SUPER SWING—During a home match, Michael Molin puts his all into a swing, trying to down his opponent. Molin was an international student from Sweden.

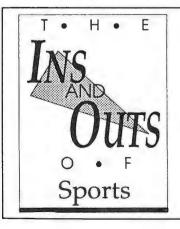


ROUNDING THE CORNER--Rab Rogers field is the setting as Andy Jayroe attempts to beat his opponent for the run. Jayroe played baseball in addition to being a quarterback for the football team.

TENNIS SPECTATORS--At an afternoontennis practice, women's tennis coach Tona Wright, Beth Davis, and men's coach Jim Dann watch the team members practice with one another.







A repeat Performance

• MEN'S BASKETBALL • see page 118



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### Making Ends Meet

rom one end of the scale to the other, our sports program combined various talents to make the best of what was available. On one end, there was the football team

which was ranked 13th in the nation. Conversely our basketball team

suffered one of

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the worst seasons in the school's history. Our swim and tennis teams excelled while our baseball team fell. It was definately a year of extremes.

Through those extremes, players were somehow pulled together and they didn't let a spirit of negativity over come them. However, through it all, players and coaches alike were able to find that missing link that somehow made ends meet.



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uring their two-a-day practices before school began, players stretch out on the practice field in front of the fieldhouse. The Tigers won their first game of the season against Southwestern Oklahoma.

A fter a winning game on their own home field, members of the Tiger squad relish their victory. The Tigers final standing in the AIC was a disappointing fifth.

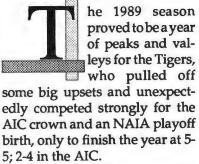






## UNDED CAR Find of year

After entering the season in solid shape, the Tigers hit a few unexpected trouble spots, but still they pulled off some big upsets



OBU entered the season in solid shape on the offensive and defensive lines. Offensively the Tigers returned five starters on the line, including 6-2, 260-lb. senior center Larry Burkins, who went on to make the All-AIC squad. Burkins and starters Greg Rucker and Jon Miller were injured at mid-season, making the offensive line an unexpected trouble spot. The remainder of the offense was young, but not particularly inexperienced. Scotty Steed, a 5-10, 175-lb. senior slot back was the standout in the backfield snagging 24 passes for a gain of 394 yards. His efforts earned him a spot on the All-AIC team

also

On the defensive side of the ball, the line returned starting tackles Michael Hannon and Butch Gray. Defensive end Mark Haywood was also back for business. Starting strong, safety Charles Roady and senior free safety Michael Johnson also returned. The question mark was at the linebacker positions. The teams two leading tacklers in 1988, Trey Ganier and Jeff Hum were both lost to graduation.

Coach Buddy Benson had said the Tigers' success would depend on good senior leadership and the ability of the freshman class to fill some spots and provide much needed depth.

The Tigers opened the 1989 campaign at home in fine form on September 9 by shutting down the Southwestern Oklahoma Bulldogs, who were fresh off of an upset of the fifth ranked team in the nation, 13-0. Coach Benson is now 22-3 in season openers.

OBU then traveled to South-

eastern Oklahoma State University, the defending Oklahoma Intercollegiate conference champs, and returned home smarting from a 24-0 loss. Next, the Tigers entertained East Central University of Oklahoma and took a 14-7 decision.

Ouachita opened AIC play against the 18th ranked Southern Arkansas University Muleriders. Starting junior noseguard Scott McCallister, who is also the reserve placekicker, hit his first collegiate field goal from 24 yards out with only 11 seconds remaining to give the Tigers a stunning 24-21 upset win. The next game saw a strong 12th ranked University of Arkansas-Monticello squad enter A.U. Williams Field. An early 70-yard pass play from quarterback Andy Jayroe to Steed stood up as OBU came away with a 7-3 victory, setting up a showdown with the AIC champs, University of Central Arkansas.

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### FOOTRALL

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14-7
24-21
17-3
3-24
10-6
14-17
6-17
14-20

Front row: Kyle Collier, Andy Jayroe, Jeff Morrow, Todd Fry, Randy Biggs, Mark Kehner, Scotty Steed, Greg Johnson, Jason Vaden, Shawn Francis Second row: Charles Roady, Clay Totty, David Pollard, Kent Hall, Frank Roach, David Damron, Marcus Gray, Rob Taylor, Fred Allred Third row: Pat



Kelly, Greg Wooten, Scotty McCallister, Jay Everett, Jon Miller, Richard Smith, Ashley Lewis Fourth row: Jimmy Witherspsoon, Michael Johnson, Mark Haywood, Rod Bryan, Gary Harbison, David Zajac, Rusty New, Drew Timms Fifth row: Bill Lollis, Louis Allen, John Bailey, Dale Barnett, Shane Nix, John Thompson Sixth row: Brian Harbison, Scott Spainhour, Butch Gray, Pat Cantrell, Marcus Gray Back row: Larry Burkins, Greg Rucker

### UNPREDICTARLE

### continued

OBU, who by now had soared to the number 13 spot in the NAIA rankings, was given a rudeawakening by the top-ranked Bears. Coach Harold Horton was determined not to let his club overlook the Tigers.

The Tigers then traveled to Oklahoma to take on the Langston University Lions. OBU kept its NAIA playoff hopes alive by defeating the Lions 10-6. Sophomore Jimmy Witherspoon, a 6-1, 200-lb. linebacker was named the national Defensive Player of the Week by the NAIA for his performance. He led the Tiger defense in making 12 solo tackles (two for losses), three assists and

one quaterback sac.

Then the bottom fell out for Ouachita.

They suffered three fourth quarter turnovers in a 17-14 home loss to Arkansas Tech. They were edged at Harding, and whipped at home by Henderson State. The Henderson State game was the last for the colorful HSU coach, Sporty Carpenter, who passed away in January.

The defense, which led the nation in the fewest average yards allowed by an opponent through the air, played well all year, but the injuries on the offensive line were too much to overcome.—by Dana Caldwell



During the last face off between the Tigers and Henderson State, Louis Allen sacks a Reddie player. The game was won by HSU 20-14.

Putting some moves on a practice bag, players workout during the hot days of summer. The Tigers returned five starters for the season.





C etting a word from head coach Buddy Benson, slotback Scotty Steed returns to the field. Steed earned a spot on the All-AIC team.



efensive coordinator David Sharp pumps up the Tigers before they return to the field against Henderson. The Tigers returned five starters for the season.



