



### **HE'S OFF!**

Andy Allison leaps ahead of his opponents in the 4 X 800 relay. Andy ran the last leg of the event. Andy was again named Academic All-American. *Photo by Steve Osmon*

### **HIGH FLYER**

Justin Gilbert goes up for a slam dunk. Gilbert was one of the Tigers' leaders during the season. *Photo by Bob Ocken*



### **SIDELINE CHAT**

Buddy Benson talks over strategy with Ric Wilcox. Benson was the head football coach. *Photo by Becky Combs*





### **END AROUND**

Beth Blakley tries to avoid a "tackle" during an intramural flag football game. Cathy Godfrey watches in the background.

# Unrivaled

## SPORTS

**W**e weren't unbeatable. That's not what unrivaled meant. We were, however, taught more than just winning. It was emphasized in football, intramurals and cheerleading that doing your best and working together was just as important as the final score. "I like building on the team concept," said women's tennis coach Tona Wright. "Working as a team was the only way to develop a person as much as you possibly could."

## TIGERS

Members of the Tiger Football team are: (front) Kyle Collier, Jeff Morrow, Andy Jayroe, Greg Johnson, Eddie Halter, Lamar Trieschmann, Scotty Steed, Randy Biggs, Mark Kehner, (second) David Damron, Greg Wooten, Charles Roady, Jon Miller, Morris Mayers, Jeff Devine, Dave Regan, Jay Hanton, David Zajak, Jason Vaden, (third) Jon Hidy, Frank Johnson, Pat Kelley, Rod

Bryan, Brent Loganbill, Jay Everett, Jeff Sheeler, Scotty McCallister, Jeff Woodall, Jim Haynie, (fourth) Jason Petty, Ric Wilcox, Trey Granier, Jeff Hum, Dale Barnett, Pat Cantrell, Butch Gray, Brian Turner, Jimmy Witherspoon, Greg Rucker, (back) Mark Haywood, Michael Johnson, Michael Hannon, Louis Allen, Larry Burkins, Scott Spainhour, Brian Harbison, Jimmy Johnson, Todd Fry and John Thompson.



*Even with a quality group of seniors returning, the Tigers had a struggling season with a*

# DISAPPOINTING END

The season could almost be summed up by the result of the last game of the season. With the Tigers tied 3 to 3 with cross-street rivals Henderson State, the game was called at half-time due to torrential rains that not only made playing impossible, but dampened the team's spirit at the season finale. It was a disappointing end to a struggling season.

Head Coach Buddy Benson predicted once again that his Tigers would be thin, weak and young. He was, however, blessed with the return of "a fine group of seniors." Benson predicted, "Our success depends on two things: good senior leadership and the ability of incoming freshmen to provide depth."

He did get both of those but it wasn't enough as the Tigers finished 4-5-1 overall and 2-3-1 in the AIC.

Senior Brent Loganbill was a definite strength for the Tigers. He

led the team in scoring with 70, rushing with 332 yards and was second in total offense. Loganbill, who ran fullback and doubled as a kicker, led the team in pass receiving with 167 yards and booted 19 extra points and three field goals.

Another senior plus was the defensive backfield. Seniors Trey Granier and Jeff Hum led the team. Granier, an All-AIC player, led the team in solo tackles with 82 and had 41 assists totaling 123 tackles. Hum was just behind Granier with 45 solos and 42 assists totaling 87.

The defense returned six starters from the 1987 season which gave a lot of strength to the squad.

There were several questions about Tiger offense at the beginning of the season. Benson, whose traditional I-formation offense had relied on the success of its tailback, had to hit the recruiting trail hard.

Junior Greg Johnson was,

who shared the position of fullback with Fitzgerald Fields last season, was the one Benson called on. Johnson scored three touchdowns during the year carrying the ball 74 times for 249 yards.

The Tigers quarterback situation was probably the biggest question at the beginning of the season but new recruit Andy Jayroe came through leading the tossing 729 yards on 108 passes. He completed 51 of those throws with six interceptions and four touchdowns.

