

Sports



Athletics were an important part of life at Ouachita. While some athletes made a difference being named to All Academic and conference teams, others made a difference by their service to the community through Tiger Serve Day. The basketball teams demonstrated what it means to make a difference when they hosted the Pink Out games for cancer awareness, and the softball team raised money for an athlete on an opposing team who was battling cancer. When the first collegiate wrestling program in the state was added at Ouachita, the men who wrestled as individuals, but supported one another, showed us

The difference between playing a sport and becoming a team.

Heading In The Right

Every season was different. It was shaped by the players, the leaders, the coaches, and the fans. Every year set the stage for the next, and reflected the choices and consequences of the last. This was quite a year for Tiger football. With stable coaching, strong leaders, and an energized and committed group of fans, Tiger Nation saw the football team grow in confidence and performance.

"We had our leaders spread out like we really haven't before," said Head Coach Todd Knight. "A good year really depends on the perseverance of the leaders, and we had them spread out on both offense and defense, and that made a big difference."

Among those differences were some broken records. Heading the offense was quarterback Eli Cranor who broke two OBU records for single season passing as well as total offensive yards. "We had a lot of confidence this year," Cranor said. "There wasn't a game we felt we couldn't win."

Terrence Garrett, a senior linebacker, also had a great year, finishing with the most tackles for the second time in his career. Garrett said, "We've developed a winning attitude. This was the first year we weren't underdogs. That gave us a lot of confidence."

With an overall record of 6-4, the Tigers had a winning season for the third straight year. "We had a good year," Coach Knight said "It could have been a phenomenal year. We felt good about it. The guys are building confidence and we feel like the program is going the direction we want it to."

A high point for the season was the Homecoming game against North Alabama, a team that had not been beaten by an Arkansas team in years. "We were in control of what was happening and it really did a lot for us," said senior defensive lineman Bryan Church.

Close games against Valdosta and Delta State tipped the wrong way and proved to be the difference in making it to the Gulf South Conference playoffs. The Tigers earned a record high of 10 spots on the All-GSC team.

Direction

By: Carmen Merrick

Sophomore Troy Shoate made an interception against Texas College. The Tigers defeated the Steers 70-0 in the Sept. 2 game.

photo by: Alexis Johns

The offensive line blocks for against Arkansas-Monticello. The team gained over 4,500 yards of total offense for the season.

photo by: Gary Gerber



Senior Eli Cranor looks for an open receiver downfield. Cranor broke school records in passing and total yards.

photo by: Gary Gerber





J.R. Eldridge discusses a new strategy with the Hardings game. The team finished in a 37-34 win for the Tigers. Photo by *Lady Anne Turner*.



Football Team members are **Front Row:** A.J. Williams, Nico Hobbs, Casey Cooper, Troy Shoate, [unclear], Desmond Smoot, David Robinson, Eli Cranor, Clinton Dewitt, Jaime Harris, Phillip [unclear], Travis Anderson, Adam Cooper, Blake Burkett. **Second Row:** Benson Jordan, Chad [unclear], Terrence Garrett, Nathan Hohulin, Jonathan Browning, Chris Rycra, Tyler George, Jeremy [unclear], Demarcus Collier, Jamerson Tolbert, Patrick Dukes, Augustine Ume-Ezeoke, Daniel McGee. **Third Row:** Jermichael Smith, Dijon Benton, Ricky Brown, Landon Freeman, Colby Miller, Nick [unclear], Jackson Guerra, Chase Nichols, John Simmers, Jason Fowler, Tony Malfer, Tyler Robinson, [unclear], Andrew Ahfield, Ezekial Garcia, Ryan Gorman. **Fourth Row:** Brandon Womble, [unclear], Clark Gaddis, Dion Young, Quint Ashburn, Devin Ball, Ja Darius Dade, Matt Sawyer, [unclear], Roy Richard, Tron Ross, Tucker Gilbert, Joe Ochterbeck, Makio Houston, Jacob [unclear], Hunter Soper. **Fifth Row:** Cory Godbolt, Trey Reagan, Cory Matlock, Kyle Smith, Ugo Nkari, [unclear], Jesse Pennington, Zack Bernard, Brian Griffitt, Aaron Sprinkle, Brent Calhoun, [unclear], Austen Hybsha, Kyle Garner, Garrett Sykes, Jake Kraus, Xavier Acklin. **Sixth Row:** [unclear], Justin Waite, Standrick Williams, Brandon Huckaba, Peyton Tolliver, Ryan Tibbets, [unclear], Shaun Hawkins, Westley Martin, Bryan Church, Taurus Williams, Michael Happell, Sam [unclear], Kevin Patterson, Caleb Ramsey, Justin Kirst, C.J. Bernard, Breland Houston. **Back Row:** [unclear], Mark Kelly, John Johnson, no name, Brett Shockley, Head Coach Todd Knight, J.R. [unclear], Roy Thompson, Adam Olson, Frank Espy, Chris Scarborough.

Photo by *Lady Anne Turner*.

Scoreboard

Texas College	70-0
Nebraska-Omaha	38-23
Arkansas-Monticello	31-37
Harding University	37-34
Valdosta State	9-21
Arkansas Tech	28-7
North Alabama	24-23
Henderson State	26-35
Delta State	27-33
Southern Arkansas	52-34

Season Record: 6-4

New Addition Brings

More Spirit

By: Chelsy Lewis

The Spirit Squad added a new group of girls to the program: the pom squad. Coach Brian Bridges was in charge of both the cheerleaders and the pom squad. The pom squad's goal was to help the cheerleaders build and lead school spirit.

The girls met for four days at cheer camp in Hot Springs in the summer. To participate in camp, the girls from both squads had to run two miles under 23 minutes before the first morning practice started. They had early morning practice along with afternoon practice. The girls were treated to facials and makeup tips from Mary Kay makeup artists to make sure faces were game-day ready. Team bonding was very important to the Spirit Squads. After dinner, squad bonding activities took place. Bridges held a cookout at Lake Hamilton for all the girls on the last day to show his support and appreciation for their hard work during the four-day camp.

To prepare for football season both squads practiced Tuesdays and Thursdays 4:30-6:30 p.m. The squads performed together during pregame and also did a half time show during one of the games. The cheerleaders competed in Hot Springs at the Turkey Jam cheer competition in November, where they placed first, to help prepare them for their trip to the National Cheerleading Competition in Orlando, Fla.

To raise money for all the expenses, the squad sold OBU vs. HSU t-shirts during football season. They also worked a cheer competition in Hot Springs doing various duties such as tabulating scores, setting up the stage, working t-shirt booths, ticket booths and working behind the stage with the competing squads.

The cheerleaders moved back to school in early January to prepare for the national competition. They practiced and conditioned daily to be at the top of their game. The cheer squad performed well but did not make it to finals. While in Orlando, the squads had the opportunity to explore Disney Park for a couple days.

The Spirit Squad also supported the men and women of the basketball teams at all of their home games and followed the women's basketball team to the NCAA conference and regional tournaments.

Freshman Anna McCulloch cheers with the pom squad alongside the cheer squad. While the two squads performed together, the pom squad incorporated more dance into their routines.

photo by: Callie Stephens



Sophomore Stephanie Morse dances to "Eye of the Tiger" as the Tiger Band plays for the crowd. Morse was captain of the pom squad.

photo by: Callie Stephens

Spirit Squad members lead a pep rally in the amphitheater. Pep rallies were held during the week before home games.

photo by: Nicole McPhate





Freshman Mary Ellen Hunthrop stunts at a home football game. Hunthrop was one of 11 freshmen on the cheer squad.
photo by: Callie Stephens



Spirit Squad members are *Front Row:* Amanda Seely, Libby Harrington, Stephanie Morse, Anna McCulloch, Casey Knight; *Second Row:* Ashley Bell, Chelsy Lewis, Keena Dickey, Kelley Lester, Kelsey Lamb, Kristen Barnard, Ashleigh Canada, Mikki Gaines, Taylor Skinner; *Back Row:* Austin Selph Chelsea Ariola, Krista Carlisle, Leah Harrington, Tyler King, Carrington Tillery, Charles Tillery, Caleb Stephens, Rod Arnold.
photo by: Nicole McPhate

Marching To A More

As energetic students piled into the football stadium and fans began to take their seats to watch the game, a particular group of students had been preparing and practicing for countless hours on a performance they were about to share with the student body. This group was the Tiger Marching Band.

Members of the Marching Band such as Jeremy Prine, a senior church music major from Hazen, particularly enjoyed the theme for this year, "David Matthews Band." The show was arranged by director Mr. Robert Hesse, and conducted by Elyse Senteney at halftime during football games.

"This year's theme was a lot more modern than in the past years," said Prine. "I loved it because I started listening to David Matthews Band in the last year and I really liked them."

The Tiger Marching Band also had a unique opportunity to show their spirit and talents at the Battle of the Ravine Pep rally. "We have always had fun at the pep rallies, but this year we had a Battle of the Ravine band-off," said Prine. "We played songs back and forth against the Henderson band and I had never done that before."

In addition to events such as these, band members like Deborah Caldwell, a sophomore instrumental music education major from Siloam Springs, participated in the band's Tiger Blast for Tiger Tunes that presented a Lady Gaga themed performance.

"Tiger Blast was so fun this year!" said Caldwell. "It was really fun to get outside our marching band box and try something new."

Besides the performances and events the band participated in, several moments from rehearsals and games held many fond memories for members.

Prine said, "It's a large group of people that you are with every day, and everyone is not always happy to be there, but you still have to get everything done. You get close to those people while working toward the same goal. We do that all semester and when it's done, you feel accomplished and it's a lot of fun in the end."

Modern Beat

By: Abbey Jamieson

Freshman John Hewitt marches the drumline to the field. The band formed at tailgating parties and student body to the field.

photo by: Molly Ann Turner

Band members perform their show at halftime. The theme this year is "Dave Matthews Band."

photo by: Molly Ann Turner



The Brass section plays in the stands during a home football game.

The band provided spirit numbers for the cheer and dance squads.

photo by: Molly Ann Turner





Freshman Megan Graves performs during a home football game. The band played hits including "Eye of the Tiger" and "Goodbye."
photo by: Molly Ann Turner



Nathan Courtright and Alex perform their part in halftime festivities. The band's performance included cheer, colorguard and drum performances.
photo by: Callie Stephens



Sophomore Erica Porter plays the oboe to the melody of a Lady Gaga number. "Poker Face" was both a halftime performance and the band's Tiger Tunes number.
photo by: Callie Stephens

Attempting To Put It

The Lady Tigers may not have had the kind of season they hoped for, but they did have a winning season in the end. Though conference play did not go well for the team, they ended most matches with a two-point loss, showing they were not too far from victory.

At the Christian Brothers Tournament in Memphis, Tenn., the Lady Tigers started their season with a 4-0 sweep. They remained unbeaten in non-conference with wins over Philander Smith College, Lyon College, and Hendrix College. The Hendrix College tournament in Conway led the girls to an 11-0 start.