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S wim team members gather around to cheer on a teammate at the NAIA competition held at Delta State University in Clevland, Ohio. The Tiger Sharks placed tenth at the competition.

### On top of the world...

KEITH SANGALLI, a junior from Texarkana, Texas is on top of the world in more ways than one. He is the NAIA national Champion in the 100-yard freestyle, in the 1990 NSISL Conference, and the Arkansas Collegiate Swimmer of the year.

Sangalli is a 21-time All-American swimmer and an Academic All-American. He holds varsity records in the 50, 100 and the 200 yard freestyle.



Tiger Shark coach Jim Dann gives a swimmer a hand sign from across the pool. Dann has been coaching the Tigers for the past several years.







Putting the pressure on Lance Butler, team members Keith Sangalli, Jack Martin and Tre' Cates each give instructions.



## Breaking all the Royal States of the Royal Sta

Tiger Sharks come out of season with their heads held high and several new titles under their belts, along with an All-American status

he Tiger Sharks were busy this year winning dual meets, setting varsity records, acheiving All-

Amercian status and even winning a national event — all in one swim season.

The Sharks earned a 7-0 conference dual meet record, set light varsity records and placed second in the New South Intercollegiate Swim League Conference. Coach Jim Dann did not think the Sharks had a chance against Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference rival Henderson State this year. "It was very exciting to beat Henderson in two dual meets this year," said Dann.

Other highlights, Dann pointed out, were placing tenth at the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics meet in Canton, Ohio and Keith Sangalli winning the 100-yard freestyle at

"It was very exciting to beat Henderson in two dual meets this year."

-- Coach Jim Dann

nationals.

Sangalli also achieved NAIA All-Amercian in the 20,100 and 200 yard breaststroke. Lance Butler was an honorable mention All-American in the 100 and 200 yard breaststroke. Butler and Sangalli were both academic All-Americans. Another All-American award went to the men's relay team.

The Lady Sharks, officially a team for the first season, placed twenty-second at nationals with Chantal Meyers and Cindy Billings competing. The ladies team had a conference dual meet record of 5-4 and set eight varsity records. They were also fifth in the NSISL conference.

Meyers achieved All-American honors in the 100 and 200 yard breaststroke at Nationals; and Billings was honorable mention in the 200-yard backstroke.





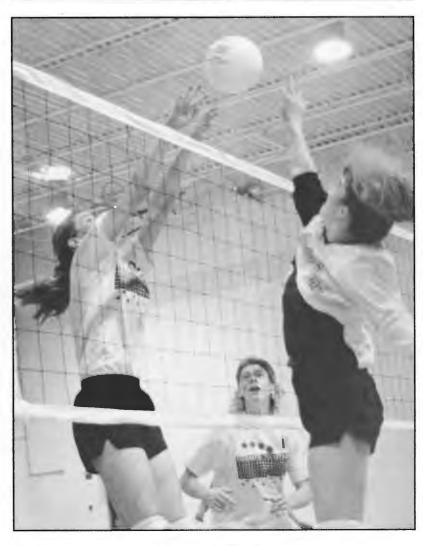
At a home meet, Mark Baggett,
Millie Crawford and Wes
Wilson cheer on Lance Butler.
Lance was a third year team member.

Preparing for a head to head confrontation with a Henderson State swimmer, Chantal Meyers concentrates before the gun sounds. Meyers was competing in the 4 X 100 freestyle relay.

### AIC Final Standings

- Harding Southern Ark (tie)
   Ark. Tech
- 4. Henderson
- 5. OBU UCA
- 7. Hendrix

olleyball team members congratulate each other on a victory. The game was played on their home court.



oing head to head at the net, Jenny Taylor pushes the ball past a UCA Bears team member. The Tigerettes finished tied for fifth place in the AIC with UCA.

aking the shot count, Rhonda Fiser spikes the ball for a point. Rhonda was a junior captain along with Belinda Burnett for the Tigerettes.



### The art of and losing

With a strong reputation to live up to before the season even started, the Tigerettes had a hard time fulfilling many people's expectations

he Tigerette volleyball team went into the preseason with high hopes and the unofficial conference label of the "Team to Beat." Their reputation as a hard-fighting NAIA championship team had followed them into their fresh season. With the leadership of two returning starters, the team found this a hard title to live up to and even harder to match.

The Tigerettes began the crucial rebuilding period in early August with five sophomores and four freshmen rounding out the roster. Freshman player Terrence Mayfield said, "We were working very hard during two-a-days. We knew we would have a hard time in conference play, so we tried to get a little better with every practice."

Under the leadership of senior captain Barbara Adkins and junior captains Rhonda Fiser and Belinda Burnett, the Tigerettes headed into their first matches at the highly competitive Southern Arkansas University Women's Volleyball Tournament in Magnelia

The team returned to Ouachita with their first wins, but also their first defeats.

Coach Tona Wright said, "We did not do as well as we had expected." We had one particularly good match, but so many

things went wrong." The first teams to fall victim to the Tigerettes were Pasadena, Texas' San Jacinto Junior College (10-15, 15-8, 16-14) and Centenary College of Louisiana (15-9, 15-7, 15-12).

The Tigerettes shot into their conference schedule with three straight victories over Arkansas Tech University, the University of Central Arkansas, and Hendrix College. Their perfect record was scarred by Harding University in the fourth conference match, however. The game was close, Wright commented afterward. "We felt like we had our game together this time and knew how to beat them," said Wright. She also said that the Tigerettes did not perform as well as they had in previous matches.

Later in the season, the Tigerettes dropped a decision in their "Battle of the Ravine" to the fourth-ranked Henderson State University Lady Reddies (15-10, 3-15,11-15,15-12). Wright, making no excuses for the loss, said, "We simply didn't play good defense against Henderson—a team with a strong offense." The loss dropped OBU to 3-2 in conference play and 6-12 overall.

At the tail end of the conference schedule, the Tigerettes were again defeated by HSU (15-12, 12-15, 8-15, 12-15). This loss ended OBU's season, for the upset dropped the team to fifth place in

the AIC and cost the Tigerettes a bid to play in the NAIA District 17 Volleyball Tournament. The lost bid was surrounded by a bit of controversy, since Ouachita was tied for fifth place with the University of Central Arkansas. The NAIA Executive Committee, after ruling that the teams had indeed ended the season tied, settled the final tournament bid slot with a coin toss. Unfortunately, the coin fell in favor of UCA. Ouachita finished with a final record of 8-25.