The Tigers faced four Oklahoma opponents for its non-conference schedule. The Tigers came away 2-2 with wins over Southwestern Oklahoma and Langston University. The Tigers found AIC competition tough only pulling away victories from Southern Arkansas and Harding. The season ended with unfinished business with Henderson.—By Darrell Potts



## COOL OFF

Ric Wilcox hoses down after a long practice. Ric was a 6-3, 210 pound senior from Cabot. He played defensive end. *Photo by Becky Combs*



## END AROUND

Tailback Greg Johnson stiffarms a UCA defender on a sweep play. Johnson scored three touchdowns during the year rushing 249 yards. *Photo by Becky Combs*

## UP AND OVER

Fullback David Damron leaps over Harding defenders. David was a 6-0, 190 pound freshman from Sheridan. *Photo by Sharon Roper*

## SCOREBOARD

*Season Record: 4-5-1*

*AIC Record: 2-3-1*

SW Oklahoma	17	6
SE Oklahoma	17	32
East Oklahoma	7	21
Southern Ark.	15	10
UA Monticello	7	14
UCA	7	27
Langston	35	8
Arkansas Tech	14	34
Harding	28	14
Henderson	3	3*

*\*Called at halftime due to weather*

*Through rain, sleet or snow, there was  
one group at every game displaying their*

# UNFAILING SPIRIT

**F**rom way up in the bleachers came a resounding "Go D!" Nearby, a small, attractive woman with a big voice jumped to her feet and cheered excitedly with an accent you knew was not from southern Arkansas. If you looked up over your shoulder where this rousing display of team support was coming from, you saw sea of men, stretching across the reserved section, wearing purple shirts and hats with football numbers on them.

Who were these people with unfailing school spirit? They were the parents of the football players, and they were at every game from Monticello to Weatherford, Oklahoma. They came armed and ready to cheer for the Tigers, complete with video cameras, decorative sheathshirts, and siblings in cheerleader outfits.

With a number of players from out-of-state, traveling to Ouachita football games meant every game was a road trip. The Graniers were from Destrehan, Louisiana, a town about 30 miles north of New Orleans. Occasionally they flew to games to watch their son, Trey. To some, this might have seemed to be an inconvenience and a sacrifice of an entire weekend, but Mr. Granier

said, "We gave up a lot of things, but we got a lot by being there."

Mr. Loganbill, who traveled from Richardson, Texas, every week to watch his son, Brent, added, "I wouldn't have wanted to be anywhere else. It made me feel like I'm still 20."

The players' families also showed encouragement in various ways during the week. Mrs. Johnson, mother of senior Jimmy Johnson, sent him a letter everyday, sent him food, and "I let him know that I was proud of him."

Mrs. Devine took time to phone her son, Jeff. "I called him to stay in touch with him, tell him I loved him, to do his best," she said.

Although Brent's father might have been a bit more vocal at football games, Mrs. Loganbill was busy throughout the week, making sure their son knew they were thinking of him. "I send Brent cards," said Mrs. Loganbill. "I've bought so many cards with tigers on them, that now the lady at the card store called me whenever they get a new one in."

After the game was a special time for the players and their families. They gathered at the field house or at the bus following away games.

Words of love and encouragement were heard throughout the crowd. "If Jeff had a good game, we told him he played well. If they lost, we told him that there's always next time and not to be down," said Mrs. Devine.

"I tell Greg that football was like life," said Mr. Rucker. "There were highs and lows and you had to come back, just like in life."

Having their parents at the games meant a great deal to the players. The time spent and the miles traveled are greatly appreciated. "I knew traveling was tough on them, but the support they gave me meant a great deal in my life," said Trey.

Jimmy Johnson added, "I enjoyed spending time with my family because they supported what I did."

