



# On TOP

In addition to the routine of classes, Ouachita provided students with a variety of extracurricular activities in which they could participate. Athletics was one such activity which allowed some students a chance to display their abilities. At the same time, sporting events also provided others a chance to show their spirit and support their friends and fellow students.

In the fall, Saturdays were a time in which students gathered to cheer the Tiger football team to victory. From swimming to soccer, students had the opportunity to enjoy various athletic events.

As Spring came, students took advantage of the warm weather and attended baseball games and tennis matches.

Sports and intramurals added another dimension to student life. This helped break the monotony of the everyday schedule of classes for both those who participated as well as those who spectated.

Drew Yoakum, #11, and Clay Totty, #62, congratulate Drew Tinsley after a touchdown. The season was an exciting one which included the first "Battle of the Rednecks." photo by Gay Lyons



# FRESH

## THE YOUNG TIGER FOOTBALL TEAM GAINED VALUABLE EXPERIENCE AS IT ENDURED A CHALLENGING SEASON.

With an extremely young team and a lack of experience, the Ouachita Baptist University Tigers embarked on a season that would include many memorable games. The 1992 Tiger football team returned only four seniors. In addition to losing 16 seniors from last year's team, the Tigers lost 8 offensive starters including their starting quarterback, their leading rusher and their leading receiver. Those starters helped lead Ouachita to be the conference's leading offensive team last season, averaging 374 yards per game. As a result, the season was expected to be a very challenging one to say the least.

Over 50 players reported to fall practice and when the season began, of the 57-athlete roster, 38 were either freshmen, transfers or walk-ons. Head Coach Buddy Benson and his staff had their work cut out for them as they set out to teach these newcomers the offensive scheme and prepare them for their first game.

Benson said, "It will be the youngest squad I have ever had the pleasure to coach at Ouachita." However, Benson did have 19 returning lettermen, 10 offensive and 9 defensive, to help him.

Although this was no small task for Benson, he did prepare his club well. Last season marked the NAIA Hall of Fame member's 28th season of coaching. The Dean of the AIC coaching ranks was third among active NAIA coaches in wins. Along with his assistants, Dr. Tom Murphree, David Sharp, Frank Francis, Scott Spainhour and Mark Kehner, Benson geared his team up for the season opener with Southwest Baptist University.

As the Tigers entered the 1992 campaign, Brent Jackson and Isaiah Shepherd returned as the second and third leading tacklers, respectively.

The Tigers also brought back two excellent running backs in Jay Turley and Maurice Fields. Clay Totty, Jackson and Shepherd were also named as members of the All-AIC pre-season team. Yet, the Tigers were ranked last in pre-season polls despite their 3-3 conference record the previous season.

Sophomore Chad Breashers was assigned to fill the shoes of Ouachita's All-AIC performer, Andy Jayroe. Turley and Fields would replace Ouachita's leading rusher Kyle Collier and Drew Timms emerged as the Tigers leading receiver, a position vacated by another All-AIC athlete, Mark Kehner.

Ouachita's first opponent was Southwest Baptist University. Behind the strong arm of Breashers, who threw for over 200 yards, the Tigers made a strong showing. Despite losing 37-27, the Tigers looked sharp and moved the ball well with Fields rushing for 80 yards. The game allowed many of the newcomers the chance to gain some valuable experience that would help the Tigers as the season progressed.

The Tigers next foe was Arkansas Tech. The game, which was played in Little Rock at War Memorial Stadium, was the first of two meetings between the Tigers and the Wonder Boys. In front of 3,564 fans, the Tigers mounted a dramatic last-minute drive to capture an impressive one point victory. The drive was capped off by a 15-yard touchdown pass from Breashers to Timms ending an exciting and memorable game.

Plagued by injuries to key players such as Jackson, Drew Yoakum and Bo Renshaw, the Tigers then dropped six straight games, (cont.)