Wright didn't see the entire situation as a loss, however. She saw great promise in her returning players for the next season. "I believe that we've built a solid foundation for next year's competition," said Wright. The Tigerettes should be returning all but two players: senior Barbara Adkins and freshman Terrence Mayfield.

One player was singled out at the season's end for her exceptional skills and playing among the entire conference. Tigerette co-captain Rhonda Fiser was named to the 1989 All-Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference Volleyball Team. This could prove to be one of the first bright spots for the Tigerettes' next season. Fiser will be returning as the team gives the conference a run for its money and regains it title as the "Team to Beat."—by Beth Rash



Giving a few final instructions, coach Tona Wright motivates players for the rest of the game.

The Tigerettes final record was 8-25.

# of a lifetime

With only five team members returning, Coach Bob Gravett had only one main goal, finish better than last year; they did just that with a second place finish in the AIC

ith only five veterans the cross country team expected a challenge as they prepared to improve on their

fifth place finish the year before. "We just wanted to improve on last year's finish. We accomplished the goals we set at the first of the year," Coach Gravett said. The team finished second in the conference.

Though Gravett was expecting leadership to come from his older team members, freshman Johnny Kelly turned out to be the real leader. Kelly was the lead scorer in most of the meets. He place sixth in the AIC district meet.

Kelly shared the leaders position with sophomore Michael Baird. Baird also took the lead for the Tigers in a few of the meets. He place seventh behind Kelly in

"We just wanted to improve on last year's finish. We accomplished the goals we set at the first of the year."

-- Coach Bob Gravett

the District meet. Baird and Kelly wer both named to the All-AIC cross country team.

The experience on the team came from Glen Hudnall who was a 1987 national qualifier. Hudnall

did not have the season he had hoped. He finished in a disappointing 25th place in the district

Junior Tony Thompson and sophomore Jed Densman were the middle men for the team. They finished in the middle of the pack at most of the meets helping the point spread.

The other two members of the team are expected to have better seasons next year. Sophomore David Higgs and freshman Howard Rogers gained experience to help them in the next season.

With freshman and sophomore leaders, Gravett had even higher hopes for the next year .-by Kim Beyers



B. Ocken

fter hearing the gun, Tiger team members run along with the rest of the pack. OBU had five returning team members.

t a conference meet, two Tiger team members beat out two HSU team members. The Tigers finished second in the AIC, HSU finished sixth.



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### CROSS COUNTRY

### **AIC Final Standings**

- Harding
   OBU
   UAM
   Henderson

- 4. Henderson5. UCA6. SAU7. Univ. of the Ozarks8. Hendrix9. Arkansas college



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A victory for Ouachita is chalked up as they beat Harding to the finish line. Harding finsihed third in the standings behind OBU.

### INDIVIDA La lent reigns

Although the team didn't reach their desired destination, OBU still had a track team the other Arkansas schools envied

rack coach Dr. Bob Gravett hit the nail on the head when he made his predictions for the track team: "I'm

really excited about this team because I feel we have extremely good potential to do well,"said Gravett. Gravett was the head coach for the Tigers, and he was proud to say so.

The team members were given three weeks off at the beginning of the year, but when practice started they were expected to put forth their best. The dedicated runners could be seen every weekday from three-fifteen to five o'clock pacing around in the "mosquito pit."

The first indoor meet in Kansas City, Missouri, proved victorious for the Tigers. They finished fourth overall at the competition officially known as NAIA District 17 Indoor Championship Meet.

Rogers Gaines characterized the event by being named an All-American. He received this honor by finishing sixth in the long jump and third in the triple jump. His

"When you put those kinds of runners together, you usually end up with a pretty decent team."

--Pat Hale

score on the triple jump was his best mark of the year.

Individual talent gave the track team a running start.

"Most of our track members were placed second or third in high school," said Pat Hale. "When you put those kinds of runners together, you usually end up with a pretty decent team."

Hale was part of a quintet that finished eighth in the NAIA

mile relay. The other three were Kevin Clark, Marcus Goodner and Jon Guydon.

At the AIC Outdoor Track and Field Championship Meet in Searcy, the track team fell just short of its goal to become 1990 Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference champions. They ranked under the University of Central Arkansas (score: 147) at 131.5.

Even though they didn't quite reach their desired destination, the Tigers had a track representation that many schools in Arkansas envied. Second place at AIC competition was nothing to frown upon, and it only left room for improvement in years to come.

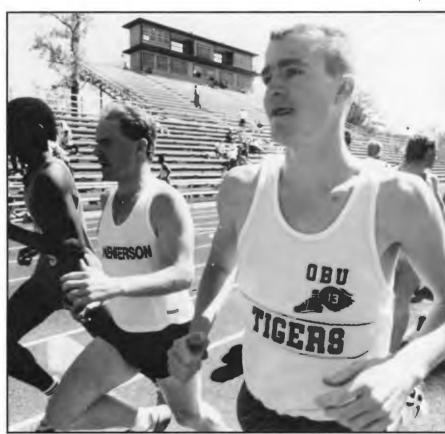
--by Rachael Ward

ean Morrell finishes a high jump of 6'6" at the OBU invitational track meet. The track team won the over-all title by a landslide.





Vaulting over the top, Tim Worthen completes another round of competition. Worthen was a senior team member.



Running next to a Henderson State University sprinter, Michael Baird completes another lap around the track. Baird also competed on the cross country team.

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Although there was only one conference win during the season, new basketball coach Mike Reynolds wasn't disappointed with his first year

iger fans saw exciting games, but unfortunately for the Tiger's they were usually on the losing end of

the excitement.

The season turned out to be a repeat of the previous one. The Tigers won their first game of the season against the University of Dallas, 97-90, November 13. They lost their next three away games. Two of the losses came in the Comfort Inn Classic held in Bethany, Oklahoma. There they were defeated by Oklahoma Christian College and Southern Nazarene University.

The Tigers returned home for a victory against Wiley College, 102-65. This was the highest

scoring game for the Tigers. They them traveled to Marshall Texas to defeat Wiley on their home court. Philander Smith College tracelled to Arkadelphia to give the Tigers another wim. There last non-conference pre-season game was a loss to Centenary College, 80-115.