Although, for most, weekends meant a rest from the busy work week and time for housework, yardwork, and simply resting, but the Tiger football parents packed their bags, made their travel plans, and hit the road to see their sons play. "It made me feel good to know that I have all their support," said Brent. "It's comforting to know that if I have a bad game or a good game, they were there no matter what."—*By Dina Teague*

## STANDING OVATION

The parent of a Tiger football player applauds the team's efforts. There were numerous parents of players who traveled weekly to watch their sons play. *Photo by Becky Combs*





### **SPRIT LEADERS**

Mrs. Claude Granier, mother of Trey, roots for her son. Trey was one of the Tigers premier defensive players. The Graniers made every trip from their home in Destrehan, LA. Occasionally, to make the games, they had to fly to the city. *Photo by Becky Combs.*



### **PRESERVING MEMORIES**

Robert Wilcox, father of Ric, captures the moments of a game on video tape. Many parents traveled great distances to come watch the Tigers. *Photo by Becky Combs*

## Allison combines studies and athletics for success

1983.

Looking back, it was a time for when many of us were still in high school. But for the NAIA it was the beginning of something big. It was their first year to hand out the Valedictorian of the year award to the swimmer at the national competition with the highest overall grade point average.

A Ouachita student didn't receive honor until 1987 when it was won for the first time by Andy Allison at nationals in Milwaukee, Wisconsin with a grade point of 4.00. The next year in 1988, Andy won again with a 3.50 in Orlando, Florida. And, in 1989 with nationals held in

Milwaukee again, Andy won the title for the third time with a 3.919.

Coach Jim Dann, "Andy was the first swimmer from Ouachita to receive the honor and the first in the nation to receive the award more than once." Andy said that "it really feels good to receive the award every year that I have been swimming since I have been at school here." Andy transferred here in the fall of 1986 from Oklahoma Baptist University. He came here to "swim because Oklahoma did not have a team."

For the Ouachita Tiger Sharks, it was something to be remembered for a long time. —by Lisa Lynch.



■ Andy Allison

## AND THEY'RE OFF

OBU swimmers (near and third lane) take off at a competition at Waggoner pool.

## STRETCH!

Wes Wilson helps Andy Allison limber up before a meet at the OBU's Waggoner pool.



## AWARD WINNER

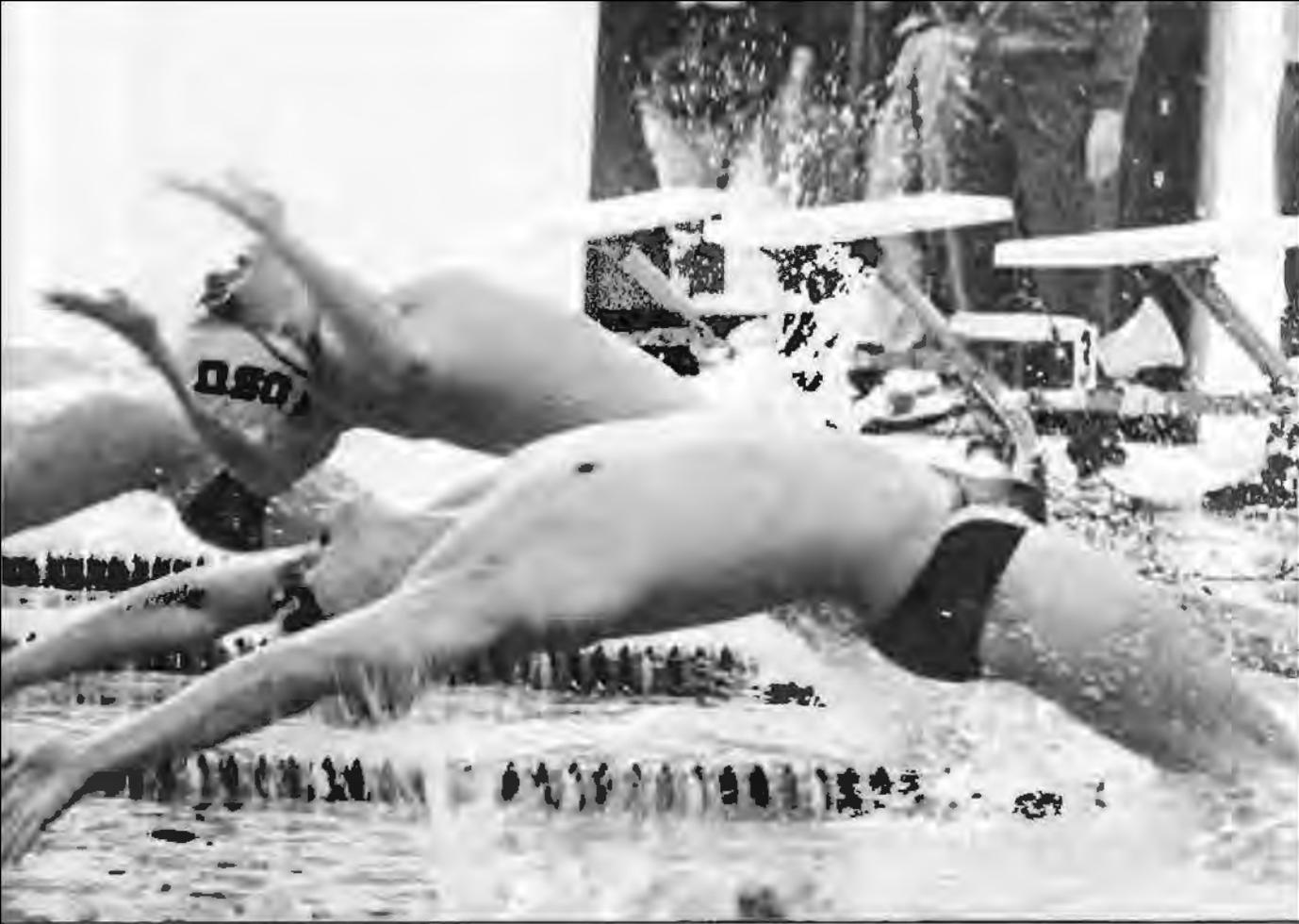
Tanya Cansdale competes in the 1650 free event. Tanya was named All-American in the event.

