all expenses the team had this year. This help is what kept us going."

To find competition the soccer team entered the Central Arkansas Soccer Association, an amateur league. Playing the other six teams twice each was the task the team had to face.

The season started out with a friendship game against Arkansas Tech. The season's leading scorer Larry Redmon, junior from Costa Rica, led the team with two of his 15 goals to a 5-1 victory.

The first league game came the following week against Little Rock Air Force Base. The team showed their talent with excellent ball control winning by a score of 6-2.

Then came the team's only loss of the year, to International Brotherhood. With four starters hurt the OBU team was outplayed by the skill of 16 foreigners. The 3-1 defeat was the first by a margin of more than one goal in four years.

But the team kept their heads up and proceeded to win the Octoberfest Tournament in Hot Springs by defeating the local team by a score of 3-1. Player/coach Dan Berry initiated the scoring by placing a penalty kick past the Hot Springs goalkeeper. The game was tied at halftime, but Rookie of the Year Robert Gianetta from Sao Paulo, Brazil, came on to score two goals putting the game out of reach.

Homecoming weekend was a homecoming for the soccer team as well. The 1980 team played against a team of OBU soccer alumni. This reunion game ended in a 4-2 victory for the 1980 team. "They were good competition," Larry Redmon remarked, "but we were in better shape. The main thing was getting to see old

friends. It was a lot of fun."

In their first encounter with Searcy Steel, Bruce Burnett, sophomore from Belem, Brazil chalked up his only shutout of the semester. After a shaky start, the OBU team played an outstanding second half to overwhelm their friendly opponents. According to Clifford Case, sophomore from Little Rock, "It is always fun to play against Searcy because they play good, clean soccer. You don't have to worry about being hurt."

The following week Barry Burnett, Bruce's brother, led the team by scoring two of the teams' four goals. Great defensive playing by junior Bob Mills from Atlanta held the North Little Rock Soccer Club to only one goal.

Defeating LRAFB a second time was not easy because they came prepared to win. But they could not hold back Barry Burnett who scored a "hat trick" or three goals. The final score was 4-2 in favor of OBU.

After a forfeit by Hendrix College, the rematch against International Brotherhood came. Adverse weather conditions kept both teams from showing their true skill. After 90 minutes of rain and cold the game ended in a 1-1 tie. Sophomore Jim Crawford from Venezuela, scored a last minute shot to save the team from its second defeat.

The second meeting between Hot Springs and OBU, ended in a 3-1 victory for OBU due to the excellent playing of Grady Spann, sophomore from Recife, Brazil. This left only one more victory for the OBU team to claim the state championship.

This game was against Searcy Steel. According to Berry this was the team's best game of the year. Their teamwork dazzled even the opponents, who were overcome by the team's powerful offense. Jim Crawford led the scoring with five goals, followed by Larry Redmon with four. They were greatly aided by Berry's seven assists and one goal of his own.

Teamwork seemed to be the rampart in the OBU soccer team. They were closely knit by their common interest: the love of soccer. All that happened to the team, whether good or bad, was shared equally by all.

Therefore, though the soccer team had only a few faithful followers, it still continued to perform as if it had a thousand. Don Willis commented, "If people only knew how exciting soccer is, they would all come to support their team."

To those few who loved the sport, soccer seemed to be more than "just a kick in the grass."



EVERY RUNNING STEP is important as Robert Giannetta dribbles the soccer ball towards the goal.

TO KEEP THE GAME MOVING and to keep the ball away from opponent Dan Berry, Bruce Welch clears the ball to Roger Orr.



## Scoreboard

Arkansas Tech	5-1
LRAFB	6-2
Int'l. Brotherhood	1-3
Hot Springs	3-1
OBU Alumni	4-2
Searcy Steel	4-0
NLR Soccer Club	4-1
LRAFB	4-2
Hendrix College	1-0
Int'l. Brotherhood	1-1
Hot Springs	3-1
Searcy Steel	12-3

Overall record 10-1-1

League record 8-1-1



MEMBERS OF THE SOCCER TEAM are FRONT ROW: Bruce Green, Jim Crawford, Steve Swedenburg, Carlos Ichter, Dan Berry, Larry Redmon, Barry Burnett, Don Willis. BACK ROW: Bruce Burnette, Clifford Case, Bruce Welch, Robert Mills, Roger Orr, Robert Giannetta, Mike Deloch, Gill Davidson.

A SWIFT KICK by Dan Berry sends Roger Orr into a whirlwind as he tries to intercept the ball.



# The classic countdown

With a 1-8 record, the Bengal team faced the ravine rival with a losing season, but a winning attitude

By Tim Wooldridge

**F**ifteen minutes after their final game of the season the Ouachita Tigers and fans alike were ecstatic. No, they hadn't just won the AIC, nor had they just completed an unblemished season. In fact, their 2-8 season was a record most would be dismal about. But this team had just accomplished a four-year-old dream: defeating Henderson State University.

Beating Henderson was great, but had it been any other year it would have probably not matched the excitement of winning this year. OBU came in as the underdog with a 1-8 record. But, in searching themselves, they found they possessed something no other team could match: Class.

Only a classy team could realize their 1-8 record did not reflect their efforts and desires. And only a classy team could pump themselves up enough for a final showdown that meant nothing more than bragging rights in Arkadelphia. "Most teams would have quit," said coach Buddy Benson, "but this is one of the best we've had when it comes to discipline and class."

It was this combination of discipline and class that kept OBU going all season. After stumbling through its first six games with inexperienced players, the Tigers came home to face the UCA Bears, the eventual number one team in the NAIA.

The Bears clearly had the talent, but they learned a valuable lesson that day at A. U. Williams Field: never take a 1-5 Tiger team for granted.

No one would have believed that 77 points would have been put on the board. And most would have believed that had that many been scored, UCA would have had a clear majority of them. But it was not that way.

The Bears had to fight for their points in the see-saw battle, but they finally won 42-35. But only a team like OBU could have kept it that close.

Obviously out of AIC contention, the Tigers headed north to Russellville to take on the Arkansas Tech Wonder Boys. The Tigers controlled the game from the start and built a 29-15 lead with 2:05 left in the fourth quarter. From that point on, OBU's class would be tested to the limit.

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**QUICKNESS IN THE BACKFIELD** kept OBU's hopes alive all season. Led by the blocking of Scott Harrington, quarterback Watty Strickland sprints right on a sweep against UAM. OBU lost 41-14.

**WHERE THE BATTLE IS FOUGHT:** in the trenches: Against Harding OBU's offensive line helps move the ball for 415 total yards.



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Tech scored and made it 29-21 with less than two minutes remaining. The Wonder Boys then tried and succeeded in an onside kick. Five plays later on a questioned fifth down play, Tech scored on a 50-yard "Hail Mary" touchdown pass. Tech succeeded on the two point try and the score was tied at 29-29 with 35 seconds remaining.

Then, another misfortune happened. OBU's punt was blocked and recovered at the Tigers three yard line by Arkansas Tech. One second showed on the clock as Tech attempted a winning field goal, but David Norris slipped by blockers to block the attempt, giving OBU an apparent tie with the Wonder Boys.

After a lengthy discussion between the Arkansas Tech coaches and the game's referees, it was decided that the Wonder Boys should receive another try at a field goal. It was ruled that the ball was still in fair play after the goal was blocked. But since both teams had left the field, it was decided to call them back to do the play over. This time the try was good, giving Arkansas Tech the win 32-29.

One would expect a fierce anger from the Tigers, but instead the Tiger's class showed through. Though clearly dejected, the OBU dressing room was not filled with cussing or nasty remarks. What did fill the dressing room was what Coach Benson called "character."

OBU's class was immediately recognized by those involved in the game. Coach Benson received a number of letters complimenting him and his team's composure. In a letter addressing OBU and the AIC faculty representatives, Harry T. Hall, AIC Commissioner, wrote, in reference to Coach Benson, "His concern for correct application of the rules, acceptance of such, and the leadership of his team during the most trying of moments were characteristic of professionalism of the highest order."

It was a long, hard season, and winning was difficult. But the OBU players proved they had a style of their own with their class. They also proved that winning doesn't build class, but character does.

"Our record doesn't reflect the individuals on the team or the team itself," Coach Benson said. "We were fortunate to have all those winning seasons. Losing is new to us. We had class when we were on top, and when we lose we still have to have it."

The Tigers' season started at Cleveland, Mississippi against the Delta State University Statesmen. The Tigers had to rely on a consistent defense to keep the game close.

The Delta State offense moved almost freely up and down the field only to be denied by the OBU defense before scoring. The Statesmen rushed and passed for 311 yards, but an interception and three fumbles kept them off the board for most of the game.

The lone score came when Statesman Jody Wood ran 44 yards for a touchdown.

OBU's only scoring threat came late in the ball game. Starting at their own 17, the Tigers quickly moved to their 42. Then on fourth down and 9 yards to go for the first, quarterback Watty Strickland hit fullback Scott Harrington on a screen pass. Harrington scooted 34 yards for the first down on the Delta State 21. The drive halted there, though, after four incomplete passes.

In their home debut against Southeastern Oklahoma State University, the Tigers displayed their capabilities in blasting SEO 41-7. The Tiger's well balanced offense and tenacious defense was a pleasant surprise for the more than 4,000 spectators.