Head Coach Danny Prescott said he noticed something different about the girls this season. He said it was a key factor in their overall success and a life lesson that will help the girls in their successes throughout college and afterward.

"Volleyball is the very essence of a team sport. Unfortunately, it is very easy to get lost in individual statistics and become concerned with individual successes. The girls bought into the idea of working hard for the team," said Prescott.

Conference proved to be a trying time for the Lady Tigers. The team dropped all of their conference matches, with the exception of sweeping Arkansas-Monticello twice.

Allison Frizzell, a sophomore mathematics major from McKinney, Texas, and Megan Askew, a sophomore mathematics major from Fort Worth, Texas, were both named to the All-GSC Volleyball Second Team. "Both girls are extremely talented at their respective positions, and they each contribute to the success of the team," said Prescott.

Frizzell led the conference with 6.98 in digs and was second in the nation. She was also on the Christian Brothers Invite All-Tournament Team on Sept. 7 and named GSC Defensive Player of the week on Sept. 28. Askew received her first GSC volleyball award. She led the conference in blocks per game with 1.13 and was number 20 in the nation.

The end of the season brought the Lady Tigers to 14-12 overall with a 2-10 record in the Gulf South Conference. "The team scratched the surface of their potential this season," said Prescott. "Success for these young ladies is just around the corner."

By: Mauri Sparks All Together

Senior Kaitlyn Mitcham spikes the ball in the 3-0 match against Arkansas-Monticello. Mitcham had 137 kills for the Lady Tigers.

photo by: Matt Sawyer



Junior Libby Merrit goes up for a block against a Lady UAM Bollweevil. Merrit was second on the team in blocks.

photo by: Matt Sawyer

Junior Kristyn Howk spikes the ball at Henderson State. The match ended in a 0-3 loss for the Lady Tigers.

photo by: Callie Stephens



Scoreboard

Christian Brothers Tournament	3-1,3-2,3-1
Cameron	3-0
Philander Smith	3-0
Lyon College	3-1
Hendrix College Tournament	3-2,3-0,3-1
Champions Baptist	3-1,3-0
Arkansas Tech	0-3
Christian Brothers	2-3
Arkansas- Monticello	3-2
Henderson	0-3
Texas A&M- Commerce	0-3
Southern Arkansas	0-3
Harding	2-3
Arkansas Tech	0-3
Christian Brothers	2-3
Arkansas- Monticello	3-0
Alabama- Huntsville	1-3
Henderson	0-3
Philander Smith	3-0
Southern Arkansas	0-3
Harding	0-3

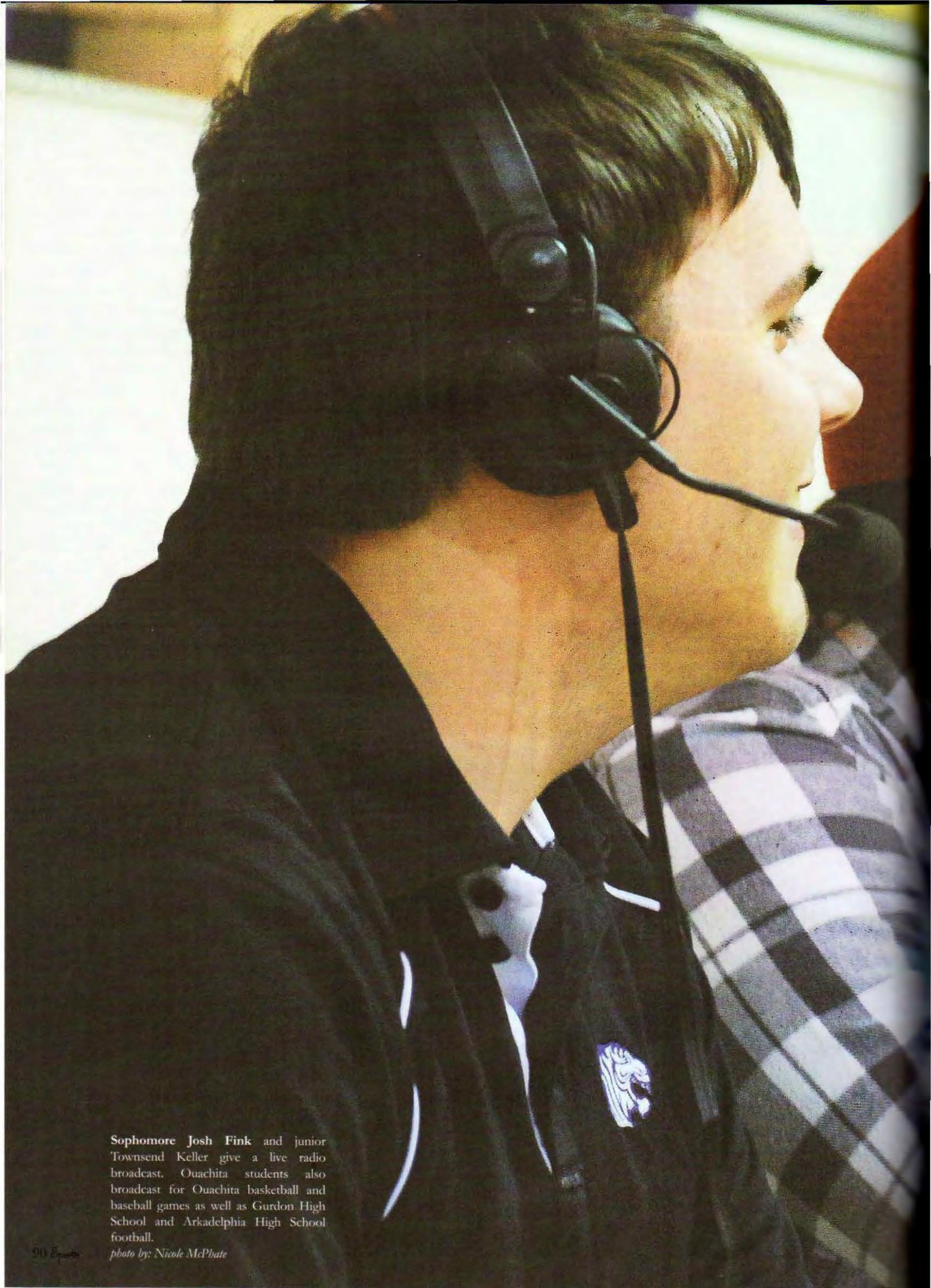
Season Record: 14-12



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 Matt Sawyer

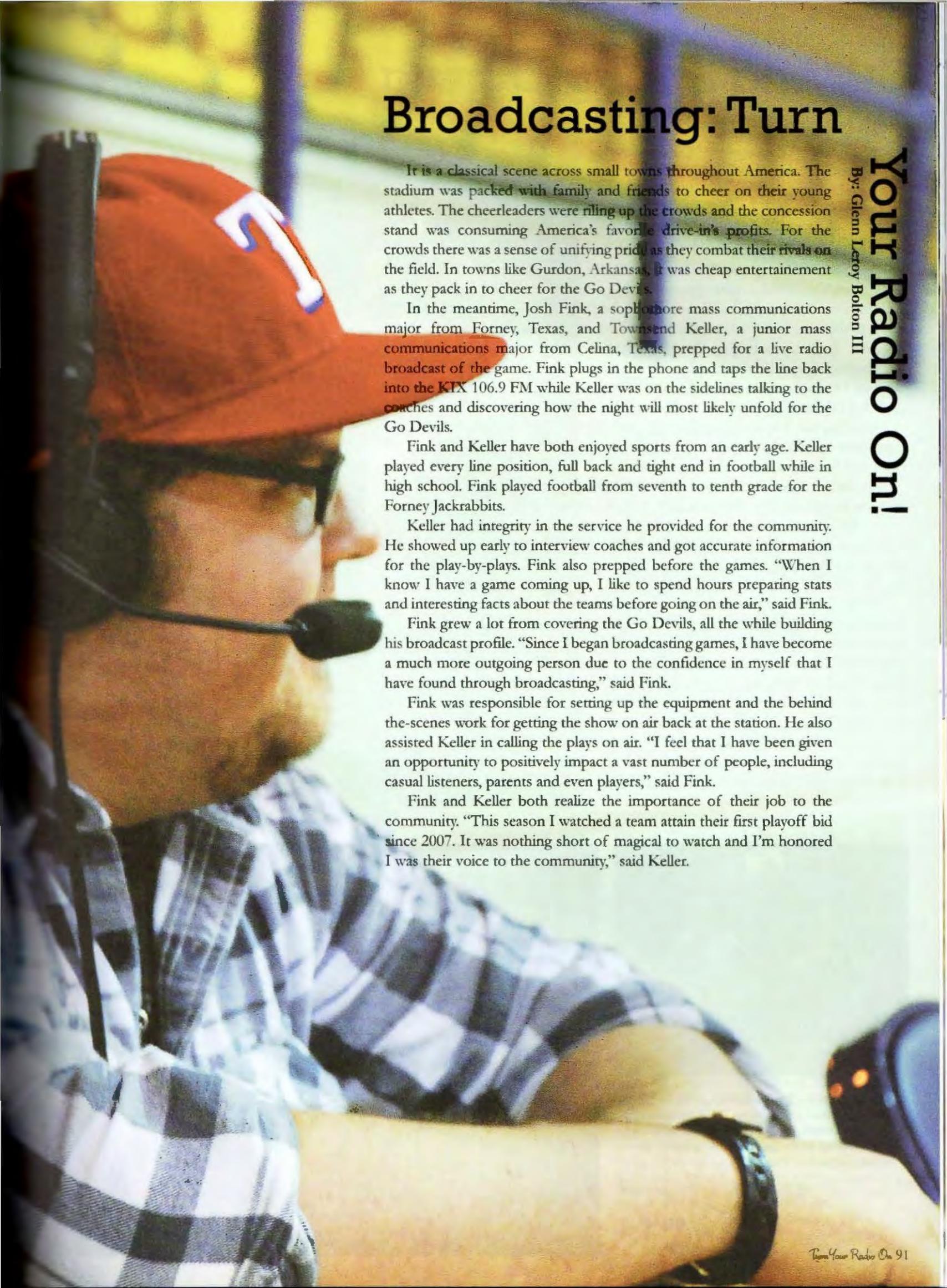


Volleyball Team members are: **Front Row:** Lauren Stuart, Stephanie Bayne. **Second Row:** Libby Merrit. **Third Row:** Kelsi Bodine, Allison Fizzell, Kristyn Kowk, Jillian Jeffcoat, Kaitlyn Mitcham, Ryleigh Lay, Team Manager Natalie Whitehouse. **Back Row:** Head Coach Danny Prescott, Assistant Coach Raichel Settle, Lizzy Bauman, Madison Scott, Faith Avalos, Kate Strom, Megan Askew, Sara Wareback, Lexie Hegi, Trainer TJ White.
photo by: Wesley Kluck



Sophomore Josh Fink and junior Townsend Keller give a live radio broadcast. Ouachita students also broadcast for Ouachita basketball and baseball games as well as Gurdon High School and Arkadelphia High School football.

photo by: Nicole McPhate



Broadcasting: Turn

Your Radio On!
By: Glenn Leroy Bolton III

It is a classical scene across small towns throughout America. The stadium was packed with family and friends to cheer on their young athletes. The cheerleaders were riling up the crowds and the concession stand was consuming America's favorite drive-in's profits. For the crowds there was a sense of unifying pride as they combat their rivals on the field. In towns like Gurdon, Arkansas, it was cheap entertainment as they pack in to cheer for the Go Devils.