**TOUCHDOWN** Eric Carouth tries out his officiating skills and celebrates a Tiger score all at the same time.

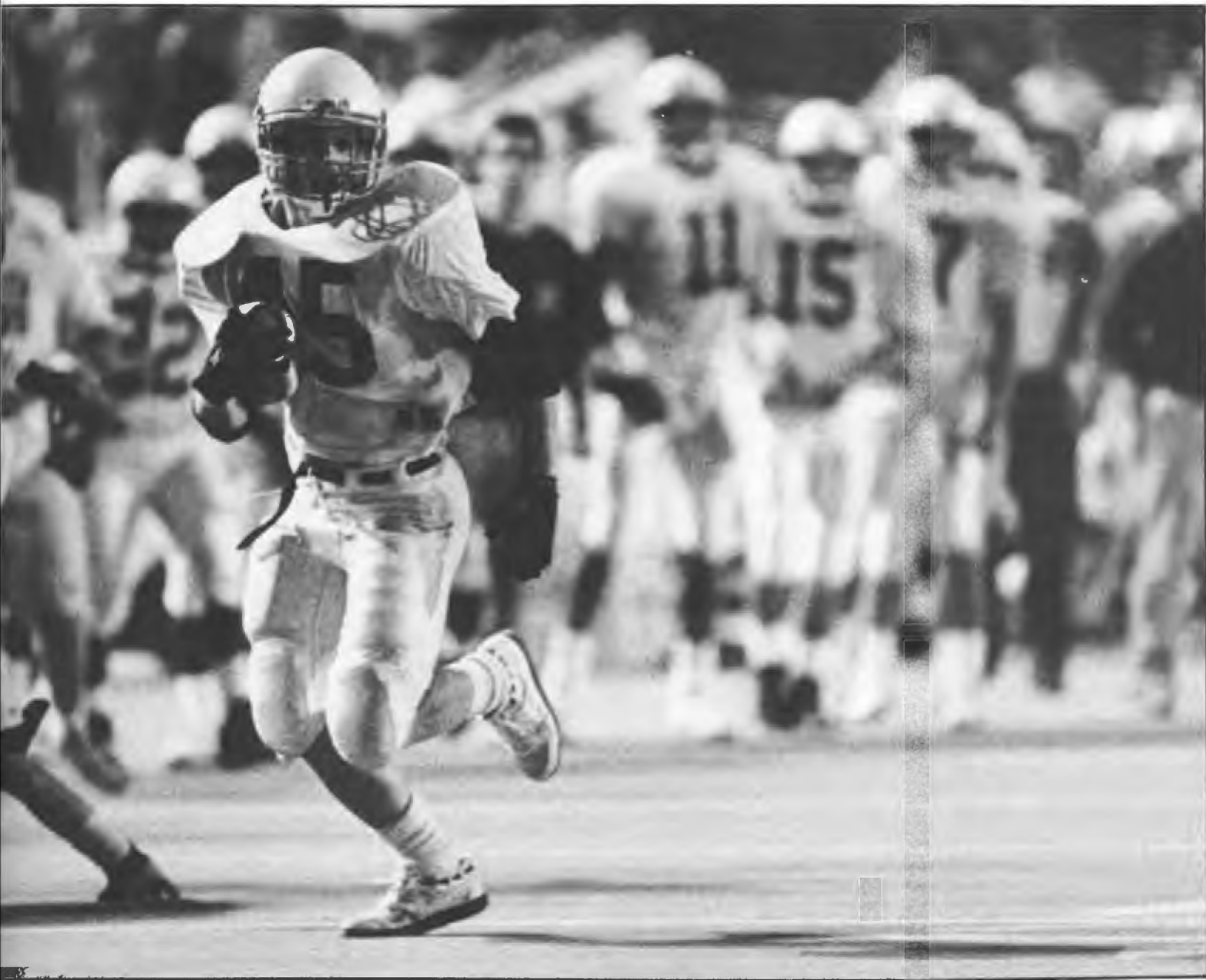


•Roy Burroughs



•Roy Burroughs





**RUNAWAY** Jay Turley scampers for a 20-yard touchdown against Arkansas Tech. OBU defeated the Wonder Boys in War Memorial Stadium in the first ever "Capital Clash."

## FOOTBALL

### SCOREBOARD

2-9

Southwest Baptist	27	37
Arkansas Tech	19	18
Southeastern Oklahoma	6	21
Tarleton	8	21
UCA	7	34
East Central Oklahoma	33	34
Harding	0	28
UAM	7	28
Henderson	23	35
SAU	19	18
Arkansas Tech	26	53



**FOOTBALL TEAM** members are: first row: Isaiah Sheppard, Drew Yoakum, Bo Renshaw, Drew Timms, John Bailey, Frank Roach, Jay Turley, Scott Nethery; second row: Ty Hampton, Todd Fry, Kenneth Wright, Maurice Fields, Shane Nix, Rob Taylor, Brent Jackson; third row: Chris Herron, Jason Reed, Chad Breashears, Mark Madison, Brian Bales, Shelby Bodenhamer, Randy Ross, William Nevels; fourth row: Chad Wilkerson, George Horn, Kevin Jones, Mike Schleiff, Clay Totty, Eric Carrouth, Kevin Nowlin; fifth row: Adam Gomez, Hersean Lewis, Josh Jones, Keith Dailey, Kenny Griggs, Andre Vactor; sixth row: Jason Renteria, Parnell Lee, Randy Winters, Joey Walker, Bill Lollis, Richard Williams, Corey Braggs.



**STUFFED**

Corey Braggs refuses to go down as he struggles for extra yardage against Southeastern Oklahoma.

**FOCUS**

Members of Ouachita's defense listen carefully as Coach David Sharp instructs them.



•Roy Burroughs



**INTENSITY** Coach Buddy Benson enters his 28th season with his troops prepared for battle.



•Roy Burroughs



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# FRESH

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four of which were to conference foes. The Tigers rebounded at the end of the season to defeat the Southern Arkansas University Muleriders and finished the season by playing a good game in the season finale against Arkansas Tech.

The Tigers' record was 2-9, but this was somewhat misleading. Many of these losses were close games to formidable opponents, such as the 34-33 loss to East Central University of Oklahoma. Nonetheless, the Tigers' season had some bright spots that gave fans something to look forward to in the seasons to come.

The season also included some sadness as the fabled Battle of the Ravine between OBU and HSU ended. Many fans and players alike were disappointed to see the end of

the traditional rivalry that had become legendary around the state.

At the close of the regular season, Frank Roach and Totty were honored by being named to the All-AIC Academic team.

"We believe very strongly that academics and play on the field should go hand-in-hand," Benson said. "These two young men are to be congratulated for setting this example. It is an honor for both them and our program at Ouachita."

The season provided the Tigers with many lessons and valuable experiences. In addition to this experience, Ouachita's superb staff and tradition are expected to improve next year's team, a team that was already looking forward to its next season.

## DAN TURNER



**SNATCHED**  
Todd Fry intercepts a pass in the final Battle of the Ravine.

•Roy Burroughs



# GREEN

WITH A LACK OF EXPERIENCE AND A YOUNG TEAM, THE SEASON WAS A TIME FOR LEARNING AND REBUILDING FOR THE VOLLEYBALL TEAM.

Although the Lady Tiger volleyball team returned some strong veterans along with some promising newcomers, this year's season seemed to be one of rebuilding. The Lady Tigers, who were 9-17 overall and 4-8 in conference play a year ago, lost four seniors. The list of those players lost included two All-District 17 selections, Jenni Taylor and Melissa Baird-Glass.

As the season approached, head coach Tona Wright, who entered her 22nd year as head coach of the women's volleyball team, said, "We have a lot of good hitters, but we just need some experience." The Lady Tigers prepared for their season opener with six freshmen on the roster.

Lee Anne Highnote said, "We knew it would be a challenging season. It was hard because we lost a lot of senior leadership and we had to take up the slack."

However, the team did return some valuable veterans to lead the team. Among those returning starters were Melanie Barr, a junior from Duncanville, Texas, and Highnote, a junior from Alba, Texas. Barr was also named as an All-District 17 performer as she entered her third season. As a sophomore, she had 50 solo blocks and an 87 attack percentage. Although, Barr was named all-district, Highnote led the Lady

Tigers in every category last season. Wright also looked to junior Linda Hanrahan and sophomore Angela Griffin for leadership.

"We bonded together and put 100 percent into every game," Barr said. "Our determination improved and we went to a higher skill level. We competed with Henderson at the end of the season and they were one of the best teams in the nation."

The young team grew together over the season and should be a formidable opponent next season.

"We had to learn to trust each other and have confidence in each other," Barr said. "The freshmen helped out a lot and were always there to step in when we needed them. The whole season was a time to learn."

With the experience the Lady Tigers gained last season, the future looked brighter as they began preparing for next season.

"We are more motivated. I think Coach Wright is excited, she's seeing things in us she hasn't seen before," Highnote added.

With an intense off-season program and dedication, they expected to provide students with an exciting up-coming season.