The OBU offense had a combined total of 368 yards with 200 yards on the ground and 168 in the air. The defense held their own in holding SEO to 58 yards rushing and coming up with six turnovers.

Kent Baggett started the scoring assault by storming into the end zone from four yards out. The PAT failed and OBU led 6-0. After a 28-yard field goal by Chris Slaten and a 35-yard touchdown pass interception return by defensive end Ronald Harris, OBU coach Buddy Benson called time-out with the Tigers leading 15-0. Coach Benson called for a two-point conversion and quarterback Watty Strickland hit split end Eddie Jackson in the end zone to make the score 17-0 at the end of the first quarter.

In the second quarter the OBU defense again placed points on the board. This time cornerback Joe Bunch intercepted a SEO pass and darted 30 yards for the score. The half ended at 24-0.

After the halftime show presented by the singers of the annual Youth Choir Day, the Tigers returned to complement their first half performance. SEO put their seven points on the board after a four-yard run by Al Penn-White and a PAT by Bob Manley. But the Tigers answered back with a 43-yard touchdown pass from Strickland to senior Scott Carter that made the score 31-7.

The day truly belonged to Ouachita. With the reserves in for the rest of the game OBU kept dominating play. Slaten booted a 23-yard field goal in the fourth quarter and sophomore quarterback Robert Jayroe connected on a 60-yard touchdown pass to tailback Melvin English.

In his best day of the season, Kent Baggett rushed for 146 yards on 28 carries.

In the first home night game in 6 years for Ouachita, the Tigers fell to the Texas Lutheran College Bulldogs 7-0.

Playing in a steady rain, the Bulldogs out-slugged Ouachita on a sloppy field that slowed down both teams. Both teams were plagued with those traditional rainy game troubles: falls, turnovers, and slip tackles. In the game's only score, Texas Lutheran treaded 66 yards in 17 plays. On fourth and goal from the OBU three yard line, the Lutheran squad lined up for an apparent field goal. But when the ball was snapped holder Ray Rapp sprinted right and floated a pass between OBU defenders into the arms of tight end Joe Little. The PAT was good and the Bulldogs led 7-0 with 32 seconds remaining in the half.

Ouachita had only two threatening drives and both came late in the game. The first came when Ronald Harris recovered a fumble at the Bulldog 37. But the offense sputtered at the 14, killing the drive. The other drive was more serious. The Tiger offense took over at the Bulldog 47 after a punt. An 18-yard run by Kent Baggett coupled with a face mask penalty put the ball on the Lutheran's 14. Then a quick pass from Strickland to Carter put the ball on the three with 54 seconds remaining. A touchdown seemed inevitable, but a misfired pitchout was fumbled and recovered by OBU on the 15. Incomplete passes in the endzone ended the game and slipped OBU's record to 1-2.

Ouachita then headed to Monticello to take on the UAM Boll Weevils in the first AIC game. OBU hoped to continue a twelve game winning streak against UAM, but a fired up Boll Weevil team put together a near perfect game to blister Ouachita 41-14.

For UAM, they ran for 319 yards and put the ball in the end zone six times. For OBU, everything that could go wrong, did. The Tigers searched for the right combination all day while losing three fumbles and two interceptions.

UAM opened the scoring by capitalizing on an OBU fumble. The Weevils darted 29 yards on one play for





**OBU'S TOP RUNNING BACK**, Kent Baggett slips by tackles while picking up more yardage. Baggett totaled 944 yards on the season with nine touchdowns.

**OPEN-FIELD TACKLING** kept SEOS out of the end zone for most of the game. Here, cornerback Kirby Baggett takes down Al Penn-White of the Savages. In the game Kirby had three tackles and nine assists.



**A STUNNED CROWD LOOKED ON** as Chris Slaten booted on an extra point to give OBU a seven point lead over the UCA Bears.



**PERFECT RUNNING FORM** is demonstrated by Kent Baggett against SEOS. In the game Baggett rushed for 146 yards and one touchdown. The Tigers won 41-7.



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the score and never looked back with 13:06 still showing in the first quarter.

OBU put the ball in the end zone just before intermission on a one-yard run by Baggett. With the score 21-7 in favor of the Weevils, there was still hope for the Tigers, but three TD's in the third period by the Boll Weevils destroyed all hope.

The only apparent bright spot for the Tigers was that they found a reserve quarterback they could turn to in sophomore Robert Jayroe. Jayroe completed two passes for 65 yards.

Although they had just lost a conference game there was still hope for the Tigers.

Their next opponent was Southern Arkansas University. The Muleriders came into Arkadelphia with a 1-4 record and the signs were promising for a good football game.

Hopes for a Tiger win were dashed though when the Muleriders went to work early on their second possession of the game. SAU drove 78 yards on 12 plays to score. Quarterback Don Tumey kept the ball to score from three yards out. The PAT was good and SAU led 7-0.

On their next possession SAU again scored. This time Tumey got the score through the air with an 11-yard pass to his tight end. The play climaxed a 69-yard drive.

The Tigers finally got their offense clicking on a 40 yard, ten play drive to get on the board. The big plays came on two passes to Eddie Jackson.

The first came on a 16-yard reception to the SAU 14. Two plays later at the 15, Jackson was found in the end zone for the touchdown. Slaten's PAT was good and OBU trailed 14-7.

The rest of the day went to the Muleriders as they scored 17 more points while running up 368 total yards.

The Tigers were suffering at 1-4 when they rolled into Clinton, Mississippi, to take on the Mississippi College Choctaws.

Ouachita stunned the Choctaws early with a 24-yard field goal by Chris Slaten. Mississippi retaliated, though, by taking advantage of OBU's fumbles to put 14 points on the board before the half.

Mississippi took the second half kick-off and drove 80 yards for a touchdown to make the score 21-3.

OBU finally fought back by driving 70 yards in 11 plays to make the score 21-10.

Mississippi turned two more of Ouachita's mistakes into touchdowns in the fourth quarter. Jayroe was intercepted at the OBU 39 to set up the first score. The other score came when Todd Quick's punt was blocked by a Choctaw player and taken into the end zone. The final score was 35-14.

With an 0-2 record in the AIC and a 1-5 record over all, the Tigers seemed to be out of contention for the AIC crown. But to UCA, the Tigers played as if they were on top. The UCA Bears came into the game with a number four ranking in the NAIA, but had to put out a high performance to avoid the trap by the Tigers.

UCA quarterback Randy Huffstickler hit Douglas Mitchell for a 14-yard touchdown pass to start off the scoring. The PAT was no good.

OBU struck back with an 11-yard touchdown pass from Jayroe to Charles Whitworth. The play was set up after Greg Bollen intercepted a Huffstickler pass. Chris Slaten hit the PAT and OBU led UCA 7-6.

The Tigers stretched the lead to eight when David Norris intercepted another Huffstickler pass, setting up a 13 yard touchdown pass from Jayroe to Scott Harrington.

LOOKING FOR GAPS AND OPENINGS in the defensive line, tailback Melvin English follows the blocking of guard Tom Harris.



AFTER PLAYING SO WELL against UCA and Arkansas Tech, the Harding game was very frustrating. Jeff Bearden sits alone thinking about the game's first half. OBU lost 34-20.





**A TEAM EFFORT IS NEEDED** to bring down the UAM running back. Donald Harris (80), Joe Bunch (42) and Randy Almond combine on the stop.



**SPECIAL TEAMS ON KICKOFFS** and returns have earned a valuable position on football teams. Joe Bunch (42) and Kirby Baggett (14) bring down the SAU return man. SAU won the game 31-7.

**IT FINALLY HAPPENED** — Ouachita defeated Henderson. Scott Harrington (44) rejoices with Perry Hern minutes before the game finally ended.





A FIRED UP TIGER TEAM takes the field to take on the University of Central Arkansas Bears. OBU fell to the third ranked NAIA team 42-35.



WINNING BRINGS SMILES and conversations for Jerry Wilson and Robert Jayroe during the Southeastern Oklahoma game. OBU won 41-7.

A DEFENSIVE CHARGE is led by Calvin Thomas (76) as Mike Hawes (73) comes to assist. Thomas dodged blocks as he brought down the SEOS quarterback for three sacs.



After UCA scored, OBU had a chance to put it in again before half. The Tigers were denied at the goal line, however, but still led 14-12.

The Bears went on top 20-12 before Baggett drove in from three yards out.

The margin again spread to eight points for OBU when Ronald Harris picked off another Huffstickler pass and sprinted 33-yards for the touchdown.

But not to be denied, the Bears scored again and added a two-point conversion to tie the game at 28. Less than a minute later the Bears found the end zone again to pull ahead 35-28.

But back came OBU. The Tigers again went with the arm of Jayroe. This time Jayroe found Eddie Jackson deep for a 42-yard scoring pass.

The game was put away, though, when Phil Caldwell ran the ball in from four yards out for the Bears, making the final score 42-35.

Against Arkansas Tech, everything started out going the Tigers way. OBU got the breaks and points. But by game's end, everything swung Tech's way. And by the time the final whistle blew the Wonder Boys had erased a 16 point deficit to win 32-29.

OBU scored first on a one-yard run by Baggett with 9:18 in the first quarter. The 39-yard drive was set up by an interception by David Norris.

OBU got another break when Kelly Davis, Tech's place-kicker missed a 22-yard field goal attempt. OBU stopped another Tech drive when Greg Bollen intercepted another pass at the OBU five-yard line.