In the meantime, Josh Fink, a sophomore mass communications major from Forney, Texas, and Townsend Keller, a junior mass communications major from Celina, Texas, prepped for a live radio broadcast of the game. Fink plugs in the phone and taps the line back into the KTX 106.9 FM while Keller was on the sidelines talking to the coaches and discovering how the night will most likely unfold for the Go Devils.

Fink and Keller have both enjoyed sports from an early age. Keller played every line position, full back and tight end in football while in high school. Fink played football from seventh to tenth grade for the Forney Jackrabbits.

Keller had integrity in the service he provided for the community. He showed up early to interview coaches and got accurate information for the play-by-plays. Fink also prepped before the games. "When I know I have a game coming up, I like to spend hours preparing stats and interesting facts about the teams before going on the air," said Fink.

Fink grew a lot from covering the Go Devils, all the while building his broadcast profile. "Since I began broadcasting games, I have become a much more outgoing person due to the confidence in myself that I have found through broadcasting," said Fink.

Fink was responsible for setting up the equipment and the behind the-scenes work for getting the show on air back at the station. He also assisted Keller in calling the plays on air. "I feel that I have been given an opportunity to positively impact a vast number of people, including casual listeners, parents and even players," said Fink.

Fink and Keller both realize the importance of their job to the community. "This season I watched a team attain their first playoff bid since 2007. It was nothing short of magical to watch and I'm honored I was their voice to the community," said Keller.

Staying Strong During

Tough Times

By: Tanner Huffman

When starting midfielder Miranda Lytle, a junior dietetics major from McKinney, Texas, sprained her ankle during a Tiger Tunes stunt, the women's soccer season took a dramatic turn, and the girls had to pull together for a successful last two matches.

"Being out for the last two matches allowed me to see the team come together and push hard through times of trouble," Lytle said.

The Lady Tigers, who were 7-7-2 coming into Tiger Tunes week, still had two important matches following Lytle's injury, one being a Gulf South Conference match against Harding University.

When the team traveled to Searcy to face the Bison, the game came down to the wire, which was a usual for the Lady Tigers in their recent matches. Both teams held scoring throughout regulation game play, but Harding scored after eight minutes of overtime play. Goalkeeper Whitley Hoppe, a senior biology major from Montgomery, Texas, recorded five saves to help hold the Bison in the tight match.

"Harding was a tough match, but we held our own," Head Coach Alex Denning said. "The team really proved their commitment to each other and to being a very competitive group."

The ladies ended their season with a 5-1 victory over Houston-Victoria in Arkadelphia. Forward Beth Wendl, a junior biology major from Plano, Texas, led the team with two goals and three assists. Sophomore Carrie Lieblong, a biology major from Austin, Texas, scored her first goal of the season to end the scoring for the Lady Tigers.

Wendl finished first in the Gulf South Conference in assists, and fourth in goals, while maintaining a 3.47 GPA as a biology and secondary education double major. Because of her accomplishments both on and off the field, she was named to the ESPA CoSida Academic All-District team. Wendl was also named to the Second All-GSC women's soccer team. Mary Whisenhunt, a sophomore communication sciences major from Little Rock, was named to the first team.

"I was honored to be named to both teams," Wendl said. "It felt good to be recognized for what I do both on the field and off. I care a lot about my grades, so it was a good boost of recognition and encouragement."

Sophomore Lauren Hatch dribbles downfield in the match against Palm Beach Atlantic. The Sept. 6 match ended in a 0-3 loss for the Lady Tigers.

photo by: Erica Porter



Junior Beth Wendl looks for the receive after a head from junior Miranda Lytle. Wendl led the team in goals scored with 12 for the season.

photo by: Kristen Barnard

Junior Miranda Lytle moves gameplay downfield in the home match against Texas College. The Lady Tigers won the match 4-1.

photo by: Kristen Barnard





Sophomore Mary Whisenhunt throws the ball inbound. Whisenhunt was selected to the First All-GSC team.
photo by: Katie Obenert

Scoreboard

Texas Wesleyan	0-2
Palm Beach Atlantic	0-3
Hendrix College	4-1
Letourneau	8-0
Texas A&M- International	4-1
North Alabama	0-2
Texas College	4-1
Delta State	2-0
Alabama-Huntsville	0-2
West Florida	0-4
Christian Brothers	1-2
West Georgia	2-2
Delta State	5-0
Northeastern State	0-0
Christian Brothers	2-3
Central Baptist	3-0
Harding	0-1
Houston-Victoria	5-1

Season Record: 8-8-2



Soccer Team members are: **Front Row:** Becca Cochrum, Cara Smith, Becca Shupe, Miranda Lytle, Sydney Phillips, Whitley Hoppe, Sarah Broyles, LaToya Parker, Alex Patterson, Angel Palacios, Beth Wendl, Jody Persson. **Back Row:** Assistant Coach Lauren Denning, Kelsey Frink, Haley Whisenhunt, Sarah McKimmey, Carrie Lieblong, Mary Whisenhunt, Taylor Gay, Brittany Davidson, Lauren Hatch, Jessica Allen, Morgan Pitchford, Jessica Reid, Head Coach Alex Denning.

photo by: Wesley Kluck

Taking It To A Whole

The men's soccer team, consisting of freshmen, sophomores and three seniors, certainly proved to be both hard working and committed. The team collected a 11-6 record, the best season in program history.

Two major factors made the season special for the Tigers. Freshman Taylor Heinsohn, a computer science major from Hallsville, Texas, said the team had good chemistry and worked hard. Heinsohn said, "It's definitely a self discovery thing when you are looking at how hard you work and comparing that to how much you've grown personally and as a team. It's incredible."

Senior Victor Romero, junior a mathematics major from Grand Prairie, Texas, said the team has come a long way and was now a force in the conference every season. "Four years ago, they were going to cut the team. Now, with coach and all he's done, he's basically kept the program alive," said Romero.

In only his third season as head coach, Coach Alex Denning was named the Gulf South Conference Coach of the Year. "I was blown away with the award announcement for Coach of the Year," said Denning. "I'm humbled by it, but it's more of an award for our team as a whole."

Sophomore Rizvan Ceka was named the Gulf South Conference Player of the Year. "I'm really proud of Riz," Denning said. "He did an excellent job this year. He helps push the rest of the guys hard in practice and that is why we did well in matches." The Tigers were awarded four other spots on the All-GSC team. Senior Alex Tonrey and sophomore Sergiu Postolache were First Team selections. Sophomore Payam Pourjavad and freshman Grayson Townsend were Second Team selections.

The team picked up early wins against Harding and Christian Brothers and advanced all the way to the Gulf South Conference Tournament in Pensacola, Florida, for the second year in a row. However, they suffered a first round defeat to Harding University.

Ceka, Tonrey, and Postolache were selected to the 2010 Daktronics NCAA Division II South Region Men's Soccer Team.

New Level

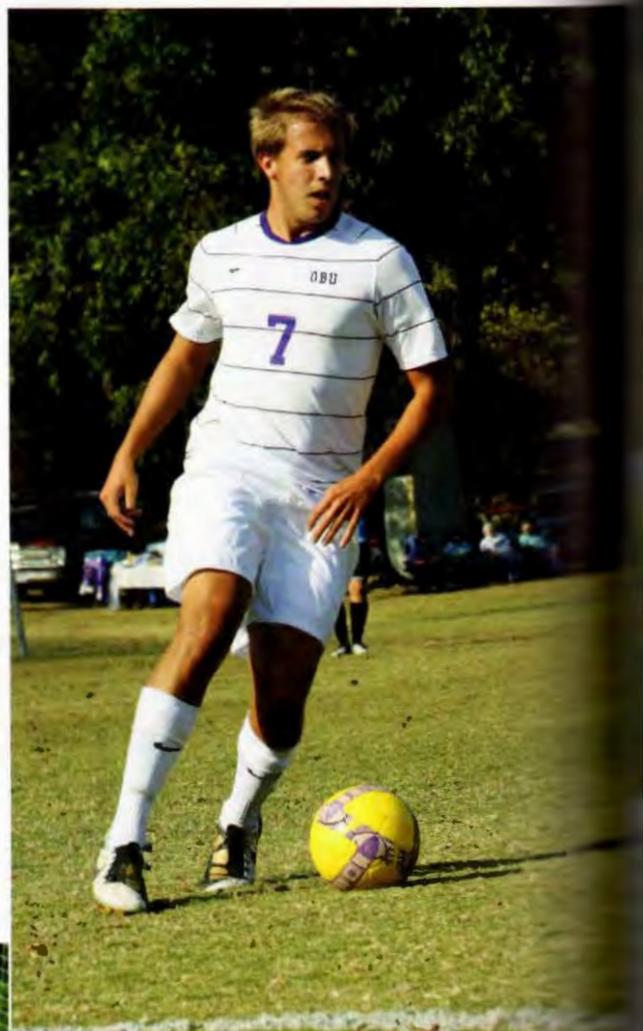
By: Travis King

Senior John Mark Tohlen looks to pass the ball. Tohlen scored the penalty kick awarded to the Tigers this season.

photo by: Katie Osment

Senior Victor Romero makes a tackle in the home match against Brown University. The Golden Eagles defeated the Tigers in the 0-1 match.

photo by: Molly Ann Turner



Sophomore JT Goodrum receives a pass from a teammate. Goodrum led the team in game-winning goals with three for the season.

photo by: Nicole McPhate



Senior Alex Tonrey makes a cut up the sideline against Christian Brothers. Tonrey was selected to the All-GSC first team.

photo by: Katie Osment



Men's Soccer Team members are **Front Row:** Justin Lowry, Jacob Vickery, Ben Pettigrew, Victor [unclear], Jared Carlin, Grayson Townsend, Jonathan Kauffman, Wayne Smith, Andrew Davis, Ben [unclear], Taylor Heinsohn, Jason Cantwell, Wesley Cummins. **Back:** Assirant Coach Lauren Denning, [unclear] Czeka, Bry Goss, Philippe Ichter, Clayton Case, Daniel Johnson, Sergiu Postolache, Payam [unclear], Nathan Gay, Alex Tonrey, Connor Burke, JT Goodrum, Garrett Campbell, John Mark [unclear], Head Coach Alex Denning.

photo by: Wesley Kluck

Scoreboard

Texas Wesleyan	3-1
Palm Beach Atlantic	2-0
Letourneau University	3-1
Texas A&M- International	1-4
Harding University	4-1
John Brown	0-1
Delta State	2-0
Alabama- Huntsville	2-0
West Florida	0-1
Christian Brothers	3-1
Delta State	2-3
Northeastern State	3-1
Christian Brothers	1-2
Central Baptist	4-2
Harding	2-0
Houston-Victoria	2-1
Christian Brothers	0-3

Season Record: 11-6-0

Finishing Ahead Of

To be a serious athlete, two things are needed: hard work and dedication. Without one, the other is meaningless. The cross country team showcased both the hard work and dedication to make their team the best it could be. Even with their busy schedules, which included early practices and meets mixed with their schoolwork, the Lady Tigers' drive to succeed allowed for an accomplishing season.