## DAN TURNER

### STRATEGY

Members of the volleyball team discuss their game plan during a break in the action.





**SPIKE**  
Melanie Barr places a shot off an opponents forehead during one of the Lady Tigers road games.

•Beth Turner

## AIC RESULTS

Henderson State University	10-0
Southern Arkansas University	6-4
University of Central Arkansas	6-4
Harding University	5-5
Arkansas Tech University	3-7
Ouachita Baptist University	0-10



## VOLLEYBALL

**TEAM** members are: first row: Linda Hanrahan, Nakita Radford, Brandie Clark, and Tonya Love; second row: Angie Griffin, Melissa Taylor, Lee Anne Highnote, Cassandra Campbell, Holly Lansford, Stephanie Ferrill, Catasha Linwood, Melanie Barr and Coach Tona Wright.



# UNITE

## THE OUACHITA CROSS COUNTRY TEAM PULLED TOGETHER AND WON ITS FIRST AIC TITLE IN 25 YEARS.

Team work is what led to the cross country team's successful season. Coach Gravett had not won a district or an Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference cross country title in his 25 years at Ouachita. This year his dream came true by winning both titles.

The Tigers got off to a great start in their first meet by winning seven of the top ten positions against Henderson State University. This gave OBU an easy 17-46 win over HSU. The Tigers were led by sophomore Sam Rogers of Cabot who clocked in with 21:43.

Ouachita then experienced one of its two losses over the course of the season at the OBU Invitational. The loss was very deceiving in that OBU was second behind ETSU, which is a Division II school. The top finisher was Johnny Kelley, a senior from Oklahoma City, with a time of 25:32. His time was good enough for third overall.

The Tigers then won the Rhodes College Invitational Meet with 23 points. The team beat an 11-team field and was led by Rogers with a 27:00 time over a messy course. "This was a big win for us," said Gravett.

The next week Gravett's Tigers finished respectfully in the LeTourneau College Cross

Country Invitational in Longview, Texas. The Tigers took second behind Stephen F. Austin University, which is a Division I school. OBU was led by Rogers with a 26:05, followed by Kelley with a 26:07.

The final stop for Gravett and his team was the district meet at Hendrix College. The Tigers were the underdogs going in but would come out with a championship. Sam Rogers took first place with a 26:04. Just seconds behind Rogers was Mike Floyd, a freshman from Berryville, who finished with a 26:16 and second overall. Other finishes for the Tigers were Michael Hatley of Gurdon with a sixth place time of 26:56, Johnny Kelley with an eight place finish of 27:10, and Chris Newberry rounded out the scoring for the Tigers with a 27:18, good enough for tenth position.

Coach Gravett was pleased with the team's efforts this year. "There were no individuals on our team and that is what made us champions. Also having two alternates on the team made it a lot easier on us and gave us more to choose from," Gravett said.

Gravett also received coach of the year honors. "It just feels great being champions and coach of the year," he said.

## ERIC AKIN



\*Roy Barroughs



**TAKE-OFF** The Tiger Cross Country team prepares for its season with a practice meet against Henderson.



•Roy Burroughs



•Roy Burroughs

## CROSS COUNTRY

### AIC RESULTS

Ouachita Baptist University	27
Harding University	51
Henderson State University	64
Southern Arkansas University	118
University of Central Arkansas	126
University of the Ozarks	148



•Roy Burroughs

**CROSS COUNTRY TEAM** members are: first row: Billy Hubbard, Jay Brooks, Sam Rogers, Michael Hatley, Mike Floyd, Johnny Kelley, Coach Bob Gravett; second row: Shawn Schoppe, David Sager, Chris Newberry, John Woodworth, Aaron Tisdale.

**ENDURANCE** Tiger runners keep pace with the rest of the pack.

**STREAK** Mike Floyd, Johnny Kelley and Jay Brooks begin to pull away from the competition.

**SWAT** Raymond Hardin pins an opponents shot to the backboard. Hardin led the Tigers in blocked shots which always excited the students.



# BASKETBALL

## AIC RESULTS

University of Central Arkansas	12-4
Arkansas Tech University	12-4
University of the Ozarks	12-4
Henderson State University	9-7
University of Arkansas at Monticello	7-9
Ouachita Baptist University	7-9
Arkansas College	6-10
Southern Arkansas University	4-12
Harding University	3-13



**BASKETBALL TEAM** members are: first row: Tony Vacha, Ralph Smith, Shane Freeman, Cory Horton, Anthony Harris, Jason Collins and John Thompson; second row: Coach Mike Reynolds, Chris Jones, Perry Hunter, Raymond Hardin, Alex Lima, Keithe Cooper, Doug Young, Chris Campbell, Todd Denton, and Asst. Coach Alan Cozart



**FACE** Todd Denton manages to get his shot off despite being fouled. Denton averaged 17 points per game for the Tigers.

**DEFENSE** Ralph Smith hassles a UCA player as he brings the ball up the court.





# MATURE

## EXPERIENCE AND DETERMINATION HELPED THE MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM ACHIEVE ITS GOAL OF LANDING A PLACE IN THE CONFERENCE POST-SEASON TOURNAMENT.

Coach Mike Reynolds entered his fourth year as head coach of the Ouachita Baptist University men's basketball program with a team filled with veteran talent. There were no freshmen on the squad and Reynolds returned three of five starters from the previous season's 8-19 team. In addition, there were also some experienced players who were ready to step in and fill the open positions.

As the season neared, Coach Reynolds said, "We have had more time to work on defense and we have more quickness than ever."

The Tigers lost starters Buddy Babb and Lenny Bryan from their squad, yet the Tigers returned point guards Ralph Smith and Anthony Harris and shooting guards Perry Hunter and Chris Jones. Alex Lima returned at power forward after leading the Tigers in scoring and being named to the 1992 Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference All-Freshman team. Raymond Hardin and Keith Cooper filled the center position that was vacated by Bryan. Finally, the Tigers also returned Todd Denton at small forward.

Other returning lettermen for the Tigers included guards Shane Freeman and Jason Collins, forwards Chris Campbell and Tony Vacha, and center Doug Young.

The Tigers' experience helped them to a sixth place conference finish as they earned a spot in the post-season tournament.

Jones said, "One of our goals was to reach the

tournament. It took us two years for us to get to go where we always knew we could go. Next year, with some new recruits, we should finish even better."