Ouachita also made their own breaks. Faced with a fourth and five at their own 28, the Tigers faked a punt. The Tigers were successful and had a first down on the Wonder Boys 35. Four plays later Jayroe found Jackson in the end zone to make the score 14-0.

Tech then put together a 84-yard drive in 12 plays to make the score 14-7.

With time running out in the first half, Ouachita drove quickly from their 20 to the Tech 16. From there Chris Slaten booted a 34-yard field goal to make the halftime score 17-7.

In the second half Ouachita took advantage of a fumble recovered by Rodney Slinkard at the OBU 43 to set up another score. On first and goal at the two, Baggett blasted straight ahead for the touchdown. The PAT failed giving OBU the lead 23-7.

Tech took their next possession and drove 73 yards to put up six more points. A two point conversion was successful and Tech cut the lead to 23-15.

Baggett scored once again for OBU. This time Baggett went over left tackle for eight yards and the touchdown. The PAT was blocked making the score 29-15.

From that point on it was all Tech. The Wonder Boys capitalized on a fumbled punt by OBU to cut the lead to 29-21.

An inside kick and a 50-yard touchdown pass enabled Tech to tie the game at 29.

Another mishandled punt gave Tech the opportunity to win the game with a field goal. The first attempt was no good but the second split the uprights completing the incredible comeback by Tech. The Wonder Boys won 32-29.

After a good showing against two of the best AIC teams the Tigers took on the Harding Bisons at home. Harding should have been an easier game for OBU, but costly turnovers kept the Tigers out of the game.

The Bisons took advantage of the Tigers' fumbles and interceptions to build a 34-0 lead by the middle of the third quarter.

OBU finally started a run at Harding when Kent Baggett scored on a three-yard run with eight minutes remaining in the third period. The PAT failed.

OBU scored again when Scott Carter darted 24 yards for the touchdown with 11:16 left in the fourth period. A two-point conversion attempt failed.

The final Tigers score came with 1:30 remaining. Baggett plunged over from one yard out and Robert Jayroe threw to Eddie Jackson for the two-point play. The final score ended 34-20.

Harding walked out with their first conference win while Ouachita was still searching for their's. But the next Tiger game was the most important conference game. If they could salvage a win against Henderson, the hurts and disappointments during the year would be healed.

The big finale finally came on a cold, gray afternoon.

For the Ouachita seniors this would be their last chance at Henderson as well as their last performance as an OBU Tiger. The seniors had fallen three straight years to the Reddies and a win that day would give them an unexplainable joy.

As it would turn out the Tigers slid past their rivals to find happiness in a losing season.

Ouachita got all the breaks early but seemed unable to do anything with them. While the Tigers neutralized themselves on offense the Reddie offense marched 96 yards in 11 plays to give the home team a 7-0 lead. They also drove 81 yards in nine plays to take the lead 14-0 at the half.

The first thirty minutes did not look good for Ouachita. But, the Tigers will never forget the last thirty.

The Tigers got on the board with 9:52 remaining in the third quarter when Robert Jayroe led the Tigers 65 yards for the touchdown. The PAT was good and the Tigers trailed only by seven.

The next OBU touchdown came after Joe Bunch recovered a fumbled punt by Henderson at the Reddies 16-yard line. Five plays later Jayroe went over from the one to tie the game at 14.

Henderson took the lead again in the fourth quarter on a 39-yard touchdown pass.

OBU struck back on a 77-yard touchdown pass from Jayroe to Kent Baggett. Todd Quick added the PAT to tie the game 21-21.

The scoreboard showed only 3:26 remaining when the Tigers got the ball again.

It wasn't just the seniors on the team who wanted the win, but also every player and every OBU fan. No feeling can be expressed when the fans saw the Tiger squad put out 110 percent against the Reddies.

Starting at their own 39 the Tigers opened huge holes for tailback Kent Baggett. Baggett gained 17 yards in two plays to advance to the Henderson 44-yard line. From there fullback Jerry Wilson picked up eleven more yards to give the Tigers a first down at the Reddies 33. Baggett took over again scampering thirteen yards to the 20. On second and two from the 12, the Tigers called on Baggett once more. Baggett headed around left for the most jubilant twelve yards of the Tigers' season. The touchdown made the score 27-21 and Quick's PAT made it 28-21 with 1:28 remaining.

Henderson couldn't manage anything as the Tigers' dream came true.

At the season's end, the Tigers had set four new OBU records. The OBU defense set a new record in fumble recoveries at 25. The old record was 17, set in



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1971. Another team record was set for most points scored in one quarter by the Tigers, 17, set against SEO. The old mark of 14 was set against Bishop College in 1976.

Another point record was set when OBU and Central Arkansas scored a combined 37 points in one quarter. Twenty-five was the old record, set in 1977 against ATU.

Joe Bunch set the only new individual record. Bunch recovered four fumbles to better the record held jointly by Joey Zinamon (1976) and Ezekiel Vaughn (1979), who had three each.

Four OBU Tiger players were named as members of the All-AIC football team. They were split end Eddie Jackson, a senior from Jacksonville; offensive guard Tab Turner, a senior from Arkadelphia; noseguard Calvin Thomas, a junior from Lake Providence, LA; and tailback Kent Baggett, a junior from Rison.

Jackson captured the AIC pass receiving crown in catching 36 passes for 588 yards and six touchdowns.

Thomas was named Southland Life AIC Athlete of the Week and NAIA District 17 Defensive Player of the Week for his performance against Southeastern Oklahoma State University.

Named to the honorable mention list from OBU were seniors Donald and Ronald Harris of Arkadelphia, Kirby Baggett of Rison, Tom Harris of Pine Bluff, Rodney Slinkard of Jonesboro, Scott Carter of Pine Bluff, and Charles Whitworth of Sheridan.



**AFTER A DISMAL SEASON, Coach Buddy Benson and his Tigers had a sweet ending by defeating the Henderson Red-dies 28-21.**



## Scoreboard

Delta State University	0-7
Southeastern Oklahoma	41-7
Texas Lutheran College	0-7
Univ. of Ark. Monticello	14-41
Southern Arkansas Univ.	7-31
Mississippi College	14-35
Univ. of Central Arkansas	35-42
Arkansas Tech University	29-32
Harding University	20-34
<b>Henderson State University</b>	<b>28-21</b>

Overall record 2-8

AIC record 1-5

(bold face indicates conferences games)





KEEPING SPIRITS HIGH among players on the sidelines are freshmen Steve Farris and Calvin Mallett.



GANG TACKLING KEPT HENDERSON from winning the battle of the ravine for the fifth straight time. After being down 14-0 in the first half, the Tigers came back to win 28-21.

DURING A TIME OUT in the Delta State game, Assistant Coach David Easley talks to his defensive captain. OBU lost 7-0.

MEMBERS OF THE FOOTBALL TEAM are: FRONT ROW: George Holstead, Jeff Claunch, Donald Turner, Scott Harrington, Melvin English, Kent Baggett, Joe Bunch, Eddie Jackson, Steve Farris, Buddy Brown, Todd Quick and Jerry Wilson. SECOND ROW: Calvin Thomas, Rodney Slinkard, Donald Harris, Tab Turner, Ronald Harris, Scott Embrey, Greg Bollen, Delbert Lambert, Mark Whatley, James Jordan, David Norris and John Eger. THIRD ROW: Kent Westbrook, Matthew Hogan, Charles Whitworth, Brad Scott, C. Strickland, Jr., Charles Reynolds, Robert Jayroe, Mike Tarkington, Tiffin Hubbard, Randy Almond, Mark Elliot and Bill Meador. BACK ROW: Calvin Mallett, Steve Wosley, Chris Slaten, Kyle Ramsey, Clay Price, Jeff Bearden, Jeff Long, Tom Harris, Charles, Scott Carter, Kirby Baggett and Perry Hern.





**MOMENTS AFTER WINNING** the intramural football championship, the members of Sigma Alpha Sigma begin to celebrate.

**BEING PROTECTED** by her offensive line, rookie quarterback searches for an open receiver.



Whether it was on the grass, on the court, or on the field, all it took was a desire to play.

# A game for all seasons

**A**sneak up the middle, a perfect spike, a spectacular dunk, and an extra inning . . . intramurals, a game for every season and every taste.

Late summer meant football. The roster sheets were filled, coaches and team captains were chosen, and practice began. The late afternoon sun shone on men and women alike as they worked out game plans and perfected their passing. Spectators cheered and booed while they surveyed scene after scene of graceful plays and barely controlled brawls.

Emerging from the 10 team men's league were the Sigma Alpha Sigma social club and the Black American Student Society (BASS). In the championship game the S's defeated the BASS's 12-6.

From the eight team women's league the Gamma Phi social club was the dominate team winning the championship.

Too quickly, the season was over. But volleyball soon followed. Flags were abandoned for knee pads and the grassy fields of Daniel were left behind for the wooden floors of Walton.

Games were scheduled for as early as 4:00 in the afternoon to as late as 10:30 at night. But still this couldn't keep students from participating. Night after night they tried to hold on to their chances of a championship. And when it was over the Sigma Alpha Sigma group once again topped the mens league that had 18 teams. In the womens league Charlie's Angels

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**PI KAPPA ZETA MEMBERS** quickly discuss their next plan of action before its time to get back into the football game.