Conference play started Dec. 4, against Southern Arkansas University. After a defeat in Magnolia, the Tigers came home to gain their only conference win of the season. They defeated UA-Monticello 74-60. The Tigers then defeated East Texas Baptist University in a close game, 83-80. This was their last win of the season.

The Tigers struggled through the rest of the season with no victories, only heartbreaking

defeats. Their new coach Mike Reynolds was not disappointed in his first season but hopeful for the next year.

Highlights of the year for the team included two top honors for two of of its members. Todd Denton was named to the AIC Freshman Basketball Team. Senior Justin Gilbert, a four year letterman, was selected as a NAIA Men's Basketball Scholar Athlete.

Gilbert and forward Rodney Wade led the Tigers in points per game. Wade was also the leading rebounder for the Tigers. Terry Wesley had more tham 63 assists for the year.

The Tigers were hopeful for the new season even though they lost star forward Justin Gilbert. by Kim Beyers



B. Ocken

Putting the heat on an opposing player, Kevin Green tries to steal the ball. Green was a sophomore from Camden.

Cour-year letterman Justin Gilbert tips the ball in for the score. Gilbert, along with Rodney Wade, led the Tigers in points per game.





### MEN'S BASKETBALL

Univ. of Dallas	97-90
East Texas Baptist	88-104
Ok. Christian College	83-122
Southern Nazarene Univ.	70-88
Wiley College	102-65
Wiley College	86-58
Philander Smith College	84-72
Centenary College	80-115
SAU	55-76
UAM	74-60
East Texas Baptist Univ.	83-80
Dury College	63-70
Northwest Mo. State Univ.	62-72
Hendrix	67-71
Harding	55-64
Arkansas College	46-58
Ark. Tech.	59-96
Henderson	57-78
UCA	61-110
Univ. of the Ozarks	61-69
SAU	83-98
UAM	66-69
Hendrix	87-94
Harding	65-74
Arkansas College	64-73
Ark. Tech.	64-66
Henderson	79-92
UCA	70-71
Univ. of the Ozarks	86-103



During a time-out, coach Mike

Renyolds gives instructions to his players. The Tigers won one conference game.



odging an opponent's block, Terry Wesley passes the ball. Wesley came away with 63 assists for the year.

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L cooking for an open guard, center Jennifer Thompson executes a play. Thompson was a freshman on the team.

ora Jackson aims from the three point line as she tries to avoid the dual block of opponents. Her deep concentration proved to be a successful attempt.







# COMEDACK of the year

Good recruiting season gives Tigerettes a fifth place finish, and a new hope for next season

hey're not on the bottom anymore. The women's basketball team made an outstanding comeback after a

few seasons in the hole, to finish tied for fifth place in the conference.

"We had a good recruiting year," said Coach Virginia Honnell. Added to the team were Joanie Stevens, Jennifer Thompson, Wendy Norwood and, returning after a season, Angela Burch.

The team missed the playoff competition due to a tie breaker based on the season's record.

"We came from the bottom to the middle of the pack," said Honnell. "Our main goal was to gain confidence and come together as a team." The previous year the women's basketball team had only one victory. This year, with new recruits and returning seniors Lora Jackson, Tracie Garner and Nona Aldridge, they un-

"We came from the bottom to the middle of the pack."

-- Coach Honnell

leashed more firing power on their opponents.

The toughest competition was Arkansas Tech and University of Arkansas at Monticello. UAM was the more experienced team with five seniors and finished second in the nation.

"We accomplished our

goal," Honnell said, "to mature and grow as a unit. I was disappointed that we didn't make the tournament, but we're building for the future."

Garner and Burch received honorable mentions in the AIC while Norwood and Stevens provided team leadership.

"This year was a learning experience," said Thompson.
"I look forward to next year and hopefully we will surprise a lot of people. We would greatly appreciate the support of the students and the community."

With the right returning players the team set its sights on more improvement and greater things next season. They're definitely not on the bottom and they're not looking back.—by Naomi Mercer



Tigerettes Mona Aldridge, Traci Watson and Joanie Stevens fight for the ball as the final seconds tick off the clock before halftime. The struggle paid off at the Tigerettes were victorious over the UCA Sugarbears.

ora Jackson and Angela Burch block the second freethrow.

The Tigerettes improved their record over last year.

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A unique combination of OBU and HSU students joined forces to fulfill a disire to have a competitive soccer team and show off their talent

hat sport had foundations in the Grecian Empire and could possibly be the oldest team

sport in recorded history? What sport was not sanctioned until the seventeenth century under King James I? What international sport attracted a number of students? The sport was soccer, an activity which stressed teamwork, endurance, technique and concentration.

The soccer club was basically a group of interested students who met to learn about soccer from and with one another. The members of the club followed the guidance of a player/coach who scheduled and organized the games. This group was open to anyone who wanted to play soccer. A number of Henderson State

University students and OBU graduates occasionally competed with the team. It was one way that a diversified group of stu-

"We have a young soccer team, but we're improving. We simply need time to improve."

--Simon Storer

dents were able to meet and compete in a common area.

The 1989-'90 season was a "building time."

"We had a good attitude toward handling tough situations," said the team's player/ coach, Terry Sergeant. ""It seemed that while a number of our players were freshmen who lacked experience but worked hard to improve, our opponents were also improving."

Competing with a number of other teams, the club finished with a 3-8-1 record. A better record would come with time.

"We have a young soccer team, but we're improving," said Simon Storer. "We simply need time to improve."

As its members dedicated more time and energy to the team's success, the soccer club continued to gain the attention and the support of other students. It was a special organization which provided a great environment for learning the techniques of soccer, for participating as a player on an athletic team, and for meeting a different part of the Ouachita family.

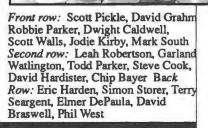
--by Jeremy Bell



A fight for the ball ensues as Eric Herndon tries to gain leverage over his opponent. The team was made up jointly of OBU and HSU students.



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Phil West drives the ball up to attack the opposing goal. The game was against the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

E lmer DePaula gains the upper hand as he steals the ball from and attacking player. Depaula played the position of forward.

### The thrill of Control of Control

With the help of experienced freshman players, the tennis team was able to pull themselves out of a rut, and into higher state rankings

T

hetennisteam had high hopes of making a good name for Ouachita in the world of tennis.