Leading the team was Johanna Casey, a freshman from Rogers. Coming from an intense high school cross country team, Casey was ready for a break from running, but was convinced by Head Coach Mike McGhee to give it a try. Obviously, the right decision was made. Casey led the team to two second place wins and one first place win at the Arkansas-Monticello Invitational. Casey was also named Gulf South Conference Women's Cross Country Runner of the Week after her first win at the Harry Denson Memorial Invitational.

"This year was amazing. We had a small team, but the girls were such blessings and all have amazing hearts," said Casey. "This was a great season for me; God blessed me unexpectedly with my best season yet. This year affirmed that this is the team I am supposed to be a part of. I can't wait to see what God has in store for our entire team in the years ahead."

Aside from their first place win at Arkansas-Monticello, the Lady Tigers also finished second overall at the Harry Denson Memorial Invitational and the Bob Gravette Invitational. The Lady Tigers finished 12th overall in the Gulf South Conference Cross Country Tournament held in Hoover, Ala. Casey led the tigers with a 24th place finish and a time of 20:27.

Head Coach Mike McGhee said, "This year was a challenge for us. We had no seniors, but I had a great group of girls. These girls were as dedicated and hardworking as any group I've seen," said McGhee. "Some girls ran with injuries that most girls would've used as an excuse to sit it out. I've never seen a group with such big hearts for their teammates and for their sport."

Although some bumps along the road crossed their path, the Lady Tigers didn't let adversity stop them from doing what they truly love.

The Pack

By: Jake Coffman

Sophomore **Kelsie Wilson** runs to stay ahead of her competition. Wilson was in her second year of running for the Lady Tigers.

photo by: Callie Stephens



Sophomore **Kelsie Wilson** and freshman Johanna Casey congratulate each other after the race. The Tigers ended with two first place finishes for the season.

photo by: Callie Stephens

Sophomore **Aubry Fry** competes in the Bob Gravett Invitational. The Lady Tigers finished second in the meet.

photo by: Callie Stephens



Freshman Johanna Casey makes her way to first place in the Bob Gravett Invitational. Casey was named Gulf South Conference Women's Cross Country Runner of the Week after her first win.
photo by: Callie Stephens



Scoreboard

Monticello Invitational	2nd Place
Bob Gravett Invitational	2nd Place
Mulerider Invitational	1st Place
UAM Classic	1st Place
GSC Conference Meet	12th Place



Cross Country Team members are:
 Aubry Fry, Johanna Casey, Rebekah Ward, Kelsie Wilson, Parrish Reed.
photo by: Cathy Wilson



The football team passes under the Tiger Nation banner as they walk toward the stadium. Tiger Nation was a movement that attempted to gain student involvement in all athletic events.

photo by: Callie Stephens

Engaging Excellence:

Tiger Nation

By: Jake Coffman

At any prestigious university, academics are the showcase for any kind of publicity and showmanship for the school. This is great in itself, since academics are the basis for what college stands for: higher education. But underneath that stands a sense of school pride, which encompasses the events of the entire campus, including athletics. This is why Tiger Nation was formed: while athletics play a major role on campus, non-athlete student interaction and support for athletics has become rather slim.

Tiger Nation is a campus-wide organization dedicated to increasing student attendance at and enthusiasm for Ouachita Athletics. It's built around the notion that, no matter what the sport, OBU's student-athletes are all part of one team, and we, as students, faculty, and fans, play a critical role in supporting that team. Ultimately, it's intended as a step toward student identification with the whole of the Ouachita community, and not restricted to majors, social clubs, or any other smaller group, which seems to have taken over the social norm of the campus.

Tiger Nation made its debut this year, the brainchild of Dr. Kevin Motl, assistant professor of history and an avid supporter of Ouachita athletics. He felt that student participation in supporting the athletics program was much smaller than it should be. The student athletes on campus have proven themselves above and beyond, with many accomplishments under their belts that should be noticed and supported by the campus as a whole, not just within the department.

"Put simply, I'm unsatisfied with the level of commitment that the student body demonstrates toward our athletic programs," said Motl. "Our student athletes put their bodies at risk every single time they perform, and put in countless hours of exhausting work to represent Ouachita and achieve a standard of athletic excellence. It's time for the Tiger Nation to step up and engage; be a part of that excellence."

While Dr. Motl is the head of the movement, students have also shown enthusiasm for it and have given their time and commitment to see that it grows on campus.

"Dr. Motle is simply electric," said Justin Young, a freshman business administration management major from Springdale. "You want to be around him and he gets you pumped up for even the littlest thing. His passion is contagious."

A student leadership team is in the works for next year and already students have stepped up and committed to making Tiger Nation a real thing.

Anything that's worth having takes time and commitment, and with the right team behind it, Tiger Nation can become a campus-wide movement that can take Ouachita athletics to a whole new level.

"Showing up is important, but it's not enough," said Motl. "It's time for students to scream for their team, to make noise and stay to the end—win or lose."

Going Deeper Into

If you could have asked any of the girls on the team before the season started, they would have said they were going to have a good year. However, the Lady Tigers went above and beyond expectations and advanced all the way to the big dance. The Lady Tigers were eliminated in the first round, but it was a season to remember.

The Lady Tigers started the season with a strong non-conference schedule going 9-3 in their first 12 games losing only to Southeastern Oklahoma, North Alabama, and West Alabama. In Gulf South Conference play, the Lady Tigers proved that they were a force to be reckoned with. The Lady Tigers went 10-5 in GSC competition, with two of those losses coming to top 5 nationally-ranked teams. The Tigers swept Christian Brothers, Henderson State, Harding and Southern Arkansas in conference.

The team qualified for the GSC tournament in Southaven, Mississippi. The Lady Tigers defeated GSC East opponent Valdosta State with a strong performance by A'Laeshia Adams who scored 24 points including 9 free throws. In the next game of the tournament, the Lady Tigers ran into a hot No. 4 Arkansas Tech team, who defeated the Tigers 89-73. Adams led the way with 20 points on 8-of-20 shooting, with five rebounds. Junior Beulah Osueke added 17 points and seven rebounds in the loss. However, the win over Valdosta State solidified an invite to the NCAA South Regional Tournament held in Russellville. The Lady Tigers faced off against No. 21 Florida Southern, and fell short with a score of 87-74. The play of Ouachita senior Gabby Coleman and Osueke kept the Lady Tigers in the game, as Coleman scored a game-high 23 points and Osueke added a double-double at 19 points and 11 rebounds.

The team was lead this season by lone senior Gabby Coleman, who averaged 30.4 minutes per game and 13.7 points per game. Also leading the Lady Tigers was junior point guard Domino Miller from Mountain Home and Adams, who was named to the All-GSC First Team. When talking about the success and the mentality of the team, Miller said, "People were playing for the love of the game and wanting to win championships and that is what it's all about. We had goals such as being conference champions and national champions because we knew that this team is capable." The team certainly turned lots of heads this season finishing with a 20-9 record and a 10-5 record in GSC play.

The Playoffs

By: Travis King

Junior A'Laeshia Adams attempts a free throw shot for the Tigers. Adams shot 75 percent from the free throw line.
photo by: Nicole McPhate



The team discusses the defense for the next play against Henderson State. The Lady Tigers defeated the Lady Reddies both times they played.

photo by: Callie Stephens

Junior Domino Miller looks to take the ball inside the paint. Miller averaged 10 points per game.

photo by: Alexis Johns



Freshman Elise Holman goes up to the offensive rebound. Holman had 10 rebounds on the year.

Callie Stephens



Scoreboard

Alabama-Huntsville	95-73
North Alabama	78-53
Southeastern Oklahoma	75-88
Texas A&M-Commerce	83-61
Mobile	73-57
Texas A&M-International	85-74
Oklahoma Panhandle State	73-54
North Alabama	56-59
Lambuth	83-58
West Georgia	70-61
West Alabama	74-81
UA-Fort Smith	77-68
Harding	76-61
Delta State	61-68
Southern Arkansas	86-66
Christian Brothers	99-76
Arkansas-Monicello	72-69
Henderson State	83-70
Arkansas Tech	79-82
Harding	83-73
Southern Arkansas	71-60
Delta State	71-80
Christian Brothers	78-48
Arkansas-Monticello	71-57
Henderson State	75-65
Arkansas Tech	97-100
Gulf South Conference Tournament:	
Valdosta State	79-74
Arkansas Tech	73-89
NCAA South Region Tournament:	
Florida Sothern	74-87
<i>Overall Record: 20-9</i>	



Women's Basketball Team Members are: Front Row: Gabby Coleman and Maranda Parker. Second Row: Nashia James, Allie Brown, Domino Miller, and Beulah Osueke. Back Row: Head Coach Gary Crowder, A'Laeshia Adams, Tamara Robinson, Shatelia Walker-Scott, Mallory Clutts, Breana Dillard, Elise Holman, Erica Sharp, Sarah Pugh, Gabrielle Grady, Assistant Coach Lizz Webb, and Student Assistant Tori Jones.

photo by: Wesley Kluck

A Solid Start For A

Even though the team had seven returning members, preseason preparation was important for the Tiger basketball team. They practiced two to three hours a day with only one day's rest a week. "We're in there a lot before and after practice just shooting around for fun," said Austin Mitchell, a junior guard from Conway.

In the season opener against Alabama-Huntsville on November 17, the Tigers scored only 39 points. From then, the team did nothing but improve. They had their first win against Baptist Bible College on November 23, scoring 100 points.

Throughout the season, the Tigers won both Battles of the Ravine. In their first meeting on January 27, Austin Mitchell led the Tigers to an 86-63 victory by scoring a game high 23 points, while senior Scott Day scored 14 points. In round two on February 24, Emmanuel Engulu had team highs with 15 points and 9 rebounds while, Day had 12 points and 7 rebounds in the Tiger's 79-70 victory.