**THERE'S ACTION UNDERNEATH** the boards as intramural basketball players fight for the rebound.

# A game for all seasons

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defeated the Fox Trotters to take the championship.

A different kind of ball and a different objective meant basketball. Winter was in full force and so was the action in Walton Gym. Flu epidemic or not, the thump-thump-thump of the ball was the theme song of teams everywhere.

After regular season play only the Trailblazers had an undefeated mark. But as tournament play took over, the Dean's List and TKO took the momentum into the championship. In the final game the Dean's List took the victory.

The women's tournament saw D's Angels edge out Charlie's Angels for the championship.

But as winter melted into spring, the gym became silent once more. No more huffing and puffing across

wooden floors. The action was once again centered on the grassy fields of Daniel. Dirty leather gloves and wooden bats were the order of the season. Softball was underway again. Intramurals was not limited to just students. Dr. Randall O'Brien, instructor of religion, played intramural basketball for the men's faculty team.

"First of all," Dr. O'Brien said, "I play because it's fun. Second, I play for the exercise. It helps teachers break the 8 to 5 grind and blow out any steam on the court. Basketball also helps to break down barriers between students and faculty. During the day we have to act like professionals but during the game we sweat and stink like everybody else. Sweat breaks down barriers."



**DAVE HUMPHREY DROPS** the ball over the out-stretched arms of two cheerio opponents.

**BILL THORTON MAKES** an inside shot while opponents wait for a rebound that never came.





**NUMBER 24 MAKES** an attempt to dribble around his defender, and down the baseline to score two points for his intramural basketball team.

**A CHARLIE'S ANGEL** teammate shows tension as she attempts to bump the ball in the women's volleyball tournament finals.



**WHEN THE DAYS GREW WARM**, students like Joy Crain headed for the courts for a tennis game.

**THE BEACHES OF DeGRAY BECAME** more populated as each degree moved nearer to the 100° mark. Tim Church enjoyed the sun's warm rays in the spring.



**THE COLD WEATHER TURNED STUDENTS** inside for sports. Scott Taylor and Bill Whitmore enjoy a game of pool in the SUB game room.

**JOGGING HELPED MANY STUDENTS** to relax and restore their tired minds. Freshman Michele Bond takes a quick jog around the campus.



# Beating the hum-drums

Sports enlivened the monotony of college

**H**ow much longer will it be?" "Maybe he'll let us out early." "When are they going to ring?" Students listened impatiently for the chimes to sound the end to their final class. And when the chimes sounded, the students were off — off to break the monotonous hum-drum of college life.

And for many, sports was the way to break it. Whether it was a jog around the block, or a basketball game, sports kept many students going from day to day.

When the fall semester started, most freshmen learned that Lake DeGray was just a hop away and was a good place to drench the 100 degree weather. Their new found friend provided them with swimming, skiing, fishing or maybe a game of frisbee-football on the beach.

When hot weather turned to cool, the lake was abandoned for Walton Gym, Daniel field, and the SUB game room. After studying, late-nighters found it easy to get basketball pickup games in Walton. Mike Treadway and John Kinley said, "We play basketball mainly because we like to, but also to get away from the strain of studying. Basketball helps us to relax and forget our college troubles."

For others, Daniel field was the place to be on a slow Sunday afternoon. Tackle football was the highlight of the day, but frisbee, softball, and soccer also attracted their share of students.

When old man winter finally let loose with breath of cold air, students swarmed inside to less active sports. Nurf basketball was common on some floors, but playing cards, especially spades, were enjoyed by most all. West dormitory, east side second floor, claimed to have the best spade partners on campus. Jerry Watts and Mike Stallings explained their success was due to their style of play. "We don't cheat unless we have to," joked Jerry. Mike added, "We just make sure the other guy doesn't win."

Although they admit the games are mostly for fun, the game was also used to relieve emotional stress. "If any guy on the floor wants to blow off some steam, he can come here and do it." Mike and Jerry said, "It's just a game, but it has helped a lot."

Inside sports kept many people busy, but for some people, like deer hunter James Quillman, outdoors was the place to be.

"Hunting lets me get outdoors where I feel best," James said. "I grew up in the country where hunting was a way of life. By going hunting around here, it lets me break the hum-drum of college."

When warm weather came back around, Lake De-Gray became the favorite spot again, although the tennis courts, softball fields and golf courses were also familiar places.

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And some sports, like jogging, required no specific area at all. A quick run around the campus, or a long jog through Arkadelphia was all that was needed in sports for some people.

Although Michele Bone enjoys most all sports, she tried to jog three times a week. "I've been jogging since the ninth grade," Michele said. "It wakes me up and gives me more energy to do school work."

Although college life was supposed to be fun and exciting, it was sometimes unmercifully hum-drum. And for most people a quick game of some sort was all that was needed to rejuvenate their deteriorated spirits.

**THE AREA AND WILDLIFE AROUND OUACHITA is superb for the student hunter. James Quilman prefers bow hunting to rifle hunting because "it's more of a challenge."**





THE SUB GAME ROOM PROVIDED students with many attractions such as pool, bowling, fooseball, and game machines. Some students like Kerry McAlister enjoyed playing ping-pong.

WHEN THE HOT WEATHER came around, Lake DeGray became a favorite spot for skiers like Matt Greene.



POOL WAS A POPULAR SPORT for both men and women. Lea Ellen Fowler eyes the line between the ball and the pocket before taking her shot.

DORM LIFE ALSO HAD ITS SPORT life among the students. Mike Treadway, Mark Stalling, Tim Knight, and Jerry Watts all enjoyed a frequent game of spades.



It was definitely a season of 100 percent effort but the final record meant it was time to rebuild

# On the way up

**T**heir faces said they were glad the season was over. Their souls said they wished it could have been different. The Tiger basketball squad's ride back from their final game of the year symbolized the ending of a disappointing 11-15 season, but marked the beginning of a new year.

Their season started off with a bang with a 4-1 record in November, but ended in a crash with an 0-7 skid through February.

Their impressive wins early in the season alerted other coaches and caused a prediction for the Tigers to finish third in the AIC. But once conference play started OBU's lack of experienced time of team play haunted them.

"We had so many new players on this team," Coach Bill Vining said, "that it's been hard for them to learn what's expected of them. We attempted to rebuild in a hurry through the junior colleges and were successful to a point. The junior college transfers have good talent, it is just that they have been through so many coaches and they're not use to our program."

Even with this realization some fans could not understand why their team could go 8-5 the first half of the season and 3-10 the second half.

One reason may have been at the guard position "Hall and Dixon were a great pair," junior forward Rick Brewer said, "but when Dixon left in the middle

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**THE BATTLE OF THE RAVINE** comes to Henderson's Gym as the Tigers meet the Reddies once again. During the second game, OBU came within five points of a major upset. Guard William Miller breaks the HSU press.

**ATTEMPTING A JUMP SHOT** from the top of the key, Chris Reynolds, a junior from Denison, Texas, avoids the Reddies defense. Chris led the Tigers by adding 16 points to the 56-65 final score.



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of the season there was too much pressure on Hall. The whole team had to go through a transition period of getting a new guard."

Coach Vining explained the problem by saying "Up until the middle of the season we were satisfied, but we never did reach the point of playing together as a team. Another factor was that the conference was tough all the way through, and while the other teams got better, we didn't. But we are better now than at the first of the season."

Although the team was not one of the dominant teams in the race, they kept other teams aware of them. Few teams came to Rockefeller field house confident of a win. The Tigers had great success on their home court with an 8-4 record. Another strong aspect of the Tigers was that they never gave up. In seven of its thirteen conference losses the Tigers had a surge late in the game but could not overcome their deficit.

"We were capable of winning all the games," Coach Vining said, "We played everyone very well but there was a point in the game when we needed to score but we didn't. We didn't have the mental toughness to overcome. We seemed to be able to come back after

being down early in the game, but we never could come back near the end of the game. This team was not one to give up after a loss. They came back to practice with a good attitude. The games we lost didn't hurt me as bad as when Tiger teams lost a few years back because these players were putting out 100 percent."

This 100 percent effort surprised many teams as the Tigers posted a 4-1 record through November. Their only loss came to Louisiana Tech University of the NCAA Southland Conference.

The month zipped by quickly as OBU rolled over East Texas Baptist College twice by the scores of 68-60, and 98-74. Louisiana College was also a victim 91-73, as well as Southeastern Oklahoma State University 76-74. The Tigers clean sweep was halted by LTU 71-49.

December meant the beginning of conference play and in their first outing the Tigers fell to the University of Central Arkansas 61-57.

In their next game the Tigers took advantage of every possible mistake of Arkansas Tech to pull out a thriller 67-64.

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**COUNTING PART OF** the defeats on a young team, Bill Vining concentrates all his efforts on rebuilding for the next season. The head coach instructs his players from the sidelines.

**THE TIGERS WENT INTO FEBRUARY** still hoping for a shot at the NAIA District 17 tournament. Instead, the month began with two defeats. Forward Terry Woods pulls up amid the pressure defense of Arkansas College.





WITH AN AVERAGE OF 4.4 PER GAME, William Hall placed sixth in the AIC in assists with 114 in 26 games. Dribbling down court, Hall looks for an open man.

ALTHOUGH DOMINANCE didn't describe the 1980-81 season, the team still had a way of keeping other teams aware of them. Junior Keith Watkins applies a press defense.