## SCOREBOARD

Season Record: 7-3  
NSISL Finish: 2nd Place  
NAIA National Ranking: 9th Place

Northeast LA	39	72
Hendrix	83	30
Henderson	51	62
U of A at Little Rock	72	41
Northeast LA	37	75
Austin College	67	34
Henderson	59	54
John Brown Univ.	80	30
Delta State	76	32





*A year of team and personal highs  
was capped off by a ninth place national finish*

# TOP NOTCH SEASON

It was a year of new school records, NAIA All-Americans, a national champion and hours of pain and dedication for the Tiger Sharks.

"Our team season consisted of many team victories and personal goal attainments," said head swim coach coach Jim Dann. Each swim meet was a stepping stone to the ultimate goal of the national competition where the Tiger Sharks placed ninth overall.

Eight new school records were set at the national meet in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Senior Greg Freeman broke both his records in the one meter and three meter diving events winning in both competitions at nationals to become the first-ever national champion for Ouachita swimming. Freeman was also named

the National Diver of the Year by the College Swimming Coaches Association.

This year's eight-time All-American freestyler sophomore Keith Sangali broke his own 100 free record, as well as the 200 free, in which he placed third at nationals.

A new school record and All-American honors were earned by junior Tom Ocken, sophomore Lance Butler, freshman Jason Hart, and Sangalli in the 200 medley relay. The same honors were awarded to the relay team of Sangalli, senior Andy Allison, Hart, and freshman Kevin Plamer in the 200, 400 and 800 free relays.

Six swimmers racked up in the All-American bracket at the national competition: Butler in the 100 and 200 breaststroke; Plamer, Alli-

son, and Hart in the 200 free; sophomore Chantal Meyers in the 200 breaststroke and sophomore Tanya Cansdale in the 1650 free.

For the third consecutive year, Allison proved that swimmers can maintain their academic responsibilities by being named the valedictorian of the Academic All-American team. Allison's cumulative grade point average is 3.919.

The Tiger Sharks own training ground was dedicated to alumni J. Virgil Waggoner on November 11, 1988. The newly named pool was a second home for the Tiger Sharks, as hours were spent there in grueling workouts.

But, the swim season for Ouachita proved to be an excellent performance and one of great accomplishments.—By Cindy Billings

## DEFENSE

Carissa Ross goes up for the block but the ball went out of bounds. Carissa was one of the team members named to the All-AIC and All-NAIA teams.