The season was highlighted by a victory at the end of the season over the conference leading Arkansas Tech Wonder Boys. The 76-72 win created a tie for the conference crown between the Wonder Boys, UCA and University of the Ozarks.

At the close of the regular season, Denton was named to the All-Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference Team. Over the course of the season, Denton was also named NAIA National Division I Basketball Player-of-the-Week. Denton, who served as the Tigers' team captain, shot 78.3 percent from the field as he connected for 29 of 37 field goals during a 1-1 week for the Tigers. During this road trip, Denton scored 44 points against the NCAA Division I Centenary College Gents in Shreveport, Louisiana. In the 97-82 victory, he hit 15 of 16 field goals, including five three-pointers, and was nine of nine from the free throw line. He also scored 31 points against the University of the Ozarks in a losing effort that same week.

The Tigers would return a number of starters and experience for the next season as they would only lose Denton and Hardin. This led to excitement among students who expected even more from the Tigers in the up-coming season.

## DAN TURNER



**MUSCLE** Alex Lima posts up a defender as he waits for a pass.

# RETURN

## THE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM ENDURED A TOUGH SCHEDULE AND CHALLENGING CONFERENCE AS IT FINISHED THE SEASON IN SIXTH PLACE OVERALL.

After making it to the NAIA District 17 playoffs in 1991 for the first time in several seasons, the Ouachita Baptist University Lady Tigers and their coach, second year mentor Sharon Morgan, expected the 1991 season to be a big improvement over their previous 8-19 record. In Morgan's first season with the Lady Tigers, she managed a seventh place finish after being picked to finish at the bottom of the Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference. This year, the Lady Tigers improved on that as they finished sixth overall in conference and posted a 13-12 record.

The Lady Tigers opened the season with a convincing win over Arkansas Baptist College and throughout the season registered some impressive victories over formidable conference opponents. The young Lady Tigers remained very competitive with an extremely tough conference schedule that included the conference champion University of Arkansas at Monticello Cotton Blossoms and the NAIA champion, Arkansas Tech Golden Suns.

The season provided students with some exciting games in which the Lady Tigers responded to numerous challenges. As the conference race took shape they were victorious in a key game against the Henderson State Lady Reddies and improved their conference

mark to 4-3. The game, played before 900 fans at the Roy and Christine Sturgis Center on OBU's campus, came down to a last-second shot by freshman forward Lavinia Young. Young hit the turnaround jumper in the lane with just seconds remaining to give Ouachita a thrilling 69-67 victory.

With the end of the season approaching, the Lady Tigers snapped a four-game losing streak with a 79-78 double overtime victory over the Harding University Lady Bison. With less than a second remaining on the clock, senior guard Marcina Dunn nailed a freethrow to give the Lady Tigers the win.

At the close of the season, Jennifer Thompson, a 5-9 senior forward from Tyler, Texas, was named to the All-Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference Women's Basketball Team with nine other athletes from around the AIC. Thompson served as the team's co-captain and led the team in rebounding and scoring. She was also fourth overall in conference in individual rebounding and ninth in scoring.

The Lady Tigers improved on last year's finish and became stronger as the season progressed. Coach Morgan expected this growth to continue through their intense off-season program as they looked forward to the season to come.

## DAN TURNER

**PLAN** Coach Sharon Morgan makes adjustments during a time-out.



Gay Lyons

# SOLID

## THE MEN'S TENNIS TEAM WON A SHARE OF THE AIC CHAMPIONSHIP HELPING OUACHITA GAIN A REPUTATION AS HAVING A STRONG TENNIS PROGRAM.

The pre-season nationally-ranked men's tennis team clinched the AIC championship for the second straight year. This title was shared with Harding University, another top-ranked NAIA program. The men's tennis team, coached by Craig Ward, had an outstanding year with a conference record of 13-1, and a season record of 18-6. This was the first time, since 1979, that the tennis team was nationally ranked. Top-seeded Torbjorn "Toby" Enquist said, "It was really great to reclaim the conference championship again. That was one of the team's goals. I felt that after an early season loss to Harding, the team would really have to be competitive to win. All of the matches were close in the first match, so we knew that we could compete."

During spring break, the Tigers traveled to Hawaii to play some of the best NAIA and NCAA teams in the nation. With a 2-1 record for the trip, Coach Ward said, "We were competitive with some of the top-ranked schools. We needed the exposure to some really tough matches, and this trip allowed us to do this. It also gave us a chance to come in contact with raters from that side of the nation that may help us in the future."

The second place finish in the NAIA District 17 Men's Tennis Championship was a disappointing blow to an otherwise successful year. Because of this loss, the entire team did not qualify to travel to Kansas City, Missouri to compete in the 42nd annual NAIA Men's Tennis Championships. However, three members of the

team did manage to qualify. The Tigers top-seeded doubles team of Enquist and Patrik Lofvenberg, and singles player Marc Heflin earned the right to participate in nationals. Heflin said, "It was great to get to go to nationals, but disappointing that the whole team didn't get a bid. We are in the process of developing a nationally ranked team. It takes time to build a reputation, but with better recruits every year, it won't be long before NAIA tennis knows who we are."

Three players were chosen as members of the All-AIC men's tennis team. Lofvenberg, Enquist and Heflin all earned this honor. In addition, Lofvenberg, Enquist, Jay Heflin and Jake Shoemake were selected as members of the NAIA District 17 men's tennis team. Jay Heflin was also honored at the annual athletic banquet as he was selected as the Baldor Scholar/Athlete for men's tennis. This District 17 award was given to only one senior athlete from each sport, and selection was based on grade point average as well as athletic performance. Heflin, who graduated with a 3.72 GPA, said, "It was really an honor to receive this award. It's nice to be recognized for an athletic and academic accomplishment."

Other members of the men's team included Michael Molin and Kevin Whitehead. Even though Molin returned to Sweden to finish his education and Jay Heflin graduated, the next season's talented roster was highly capable of defending its title.

## BILLIE CLOUD

**FOCUSED** Torbjorn "Toby" Enquist, returning a shot in a singles match, was one of three students from Sweden who helped the Tigers earn top honors in the AIC.

**POWER** Michael Molin shows his strength as he uses both hands for his backhand.







**SMASH** Marc Heflin powers a serve to an opponent. Heflin was one of three players to earn a chance to compete in nationals.