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With an even 1-1 record in conference play the Bengals headed north to Batesville to take on Arkansas College. After being behind by 15 the Tigers came roaring back but fell by three 75-72. Brewer led all Tiger scores with 17 points followed by William Hall, a senior from Pine Bluff, with 16.

Ouachita avenged their loss by sweeping their next two games against University of Arkansas — Monticello 68-60, and University of Minnesota — Deluth 69-58 before ending the month with a loss to the University of Wisconsin — Parkside 76-58.

In January the Tigers began their slide. Ouachita dropped two straight to Harding 81-72, and Hendrix 76-68 before meeting Southern Arkansas University in Arkadelphia. SAU jumped out to a 13-6 lead before William Hall made a steal and Rick Brewer got the slam. The momentum shifted Ouachita's way as they pulled to an 18-15 lead. But at the half, SAU led 24-21.

Aided by a full court press, the Tiger defense forced 16 second half turnovers gaining the lead 31-30 with 9:45 left in the game. From that point on the Tigers allowed SAU only six points while putting up fifteen points to win 44-36.

It was rivalry time in Arkadelphia as Ouachita paired up with Henderson State University. The Red-dies jumped out on top early and never gave up the lead to win 65-56.

In a thriller of a game the Bengals shot down the College of the Ozarks 59-58. After being down by eight points with 3:14 remaining in the game the Tigers finally were able to push it over the hump for a win.

Hall cut the lead to six with a twenty-foot jumper and Brewer cut it to four with a follow up shot after a turnover. Ozark went into a stall but a turnover enabled Ouachita to cut it to two 58-56 with 57 seconds remaining.

Ozark deliberately moved the ball down court before a stray pass was batted by Terry Woods to junior guard Trevor Lavy. Lavy quickly fed the ball to Hall who made the layup and was fouled after the shot. Hall's freethrow was good as the Tigers won 59-58.

Roy Allen led the Tigers with 10 points. Terry Woods ended the game with nine points.

The Tigers ended the month by splitting their last two games. UCA had to forfeit to the Tigers because of an ineligible player and Arkansas Tech defeated the Bengals 80-76.

Going into February the Tigers were 5-6 in conference play and were still hopeful for a shot in the NIAA District 17 tournament. The month, though, proved to be disastrous for Ouachita.

The Tigers dropped their first two games to Arkansas College 84-69, and UAM 67-58. Against UAM the Tigers led through much of the first half behind the shooting of junior Chris Reynolds who hit a game

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high of 23 points. But with 11:21 left to play the Boll Weevils reeled off eight unanswered points to ice the win.

The Tigers were desperate for a win to keep tournament play hopes alive when they traveled to Searcy to take on the Harding Bisons on February 9. The Tigers were also hoping to win its first conference game on the road.

The Bengals wasted no time in jumping on top by hitting 59 percent from the field to lead at half 29-27. Ouachita stretched the lead to seven with eleven minutes left in the game before the Bisons took control.

Aided by OBU's 15 turnovers in the game and the home crowd support, Harding shut down the Tigers offense while pouring in shots to capture the win 58-53. Harding also hurt the Tigers by hitting 14 of 16 freethrows.

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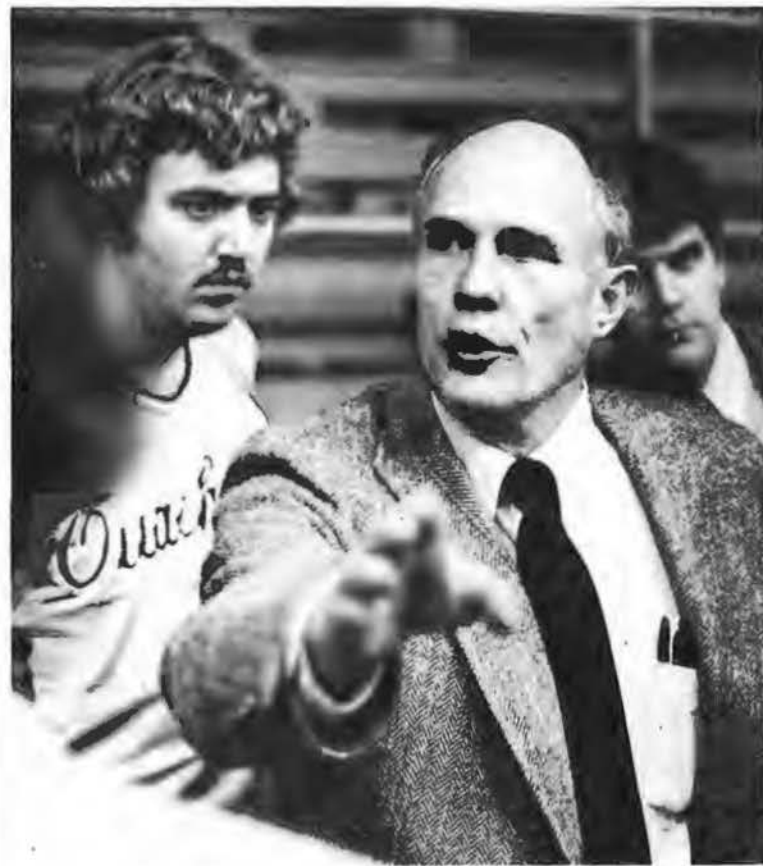
**OBU LEFT THE COURT** with a victory early in the season against the University of Arkansas at Monticello, but the team proved to be a challenge in February. Honorable mention All AIC William Hall concentrates on defending the UAM forward.





Shreveport, La., goes up for a lay up against the physical defense of Arkansas Tech.

THE TALLY OF STATISTICS at the end of the season proved that Rick Brewer led with an average of 11.8 points per game. Brewer traps a player at the baseline.



ON THE SIDELINES during a time out, Coach Vining describes his strategy for the remainder of the game. Players Craig Bennett and assistant Coach Jim Hamilton look on.

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Hall led in scoring for the Tigers with 14 points, while Woods and Reynolds both had 11 points.

In their next two games the Tigers fared no better in falling to Hendrix 76-66 and SAU 60-52. Against the Hendrix Warriors the Tigers were hurt by the Warriors dominance on the boards out rebounding Ouachita 32-17. Hendrix also shot a hot 62 per cent from the field. Hendrix was the AIC regular season champion.

It was rival time again in Arkadelphia as Henderson came to visit the Tigers on February 19. Although down by seven points the Tigers came roaring back and almost pulled off a major upset. Ouachita was down 46-45 as the Tigers slowed the game down hoping to win on a last second shot. Failing to work the ball inside, the Tigers took a shot from 17 feet that was no good. Henderson was fouled on the play and made the final score 50-45 with two freethrows and a field goal. Ouachita was led by Chris Reynolds with 16 points. Rick Brewer added 12 for the Tigers.

In their final game of the year the College of the Ozarks defeated the Tigers 84-65.

The statistics at the end of the season showed that Rick Brewer led all scorers with an 11.8 average points

per game. William Hall was second with an 11.7 average.

Terry Woods was tops on the boards in rebounding with an average of 5.2 rebounds per game. Rick Brewer was second with an average of 4.3.

William Hall, was sixth in the AIC in assists with 114 in 26 games for a 4.4 per game average. Woods was tenth in the AIC with 93 assists for a 3.6 per game average.

As a team the Tigers averaged 65.3 points a game while giving up an average of 67.7.

When the All-AIC Basketball team was announced in March, Rick Brewer and William Hall were named honorable mentions.

The team has plenty to build upon for the next year in losing only one starter due to graduation.

"I don't know how other coaches can stand being at the bottom of the conference," Coach Vining said, "I don't like it. OBU has always had a good team and we will be back up there."

**ALTHOUGH THE SECOND MEETING** with Henderson ended in defeat, Rick Brewer added 12 points to squeeze the Reddie victory to 50-45. Brewer was announced to the All AIC Basketball team in March.



**MEMBERS OF THE TIGER BASKETBALL TEAM** are  
**FRONT ROW:** student assistant Kevin Crass, Randall Dickey, Terry Woods, William Hall, Jesse Johnson, Trevor Lavy, Fred Heaggans, Scott Lambert, Reggie Dixon, Mark

**Dopson. BACK ROW:** Coach Bill Vining, assistant coach Jim Hamilton, Keith Watkins, Rick Brewer, Craig Bennett, Roy Allen, Chris Reynolds, Russell Stickland, Curtis Richey.



### Scoreboard

East Texas Baptist College	68-60
Louisiana College	91-73
East Texas Baptist College	98-74
Southeastern Okla. State Univ.	76-74
Louisiana Tech University	49-71
Univ. of Central Arkansas	57-61
Arkansas Tech University	67-64
Arkansas College	72-75
Univ. of Arkansas — Monticello	68-61
Univ. of Minnesota — Deluth	69-58
Univ. of Wisconsin — Parkside	58-76
Louisiana College	80-64
Harding University	72-81
Hendrix College	68-76
Southern Arkansas University	44-36
Henderson State University	56-65
College of the Ozarks	59-58
Univ. of Central Arkansas	2-0
Arkansas Tech University	76-80
Arkansas College	69-84
Univ. of Arkansas — Monticello	58-67
Harding University	53-58
Hendrix College	66-76
Southern Arkansas University	52-60
Henderson State University	45-50
College of the Ozarks	65-84

Overall record 11-15  
 AIC record 5-13  
 (Bold face indicates  
 conference games)



**CONCENTRATION AND EXPERIENCE** are needed for Donna Pananganan to set up the ball for Paulette Henderson. The Tigerettes surprised many teams in finishing third in the AWISA tournament.