"High hopes are always a good thing, but you have to turn those hopes into reality," said Jay Heflin, summing up the teams attitude. They didn't wait around for something good to happen; they realized early in the school year that they would have to make it happen.

Practice for the two teams started early in the fall: for the guys it was with the swim coach, Jim Dann and Assistant Coach Dave Ozmun. Ozmun, a professor in the Communication department, had a special interest in tennis. He and Coach Dann got together and planned a routine that not only made the players better at their game, but also improved their overall physical condition.

Coach Dann increased the players' stamina through weight training, and he also got them on a running program. Dave Ozmun was the on-court specialist. He helped the players with their techniques, such as serving and de-

veloping a strong backhand.

Prior to this season, the team never began preparation in the fall. They waited until spring and rushed around to get up a good team. Working out early in the year enabled them to stay in shape and prepared them for the season. Apparently, the training paid off

The men's team finished third in the Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference, and third in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics District Seventeen Tournament. This was a far cry from their previous record in which they finished dead last in both competitions.

The women's tennis team, coached by Tona Wright, was equally dedicated. Their conditioning in the fall was made evident when they were put to the real test in late February. The ladies ended up as the AIC Conference Champs for the second year in a row, which was the second time in the history of Ouachita they received the honor.

"We couldn't have done it without our coach," said Melissa Carrier. "Ms. Wright works our tails off, but it is fun and we see the results." When the OBU Women's Tennis Team went to district, everyone placed and was seated individually. According to Coach Wright, this was the first time all members obtained a seat.

The top four men players were freshmen. The addition of new talent helped the team become better as a whole. The number one player was Jay Heflin and the number two seat was held by Michael Molin, an exchange student from Sweden.

"In Sweden, there were 50 to 60 players under one coach's guidance," Molinsaid. "Here at Ouachita I have a chance to get one-on-one help with my rough spots."

In adjusting to American tennis, Michael had the most trouble getting used to the weather.

"The game itself isn't any more difficult, I'm just not used to the heat," said Michael.

The Ouachita Tigers tore up the court when it came to tennis and got out of a rut in state rankings. The teams grew in quality and they also grew closer to each other through being able to experience the feeling of victory together.—by Rachael Ward

A t an afternoon pracitce, Mike Doyle concentrates on returning the ball. Mike was a freshman on the team.





### TENNIC 1990



Front row: Chris Maloch, Michael Molin, Chess Hutchins, Adam Jones Back Row: Steve Brawner, Jeff Hall, Dan Hill, Mike Doyle, Jay Heflin



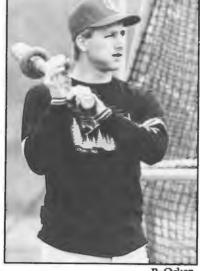
Johnson

hris Maloch lets out a scream as he launches the ball to his opponent. Chris transferred in at the spring semester.

With a leap and strong return, Shannon Brunner sends the ball back across the net. Tona Wright was the women's tennis coach.

uring batting practice, Randy Green watches and waits for his turn to bat. The Tiger's practice. paid off for them with a third place finish in the AIC.

After running in from the outfield, Lance Eads makes a diving catch for the ball. After missing the ball, the player was called safe at second base.



B. Ocken



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uring the first inning of a home game, Kyle Ratliff pitches to his opponent. Ratliff finished the year with a 7-4 record.

elebrating after a hard fought game, Marty Smith gives Andy Jayroe a "high-five" as they walk off the field. The Tiger's final record was 19-20.



B. Ocken



# A J All all odds

Picked to finish last before the season began, the Tigers fought back to come away with a third-place finish in the AIC

he Tiger baseball season can be summed up with an old cliche'...
"close but no cigar." OBU was two outs away from the NAIA District 17 Championship.

Picked to finish last in the Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference by league coaches, Van Barrett's Tigers battled the odds all year long to finish third in the AIC regular season race behind powerful Southern Arkansas University and Arkansas Tech.

The third-place finish earned the Tigers a spot in the four team AIC tournament that decided the District 17 Champions. It was the Tigers first tournament apperance in seven years. OBU played a beautiful tourney, including a thrilling 16-14 victoryover second-seed Arkansas Tech University. That game saw the Tigers come back from an early 6-1 deficit. It set up a showdown with the top-seed SAUMuleriders who entered

the tournament with a 20-4 conference mark. "Pray for rain," was Coach Barrett's comment after the game as OBU had played nine games in four days.

It didn't rain and the Tigers' adrenalin overshadowed their fatigue as they upset the seemingly invincible Muleriders12-9. The victory placed the Tigers one win away from the District championship.

OBU faced the fourth seed University of Arkansas at Monticellor squad and the trip to Jacksonville, Florida to play in the NAIA Region 5 tournament seemed to be in hand as the Tigers took an early4-0 lead. The Tigers had a 7-2 cushion by the end of the fifth, things began to go wrong for this over-achieving team. UAM chipped away at the lead and entered the ninth trailing 7-5. Three-time All-AIC performer Kyle Ratliff relieved his fellow all-AIC teammate Randy Green, and retired the first batter he faced. Two outs away. Ratliff walked

the next batter, setting up a possible double play, but Arkansas-Monticello's Jeffery Orr sent the second pitchover the 402-foot mark in centefield to tie the game at 7-7. UAM took the 8-7 lead in inning twelve on a hotly contsted call at the plate. OBU tried it in the top of the 13th, but the Weevils won it in the bottom of that inning.

Even in the loss, the Tiger baseball team had its most number of wins in five years, ending the season with a record of 19-20 and a 12-12 mark in the AIC. Their third place finish was the best for OBU since 1980 when they were in a two-way tie for third.

Besides Ratliff, who finished the year with a 7-4 record, and Green who carried a .346 batting average, first baseman Marty Smith, .363, and infielder Jason Harris, .327, were named to the All-AIC baseball team. Sid Holloway was named as an Honorable Mention member to the team.—by Dana Caldwell

### BASERALL

### **AIC Final Standings**

- 1. SAU
- 2. Ark. Tech
- 3. OBU
- 4. UAM
- 5. UCA
- 6. Henderson
- 7. Harding



### **RUN FOR THE BORDER**

Track team members get together at Taco Bell for dinner on Sunday.

The bond formed between team members during the playing season was hard to break after the final meet.