The final game of the season was against No. 9 Arkansas Tech who came into the game undefeated in conference play. The Tigers were able to hand the Wonderboys their first loss, thanks to a strong effort by Mitchell who scored 26 points.

"The season was different from ones in the past because we won games with a young team, and that means a lot," said Miles Monroe, a sophomore forward from North Little Rock. The team consisted of only two seniors, forward Scott Day and guard Jeremy Banks. The team also had only one junior, Emmanuel Engulu.

The team clocked a lot of miles on the road. They traveled to Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, and Texas. Miles' favorite memory was when the team traveled to Texas and watched a NBA game between Dallas Mavericks and the San Antonio Spurs. He also said the reason all the trips, and this past season, were so much fun was because there was no turmoil with anyone and all the members were friends.

In a season that ended 11-15 and 6-8 in GSC play, the highlights were numerous. Junior guard Austin Mitchell led the team with an average of 13.3 points per game. The assist leaders were sophomore guard Nigel Ramsey with 3.5 per game and senior guard Jeremy Banks with 3.4 per game. Senior Scott Day averaged 10.9 points and 6.3 rebounds per game.



Sophomore Nigel Ramsey takes a hook shot over the defender's head. Ramsey started in all 26 games and averaged 26.7 minutes per game.

photo by: Callie Stephens



Young Core

By: Chelsy Lewis

Freshman Eric Braeuer takes the ball to the hoop against Henderson State. Ouachita completed the season sweep of Henderson.

photo by: Callie Stephens

Senior Scott Day works to get the ball inside the paint. Day was one of the seniors on the team and averaged 10.9 points per game.

photo by: Callie Stephens



Junior Emmanuel Engulu drives toward the basket for a layup. Engulu averaged 8.6 points per game.

photo by: Nicole McPhate



Men's Basketball Team Members are: Front Row: Austin Mitchell, Nigel Ramsey, Jeremy Banks, Jaron LaDay, Head Coach Mark Price, Eric Braeuer, Olden Jordan, Emmanuel Engulu and Jaron Price. Back Row: Student Assistant Coach Franklin Featherston, David Day, Scott Day, John Kornet, Jaron Hobbs, Miles Monroe and Assistant Coach Sean Rutigliano.

photo by: Wesley Kluck

Scoreboard

Alabama-Huntsville	39-74
North Alabama	62-69
Baptist Bible	100-67
Incarnate Word	57-81
Dallas Baptist	82-91
Ecclesia	81-64
College of the Ozarks	88-67
North Alabama	60-73
Lambuth	75-82
West Georgia	65-78
West Alabama	55-42
Central Baptist	75-55
Harding	55-59
Delta State	83-91
Southern Arkansas	76-69
Christian Brothers	65-73
Arkansas- Monticello	59-64
Henderson State	86-63
Arkansas Tech	73-83
Harding	82-89
Southern Arkansas	83-80
Delta State	78-86
Christian Brothers	53-49
Arkansas- Monticello	70-71
Henderson State	79-70
Arkansas Tech	92-88

Overall Record: 11-15

Wrestling Program

After a vote by the board of trustees and a generous program donation by Greg Hatcher of Little Rock, the university became the first college in Arkansas to offer collegiate wrestling, and the face of men's athletics on campus changed forever.

Kevin Ward, a graduate of and four-year starting wrestler for Oklahoma State University, was recruited last spring to coach the first-ever team, and he soon recruited six wrestlers to sign national letters of intent to prepare for the inaugural season.

"We have amazing support from the administration and student body, so we have a solid foundation to build from," said Ward. "I get to recruit the type of student-athletes that I think will fit in well at OBU."

The team began its season on November 1 in with a Purple/Gold Intrasquad Match in Bill Vining Arena. The match provided the wrestlers their first taste of collegiate competition, while also giving the student body its first taste of the program.

"Watching wrestling was something totally new for me," said Lori Hilburn, a senior business administration major from Monticello. "The game was hard to understand, but it got quite interesting once the crowd got into it."

The regular season opened on November 7 with the Dan Harris Open at Baker University. Five wrestlers walked away from the tournament with top five finishes: freshmen Josh Myers, Brantley Pyle and Jake Simpson, and juniors Aaron Butler and Gabe Musser.

In its NCAA debut, the squad defeated Central Baptist in a 46-7 victory. Simpson and Butler ended the night with the biggest wins, as each won by fall: Simpson in the second period and Butler in the first.

At Bacone College, the Tigers proved victorious in a 26-20 win, during which Musser managed an 8-0 major decision shutout. The squad also earned a third place finish in the 2010 Jet Invitational and a 1-2-1 finish in the 2011 Lonestar Duals.

With these victories, however, came losses, including a 0-4 finish in the University of Central Missouri Dual Jamboree and a 4-9-1 finish in the Central Oklahoma Open.

"It was a successful season overall," said Butler, a Spanish major from Mabelvale. "For a first-year program to compete as well as we did, it really says a lot."

Makes Debut

By: Tanner Huffman

Freshmen Seth Hutchison and Josh Myers go head-to-head in practice. The team had a rigorous practice schedule that included lifting in the mornings and wrestling in the afternoons.

photo by: Callie Stephens



Freshman Dexter Carter accumulates riding time in his win over freshman Tyler Graham in the Purple/Gold Intrasquad match. The match was the first chance for students to see the team in action.

photo by: Callie Stephens

Freshman Brantley Pyle puts freshman teammate Ben Cline into an arm-bar. Brantley's performance in the match helped him secure the 133-pound position in the starting lineup.

photo by: Callie Stephens





Freshman A.J. Stephens attempts to defend a single-leg foot-sweep by 174-pound junior Aaron Butler. Butler was known for his successful foot-sweeps throughout the season.
photo by: Callie Stephens

Scoreboard

OKCU/Wayland Baptist	39-13
OKCU/Wayland Baptist	21-25
Central Baptist	46-7
Bacone	26-20
Jet Invitational	2nd Place
Nebraska-Kearney	22-26
American	12-38
Wisconsin-Parkside	5-37
Central Missouri	9-33
Mary	9-33
Fort Hays State	12-36
Newman	18-32
Central Oklahoma	36-4
NCAA Super Regional 2	13th Place
<i>Season Record: 4-9-1</i>	



Wrestling Team members are **Front Row:** Dallas Gracey, John Grove, Josh Myers, Dexter Carter, Ben Cline, Tyler Hartman, Brantley Pyle, Shane Fletcher and Seth Hutchison. **Back Row:** Jake Simpson, Josh Brown, C.J. Hayes, Taylor Poe, Aaron Butler, Gabe Musser, Blake Magee, Layne Smith, Tyler Graham, A.J. Stephens, and Coach Kevin Ward.
photo by: Callie Stephens

High Expectations

The Women's Swimming and Diving team opened the season with great expectations. Awarded with a 6th overall ranking to start the season, the TigerSharks looked tough to beat and were looking forward to the competition.

The campaign started off hot for the TigerSharks taking first place against UALR with a score of 139.5-86.5. Ouachita also stomped the University of New Orleans with a 116-41 victory. Ouachita took a first place victory at the Delta State Invitational with a score of 146-91.

The Battle of the Ravine was a turning point in the TigerShark's season. Junior Jessica Wasmund said, "The team had a lot of fire after a hard week of practice and it showed that we can come together as a whole and really do our best in the pool."

At the New South Intercollegiate Swim Conference Championships in Cleveland, Mississippi, the TigerSharks opened with impressive victories by Megan Young finishing third in the 1000 Free, coming in at 10:31.24 and by the 200 Medley Relay team of junior Ksenia Gromova, sophomore Svitlana Smirnova, senior Katie Patterson and freshman Rebecca Zandstra at 1:48.39 finishing fourth. On the second day of competition, in the 200 IM, Gromova easily took the overall title at 2:03.75. Patterson also recorded a solid performance in fourth at 2:08.30. On the final day of the NSISC Conference Championships the 200 Butterfly was conquered by Gromova in a winning time of 2:03.30, while freshman Jennifer Steele took home top honors in the 1650 Free with the time of 17:27.37. The TigerSharks finished up a strong performance at the NSISC Championships finishing in third place.

At the NCAA Championships in San Antonio, Texas, the TigerSharks were well represented. Ouachita was led by as she produced an impressive week of individual and relay performances, finishing in the top-10 in the nation in five different events. In the 200 IM, Gromova finished in fourth place, turning in a time of 2:03.74. "We compete together, we train together, and we succeed together," said Wasmund, quoting the team's theme. "It's definitely true when we work hard together, that's when we perform our best." Ouachita finished the season in 16th place overall at the NCAA Championships.

Lead to Great Results

By: Travis King

Junior Kelli Caldwell executes a dive into Waggoner Pool. Caldwell was the only diver to represent the university.
photo by: Callie Stephens

Junior Megan Young prepares for a race. Young competed in the Freestyle races.
photo by: William Wood



Senior Katie Patterson competes in the IM. Patterson advanced all the way to the NCAA Championships.
photo by: Callie Stephens



Junior Ksenia Gromova leads the pack in the Fly. Gromova finished in the top 10 in five different events at the NCAA Championships.
photo by: Callie Stephens



Scoreboard

UALR Invite	1st/2
Henderson State	2nd/2
Univ. of New Orleans	1st/2
Hendrix College Invite	1st/8
HSU Invite	2nd/5
Delta State	1st/2
Mansfield Invite	2nd/6
Delta State	1st/2
Henderson State	2nd/2
Centenary/New Orleans Dual	1st/2, 1st/2
NSISC Championships	3rd/6
NCAA Championships	16th/38

Women's Swim and Diving team members are: **Front Row:** Kelli Caldwell, Megan Young, Chelbi Ksenia Gromova, Sarah Davis, Jessica Hillyard, Holly Wray and Michelle Wasmund. **Second Row:** Kelsey Brum, Crista Riggs, Brittany Ewart, Hayley Fox, Megan Rishel and Aime'e Ragan. **Third Row:** Jessica Wasmund, Caitlin Boren, Ruth Megli, Rebecca Zandstra and Katie Patterson. **Back Row:** Katelyn Steele, Anna Clark and Svitlana Smirnova.
Wesley Kluck

Lapping The Rest of

The Competition

By: Travis King

The Men's Swimming and Diving Teams debuted at No. 9 in the inaugural edition of the TYR/CSCAA Dual Meet Men's Swimming Poll. Their stellar performances throughout the year propelled the team through the season. It all ended deep in the heart of Texas as many of the TigerSharks advanced all the way to the NCAA Championships in San Antonio.

The TigerSharks started the season in early October competing in the S&T/UALR meet, finishing first overall, along with a second place finish at the Hendrix Classic. More first place finishes came against the University of New Orleans and Delta State.