## SPIKE

Lisa Edwards spikes a return. Lisa was named to the All-AIC and All-NAIA teams for her performances during the year. Carissa Ross and Jean Burns were also named to both of the teams.



*The ability was there all along but through self-confidence the volleyball squad developed a*

# CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM

**W**hen the volleyball team began the 1988 season, head coach Tona Wright knew the team had the potential for a championship season. What the Tigerettes accomplished over a three month period was an AIC title, a District 17 championship and a trip to the national tournament in Topeka, KS. "I knew we could go this far," said Wright. "I knew the possibility was there, but the probability depended on the confidence the girls felt within their own selves."

The Tigerette ended the regular season sharing the AIC title with Southern Arkansas University. The OBU team then won the District 17 Tournament, which placed the Tigerettes in a bi-district tournament with the District 16 champion, Drury College of Springfield, MS. After a hard-fought five games, the Tigerettes earned their way to the national tournament.

The Tigerettes won their first match in the NAIA tournament by

defeating High Point of North Carolina 15-5, 9-15, 15-12. OBU then lost to Southwestern University of Texas, ranked number two nationally, 1-15, 8-15, and to Ft. Lewis of Colorado 15-17, 10-15. The Tigerettes were then eliminated from the tournament following a loss to Western Oregon, ranked sixth nationally, 7-15, 14-16. Despite the loss, Wright "was pleased we played our last match working together and playing consistently." "We should have played better in the third and fourth matches, and we should have beaten Ft. Lewis. Southwestern was definately a much better team individual skill-wise than we were."

Although the Tigerettes did not come home a national champion, they did leave their mark in the record books and in the minds of players, coaches and fans around the nation. "We've proven to ourselves and everyone else that we are a national caliber team," said Wright. This was the first year in OBU history that

the volleyball team has won the AIC title and District 17 championship in the same year, and it was the first year an AIC volleyball team has gone to the national tournament.

Individual players have also received recognition for their performance this year. Out of the 240 players that competed at the national tournament, Jean Burns ranked ninth in attacks, and Burns and Carissa Ross ranked fifteenth in kills. Burns, Ross and Lisa Edwards received All-AIC and All-NAIA honors for the second year in a row. "That's an unusual accomplishment not only for us, but any team in the conference," said Wright.

With a successful 1988 season behind her, Wright is looking forward to next year's team. She got a glimpse of that team at national when three freshmen played in the last match. "They were all three on the court at the same time and it made me look forward to next year, too," she said.—*By the News Bureau*



## TIGERETTES

Members of the Tigerette volleyball team are: (front) Amy Arnett, Kim Herndon, Melissa Baird, Rhonda Fiser, (back) Student

Assistant Coach Ed Garza, Leslie Molton, Lisa Edwards, Jean Burns, Belinda Burnett, Cindy Key, Carissa Ross, Jenny Taylor and Kelly Humphries.

*With the loss of several key athletes,  
the cross country team found themselves*

# STARTING ALL OVER

**A** young squad represented the Tigers in this year's cross country competition. The team was composed of just eight members—three sophomores and five freshmen and the youth hurt the team as they finished fifth in the conference.

"We had an extremely young team and it is going to take a while to develop them," said Gravett. "We're looking to the future."

The team lost several key members from last year's squad. Gary Wade, the team's number one runner until an injury late in the season, graduated. Another key runner lost from last year's squad is Robbie Simmons, the Tiger's top finisher in the conference meet, who also gradu-

ated. Barry Maroney, also a top finisher last year, did not return to school.

Returning from last season's team was the trio of sophomores including Tony Thompson of Henderson, TX, Glen Hudnall of Widener, and Jon Guydon of Almyra.

"They were young," said Gravett, referring to this year's squad, "but they were excited and ready to run."

Gravett looked to the three sophomores to lead the team and he wasn't too disappointed. Thompson proved to be a top runner for the team. Gravett also said he was pleased with his freshmen runners including Michael Baird. "There's a lot of hope for the future with all of these guys."