**LIKE MANY OF THE NON-MAJOR SPORTS**, volleyball did not attract large crowds, but instead enjoyed faithful followers. Vaughn Clary, a junior from Crossett returns the ball against UAPB. Ouachita won the match 3-1.



**MEMBERS OF THE WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL TEAM** are **FRONT ROW:** Vaughn Clary, Diane Mackey, Kim Fischer, Sheri Grober, Kelly Culpepper. **BACK ROW:** Connie Lawrence, Beth Olson, Thelma Coleman, Loretta Wilson, Paulette Henderson, Shelley Williams, Donna Pananganan, Tona Wright.



Tigerette team made their mark in the records

# Serving up the best

By Johnny Gosser

**T**he 1980 Tigerette Volleyball team, coached by Tona Wright, began their season with a goal: to have a better season than their 1979 season. Their 1979 season was quite impressive, though, being the best in OBU's history for Tigerette volleyball. Question: How can the 1980 Tigerettes better that mark? Answer: They had an even better season — the best season, now. Led by seven veteran juniors, the Tigerettes finished third place in the Arkansas Women's Intercollegiate Sports Association (AWISA) Tournament which qualified them for the Region 4 Tournament of the Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women. This year marked the first season a Ouachita volleyball team has competed in regional tournament competition.

Beginning their 1980 season, the Tigerettes found themselves in a three way tie for second place at the record of 5-4 with wins over Southern Arkansas University, Hendrix, University of Central Arkansas, and Philander Smith University, twice. They lost to Henderson State University, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, and University of Arkansas at Little Rock, twice.

Meanwhile, placing first with a perfect record of 5-0, the Tigerette junior varsity swept a Junior Varsity Tournament at Hendrix College beating UCA, SAU, A-Tech, HSU and Hendrix.

The remainder of the season was a battle to stay above the .500 percent mark as they lost to John Brown University, SAU, HSU and Arkansas State University and won against UAPB, A-Tech and Arkansas College. With the close of the regular season the Tigerettes managed a record of 8-8.

Led by Coach Wright's honorable mention list for league honors: Thelma Coleman, sophomore from Arkadelphia; Beth Olson, sophomore from New Boston, Texas; Sheri Grober, sophomore from Wichita, Kansas; and freshman Kerri Culpepper from New Boston, Texas, the OBU Tigerettes were ready to participate in the AWISA Championship volleyball tournament in Rockefeller Field House at Ouachita. The Tigerettes' enthusiasm mounted as they upset the South League AWISA winner, Henderson State, with scores of 15-6, 15-11, and 15-10.

OBU's next challenge was to encounter SAU who defeated John Brown University earlier. The Riderette-Tigerette contest produced a tight first game eventually won by SAU, 17-15. SAU won the second game 15-12, but OBU's Tigerettes bounced back for a third game victory, 8-15. SAU responded to the challenge by storming to a 15-6 win in the final game.

With this loss the Tigerettes faced contender UALR who beat UCA but lost to ASU. The tough Tigerettes rebounded off their loss to SAU to face UALR. Ouachita and UALR fought head to head in five games before the home crowd, but OBU secured the victory by scores of 10-15, 15-5, 15-13, 6-15, and 15-9. At the close of the tournament Coach Wright said, "I am so proud of the team. They played their hearts out and we were so tickled to see all the fan support for the team from our students and other supporters. It made us play double hard."

The OBU Tigerette volleyball team surprised a lot of folks in placing third in the AWISA Championship Volleyball Tournament, but more importantly, this surprise enabled them to play in the Region 4 Tournament of the Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women held at Sam Houston State University.

In region tournament play, OBU handed a defeat to Oklahoma Baptist University, 16-14, 7-15, and 15-7. Oklahoma Baptist was the number one team in Oklahoma and was seeded sixth in the tournament. The next challenge found Ouachita not so fortunate as they lost to Texas Wesleyan, 4-15 and 10-15. Another Texas school, Texas Lutheran, seeded first, thwarted the hopes of Ouachita to continue tournament play with a defeat of 5-15 and 4-15.

Coach Wright was quite pleased with her team and their team work as they completed the 1980 season. "I feel we had the second best team in the state skill wise, even though we finished third in the AWISA Tournament. We also had an excellent showing at regionals. With that type of motivational experience, seeing other teams outside the state will give the team a boost next year.

In the 1981 season Coach Wright will have six starters returning and of those six, five of them have played together for the last three years.

The year started slow for the Tigerettes  
but it built up to a place in the AWISA tournament

# A roller coaster season

**C**ashing on a win in their final regular season game of the year, the Tigerettes regained some of their respect of having the AWISA tournament at home. The win boosted them to seventh place in the conference and a berth in the tournament. The Tigerettes were assured of a berth because of the tournament being played on their home court but by winning the position they proved that they were worthy contenders.

A roller coaster season kept fans guessing at whether the Tigerettes would make the tournament. Four losses in a row at the end of the season dwindled hope but a 77-72 win over rival Henderson State University clinched the spot.

The year started slow for the Tigerettes losing one here and winning one there while posting a 6-7 mark from November through January 16. During that time OBU collected wins over Philander Smith 89-36, and 84-49, Southern Arkansas University 58-54, University of Arkansas at Little Rock 80-64, HSU 83-72, and East Texas Baptist 70-59.

Against Philander Smith the Tigerettes had four players in double figures. Debbie White led the way with 20 points followed by Patricia Brightwell with 15, Sherry Epperson with 13, and Stephanie Matchett with 10 points.

The Tigerettes hope of an even season were dashed during February when OBU lost four straight. The University of Arkansas — Monticello, UALR, Arkansas State University, and the University of Arkansas — Pine Bluff all had wins over the Tigerettes by the scores of 73-53, 72-64, 66-54, and 75-70, respectively.

In tournament play the Tigerettes fell in the first round in overtime to the Arkansas College Pipers. Although minus two starters, Ouachita was able to stay with the Pipers keeping within reach at half time 34-29. The Tigerettes rallied in the second half closing the gap and knotting it at 64-64 at the end of regulation time.

During overtime the Piper guard popped the net from the top of the key to spark her team to victory 79-73.

Kathleen Dixon was the high point player for the Tigerettes with 22 points. Her play was rewarded by being named to the honorable mention squad in the AWISA tournament.

On the year the Tigerettes made 262 of 412 free-throws for a 64 per cent average. They also netted 1536 points for a 66.7 per game average.

Individually, Dixon led all scorers with 273 points followed by White with 238, Brightwell with 219, and Epperson with 217.



MEMBERS OF THE TIGERETTES are FRONT ROW: Tina Kitchens, Leslie Lankford, Melissa Vonsenden, Kathleen Dixon, Sherry Epperson. BACK ROW: Sharon Hicks, Pa-

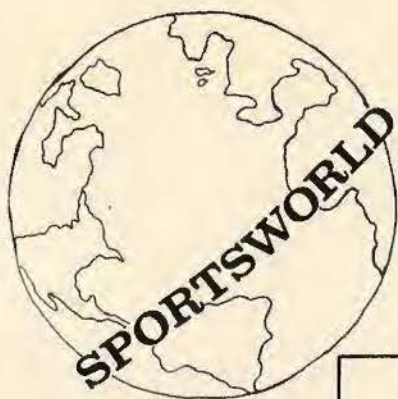
tricia Brightwell, Stephanie Matchett, Lyn Vance, Debbie White, and Susan Cheatham.



**BLOCKING OPPONENTS OFF THE BOARDS** and gaining inside position enabled Lyn Vance, a freshman from Parkers Chapel, to bring down 41 rebounds on the year.



**DEBBIE WHITE, A JUNIOR** from Lake Hamilton, takes a layup after a steal against Philander Smith. The Tigerettes won the game 84-69.



## Tiger crew goes on air for Saturday competition

By Jill Hankins

**T**he pace could have been mild and routine or wild with emotion, but either way, listening to the "Voice of the Ouachita Baptist University Tiger football team" was never dull.

In the press box above the football field, three Ouachita students, all graduates of Arkadelphia High School, announced the Tiger games on KVRC-KDEL Radio.

Rex Nelson, a junior, headed the team as play-by-play announcer. He began the pregame show with "Good afternoon (or evening) everybody" after arriving two hours early to get ready.

He set up the equipment, called KVRC, checked roster changes with Mac Sisson, assistant public relations director and stadium announcer, wrote the pre-game show, found a guest for the half-time show and hooked up 30 minutes before time to broadcast.

But someone had to analyze the events and write the events and write down the plays for recall. That was Danny Brackett's job. As the "color" announcer, Brackett kept running totals of "who did what" and how many times, and commented on many of the plays.

The third team member didn't talk into the microphone: he just helped make the broadcast unique for the listener.

The member, Jeff Root, was the stadium engineer who organized cassette tapes made earlier in the week and recorded the big plays or "highlights" as they

happened, to be played back after the game. The Ouachita crew was the only one in the AIC utilizing this type of taping, an arrangement worked out by Sisson and Nelson.