The New South Intercollegiate Swim Conference Championships were held at Delta State in Cleveland, Mississippi. The TigerSharks opened the day with a victory in the 200 Medley team which consisted of sophomore Jake McLain, senior Razvan Goga, freshman Carl Thomas and junior Kristian Krc with the time of 1:32.97. At the end of the first day, Ouachita sat in fifth place. On day two, sophomore Marcus Schlesinger gave the TigerSharks their first victory of the day in the men's division with a time of 20.45. In the 400 Medley Relay, Ouachita was victorious with the team of McLain, Goga, senior Daniel Karkoska and Schlesinger at 3:21.59, nearly two seconds ahead of second place. Schlesinger garnered another title with the 100 Free in 44.35 seconds, as the sophomore was joined by Goga, who won the 200 Breaststroke in 2:02.04. The TigerSharks took third overall in the NSISC.

Ouachita was well represented in the NCAA Division II Swimming and Diving National Championships in San Antonio. In the men's division, Ouachita finished seventh in the 200 Free Relay with the team of Tim Ferris and Schlesinger, Krc and Karkoska with the time of 1:22.19. In the 200 Medley, the TigerSharks finished 10th with Schlesinger, Karkoska, Ferris and senior Razvan Goga at 1:30.15.

It was much the same in the 400 Medley Relay, as Schlesinger, Karkoska, Goga and Krc came in 10th, finishing at 3:19.13. For individual events, Schlesinger finished 10th in the 50 Free at 20.32, while Karkoska finished in 11th in the 200 IM (1:49.81) and 14th in the 100 Butterfly (49.32). The TigerSharks finished the season at 12th overall.

The TigerSharks compete in the 100 Free race at Waggoner Pool in the Sturgis Physical Education Center. Waggoner Pool was the site of all home swim meets.
photo by: Wesley Kluck



A Ouachita swimmer competes against Henderson State. The Tigers faced off against the Reddies three times.
photo by: Wesley Kluck

Sophomore Carl Johnson turns back for another lap to finish his race. Johnson competed in the Free and Fly.
photo by: William Wood





Sophomore Marcus Schlesinger prepares to launch into the pool. Schlesinger competed in the Free and Back.
photo by: Wesley Kluck

Scoreboard

S&T/ UALR	2nd/2
Henderson State	2nd/2
Univ. of New Orleans	1st/2
Hendrix College Classic	2nd/7
HSU Invite	2nd/2
Delta State	1st/2
Mansfield Christmas Invite	2nd/4
Delta State	1st/2
Henderson State	2nd/2
Centenary/New Orleans Dual	2nd/2, 1st/2
NSISC Championships	3rd/6
NCAA Championships	12th/30



Men's Swim Team Members are: Front Row: Michael Sullivan, Eran Jennings, Marcus Schlesinger, Carl Thomas, Logan Distefano, Nathan Bercaw and Martin Stevens. Second Row: Ben Prince, Kristian Krc, Chase Owens, Daniel Karkoska, Jason Pullano, Jake McLain, Razvan Goga and Travis Ball. Third Row: Tim Ferris, Matt Pope, Dawson Pritchard, Carl Johnson, Austin Lindsey, Harrison Tomlinson, Kenton Scott, Kyle Bartlett and Will Wood. Back Row: Nick Bass, Austin Teague, Jacob Ramaly and Austin Henslee.

photo by: Wesley Kluck

A Little Different



The basketball pep band joined the women's basketball team in Pinking Out for the Cure. The pep band provided music for the cheerleaders and pep squads to dance to as well as for entertainment.



The Tigers sport their Pink Out attire during warm ups. The American Cancer Society estimated that 390 men in the United States died from breast cancer in 2010.

photo by: Nicole McPhate

The stats table workers support the fight for the cure. According to the American Cancer Society, breast cancer survival rates have been decreasing due to early detection



Students cheer on the Lady Tigers as they go head to head with Delta State. Students “pinked out” the stands in support of finding a cure for breast cancer.

photo by: Nicole McPhate

Fight for a Cure

By: Alexis Johns

In years past it seemed the Battle of the Ravine was the biggest game of the year. The Lady Tigers basketball team had an even bigger match in mind this year. It was a fight for more than a conference win against Delta State—it was a fight for a cure. They called these games PINK OUT in an attempt to raise awareness for breast cancer. Fans were encouraged to wear pink and bring whatever donation possible to support breast cancer research. It was the first year the women’s basketball program was actively involved in fundraising.

Having the chance to host this event meant a lot to all who were involved. “The players really embrace the opportunity to raise awareness and funding for breast cancer research. As student-athletes, sometimes they get so busy that they miss out on other opportunities to get involved, and they are proud to be able to sponsor this event and hope to make a small difference by doing so,” said Lizz Webb, the women’s assistant basketball coach.

This was one of the many ways Ouachita was making a difference. The student-athletes, students, staff and other supporters all played a large part in the success of these games. “The student body has the power to make or break these games. With the absence of the student body’s support, the Pink Out game fails to raise the awareness that it is looking to raise. The student body is an essential part,” said Beulah Osueke, a junior Lady Tiger basketball player and psychology major from Sugar Land, Texas.

The campus and community came together and raised over \$1300. The social clubs also played a large part in the “Change for the Cure.” “It is truly an honor and blessing to be a part of these events. The whole basketball team just loves the chance to make a small difference in the fight against breast cancer. Every penny counts in this fight against this killer and we raised a lot more than a penny,” said Coach Webb.

Junior Tamara Robinson goes for a two pointer during the Pink Out game. The Lady Tigers fell to Delta State but raised over \$1300 for cancer research.

photo by: Nichole McPhate

The Lady Tigers cheer on their teammates in their Pink Out gear. This was the first year for the Lady Tigers to raise money for breast cancer.

photo by: Nicole McPhate



Giving All There Is

No matter what the outcome, teamwork and love for the game take the top spot for any true, dedicated athlete. This was the case for the Lady Tigers tennis team this year. Ending the season at 4-10 overall and 3-4 in the Gulf South Conference didn't down their spirits.

A string of losses began the season, starting with 2-7 falls to both Drury and Arkansas Tech. Lilia Sokolova, a sophomore business administration/management major from Yoshkar Ola, Russia, led the team in wins for both games, finishing the day with 2-0 in singles action. Samantha Street, a junior accounting major from Rogers, also finished with a win over Arkansas Tech, while Megan Ruggles, a senior mass communication major from Arkadelphia, brought the other win against Drury.

Circumstances began to brighten as two consecutive 6-3 wins occurred, the first to North Central Texas College and the second to Henderson State, who they also defeated a second time later in the season (7-2), giving the Lady Tigers this year's Battle of the Ravine win. Mariana Divardin, a senior business administration/management major from Ponta Grossa, Brazil, picked up the first singles win against the Lady Reddies, along with a doubles win with her partner, Kourtney Chumbley, a freshman middle school education major from Richardson, Texas. This being Divardin's final year, she says she will miss the feeling that being a member of the team gave her.

"Being part of the team was what kept me going most of the time," said Divardin. "This year we had a team with mostly all new girls and I just loved to get to know them better and realize that we can find good friends where we least expect. I will be sad to leave behind the energy of the team and the friendships that I made."

The Lady Tigers later 9-0 win to Christian Brothers gave them their golden ticket into the Gulf South Conference Tournament. According to coach Betsy Danner, this is the final year either tennis team will be a part of the conference because of a change in conference. "Since we are changing conferences next year, we really stressed getting into the conference this final year," said Danner.

Unfortunately they suffered a loss to their first opponent in the conference, West Florida. "Every single girl played their best and their hardest and even though this wasn't our beset season," said Coach Danner, "we played our best and that's all any coach can ask for from their players – their best."

By: Jake Coffman
To Give

Freshman Kourtney Chumbley during singles action at home. Chumbley was selected as a Second Team All-SEC selection.

photo by: Ben Harrington

Junior Kristin Bodine focuses on her approach. Bodine played in both singles and doubles play during the season.

photo by: Nicole McPhate



Senior Annie Gerber returns a serve during singles action. Gerber finished her four-year career with Ouachita in 2011.

photo by: Nicole McPhate



Senior Mariana Divardin eyes her opponent during a conference match. Divardin was one of two seniors for the Lady Tigers.
photo by: Ben Harriman



Women's Tennis Team Members are: Front Row: Katelyn Barber and Kourtney Chumbley. Second Row: Lilia Sokolova, Samantha [unclear], and Mariana Divardin. Back Row: Maria Kiseleva, Kristin [unclear], Annie Gerber and Head Coach Betsy Danner.
photo by: Wesley Kluck

Scoreboard

Drury	2-7
Arkansas Tech	2-7
Northeastern Oklahoma State	0-9
Tarleton State	3-6
North Central Texas College	6-3
Henderson State	6-3
Southeastern Oklahoma	0-9
Delta State	1-8
Harding	1-7
Henderson State	7-2
Delta State	0-9
Arkansas Tech	0-9
Christian Brothers	9-0
Gulf South Conference Tournament:	
West Florida	0-5
Overall Record:	4-10

Continuing To Be

The Ouachita Men's Tennis team opened the season with a No. 4 ranking and came out of the gate blazing hot. The Tigers were a young squad, however, high expectations were still intact. "This was the youngest team I have ever had," said Head Coach Craig Ward. "My goal was to expose them to the best competition in the nation and still finish above .500 winning percentage."

The Tigers opened with a three match winning streak against Arkansas-Pine Bluff, GSC opponent Delta State and Southwest Baptist. However the team dropped the next two matches to Oklahoma Christian and Drury.

After picking up a win against Southwest Baptist and another GSC victory against Christian Brothers, the Tigers went on the road to Florida to play seven-consecutive road matches, finishing at 2-5 against a group of top-40 Division II ranked programs.

The Tigers returned home to Arkadelphia to take on Southeastern Oklahoma State and defeated them 5-2. The team picked up its final GSC win against Harding University with a score of 8-1, securing its eighth-straight GSC West Division title.

First round action of the Gulf South Conference tournament in Montgomery, Ala. kicked off against the North Alabama Lions, whom the Tigers defeated easily, 5-0. However, the Tigers lost in the semi-finals to then-No. 7 West Florida with a score of 2-5. Ouachita then advanced to the NCAA South Regional Tournament, falling to then-No. 4 Barry, 1-5.

Sophomore Tobias Kuhlmann was awarded the Gulf South Conference West Division Player of the Year. Kuhlmann was also named to the All GSC team along with senior Till Heilshorn and freshman Roman Abaitua. Heilshorn earned a spot on the All-GSC West Division Team for the fourth-straight season. Heilshorn put together a 10-6 singles record. In doubles action, Heilshorn teamed with Kuhlmann to go 10-8 on the season at the No. 1 doubles spot. Kuhlmann finished the season as a top-10 singles player and ITA All-American at 14-2 in singles.

The Tigers finished the season at 10-9, accomplishing Coach Ward's goal. "Any success we have is due to character, hard work, and perseverance. We try to control the things we can. Effort being the most important," said Ward.