Despite the inexperience

facing them, the team didn't let up. Each morning before classes, each team member ran approximately four miles and then came for a second practice in the afternoon. During the second daily practice, the squad ran about 12 miles or did "interval or hill work," said Gravett.

"Our problem was that we were just starting over," said Gravett. "The team members we did have returning were still real young. They will be strong someday but for now, I feel we were fortunate to place fifth."

In addition to Thompson, Hundnall, Guydon and Baird, the team consisted of David Higgs, Curtis Arnold, Alvin Davis and Keith Burns.—*By the News Bureau*

## SCOREBOARD

*AIC Finish: 5th Place*

	<i>Place Finished</i>
OBU, HSU, UCA meet	3
8th Ouachita Invitational Tournament	4
UCA Invitational Tournament	4
OBU, HSU, Harding, UCA meet	3
Le Tourneau Invitational Tournament	5
SAU Invitational Tournament	3
AIC/NAIA District 17 Finals	5



### AND THEY'RE OFF!

Tiger Cross Country team members join the rest of the field at the start of the OBU invitational. The host team placed sixth in the competition with 153 points. Harding University's "A" team place first with 28 points.

### ALMOST HOME

Curtis Arnold makes the lap around the cross country field. Curtis was one of five freshmen on the Tiger team.



*Returning athletes proved they had  
what it took to capture state and national honors*

# EXPERIENCE PAYS OFF

**W**inning a conference title two years in a row was not easy, regardless of the sport. Track coach Bob Gravett, however, intended to do just that. Gravett, coach of the men's track team for 24 years, thought his team has an excellent opportunity to reappear as conference champions.

They didn't take the top AIC honors but did place second. In addition, despite the overall young team, the team placed 13th in the NAIA competition and 7th overall in the indoor competition.

Although this year's team had lost several key members from last year, many of the 1988's top performers competed this year. Gravett said he had suffered his biggest loss in the long distance runs. Pat Ponder, Robbie Simmons, Gary Wade, Tim Warthan, and Barry Maroney were all distance runners that either graduated or become ineligible.

Gravett expected his sprinters to carry a big load for the team this spring. Lawrence Johnson, Rodgers Gaines, Charles Seaton, and Robert

Banks ran the sprint relay. Gravett felt they would be "real contenders for the championship." He wasn't too disappointed. The relay team suffered some injuries during the year and finished fifth in the AIC. However, the team took their show to the NAIA competition and placed fifth in the nation.

Another strong point on the team was the triple jump and long jump. Lennox Adams, the NAIA champion in the triple, was again competing for the Tigers. Gaines was his closest competition in the AIC, said Gravett. Gaines had triple jumped 48'5" while Adams has achieved a distance of over 51 feet. Adams won the indoor competition this year and captured the second place crown in the outdoor event. Gaines was only 3/4 of an inch behind with his jump of 50'5 1/2", a personal best.

In the long jump, another strong event for the Tigers, both Gaines and Robert Banks were among the top jumpers in the AIC. Gaines jumped his best ever earlier this year at the National Indoor, a distance of

24'9". Banks finished fifth in the meet with a jump of 23'5".

"It was our jumps, pole vault and sprints that really pulled us through," said Gravett.

Besides the triple jump and long jump, the field events were plagued with inexperience. Steve Kroening showed potential, according to Gravett. He has thrown the discus 131 feet and the shot 41.5 feet.

Another highlight was Keven Clark. He took first place in the AIC in the 400 IM hurdles and placed fifth in the NAIA competition.

At the beginning of the year, Gravett thought his team would be among the top two or three teams in the AIC. "If we can stay away from injury, we will have a real chance for it," he said. Gravett concluded by saying, "If I was given a team to finish out the year with, I believe I'd stick with mine."

Despite the injuries to some key athletes during the year, the team still managed to take honors at both the state and national level.—By *Corey Gillum*

## STRAIGHT AHEAD

Mark Neese fights off his Henderson State University Reddie opponent in the hurdle event. Neese's efforts helped the Tigers place second in the AIC championship meet.