"I don't do a big job," said Root, "but it is important. It's like the icing on the cake. I really enjoy working because I think it's one of the best broadcasts in the state."

Root played the tapes when the action breaks during the game. The tapes were usually recorded on Thursday afternoons with interviews of the coaching staff focusing on strategies, team spirit and the opposing team.

"Coach Beanson had learned to expect me every Thursday," said Nelson. "I mostly interview the coaches,

but when I can, I try to interview some players."

With those added features, listeners could get more from the broadcast than just "who did what." In fact, listeners may have often felt like they're at the game, swept away by emotions of anger, frustrations, joy, excitement and disbelief.

The team announced the game as they saw it, and often included those emotions, as well as showing partiality toward the Tigers.

But that partiality didn't get the Tigers get by with any special treatment — mistakes were mistakes.

Besides having the feeling of "being at the game," listeners could learn something about football.

In the pre-game show, Nelson gave the history of the team from the beginning of the last game. He compared the opposing team unbiasedly and called the



## OBU's All-Sports glory continues on for third straight year

that we didn't win the AIC in football or even basketball. And it is true that we had only one championship team in the spring sports. In fact, we had only one championship team in all nine of the AIC sports, and yet Ouachita was the most successful team of all

in the AIC. Together, the nine sports — baseball, basketball, bowling, cross country, football, golf, swimming, tennis, and track — put out a solid effort and brought the AIC All-Sports Trophy home. The All-Sports Trophy was based on the total points a

school received from competing in a sport. A first place team received eleven points, second place, nine, third place, eight, and so on to tenth place which received one point.

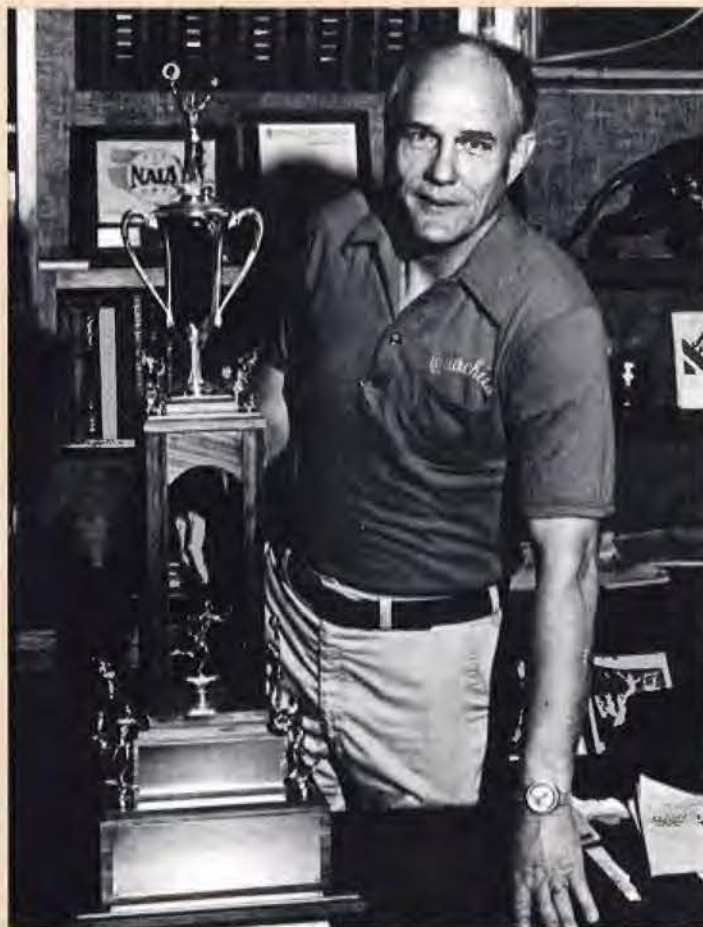
Therefore, even though track was the only OBU championship team, the other sports were so consistent that when the points were tallied OBU led with 71 points. The closest team was Harding, four points behind.

Coach Vining explained Ouachita's consistency by saying, "We encourage participation in all sports. There are many larger institutions that seem to just put their emphasis on one or two of the so-called money sports. We don't do that. In the long run, the minor sports play a big part in the overall success of any program. You are judged by that consistent, overall success from year to year, too. We've had that here."

But, even with the consistent teams, the other AIC schools felt this would be the year that a state school would bring home the trophy. But, by the time the AIC track meet was held in May, Ouachita was tied for the lead with Harding. If OBU could win the meet, the 1980 AIC All-Sports Trophy would be ours again.

The track teams met in Haygood Stadium, and with what Coach Gravett called his best all-around team, OBU dominated the meet. OBU finished the meet with 174 points. Second place was taken by UAM at a distant 68 points.

It is becoming more and more a tradition of Ouachita finishing near or at the top for the All-Sports title. And for 1979-1980 the tradition lived on.



**BILL VINING**, OBU athletic director, proudly displayed the AIC All-Sports Trophy. The sports trophy was the third straight for Ouachita.

ys as accurately as possible.

Brackett gave insights into plays, penalties and punts, and when Root showed in the tapes, the viewers heard the coaches' thoughts first-hand.

"Sometimes you can get tired of broadcasting," said Brackett, "especially when the team is losing. But I never get bored because I'm always listening, thinking and talking."

Brackett, Root and Nelson broadcasted all of the out-of-town games as well as the Arkadelphia games. They wore dark pants and gold shirts with "Ouachita Radio" on all the games, adding to their professionalism.

Due to the shared high school years and time spent together in college, they had a friendship that carried over to the jovial atmosphere of their booth. The pressure and intensity of the moment could strain these ties, but not for long.

All three have grown up playing sports, with Nelson and Root living two blocks from A. U. Williams Field. "I can never recall sitting in the stand," said Nelson. "I went straight from water boy to the sideline of Coach Nelson to announcer in the press box, which I've been doing for three years."

By Tim Woolldridge

o someone just glancing over Ouachita's sports last year, they may have come to the conclusion that Ouachita did not have a successful season. It is true

THE "VOICE OF THE OUA- CHITA BAPTIST University football team" gave the listeners a feeling of "being at the game."



## Strickland defies myth of a "jock without brains"

By Jill Hankins

**A**lthough Watty Strickland, a junior at Ouachita, was out on the football field every Saturday as Tiger quarterback, his priorities did not end at the goal line.

With a grade point-average of 3.989 out of a possible 4.00, Strickland defied the myth of a "jock without brains." His only "B" was in a four-hour calculus class.

To attain his goal to be an engineer, he tried to "study a little every night to keep from getting behind and to go to all classes."

But it wasn't easy, especially in the fall during football season. Strickland practiced football two and a half hours every weekday afternoon, watched films of past games, carried a class schedule of at least 15 hours and tried to find time for hunting squirrels and dating his girlfriend, Carrie Sligh, a junior at OBU.

"I have to make myself study," he said. "It's hard during football season, but I have more time in the spring for studying and dating."

He was majoring in physics which is related to

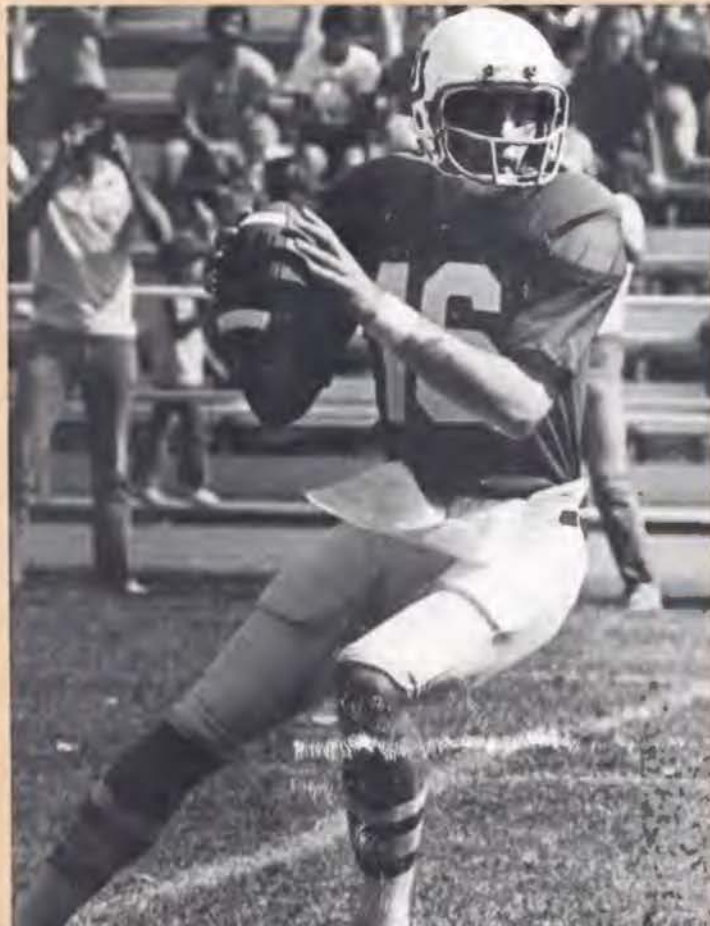
area of specialization.

Since his parents lived in Bethel, Alaska, Strickland didn't get to go home on weekends like many students did. He flew home over Christmas break and during the summer to work.

"I like Alaska a lot," he said. "The scenery is pretty especially the mountains."