## MEN'S TENNIS SCOREBOARD

	AIC Season	
Harding (tie)	13-1	21-2
OBU (tie)	13-1	18-6
SAU	5-4	5-5
Arkansas Tech	5-5	10-6
UCA	6-8	6-9
HSU	3-8	3-10
Arkansas College	0-10	0-10
Univ. of the Ozarks	0-12	0-12



**MEN'S TENNIS TEAM** members are: front row: Patrik Lofvenberg, Kevin Whitehead, Jay Heflin and Michael Molin; back row: Marc Heflin, Coach Craig Ward, Toby Enquist and Jake Shoemake.

**STRETCH** Leigh Anne Spivey hustles to return a shot in a singles match.

**RUSH** Jennifer Madlock hurries to connect with a tough shot.



•Guy Lyons



•Guy Lyons

**STROKE** Amy Rader concentrates on the ball in doubles play. Rader was named to the All-AIC Women's Team for her outstanding play.

**OooooH** Christy Tosh, with a look of determination, puts everything behind her forehand.



•Guy Lyons





•J. P. Arnold

# AMAZE

## THE WOMEN'S TENNIS TEAM FINISHED AN IMPRESSIVE THIRD UNDER A FIRST-YEAR COACH.

The women's tennis team found a new coach and a new competitive spirit. In her first year as head coach, Brenda Joiner led the Lady Tigers to a third place finish in the AIC, behind only Harding and UCA. The Lady Tigers managed to improve upon the previous year's results, as they advanced from their fifth place position in 1992 to claim third. Joiner said she was pleased with her team's play in both the regular season as well as the NAIA District 17 Women's Tennis Championship Tournament held at The Tennis Center on campus.

"Our goal was to finish third in the conference," Joiner said. "That objective was achieved and we are very pleased. We hope to do even better next season."

Amy Rader, a senior chemistry major from DeSoto, Texas was chosen for the All-AIC Women's Tennis Team. Rader was the Lady Tigers' number one singles player for much of the season, and a big reason for the improvement over the preceding year. Rader was also an all-conference performer for the women's swim team.

Of the remaining members of the team, three were sophomores: Jennifer Madlock from Hope, Julie Ahart from Wynne and the number two singles player, Leigh Anne Spivey from Hobbs, New Mexico. In addition, freshman Brandy Capelle also helped the team. The fact that the Lady Tigers had a number of talented athletes who were younger was encouraging to Joiner.

The Lady Tigers graduated two members from the team. Rader and the number three singles seeded Christy Tosh of Newport. Tosh, a political science major, was named as the District 17 Baldor Scholar-Athlete in women's tennis. This loss created an obstacle for the team as both Tosh and Rader posted important victories throughout the year, as well as provided the necessary leadership to help the Lady Tigers reach third in the conference. Yet, Joiner felt the quality of play this season, coupled with the experience her players received, would carry into the next year, helping the team achieve even higher honors.

## DAN TURNER

### WOMEN'S TENNIS SCOREBOARD

	AIC	Season
Harding	12-0	17-4
UCA	9-2	11-2
OBU	6-4	6-5
HSU	2-4	3-5
SAU	2-5	2-7
Arkansas Tech	1-5	1-7
Univ. of the Ozarks	0-2	0-3
Arkansas College	0-10	0-10



WOMEN'S TENNIS TEAM members are: Julie Ahart, Christy Tosh, Brandy Capelle, Amy Rader, Leigh Anne Spivey and Jennifer Madlock.



# TALENT

**ALTHOUGH THE SWIMMING TEAMS LACKED MUCH EXPERIENCE, THEIR TALENT LED THEM TO A SUCCESSFUL SEASON.**

When the 1992-93 season began for the Ouachita men's and women's swimming and diving teams, Head Coach Jim Dann was concerned about how his team, short on experience but long on talent, would perform during the upcoming season. But by the time the season was over, Dann and his Tiger Sharks had accomplished more than either could have expected.

At the New South Intercollegiate Swim League championships in February at Siloam Springs, the Tiger Sharks came away with a second place finish and the Lady Tiger Sharks placed fourth. "Although we finished out of first place, we swam very well," said Dann, the 1993 NSISL Men's Coach of the Year. "At the first of the year I did not think that we were capable of anything higher than fifth. This team worked and made themselves what they were."

After a month of preparing for the NAIA Swimming and Diving Championships, which were held in San Antonio, Texas, the Tiger Sharks were ready and they responded well. The men finished 11th in the nation and the women came in 18th.

Leading the way for the men was sophomore Cory Shiller. This new star for the Tiger Sharks not only set new

conference records in the 400 individual medley and the 200 butterfly at the NSISL meet but, also earned All-American honors at the nationals meet by placing in the top six in the 200 butterfly.

Junior Kent Simmons, who missed the first semester of competition, finished the season strong by winning the 100 butterfly at the conference meet. Other standout swimmers for the Tiger Sharks included senior Jack Martin, juniors Ted Jolley, Daniel Gonzales, Jason Petty and Justin Goodale. Diver Danor Gerald, a sophomore, had a fine second season, finishing second in conference competition in both the one and three meter diving events. At the national meet, Gerald placed 12th in one meter event.

The Lady Tiger Sharks had a solid season, led by sophomore Kim Hill. She won two events at the NSISL meet, the 200 IM and the 200 breaststroke, and was a member of OBU's 200 free relay team which came in 16th at nationals. Other outstanding athletes for OBU included sophomores Audrey Weaver and Lori Barnes, senior diver Amy Rader, and freshmen Sara Tittsworth and Michelle Westerfield.

## CRIS BELVIN



-Guy Lyons





**VISION**  
Justin Goodale breathes between strokes during a meet. Goodale helped the Tiger Sharks to an 11th place finish in nationals.

•Guy Lyons



•Roy Burroughs

## SWIMMING SCOREBOARD

	Men	Women
Season Record	7-3	7-4
NSIL Tournament	2nd	4th
NAIA Tournament	11th	8th



**SWIMMING TEAM** members are: first row: Amy Rader, Lori Barnes, Millie Crawford, Brittany Blackburn and Audrey Weaver; second row: Cory Shiller, Ted Jolly, Andy Russel, Aaron Bruns, Tom Pyron, Brad Crayne, Tim Gary, Jason Petty and Jack Martin.

**GRACEFUL** Danor Gerald enters the pool gracefully after completing his dive. Gerald placed 12th in the nation in the one meter event.

**ENCOURAGE** A group of Ouachita swimmers urge their teammate to finish strong.

**WHATEVER** Coach Van Barrett and catcher Wes Sullivan argue a call with an umpire.

**STROKE** Andy Jayroe connects with a pitch at Rab Rodgers Field. Jayroe tied for the conference batting crown with a .411 average.