### TOGETHER THROUGH

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After an entire season of winning and losing, team members found it almost impossible to drift apart after that final game

he family that plays together stays gether." This phrase could have been used as a motto of any team on campus, as each displayed it's family togetherness in most aspects of college life. But this idea was much easier said than done. Sometimes a little extra something was needed to boost the "team-family" spirit. That something could do a lot more than conquer boredom—it could mold a team into winners.

Teams seemed to spend as much or more time together outside of practice and competition. This paid off according to soccer team member Simon Storer. He said that the team was always together-going to the lake, eating pizza, and playing video games. It's due to their solid friendship that "the team doesn't play like separate people, we play like one man," said Simon.

The football team stuck together around campus as well as during competition. Players could be found in groups at any given time: eating meals, working out in the weight room, or studying in the library. Freshman Frank Roach said it was more than just football that kept them together. "When we live with each other day in and day out, we find out a lot of things we have in common. That makes us better friends," said Frank. This unity helped them on the field. "We learn everybody's personalities, so in case someone needs to be calmed down on the field, everybody knows instantly how to calm him down," said Frank.

The time spent off the court or out of the pool could ultimately prove to be more effective at the seasons' end. Tigerette Jennifer Thompson said, "Since we all got to know each other more before basketball started and we met the players we didn't really know before, I think our season will be better. It could be the difference between a win and a loss." She said that this knowledge improved their statistics because all the players had a good idea how the others would react to certain plays when they were run during a game.

Several coaches also got into the friendship scheme by organizing pre-season team cookouts and camping trips at Lake DeGray. Before their conference schedules started, the women's volleyball and basketball teams plus the Tiger Sharks swimming and diving team all had a chance to break from rigorous practices and have a party at the lake. Members of the Tigerette volleyball team were treated to a hamburger supper to celebrate the end of their first phase of training. To get acquainted before their season began, Tigerette basketball players got together for a weekend of skiing, swimming, and sunning. Varsity swimmers and divers gave up their chlorine and bathing caps to enjoy the natural refreshment of the lake.

Freshman swimmer Millie Crawford said, "Our next practices were a blast. Everybody was so laid back and friendly after being together for the entire weekend."

Many teams seemed to prosper when these new "training regiments" were introduced into their program. Sports all over campus flourished under the strong bonds of friendship that held these teams together. And the athletes were most happy about the fact that this "drill" requires no rigorous physical activity at all.--by Beth Rash



Playing in front of Mabee Fine Arts Centers, John Davis aims for the next target. Players had to watch for pedestrians, so that there were no injuries.



A pproximatly halfway through a game, a frisbee golf player picks his frisbee up after a throw. The game involved hitting selected targets with the disc.





### On the lookout for

# Droper Pecognition

When the final bell tolled, Ouachita's athletes headed for their respective playing fields. Some went to the football field, some to the volleyball court. Still others went to the soccer field or the intramural field. One group headed directly for campus.

The participants of the most visible, yet overlooked, sport of frisbee golf could possibly have been the last of the true athletes. You might have laughed at that statement, but when you take a closer look, you may become a believer. These players did not play for the trophies or the glory that others played for. They played for the fun of it.

They also played with total sportsman's attitudes. They didn't care if you could throw the frisbee across campus, or roll it across. "I try to play, but I am not very good," said Chris Rhinehart

This sport was a spectator sport as well. This event could be seen by anyone just walking across campus. This, however, was not always an advantage. At times, innocent bystanders could become involved, though not necessarily by choice.

This sport had it all—action, excitement, and fun. When else was it permissible to throw

objects at campus buildings or the war memorial? Yes, the sport of frisbee golf had every-

thing—almost. The biggest thing that frisbee golf

lacked was recognition. Ken Gibson said, "Frisbee golf is the premier sport at Ouachita, and should be funded right up there with football!" The likelihood of that, however, was virtually non-existent.

The highly visible sport of frisbee golf was one of

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the most interesting traditions at Ouachita. Every day players could be seen concentrating on their next target; and as the sun went down, the frisbees flew their straight or crooked paths.



A ttempting to advance to the next marker, Donnie Smith gives his frisbee a fling. The frisbee golf playing field was the plaza in front of Evans Student Center. R unning with the football, Shelly Parcel looks for a hole in the defense of the opposing team. Intramural football games were played at the soccer field.



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reg Kendrick smashes the ball against the V.I.P.s in intramural volleyball. Intramural volleyball was played during the fall.



# Attempting total

Intramurals offered students not participating in varsity sports the oppo.rtunity to show off their athelitic abilities

ome on! Admit it!
You know you didn't crack the books until ten at the very earliest.
And if you got out of class at 3:00 (at the very latest) that left about seven hours with nothing to do.

Okay, that may not have been totally accurate, but how else could a person justify the number of students who consistently showed up for the intramural games?

Could it have been study breaks? That was the oldest excuse in the book, but, hey, it worked!

Could it have been greed? Many competitors loved the power they felt when they were totally dominating another team.

"I played because I liked to win, and I liked the competition," said Matt Stewart.

Could it have been just to have a good time? Whatever the reason, many students jumped at the chance to compete in flag football, volleyball, basketball and softball.

In football, the rules stated that there was to be no contact. Obviously, many felt that rules were meant to be broken. From bumped heads to sprained ankles and bruised shoulders to broken legs, the action was intense. Surprisingly, the female competitors incurred just as many injuries as the males.

If anyone wanted a championship T-shirt, Coach Barrett, the

intramurals director, would explain how to get one.

"Just find three girls who can play volleyball and any three guys, and you've got it made," he said. This held true for the co-ed division, anyway.

As for basketball, Chuck Hargett proved to be Ouachita's Joe Theisman. Some people thought football was rough, but it was basketball that led to Chuck's broken leg.

The intramural teams ranged from a group of good friends who got together for fun to intense rivalries between the social clubs. Whatever their reasons for playing, the students who participated made the games an important part of the athletic and social life of Ouachita.



A ttempting to block a pass, Jeff Garrison rushes the opposing quaterback. Flag football was one of the most popular intramural sports.

### Well worth the HORINA H

After the namy of hours practicing, cheerleading and pomp pon squad members find themselves becoming a family

f any cheerleader or pom pon squad member were asked what their job required, she would have said hard work and a lot of time. Then she would have added that all the fun the group had was worth the effort.