By: Travis King Superior

Sophomore Tobias Kuhlmann gets ready to serve the ball to his opponent. Kuhlmann was named the GSC West Player of the Year. Kuhlmann finished ranked in the top-10 in the nation in singles as an ITA All-American.

photo by: Lindsey Upshaw



The doubles team of Abaitua and Anghel take on a GSC opponent. The Tigers won the GSC West Division.

photo by: Lindsey Upshaw

Sophomore Tobias Kuhlmann and senior Till Heilshorn step up to the court to play a doubles match. Heilshorn and Kuhlmann combined for a 10-8 doubles record.

photo by: Lindsey Upshaw



Freshman Teodor Anghel reaches up to return the ball across the court. Anghel gave the Tigers the final singles match to advance to the tournament.

photo by: Linsey Upshaw



Scoreboard

Arkansas-Pine Bluff	9-0
Delta State	8-1
Southwest Baptist	8-1
Oklahoma Christian	1-8
Drury	4-5
Southwest Baptist	7-1
Christian Brothers	9-0
West Florida	2-7
Valdosta State	2-7
Cameron	5-4
Florida Southern	5-4
Rollins	4-5
Barry	1-5
Lynn	0-5
Southeastern Oklahoma	5-2
Harding	8-1
Gulf South Conference Tournament:	
North Alabama	5-0
West Florida	2-5
NCAA South Regional Tournament:	
Barry	1-5
Overall Record:	10-9



Men's Tennis Team members are: Head Coach Craig Ward, Till Heilshorn, Teodor Anghel, Tobias Kuhlmann, James Ingrahm, Helge Knuth, Ramon Abaitua and Ernesto Laborda.

photo by: Wesley Kluck

Inaugural Year Leads

Excitement was one of the words heard around campus and the athletic department to describe the women's golf team. This was the inaugural year for women's golf. The team was formed to counter the addition of the men's wrestling team. The six team members were Amber Beacham, Allie Brown, Caitlin Jones, Katelyn Smith, Victoria Mantooth and Whitley Berry.

"Starting a first year program is difficult, and I was unsure how this year would go. We spent time on the course working on short game and trying to prepare them for the season," said Head Coach Eli Fuentes. "For many girls on the team, it had been a while since they had played any competitive golf, so they were pretty nervous about the tournaments."

"This program will open doors for many young women golfers to continue playing at such an amazing and life-changing place like OBU," said Jones, a sophomore early childhood education major from Benton. "I can't wait to see how the program progresses and becomes a competitive program."

Ouachita fired a second round 388 team total to finish in seventh overall in the 2010 Bison Fall Classic held in Searcy. The Lady Tigers improved from a first day total of 397, finishing with a two-day total of 785. Leading the way for the Lady Tigers was Beacham, who finished in a tie for 27th overall with a total of 182 (95, 87), followed by Jones, who finished in 34th place with a 189 (95, 94). Smith (207), Mantooth (213) and Brown (214) rounded out the top five finishers for OBU.

The women's golf team finished in 15th place in its first-ever spring golf match at the Tanglewood Resort in Pottsboro, Texas. Leading the way for the Lady Tigers was Jones, who finished with a total of 195 (99, 96). Beachman fired a 198, while junior Berry (226) and freshman Brown (243) rounded out the scoring.

The 2011 GSC Championship Tournament was held in Hot Springs where the Lady Tigers finished 7th. Ouachita fired a 378 to open play in the first round of the championships. The Lady Tigers were led by an 88 from Beacham, followed by Jones' first round 93.

"My vision for the team is that in the coming years we will be competitive at tournaments, recognized as a strong program on campus, and will represent both Ouachita and Christ on the course and on campus," said Fuentes.

By: Travis King To Growth

Junior Caitlin Jones practices her shots during a mid-week practice. Jones was a consistent force for Ouachita throughout the 2011 season.

photo by: Callie Stephens

Sophomore Whitley Berry walks course at North Ridge Country Club in Texarkana. The Lady Tigers placed in the SAU Invitational.

photo courtesy of: Lisa Berry



Whitley Berry tees off at the SAU Invitational. Berry was a sophomore member of the team.

photo courtesy of: Lisa Berry



Freshman Allie Brown calculates the perfect shot out of the sand trap. Brown was one of two multi-sport athletes for Ouachita.

photo courtesy of Allie Brown



Scoreboard

Texas A&M-Commerce	15th
Southern Arkansas Invitational	3rd
Harding Invitational	10th
GSC Championships	7th



Women's Golf team members are:
 Beacham, Allie Brown, Caitlin
 Coach Eli Fuentes, Katelyn Smith,
 Mantooth and Whitley Berry.

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Successful Season

The men's golf team made Ouachita history by winning its first NCAA Men's Golf Tournament at the 2010 Commerce Bank and Trust University of Arkansas-Monticello Classic in Benton at the Hurricane Creek Golf Course. Ouachita shot a two-round total of 647, defeating Central Baptist by only two shots. Bruce Brockinton led the team and finished 6th overall with a two-round total of 159. Bryce Skinner finished 11th place overall shooting a 162.

The others weren't far behind with scores of 165 and 166 from Josh Buchanan and Cole Fisher. Team members said their favorite thing about their season was that fact that they won a tournament and made school history.

The men's team also traveled to Texas, Commerce, and placed three of their players in the top 25 and finished eighth place overall in the Crawford-Wade Invitational. Ouachita finished at 961 as a team, led by a 20th place finish from senior Cole Fisher, who shot 237 (78, 80, 79), a shot ahead of sophomore Bryce Skinner at 238 (78, 79, 81). "Even though it rained throughout the whole trip, it was one of the most enjoyable golf tournaments," said Skinner, a sophomore accounting and political science major from Clarendon.

Ouachita finished eighth overall in the 2011 Doyle Wallace Classic at the Glenwood Country Club on Feb. 22. Ouachita finished at 629 overall, as the Tigers shot a 311 on day one and finished the tournament with a team score of 318. Cole led the team with a 20th place finish and shot 75 in the first round and 78 in the final round of play. Skinner (78, 79) finished at 157, while freshman Austin Sarabia shot a 159 (80, 79). Rounding out the top five for Ouachita was Brockinton (78, 82) at 160 and sophomore Tanner Simon (82, 86) at 168. "I shot a solid score and it was exciting to be able to lead my team," said Fisher, a senior finance major from Hot Springs.

The men had a successful season and there looks to be strong hope for the next season. The team consisted of one senior, two juniors, one sophomore and one freshman. "We're only losing one guy, so next season you should expect more championships from us and to have another good season," said Skinner.

Leads To Hope

By: Chelsy Lewis

Freshman Austin Sarabia takes an iron shot during tournament play. Sarabia was a regular at the top of the Ouachita leaderboard.

photo by: Kristen Bernard



Among the many things that members of the team took pride in was representing the university at tournaments. The golf team competed in five tournaments throughout the year.

photo by: Kristen Bernard

Several members of the men's golf team practice their swings. The golf team held weekly practices.

photo by: Kristen Bernard



A golf team member tees up during practice. The golf team placed 10th at the GSC Championship held in Hot Springs.

photo by: Kristen Bernard

Scoreboard

Doyle Wallace Classic	8th
Crawford-Wade Invitational	8th
Mulerider Invitational	2nd
Natural State Golf Classic	10th
GSC Championships	10th



Golf Team members from are: Cole Fisher, Bruce Brockinton, Austin Sarabia, Bryce Skinner and Josh Buchanan. The team was coached by David Sharp.

photo by: Austin Sarabia



Coach Buddy Benson motivates his team on the sideline. Benson coached at Ouachita for 31 seasons.

photo courtesy of: OBU Archive

Remembering A Legacy

by: Trennis Henderson

Legendary Ouachita Baptist University football coach Buddy Benson passed away Friday, April 22, at age 77.

Benson, the head football coach at Ouachita from 1965 to 1995, was inducted into the Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame, the NAIA Hall of Fame and the OBU Athletic Hall of Fame.

Benson, who recorded the most coaching wins in Arkansas college football history, compiled a 162-140-8 record during his 31 seasons at OBU, including four conference championships and two trips to the NAIA national playoffs. He coached 16 All-America players, 208 All-Conference players and was named AIC Coach of the Year four times.

The Ouachita position was Benson's first and only collegiate head coaching job after four years as an assistant coach. During his tenure as head coach, the Tigers earned the program's 300th and 400th milestone victories. Following his retirement from coaching, Benson served as Ouachita's athletic director until 1998.

During almost four decades at Ouachita, Benson was known for his dedication to the university and his commitment to prepare student-athletes for successful lives. "If a kid can stick it out with us for four years, he will end up being a pretty successful person," he was fond of saying.

"I have been blessed with having the opportunity to coach at a wonderful institution and to have the honor to work with so many fine young men over the course the years," Benson said in 1995 as he made the transition from head coach to athletic director. "I tried, along with my fellow coaches, to teach them not only about football but also about the true values of life."

"Coach Benson was such an influence on me in times in my life that demanded I step it up a notch," said Cliff Harris, who played for Coach Benson at Ouachita before an All-Pro NFL career with the Dallas Cowboys. "He added a component of toughness in our lives that helped us overcome obstacles. His influence really was about challenging us to dig deeper and reach within ourselves to achieve levels we would not have thought possible otherwise."

Coach Benson "really cared for his players and for our well-being," Harris added. "He was obviously a father figure for me and for all of his players. We all felt like we were part of his family."

Ouachita Chancellor Ben Elrod, president when Benson retired from coaching, said at the time, "Buddy Benson has demanded excellence from his players in the classroom as well as on the field. Buddy has left a legacy of integrity, loyalty and dedication to one's work. The world in which we live could well use many more like Coach Buddy Benson."

"Coach Benson was and is a legend at Ouachita," said Rex Horne, president. "His influence in shaping the lives of young men as well as his impact upon our university will always be remembered."

"As I reflect on Coach Benson's life and legacy, I think about the many relationships he built and how he invested his life at Ouachita," Horne added. "Becky and I have the greatest respect and appreciation for his wife, Janet, and the Benson family. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family as we all feel a tremendous sense of loss today."

On the collegiate level, Benson played for the University of Arkansas and is best remembered as a leader on the 1954 team that won a Southwest Conference championship. He lettered as a Razorback in 1954 and 1955.

"When you think of Coach Benson's legacy, he basically molded young boys into young men through hard work and discipline, while building character at the same time," said Ouachita Athletic Director David Sharp, who played and coached for Benson and succeeded him as AD. "One of the things he was proud of over the years was seeing his players graduate."

"His loyalty to Ouachita was immeasurable," Sharp added. "He is Ouachita football. When you think of Ouachita football, you think of Coach Benson."

Hardwork Equals

The Lady Tigers competed hard, went through many ups and downs, but ultimately finished in the GSC Conference Tournament. Even though the team finished with a losing record, they still placed second in the GSC West. It meant mountains to senior Sarah Bell from Forney, Texas, who was one of two seniors on the squad. Bell said, "This year's team was special because we had great team chemistry and everyone's willingness to work hard."