•Roy Burroughs

## BASEBALL

### SCOREBOARD

	CONFERENCE	SEASON
UAM	19-5	22-15
SAU	18-6	40-12
ATU	11-1	25-15
Harding	11-13	15-31
OBU	9-15	20-23
UCA	8-14	21-26
HSU	5-19	14-28



**BASEBALL TEAM** members are: first row: Josh Holmes, Larry Marion, Wes Sullivan, Warren Crabtree, Andy Jayroe, Chris Esch, Lance Parker, Lee Busby, Brandon Gibson and Robert Birch; second row: J.R. Folds, Clay Partridge, Reggie Sumpter, Ryan Welch, Ashley Hays, Jason Gilbert and Shane Torix; third row: Fred Penka, Dell Leonard, Brian Tuggle, Will Huddleston, Brian Glass, coach Van Barrett, Rocky Freeman, Davey Jones, Jeffrey Steed, Jason Patrick and Robert Tucker.

**HEATER** Sophomore pitcher Warren Crabtree fires a pitch to an opponent.

•Gay Lyons





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# TOUGH

## THE BASEBALL TEAM FALTERED IN MID-SEASON BUT FINISHED STRONG DUE TO EXPERIENCE AND LEADERSHIP.

The OBU Tiger baseball team struggled during its 1993 season, but finished with an overall record of 20-23 and a 9-15 conference mark which was good enough for a fifth place finish in the AIC.

"We fell short in some of our conference games," said head coach Van Barrett, "but it's been quite a few years since we've had a twenty-win season."

The Tigers started off playing good early in their conference schedule, and they finished just as strong. But the middle is where they hurt themselves.

During this down time for the Tigers, the team competed in a week-long tournament in Winter Haven, Florida. Ouachita played against NCAA teams as well as NAIA teams from places like Oregon, Michigan, Illinois, Kansas and New Jersey. By the end of the week, the Tigers compiled a 7-1 record and won the 12-team tournament.

"We had a great time playing ball in Florida," said senior Reggie Sumpter. "I thought we really had built up some confidence to take home with us."

Unfortunately, this momentum did not carry back with them into their tough conference schedule as they continued to struggle.

But when arch-rival Henderson State came across the ravine to play, the Tigers greeted them with 18-10 and 10-7 beatings. Returning All-AIC catcher Wes Sullivan hit three homeruns during the series and collected a total of 13 RBI's to lead the Tigers.

"It was just one of those days," said the senior from El Dorado. "We were just on."

Another highlight for OBU was going down to Magnolia to face the nationally-ranked and first-place team in the AIC, Southern Arkansas. The Tigers beat the Muleriders 4-3 to knock them off the top spot in the conference. Junior Larry Marion of Gurdon pitched an outstanding game for the Tigers.

By the end of the season, many of the Tigers had put up some good numbers as Andy Jayroe was named to the All-AIC roster. In addition, Sullivan and Warren Crabtree were named honorable mention All-AIC.

Jayroe, a senior from Carrollton, Texas, tied for the conference batting title with a .411 mark. His 13 doubles also tied him for first place in conference in that category. In the final week of the season, Jayroe received the NAIA District 17 Player-of-the-Week honors for his good play.

Senior Lee Busby of Monticello led the Tigers in homeruns with seven on the year. Both Busby and Jayroe were voted team MVP's.

Reggie Sumpter, a senior from Heber Springs, ended his season with a .360 average. Junior southpaw Crabtree of Fouke finished with a 6-3 record off the mound for the Tigers.

Crabtree, along with other returning starters Shane Torix of Mena, Lance Parker of Bay Town, Texas, and Paul Price of Little Rock, gave the Tigers a good nucleus to work with in the future.

## FRANK YOUNG



**GONE** Shane Torix celebrates a home-run with his teammates.

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# DEPTH

## OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES IN FIELD EVENTS AND A LOT OF TALENT PROVIDED THE TIGERS WITH A SUCCESSFUL SEASON.

They rarely received the recognition they deserved, yet the Tiger track and field team accomplished some impressive goals during the course of the season, including a fourth place finish in the AIC Track Championships which were held May 1 at A.U. Williams Field. Coach Dr. Bob Gravett was pleased with the Tigers' season and the individual performances of his athletes. Two-time All American shot-putter Kris Shinn and pole vaulter Robby Sherman were two seniors who assisted coach Gravett and helped the Tigers to a successful season.

Gravett said that Shinn was a "coach's dream" who set goals and worked hard to reach them.

Shinn remained dedicated to his training schedule as he prepared for the NAIA District 17 Indoor Track Championships. He won the shot to successfully defend his AIC title in that event while teammate Mike Schleiff finished second. Sherman and Dwayne Whitten tied for top honors in the pole vault. Overall, the Tigers managed a third place finish behind Harding and UCA. In addition, Kenneth Wright gathered points by finishing sixth in the 60 yard dash and third in the long jump.

The Tigers finished second at the Pre-Season Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference Meet in Conway. In the meet, Shinn won both the discus and the shot. The Tigers also enjoyed

first place finishes from Jay Hines in the triple jump and Sherman in the pole vault. Another field event winner was Wright, who outdistanced the field in the long jump. Other strong finishes included distance runner Sam Rogers' second place finish in the three mile run and a surprising second place finish in the 440 yard relay.

Perhaps the Tigers' greatest victory of the season occurred at the Tiger Invitational. The Tigers won the meet in front of their home crowd as four individuals earned top honors. Rogers, Shinn, Sherman and Wright all won their events as depth in other positions carried the Tigers to their first overall victory of the season.

The season culminated in the AIC Track Championships at A.U. Williams Field. The Tigers had some impressive performances, but placed fourth behind Harding, SAU and Henderson. However, Shinn and Sherman ended their track careers with victories in both the shot and pole vault. These conference meet victories helped the two athletes achieve All-AIC honors along with Rogers in distance running.

Despite the absence of Sherman, Shinn and the remaining seniors, young talent and depth gave the team expectations of a competitive future.

### DAN TURNER





**MUSCLE** Two-time All-American shot-putter Kris Shinn outclassed the competition to claim first place in the AIC Championships held at A.U. Williams Field.