The activities required time for practicing and performing. The time shared among either squad helped the members get to know each other, become friends, and work together for their com-

mon purpose.

Senior Connie McWilliams, co-captain of the pom pon squad, said that she enjoyed meeting new girls and learning to be a leader of the squad. Senior Suzanne Bushmiaer, captain of the cheerleading squad, said, "I'm sad that this is my last year. I have cheered for so long, but cheerleading doesn't go on forever. I'm glad that Ouachita has been a part of my cheerleading experience."

Both squads also worked to build spirit on campus.

Pom pon squad member Holly Clark said, "Being on the poms brought me closer to the student body by promoting spirit."

Another opportunity that these activities provided was a chance to be involved. "I enjoy sports, and cheerleading allowed me to be involved in athletics," said cheerleader Pamela Jayroe.

For whatever reason, members of the pom pon and cheerleading squads agreed that their efforts paid off. —by Paula Jayroe



oubling as a cheerleader, Mac Sisson goes over some information with a member of the pom pon squad.



iving the crowd something to cheer about is Tonya Reed.
Girls on the pom pon squad were always there with the cheerleaders to promote school spirit.



Putting on a show for the crowd is Joy Vandiver. Joy was just one of the cheerleaders who were there to cheer on Tigers.



uring a Tiger basketball game, the cheerleaders help raise spirit. The squad was always around for Tiger events.

## Campus C. H. I. M. E. S

hey were inspiring, heart-warming, elegant and pure.
They were refreshing,

joyful, cleansing and priceless. Every hour they sounded from early morning to early evening, reminding us of where we were, who we served, and that we really didn't know the words to the school song. When we stopped and realized the necessity and beauty of the chimes that faithfully rang from Berry Bible Building, could we have ever imagined a campus without them?

Think about it. No telling how long the professors would have kept us in class if the chimes didn't sound. If you were like us, we started gathering our books right when we heard them. Or, what would we have done without that twelve bong break on Tuesday or Thursday in our Old and New Testament classes? And without the chimes, there would have been nothing to scare us half to death as we walked by Berry Bible Building.

The community would not have been the same either. The chimes were heard as far north as Druid Hills and as far south as Second Baptist Church. The nursing home downtown even had patients who timed their medication

with the hourly reminders of the chimes.

Here on campus, opinion varied about the chimes. Most were generally supportive, recognizing the usefulness as well as the timelessness of the chimes.

"Every time I hear the bells, it reminds me of how lucky I am to be experiencing the best of life—all that Ouachita has to offer," said sophomore Kyle Collier.

Then there were the critics, but even these people realized that they could not do without the chimes.

"Now those eight o'clock chimes have gotta go,"said Nick Tyler, a senior from Springdale, "but every once in a while, like when they play a hymn like 'The Old Rugged Cross', it really makes you stop and think." He added again, "But not at eight o'clock in the morning."

But the chimes were not only connected to the students and community, but to the faculty as well.

"For a Baptist campus, I just think that they're the greatest thing," said Ed Coulter, Vice President for Administration. Coulter was responsible for heading up the furbishing of the old chimes that were installed over 30 years ago.

The old chime system got so run down, it had to be completely shut down in the

fall of 1979. After two years of a somewhat silent Ouachita campus, the university purchased the state-of-the-art chime system that's still in use.

"It was dead without the chimes," Coulter said, "I'm glad we finally did something about it."

Just as Nick Tyler mentioned earlier, students and faculty alike focused on the connection the chimes make to their religious beliefs.

"They remind me of my childhood. All those hymns I learned at church when I was a little girl," said Sheila Leslie, a senior from Benton.

"Well, it depends on if I'm taking a nap or not. If I'm not, I really like the chimes," said Cindi Price, a senior from Dallas. "Whenever I hear a hymn while walking to class, the pathway I'm on becomes like the path of righteousness and the hymns are kind of like bombarding through my head and it's so cool."

No matter what anyone said about it, it seemed that the sounding of the chimes was a beautiful display of the true essence of Ouachita.

Dr. George Keck, professor of music said it best.
"The chimes remind us of who we are. They give us a sense of community and tell us of our connections to each other and to the wider world."—By Chuck Hargett and Jay Beard



### Kyle Collier--

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GOING TO THE CHAPEL • • • At 12 noon, many students gather at the chapel for a Noonday service. Noonday was a daily service sponsored by the Baptist Student Union.

IN THE SHADOWS • • With a special effect created by photographers Bob Ocken and Sharon Roper, the moon lurks behind the Berry Chapel steepel and chimes.. The current chimes have been used since 1979.

# Campus B. R. I. D. G. E.

eaching back with his arm like an olympic discus thrower, he took a

step, flicked his wrist, and hurled the saltine cracker into the ravine. For the third consecutive day in a row, he had beaten his challengers in the daily "Pedestrian Bridge Cracker Toss Competition."

This scene was a common one on Ouachita's pedestrian bridge that connected the north campus, which housed the athletic facilities and several men's dorms, to the main campus. Built for student convenience in 1977, the bridge inherited its place as a campus institution.

In the thirteen years

since the bridge was built, an estimate (a very rough one) showed it carried around 4,000,000 pedestrians. The estimate did not include the increased traffic in the last two years that was a result of stricter parking rules.

In 1987, during a fierce thunderstorm, a giant oak tree crashed into the bridge and obstructed pedestrian use. The "inconvenience" almost thrust the campus' social structure into a whirlwind of chaos. Students had to walk around to the main road in order to cross the ravine. During this time, many students came to appreciate the bridge as more than just a convenience.

The bridge served as a meeting place for dates, social club activities, and late-night "run-throughs." It also pro-

vided added opportunities for repellers, cracker toss enthusiasts, and local skateboarders. Senior Kent Smith called it "the tendon that connects the academic to its physical fitness counterpart." Senior Richard McCormac said, "It is the rope that ties the males to the females on campus." Both said campus wouldn't be the same without it.

Certainly, students all found joy in the use of the pedestrian bridge. In years to come, as they look back on their days at Ouachita, they will think of the time spent on the pedestrian bridge. One might even say it was the stitch that held the very fiber of this institution together. Okay, maybe not. But it's a cool bridge anyway. —by Darrell Potts



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WALKING THE RAVINE • • • On his way to breakfast, Wade Tomlinson crosses from Daniel dormitory to the main campus. The pedestrian bridge was erected in 1977.