"Bethel has a population of 2,000 with no roads into the city — only roads within. You have to go in by plane or boat. But Bethel is the main city in the area of Alaska so it has an airport where 727's can land."

As a refuge manager, Strickland's father Charles moved his wife and three youngest sons to Alaska



**CONCENTRATION ON** and off the field has contributed to Watty Strickland's success this year.

**ON THE FIELD** Watty Strickland completed 33 of 76 passes for forty-three percent. Off the field he had a 3.989 gpa.

engineering. After graduation, he planned to go to an engineering school, although unsure about his

his oldest son, Watty, a freshman at OBU.

"I went to high school years in South Carolina one in Crossett," said Strickland. In Crossett, he was an all-district quarterback and honor graduate.

Through the recruiting efforts of Bill Vining, head basketball coach at OBU

## Taylor keeps golf in the swing of things

Strickland came to Ouachita. Although his parents had attended rival schools, the University of Arkansas at Monticello and Henderson State University, they both graduated from Arkadelphia High School and they were influenced by his decision. Strickland came to Ouachita as a member of Rhoads men's social club and a Key national honor society. In his free time, he plays basketball and tennis "just for fun," but he says "if I have any extra time, I probably need to be playing."

By: Rex Nelson

**H**is name was Frank Stroope and the picture at right first appeared in the Arkansas Democrat in 1928.

The event was the Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference golf tournament and the winner was Ouachita.

This year Ouachita still stood as the king of the collegiate golf scene in Arkansas having won three of the past four AIC titles and three of the last four NAIA District 17 championships.

What Stroope helped start continued today largely due

to the efforts of one man, Frank Taylor. As strange as it may have seemed, the job of golf coach at the Baptist University was not exactly a job. It stood as more of a hobby for Taylor, whose official title was that of registrar. Daily I could see him working on the north campus area of Ouachita across from my house. What was once a cow pasture and hay barn now is an office-equipment shed, a driving range and a three hole course. It was a personal project for Taylor and on the hot summer afternoons when any sane man would be under the air conditioner, one could find Taylor working there.

The strange thing about the whole situation was that Frank Taylor was not one of those country-club set people who grew up on a golf course. No, he didn't even start playing until 1960 when, while working on his masters at Eastern New Mexico, Taylor decided to take a beginner's golf course.

Immediately, he was hooked. He wasted no time in calling home to Arkadelphia and buying a set of clubs from Robert Nelson that he still owns. Coming back to a coaching position at Arkadelphia High School, Taylor led a team consisting of such familiar faces as Ed McCorkle and Gary Andrews to second in the state in 1962 and a state championship in '63.

And you thought the

**SINCE TAKING OVER AS GOLF coach in 1975, Frank Taylor has kept golf thriving at Ouachita.**

**A FOUNDING FATHER in golf at Ouachita, Frank Stroope led the Tigers to an AIC title in 1928.**



football title this past fall was the first state crown for a Badger team.

Well, the interest continued and when Quintus Crews left Ouachita, Taylor expressed a desire to take over the golf program to athletic director Bill Vining and AD gladly granted it. Since that time, Tiger squads have finished second in '75, sixth in '76, first in '77, first in '78, first in '79, and second in '80.

"Golf has helped me in my personal life," Taylor would quickly tell you. "I've played it all, but nothing can compare with golf. You can't blame adversity on anyone but yourself. That's why I love the game."

Old Frank Stroope would certainly be proud.







## A diamond rich in history

By: Rex Nelson

**W**hen it comes to baseball, Ouachita Baptist University has a long, storied tradition. Famed Arkadelphia journalist W. H. Halliburton once wrote, "Ouachita was baseball king of all she surveyed in the early 1900's and she surveyed plenty. Colleges really went in for baseball during the first decade of the century.

"Graduates of that era went on to play in the organized leagues some to Class D but most to the A, AA and major league teams. The Ouachita bat and ball artists during that first decade could hold their own with any college or university nine in the nation."

The late writer then continued with some stories that well illustrate the color and tradition associated with Ouachita baseball: "Standing out in the early part of the century was a tall, rawboned young man by the name of W. F. Rogers. Oldtimers living here in Arkadelphia will state that Fenna Rogers was the greatest baseball player they

ever saw or ever heard of. He was a lefthander with the speed of Walter Johnson or Bob Feller, take your choice. He had wonderful control and a puzzling assortment of curves, a fine head and plenty of character. It is said there was one flaw in his record — he lost one game in four years. That almost broke the hearts of his worshipful supporters.

"Most of the batters who opposed Rogers struck out once or more during a game. Few got any hits and fewer

crossed home plate. Once the Little Rock team of the Southern League came down and played Ouachita with Fena on the hill. They were back home beaten, shut out and with only a few scratch hits."

Rogers would go on to play for the Pittsburgh Pirates while other Ouachita players would make it to the Cardinals, the White Sox, the Southern League and elsewhere. Halliburton told of a player named Donald M. who played around 1910 and was called Swatting Si and supposedly hit .700 one season. Halliburton wrote



**THE LATE RAB ROGERS** coached the Tigers to an AIC championship in 1960.

**TODAY'S COACH, VAN RETT**, has led his team to straight NAIA District 17 playoffs berths.

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## A proven athlete at home and afar

**T**wo years ago, Ouachita Baptist University had one of the best tailbacks in the NAIA. His name was William Miller, and although he stood only 5' 8" and weighed 170 pounds, he was a menace to opponents defenses.

While at Ouachita, Miller set seven OBU rushing records and one AIC record. The OBU records made included most touchdowns scored, 10; most points scored, 116; most rushing attempts, 291; most rushing yards, 1,668, which also set the AIC record and the OBU record for most total yards on offense; most touchdowns scored in college career, 41; and most points scored in college career, 250.

His other honors included being named an All-American on the NAIA team, and being named to the Associated Press Small College All-American team.

But now Miller has achieved an even greater height: being named the Canadian Football League's Rookie of the Year. Miller received the award after rushing for 1,053 yards and catching passes for another 344 yards. Miller also helped turn the Winnipeg Blue Bombers around from a losing season of 4-12 a year ago to a 10-6 season and a playoff berth.

But things weren't always a breeze for the native of Rison.

After being cut from the Atlanta Falcons two weeks before the regular season began, William headed north to Calgary of the CFL. His dreams were shot down again during training camp.

Then after setting out the winter working in Rison, Miller headed back to Calgary in May. But instead of impressing Calgary, Miller

impressed the Winnipeg team. And for the standard CFL waiver price of \$350, the Blue Bombers purchased Miller from Calgary.

From that point on Miller proved his worth.

Not getting a chance to prove ones worth can be a bit discouraging, and William Miller had those discouraging moments. But now he is able to say laughingly, "When you've been cut as much as I have you get used to it. But I didn't feel bad about it. I was given a chance. That's all I wanted."



**WILLIAM MILLER DAZZLED** AIC opponents much like he did the Canadian league while being named Rookie-of-the-Year.



## A sporting cheer for the Bengal team

**C**heerleading, a sport in its own way, was enjoyed by eight energetic students. Although not considered a sport by most, the OBU

cheerleaders considered it their way of participating in sports. "It's definitely a sport," said freshman Al Stanford. "We do compete with other squads, especially



MEMBERS OF THE CHEER-LEADERS are FRONT ROW: Mike Baldrige. SECOND ROW: Ken Williams. THIRD ROW: Denise Clark, Terry

Daniell, Toby Anderson, Mike Spivey, Sharon Chancey. FOURTH ROW: Anita Carr, Mandy Jones. TOP ROW: Linda Usery.

at camps."

During the summer, the cheerleaders attended a cheerleading camp at Southern Methodist University. While there, they won an award for the most spirited group for every year except one.

This spirited squad came back home, and in the fall picked up two freshmen to add to their group.



THE HOT DAYS IN AUTUMN didn't keep Denise Clark from showing support.

new squad had little adjusting themselves to others traits and abilities. "We started out good foot," said captain Carr, explaining that contributed to their ball season started and cheerleaders were cheering with the team while practicing five to ten per week. Not many

people would work that long and hard just for the glamour of cheerleading. But Denise Clark explained that glamour and attention is not why she cheers. "We aren't there to stand in front of everybody to get all of the attention," Denise said. "What we're there for is to lead the cheers. I feel like when I'm down there cheering, I'm helping the team."

Their faithfulness to cheer was proven on September 13. In a hard driving rain, few people expected any spectators or even cheerleaders to show up at the Ouachita-Texas Lutheran football game. But there they were, standing on the track drenched while supporting their team from beginning to end. Although all the cheerleaders enjoyed the

night, all agreed that "beating Henderson" was the best game of all.

Although not common in high schools, male cheerleaders were very common in colleges, and Ouachita was no exception. "At times I felt pressured," said Toby Anderson, "but only at schools that do not have guy cheerleaders and they get rude. But having guy cheerleaders takes a lot of pressure off the girls when they do pyramids."

Being a cheerleader required dedication and spirit and the 1981 squad had both, making it an exciting year for them.

"We've been a close Christian squad," Anita said, "and that in itself made the year more fun."



**CHEERING DIDN'T TAKE AWAY** the anxiety of watching from the sidelines. Freshman Toby Anderson keeps a hopeful eye on the field.

**A JUNIOR FROM TEXARKANA,** Mandy Jones helps keep the Tiger fans alive on a cool Saturday afternoon.