**SOARING** Kenneth Wright glides through the air as he claimed first place in the Ouachita Invitational long jump.

**FLOP** Phillip Clark stretches out to avoid a fault in the high jump.



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•Roy Burroughs

# TRACK AND FIELD SCOREBOARD

## AIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

Harding	137
SAU	126
Henderson State	84
OBU	68.5
UCA	60.5
UAM	46



**TRACK AND FIELD TEAM** members are: front row: Jay Hines, Kris Shinn, Maurice Fields, Johnny Kelley, Aaron Tisdale, Marcus Badger, David Sager, John Woodworth, David Passen, Phillip Clark, coach Bob Gravett, Jarrod Gaither, Robby Sherman, Dwayne Whitten, Brent West, Charles Barber, Kenneth Wright, Eric Torrence and Sam Rogers.

**EXCHANGE** Maurice Fields hands the baton to Charles Barber as the Tigers finished second in the 440 yard relay in their own meet.





**FOOTWORK**  
Kevin Hamman uses a fancy move to get around a Henderson defender.



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**OUTRUN** Scott Pickle looks to move the ball upfield as an opponent pursues.



**DEFEND** A Ouachita soccer player steals the ball from an opposing player.



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# UNIFIED

## THROUGHOUT THE SEASON, THE SOCCER TEAM IMPROVED AND LEARNED THAT SUCCESS DEPENDED ON TEAMWORK

Many of the returning soccer players looked forward to the season with enthusiasm. Some of these players returned with at least two or three years of experience, and anticipated a strong year.

David Ortiz, starting fullback, said, "Although we suffered adverse circumstances all year from injuries and busy schedules we still managed to have a good year due to the sheer determination of the players."

The team started practice a week after school started. It was the earliest that they had ever begun practicing. They hoped the extra practice would enable them to compete with major schools.

The rivalry with Henderson State University continued as the first game of the year was a scrimmage against them. Senior Eric Herndon said, "Even though we are better than they are, the rivalry between the teams makes it a much more competitive game."

The opening game of the season proved to be an easy game for the Tigers. They defeated Arkansas College, 10-1.

The optimistic outlook of the coming year soon faded, however as the Tigers started to lose a few games. Team members began to miss games and motivation was down.

It was the first year for the league to have a playoff

for the district championship. Going into the tournament, the Tigers ranked seventh, and had to start the tournament against number two seed University of Central Arkansas International. As it turned out, the UCA team forfeited the game. HSU, who also won its opening game, met the Tigers in the semifinals.

To avenge a loss to HSU earlier in the season, the Tigers came out ready to battle. The game was close all the way, but the Tigers prevailed in the end, 3-2.

In the final game, the Tigers went up against number one seed, Harding Rogues. Earlier in the year, Harding had beat the Tigers, 8-0. The Tigers were now ready for revenge. As the game progressed they looked better than they had all year. Both teams were playing hard and blocking scores. The game went into overtime with a score of 0-0. A sudden death penalty kick was played and Harding won the playoff with a 5-3 win. The Tigers finished a strong second.

The tournament was an excellent lesson, as it showed the team that success was dependent on two important factors, a little team work and a lot of hard work.

## SIMON STORER

### SOCCER SCOREBOARD

1. Harding Rogues
2. Ouachita
3. Henderson State
4. Southern Arkansas
5. Harding International
6. Central Arkansas
7. UCA International
8. Arkansas College

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**SOCCER TEAM** members are: first row: Robbie Parker, Todd Parker, Thomas Perez, Jason Barrett, Jeremy Erwin, Brian Eskridge, Alan Earl, Alfredo Smith and David Hardister; second row: Kevin Hamman, Scott Pickle, John Davis, Conrad Noriega, Simon Storer, Philip Corder, Eduardo Stadhaugen, Dale Carlton and Burk Vanderline.

# FORE

## OUACHITA'S GOLF TEAM FINISHED FIFTH ON THE SEASON, BUT REMAINED OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE FUTURE AS IT RETURNED EXPERIENCED PLAYERS.

For the OBU golf team, the 1992-93 season was one filled with the ups and downs. The Tigers opened spring play in Jackson, Mississippi at the Jackson State Intercollegiate Tournament in February. Twenty-four colleges played in the event and although the team did not finish in the top ten, Coach Ike Sharp said that the players got some good experience. "There were some NCAA Division I teams there," Sharp said. "We didn't play as well as I had hoped, but I think it helped our players get ready for the conference matches."

In their next match, the Tigers defeated defending District 17 champs HSU and Harding University. The match, which would later prove to be the Tigers' only team win, was played in Searcy at The Course at River Oaks. Junior Bentley Blackmon finished with a 79 and John Bunch, also a junior, was the medalist with a 75.

On April 30th the team competed in the first round of AIC play. The match was played in Benton at Longhills Country Club and despite firing its lowest team score of the season, the team finished fifth. Bentley Blackmon and Tony Orr had the lowest scores for the Tigers, each shooting a 76. Next was Bunch with a 78, followed by Pate with an 82 and senior Todd Denton with an 84. "We played pretty well that day," said Orr. "Some of the other teams just out played us."

The second round of conference play was more productive for the Tigers. They finished second at Rosswood Country Club in Pine Bluff. Arkansas Tech had a five stroke victory over the OBU players. Bunch had the low score for the Tigers, shooting a 74 and finishing second behind medalist David Dyer of Tech.

The third round of play was held at Diamondhead, where the Tigers did not finish as well. OBU placed third, but still managed to climb into second place in the AIC points standings.

The fourth round took place in Jacksonville. The team fell to a fourth place finish on the first day, but was

still tied for second with HSU in the points standings going into the District 17 tournament at Hot Springs Village. At Balboa Course in the Village, the Tigers found themselves in fourth place after the first two rounds of play. Blackmon and Orr shot 76 and 78, respectively. Todd Denton had an 80, while Bunch shot 83 and Pate finished with an 84. In the second round of the tournament, Bentley Blackmon tied the low round of the match with a one under par 71. His score of 38-33 was the lowest competitive score shot by an OBU player this year and the first sub par round by any OBU golfer in recent history.

"I was really proud of the way Bentley played. He came back and finished in a tie for second place in the tournament and was only two strokes away from going to nationals," Sharp said.

Ouachita finished in fifth place on the season after another disappointing day. Blackmon, a junior from DeQueen, made the All AIC Team, as well as the All District 17 Team, and was named outstanding OBU golfer of the year. "All in all, we had a pretty fair year," said Blackmon. "We had to play in terrible weather almost every match. I think the poor conditions hurt us several times this year."