### Richard McCormac--

"It is the rope that ties the males to the females on campus."





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WEARY AND RESTING • • • The bridge was a lonly place on weekends when a majority of students were at home. The bridge connected the north campus to the main campus.

MID-DAY RUSH • • During the morning classes, the bridge was seldom empty of students. The bridge was temporarily out of commission at one point in time when a tree fell across the structure.

### Campus T. I. G. E. R'S T. A. I. L

omeone's got the Tiger by the Tail, but the cat's got their tongue.
The Tiger's

Tail first disappeared in the 1960's, and turned up in Henderson's water fountain. This has led many to believe that a group of Henderson rowdies were the first to steal the Tiger's rear appendage.

The Tail was replaced and stolen, replaced and stolen throughout the years. Each time, the sculptor of the Tiger, B.F. Worley, was called in to mold a new Tail. The sculptor broke this vicious cycle when he refused to make another Tail unless the Tiger was caged or encased in glass. The administration decided that the Tiger had more historical value without its Tail and that a caged mascot would not be a fitting symbol of the Spirit of Ouachita. The Tiger has remained Tail-less ever since.

The annual Ouachita-Henderson "Battle of the Ravine" has been cast as the root of the Tiger's troubles. The Tiger is continually defaced in a rivalry that dates back to 1935, when the Tiger was built. Paint and toilet paper and other assorted pranks are easily dealt with but the loss of the Tiger's Tail is a permanent reminder that the Tiger will never be complete.

For this story, former and current professors and students were contacted, but none could offer any information as to what became of the Tiger's Tail—only circumstancial evidence that it disappeared in the 1960's during a Henderson assault. Some former graduates refused to comment.

After thorough investigation, one inside source revealed that the Tiger's Tail was located in the basement of the Henderson psychology department, while a second source claimed that the Tiger's Tail could be found in the President's office. Another version leads one to believe that a former member of the defunct Alpha Omega Eta men's social club has possession of the original Tail. On occasion students reported

hushed conversations centering around the Tiger's Tail, but all leads point back to the everprevailing rumors.

The only fact that could be rousted up was the art club's reconstruction project of the Tail beginning in 1965. According to Dr. Raouf Halaby of the English department and former member of this club, the project was in vain. In a three year period, the club financed, designed, and mounted a total of four tails, including one made of plaster of Paris and one made of fiberglass. The project that took hours of work was ruined in the shortest amount of time.

"It was a disappointment," said Halaby. "You create something and you hope it will be there; people will take pride in it and enjoy it." The fate of the Tiger's Tail remains shrouded in mystery since those with possible connections to the Tail's disappearance have vowed secrecy. The Tail's demise may never be brought to light, and thus the end of the search because, after all, curiosity killed the cat.-by Naomi Mercer and Gin White

SAFELY GUARDED • • • The Tiger, sculpted by former student, B.F. Worley, guards the campus in front of Riley-Hickingbotham library. The Tiger's Tail was first stolen in the 1960s.



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## Campus OBU HISUU CONNECTION

LINKING UP • • • The presidents of the Student Senates from both universities work together testing the first LINUS computer system. The computer system linked the OBU library to that of HSU by computer.





MAY I HELP YOU? • • Raymond Newton, a HSU student, checks out a book with the help of Jason Beams. The OBU/HSU library link-up was coordinated by the Joint Educational Consortium of Arkadelphia.

RUN FOR YOUR LIFE . . During the homecoming football game, a HSU player lunges for his prey. Due to new scheduling, this particular game was the last time that the two schools will meet on the football field.





### Jeff Christian--

"The LINUS System has helped me out a lot. Now I don't have to run back and forth between libraries as much."

linking into
the large
classroom
and hoping
he wouldn't
be noticed,
he felt like a
defeated sol-

dier on enemy territory who was hoping not to be taken as a prisoner of war. But it was no use. He was readily recognized among those who boldly displayed their colors of red and gray and bore the mark of HSU across their chests. He had been caught and the jeering had begun.

It was the Monday morning after the "Battle of the Ravine," and OBU had lost its own homecoming game by a score of 14-20. Swallowing his pride, he had crossed the ravine to join the Reddies in class. The town's additional college campus that had earlier given him the opportunity to resolve a scheduling conflict had become a misfortune.

The students of HSU and OBU had mixed feelings about having an additional campus in town. There was a natural rivalry between the two because of their proximity. However, there closeness also made a convenient link that strengthened both campuses.

In the event of a scheduling conflict, students could take a course at the other school. Without HSU around, several OBU seniors would have found themselves here for one more semester. With eight hours of a foreign language required for freshmen and sophomores, the two campuses were able to offer a wider variety of courses. Students not interested in taking Spanish or French at OBU could take German at HSU, or vice versa.

This type of opportunity overflowed into the campuses' libraries. Even though OBU's library facilities had improved greatly over the past few years, sometimes it did not have a particular book or enough books on a specific topic to complete a research paper. By combining the resources, students were more than prepared. Also, the card catalogs of the libraries crossreferenced materials available at each facility. The new LINUS system did the same. This system, which was just introduced at both schools, was a computerized card catalog.

The rivals were together outside of class and the libraries, too. Senior education majors who were student teaching ran into one another in the halls of the area public schools. Additional meetings for students were the Joint Educational Consortium lectures. These events, which were educational enrichments for both campuses, were often required and always encouraged by the faculty.

Religious activities also brought the students together. College Sunday School classes were usually representative of

both universities. Church gave students the opportunity to resolve the stereotypes put on those who lived across the street. The Baptist Student Unions from both schools had a cooperative goal of sharing their faith with others. Fellowships between the two served as encouragement to press on toward their goal. Several students from both campuses combined to form the Missionary Baptist Student Fellowship which set its goal at "Keeping Christ on Campus."

With the common activities of the two campuses, some students from the separate campuses began dating or creating friendships. As a part of these relationships, students compared anything from academics to sports of their respective schools. The true test, some said, came when the schools met on the field or on the court. Others believed it came as they competed for jobs. The rivalry was neverending.

One bout of the rivalry that came to an end was "The Battle of the Ravine." Scheduling changes lessened the chances of the Reddies meeting the Tigers on the field ever again.

Surrounded by the enemy, he overcame his feeling of defeat. Walking out of the class with the highest test grade, he was confident of his school. He knew he came from the right side of the tracks. — by Kim Hare



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