The season started off on the rocks for the Lady Tigers after they opened the season going 5-10 through the South Central Shootout and a series with Texas Women's University. However, the team turned its season around by opening GSC play with a four-game sweep of Delta State. "My favorite part of the year was when we swept Delta State. That was the first time in school history that Ouachita has swept a series against Delta," said Bell.

After the Delta victory, the Lady Tigers took a doubleheader sweep against Christian Brothers and then traveled to the 2011 GSC Crossover Tournament against the GSC East Division. The Lady Tigers played seven games in Decatur, Ala., with each game counting as a conference match up, as Ouachita grinded out a 2-5 record overall.

The Lady Tigers then hit the road for Russellville to defeat eventual GSC West Champion Arkansas Tech with 3-of-4 victories in a 3-1 series victory. The team returned to Sully Anderson Field to take on then-No. 20 Arkansas-Monticello for Senior Weekend, splitting the series at 2-2. After dropping a 3-1 series with Henderson State, the Lady Tigers set their sights on the 2011 GSC Tournament.

The GSC Tournament was held in Southaven, Miss. In first round action, the Lady Tigers faced off against then-No. 4 Valdosta State. The Lady Tigers fought hard, but dropped the game 1-3. The Lady Tigers were knocked out of the tournament in the next round by North Alabama by a score of 0-3.

The team finished the season with a 21-25 record, going 15-13 in the GSC. "The overall record may not show it, but most teams as young as we were would have laid down with all the adversity this team faced due to the injuries," said Head Coach Mike McGhee. "They have big hearts and worked really hard. They earned so much respect from me I can't say enough about their effort."

Great Effort

By: Travis King

Freshman Pete Reed throws the ball from left field. Reed had a .983 fielding percentage.

photo by: Callie Stephens



Freshman Brianne Baley celebrates the third out of the inning with the team. Baley was a utility player for the Lady Tigers.

photo by: Callie Stephens

Sophomore Megan Askew fouls off a pitch. Askew hit .286 on the season with three homeruns. Askew was a First Team All-GSC selection in the outfield.

photo by: Callie Stephens



Junior Alexis Johns throws the ball down to first after a drop third strike. Johns was a First Team All-GSC selection at catcher.

photo by: Callie Stephens



Scoreboard

Arkansas Pine Bluff	1-0, 12-3
Texas A&M International	0-2
Missouri Western	3-4
Angelo State	1-9
Cameron University	0-2
Texas-Permian Basin	3-2
Southeastern Oklahoma	0-3
Texas Woman's University	2-3, 8-1, 1-9
Tarleton State	1-2, 1-0
Texas A&M- Kingsville	3-9, 2-7
Delta State	8-0, 1-0, 6-4, 4-2
Christian Brothers	12-2, 9-1
Southern Arkansas	7-4, 2-3, 4-6, 7-4
West Florida	1-6
Alabama- Huntsville	0-8
Lambuth	7-0
North Alabama	2-1
West Georgia	2-3
West Alabama	2-7
Valdosta State	0-1
Arkansas Tech	5-3, 6-4, 1-4, 8-0
Arkansas- Monticello	0-8, 2-0, 1-2, 5-2
Henderson State	5-7, 2-1, 3-1, 5-1
Gulf South Conference Tournament:	
Valdosta State	1-3
North Alabama	1-3

Season Record: 21-25



Softball Team Members are: Front Row: Mallory Green, Coach Kelli Beth Bratton, Parrish Reed, Bailey Sanders, Kristen Riggsbee, Teresa Mursuli, Monica Green, Brianne Baley and Rayn House. Back Row: Head Coach Mike McGhee, Sara Strassemeyer, Alexis Johns, Sarah Bell, Megan Askew, Rebekah Dindak, Abbi Frakes and Coach Keith Bell.

photo by: Wesley Kluck

Overcoming a Rough

By: Travis King

Start to the Season

The Tigers were poised to have a great year with many returning players and a good transfer class; however, things would not turn out as well as the Tigers planned. Key losses during the conference schedule kept the Tigers out of the Gulf South Conference tournament.

The Tigers started out the season with a series win against Southeastern Oklahoma, but the Tigers dropped their next four series against North Alabama, Central Missouri, Angelo State and Northern Kentucky. The Tigers went 5-8 through the first 13 games.

After a series win against Quincy and a 1-2 finish at the Mulerider Classic, the Tigers opened up GSC play against Arkansas Tech. The team was swept by the Wonder Boys and again the next weekend by the Harding Bison. Rather than lay down and quit, the Tigers won the next two series against rivals Henderson State and Delta State.

"Sweeping Delta State on the road was a highlight for our program and beating top ranked Central Missouri on a walk off grand slam was a big win as well," said Head Coach Chris Modellmog.

Senior Justin Hall, a kinesiology major from Willis Point, Texas said, "It was hard to come back from the way we started conference, but those wins showed we weren't going to quit."

The Tigers went into the series with Southern Arkansas needing a victory to solidify a spot in the GSC tournament; however, the Tigers were swept by the Muleriders.

The Tigers finished GSC play against Arkansas-Monticello and Christian Brothers, sweeping both series. The Tigers finished 21-26 overall with a 10-10 GSC record.

"We had a rough start in the conference and battled our way back at the end and I was very proud of our guys for playing hard the entire season," said Modellmog.

Overall three players were placed on the 2011 All-Gulf South Conference Baseball Team. Senior Kolby Moore earned First Team accolades, while senior Kyle Zimmerman and junior Brock Green made the All-GSC Second Team. Moore led on the pitcher's mound all season and earned GSC Player of the Week honors on April 12. He also finished the season at 9-5 with a 4.04 ERA, including 67 strikeouts in 78 innings. The Indianola, Ind. native finished third in the GSC in conference game ERA with a 2.44 ERA, fourth in opponent batting average (.220), sixth in innings pitched (48), sixth in strikeouts (39) and third in batters struck out looking (16).

Senior Kyle Zimmerman threw the pitch from the Reddie position. Zimmerman was selected to the All-GSC Second Team.

photo by: Lori Hilburn

Junior Zac Treece and senior Taylor Henry fist bump with teammates as they come off the field. Treece led the team in saves with four.

photo by: Callie Stephens



Junior Ryan Westover delivers the pitch. Westover recorded over 65 innings on the mound.

photo by: Callie Stephens



Senior Justin Hall sends the ball into the outfield for a single. Hall hit over 300 in the series against Monticello.
photo by: Callie Stephens



Baseball Team Members are: **Front Row:** Brett Mazmanian, Landon Moore, Joshua Emery, Seth Childers, Danny Aday, Paul White, Davis Ward, Travis King, and Landon Flax. **Second Row:** Duncan Collins, Student Assistant Coach Taylor Henry, Kyle Zimmerman, Kolby Moore, Ben Turner, Justin Hall, Sam McGill, Michael Haydon, Cass Via, Nick Holtgrieve, and Nicholas Crump. **Back Row:** Head Coach Chris Modellmog, Graduate Assistant Coach Issac Dulaney, McCrae Jones, Keegan Ghidotti, Zac Treece, Ryan Westover, Taylor Burns, Kurt Peppenhorst, Brock Green, Tom Ward, and Assistant Coach Luke Howard.

photo by: Wesley Kluck

Scoreboard

Southeastern Oklahoma	1-0, 4-3
North Alabama	0-11, 7-6, 4-15
Central Missouri	3-9, 16-12, 5-10
Angelo State	4-5, 2-5
Northern Kentucky	1-10, 4-6, 6-4
Quincy	9-5, 9-7, 5-12, 6-5
Arkansas- Monticello	12-5
Southern Arkansas	1-8
Delta State	1-11
Arkansas Tech	5-7, 2-4, 2-9
Trevecca Nazarene	23-9
Belmont University	5-11
Harding	6-7, 9-8, 8-9
Southeastern Oklahoma	10-6, 4-12
Henderson State	12-3, 1-3, 7-2
Arkansas Tech	6-14
Delta State	9-8, 2-1, 9-11
Henderson State	4-7
Southern Arkansas	5-10, 2-4, 6-14, 2-8,
Arkansas- Monticello	13-10, 16-1, 10-0
Christian Brothers	10-0, 6-0
Overall Record:	21-26

A Blessed Break

Through tests, papers, presentations and everything else that required so much time, students needed a break to get away from all the busyness of college. For some students, intramural sports were a way to escape the pressures of class.

In the fall, Rec Sports started out with flag football. Francie's Favs took the title for women's, Beta Black won men's upper division and The Remedy won men's lower.

"Our last game against the infamous staff team was a hard fought battle," said The Remedy's Marcus Schreiner, a senior biblical studies major from Raleigh, N.C. "When that last touchdown was scored and the clock ran out some would have thought we had just won the Superbowl."

Next was volleyball, played on Mondays and Wednesdays, and dodgeball on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Jordan N' Friends won in men's volleyball, Freshman 15 won the women's division and West Side Out won co-ed. In dodgeball, Black Ops won men's lower, Ourselves won men's upper, and Dodgeballin' took the women's championship.

After Christmas break, many students got involved in intramural basketball. With 43 teams in five leagues, the competitive spirit to win that championship T-shirt was almost tangible. EEE Hardcore won women's upper while Southern Belles won women's lower. In men's basketball, Team Scottie Pippen took the title for upper, Beta Black won middle, and Team Rec Sports won the lower division.

Jacob Post, a freshman kinesiology major from Grand Prairie, Texas, said basketball was a great way for him to get involved. "I met new people that I may not have met any other way," said Post.

Finally, softball and soccer intramurals started up in April with 38 teams participating. However, there were no winners, because the championship tournament could not be played due to flooding.

"I was bummed the games were called off because of rain. I was pretty confident the Terror-Dactyls would make it to the championship game. But I was still proud of my team," said Katie Hopmann, a freshman art major from Cypress, Texas.

"The fact that Ouachita supplies our students with an organized means of gathering teams and battling them together on the court/field is an absolute blessing," said Schreiner.

from **Busyness**

By: Mauri Sparks

Senior Beau Landers of Kappa Phat deflags Jason Kirk after a run for team Fog Blue. Fog Blue, along with members of other teams, went to the state tournament to represent Ouachita.

photo by: Nici Fillinger



Junior Taylor Geurin tries to get the ball past Turner Roberts. The Beta Sheds and Kappa Slim were both humorous teams in the men's lower league.

photo by: Ben Harrington

Francie's Faves members greet En Fuego after a game. Members of Francie's Favs were a top contender for the title in 2010.

photo by: Amy Vaughan





Freshman Molly Bowman looks for an open teammate during a game against EEE in upper division play. Over half of the student body participated in Rec Sports.
photo by: Ben Harrington



Team Rebel Alliance prays before a flag football game. Rebel Alliance competed as a group of friends in flag football, dodgeball, basketball and softball.
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