One of the highlights of the season was a match between OBU and S.W. Oklahoma at Chenal Country Club in Little Rock. The Tigers finished 10 strokes behind Southwest, who were ranked among the top 10 NAIA teams in the nation.

Nonetheless, the Tigers remained optimistic. "Bentley will be back again. John Bunch and Aaron Harvie will both return with two more years of eligibility," commented Sharp. "Kevin Jones will be a sophomore and we expect him to play well. We also have a couple of recruits that have been playing well in the high school tournaments. I think we will have a very strong team and I'm looking forward to next year."

## JOHN BUNCH

**ACCURATE** Senior Todd Denton chips onto the green.







**FORM** Bentley Blackmon shows the swing that helped him gain All-AIC honors. He was also one of 19 athletes nationwide to be named to the 1993 NAIA Golf All-America Scholar-Athlete Team.

**CONCENTRATION** John Bunch focuses on his putt.



## GOLF

### SCOREBOARD

- Arkansas Tech
- Henderson
- SAU
- Harding
- OBU
- UCA
- UAM
- Arkansas College



**GOLF TEAM** members are: first row: Coach Ike Sharp, John Bunch, Todd Denton, Tony Orr, Ernie Pate, Bentley Blackmon and Aaron Harvie.

**POM PON** The cheerleaders lead a chant during a football game. The pom pon squad and cheerleaders were combined this year.

**BLAST** Dan Reeves, a member of the marching band, sounds his trumpet during a halftime performance.



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•Roy Burroughs

**COOKIN'!** Cheerleaders lead the homecoming pep rally by the light of the bonfire.





# SPIRIT

## THE CHEERLEADERS AND THE OUACHITA MARCHING BAND PROVIDED A LINK BETWEEN THE STUDENTS AND ATHLETES.

Enthusiastic and lively. These were just two words that described this year's spirit leaders. Those who attended football and basketball games were usually entertained by the cheerleaders or the band, and sometimes both.

Whether it was the band or the cheerleaders, spirit was evident at every contest as students cheered the Tigers on to victory. Although each squad played a different role in keeping spirits high, they both were very important parts of Ouachita's athletic program.

As the cheerleaders moved from football to basketball season, they kept their undying faithfulness in their team. Many hours were spent preparing for the upcoming games. These hours became pretty demanding, but proved effective as the cheerleaders were prepared for every game. "It is really a lot of work, especially if you're involved in other activities, but it is definitely worth it," said sophomore Melanie Stephan.

Tryouts were held each spring. This year they combined the pom pon and the cheerleading team, but this did not detract

from their spirit. Each girl was responsible for learning the routines over the summer by video tape. This was easier than trying to work around everyone's hectic schedule during the summer. The cheerleaders were back at school a week earlier than the rest of the student body, polishing up their chants and dance steps. These girls also concentrated on planning pep rallies, keeping the crowd enthused, and making sure the player's spirits were kept high.

In addition, under the direction of Craig Hamilton, this year's marching band was as spirited as any other group on campus. The band practiced many long and hard hours to prepare for the upcoming field events. Whether it was hot or cold, you could hear the dedicated members tooting their horns or blowing their whistles.

Both these spirit groups had the same goal—to practice hard and keep the crowd entertained. It was the job of the band and cheerleaders to keep the football and basketball players' spirits high. However, the crowd is what gave these spirit groups the energy to motivate the athletes.

## CAREY HEIGES



**HORNS** The marching band keeps fans entertained during halftime.





**SLOPPY** Rain did not stop softball, it simply made it more challenging as well as messy.

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•Roy Burroughs

**CELEBRATE** The EEE women's social club celebrates its intramural football championship.



•Roy Burroughs

**SLAM** Danor Gerald hammers a spike past an opponent in an intramural volleyball game.

# AMATEUR

## INTRAMURALS ALLOWED STUDENTS A A CHANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN VARIOUS SPORTS AND HAVE FUN COMPETING WITH EACH OTHER.

Intramural athletics provided fun, competitiveness, and entertainment for a large portion of the student body and faculty during the 1992-93 school year. "Intramurals gives us to chance to have some fun," said Shelley Davis, a senior from Clinton. "But sometimes there was plenty of intense competition, also." Davis claimed championship t-shirts in two different sports, basketball and softball.

"A lot of people take intramurals seriously," said Chris Esch (4804), a devoted intramural referee for his four and a half years at Ouachita. "But mostly it was just people having a good time, enjoying themselves. That's the whole purpose of intramurals."

Seniors Andy Jayroe and John Thompson were stars on the Untouchables, the men's flag football champions. Along with the speed of Wes Sullivan and Ashley Lewis, the Untouchables upended Rho Sigma in the final game of the playoffs.

In the women's division, the EEE's won their sixth consecutive championship led by

sophomores Brandi Byrd and Gina Denton who played quarterback and receiver respectively. Senior Cassie Elmore and junior Laura Moore were also a vital part of this team in their two-point victory over Chi Delta in the finals.

In volleyball, Phi Mu Delta, led by veteran David Hardister from Benton, won what is believed to be its tenth consecutive title. The hard-hitting Shad Wickstrom also provided plenty of firepower for the squad, which marched through the season undefeated. In the women's division, Whodathotit breezed through the campaign without a loss.

Title IX laid claim to the coed championship. Behind Chris Maloch, Jerry Cound, and Diane Henry, this well-rounded team peaked just at the right time to win the post-season tournament.

In basketball, Alan Cozart led the French Lickers to the title, a team that paid tribute to the recently retired Larry Bird. Pete Lake provided shooting from the perimeter to help

the team with some clutch performances in the playoffs.

White Trash & the Bum Life Brothers made a cakewalk out of the men's lower division. Behind Jeffrey Steed and southpaw Robert Tucker, this team proved throughout the season that it also could compete with upper division teams.

In the women's division, the sure-handed Shelley Davis led PMS to the championship.

The men of Rho Sigma downed Kappatal Punishment 13-12 in the bottom of the last inning to win the men's softball championship. Led by Bart Bledsoe, power-hitting Drew Timms, and the speedy Jay Turley, the Red Shirts held off a very tough opponent to win the title game.

Tri-Moo, led by Davis and Lori Williams, blew away the competition the entire season in the women's division. In the coed division, Brent Mosely and Bryan McKinney, along with Henry and Lori Abbott, led Title IX to a repeat championship.

## REGGIE SUMPTER



**SCRAMBLE** Andy Jayroe looks for an open receiver, as Brian Moore tries to get open.

•Roy Burroughs