## SCOREBOARD

*AIC Finish: 2nd Place  
NAIA Finish: 13th Place*

*Place Finished*

OBU Invit.	1st
HSU Invit.	1st
Rhodes College Invit.	1st
OBU Annual Invit.	1st
SAU Invit.	1st
AIC Finals	2nd
NAIA	13th

### LAST LEG

Robert Banks crosses the finish line in the sprint relay. The relay team, consisting of Banks, Lawrence Johnson, Rodgers Gaines and Charles Seaton suffered several crucial injuries during the year but bounced back to capture fifth place in the national competition.

## SCOREBOARD

Season Record: 5-20  
AIC Record: 1-17

Dallas Bapt.	74	82
ETBU	60	62
Miss. Southern	70	65
Southwest Bapt.	69	67
Dallas Bapt.	68	62
Centenary	62	77
ETBU	87	85
Arkansas Tech	67	69
Arkansas College	69	75
Southern Ark.	72	76
UCA	62	64
Harding	88	73
UA Monticello	52	57
Henderson	63	72
Hendrix	88	94
Ozarks	60	76
Arkansas Tech	75	91
Southern Ark.	67	68
UCA	57	60
Harding	83	100
UA Monticello	60	70
Arkansas College	57	70
Henderson	63	68
Hendrix	78	79
Ozarks	73	78

## LOOKING FOR HELP

Guard Johnny Rice searches for someone to pass the ball to. Rice was a junior player out of North Little Rock.

## TIGERS

Members of the Tiger Basketball team are: (front) Kevin Green, Drew Guinn, Bret Rogers, Terry Wesley, Mat Stewart, Johnny Rice, Jason Neal, (second) Vince McCoy, Buddy Babb, Berch Schultz, Chris Jones, Marcus Russell, Justin Gilbert, (back) Trevor Hamilton, Raymond Hardin, Robert Helms, Ronnie Hollis and Tony Price.



*Heartbreaking losses and a 5-20 season record contributed to a*

# STRUGGLING YEAR

The men's basketball team finished a year of heart-break losses with a 5-20 record in Bill Vining's final year as head coach.

The team opened the season with two consecutive losses to Dallas Baptist and East Texas Baptist. However, they quickly countered with three victories in the Southwest Baptist Classic held in Boliver, Missouri. The wins over Missouri Southern, Southwest Baptist left the team one game above .500 before traveling back to Arkadelphia and revenging their first game loss to Dallas Baptist with a win.

Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference action took to the court on January 5 with the Arkansas Tech Wonderboys taking a two point victory from the Tigers. The only con-

ference win of the year came at home against Harding University by a margin of 88-73. After that win, Ouachita lost thirteen consecutive games ending the struggling season at 5-20. With no graduating seniors on the squad, the Tigers have a promising team for the next year.

Among the highlights this season was the admiration applause for head coach Bill Vining from the opposing teams before the games started. At Southern Arkansas University in Magnolia, Vining was noted as "The Dean of AIC Basketball." Vining's retirement notice came halfway through the conference season. Sophomore guard Mat Stewart said about Vining, "It was more like an honor to play for such a legend in basketball history." Mike Reynolds, assistant to Vining, was chosen to

take over the head coaching job.

Junior guard Terry Wesley led the team in points scored with a 15.6 average per game. Wesley also provided with 124 assists during the season. Justin Gilbert who is also a junior followed with a 13.7 point per game average. Sophomore center Robert Helms led the Tigers in rebounds with a season game average of 5.8 rebounds.

A young team was seen this year featuring six freshmen and five sophomores. The Tigers showed great quickness with immense power at the guard positions. When asked about the future Tiger basketball program, junior Justin Gilbert said, "With a lot of on-court experience gained this year, the team should be very prepared for the next season." —By Patrick Parrish





## Gilbert's hours on court, with books pay off

Justin Gilbert was a well rounded student. Not only did he spend an average of over three hours a day practicing or playing basketball, Justin also spends about three additional hours daily hitting the books, and as a result, has compiled a 3.82 grade point average through his sixth semester in college and was named Academic All-American.

Because Justin averaged 17 hours per semester and had a double major of history and political science, planning was obviously essential.

"I always have to look ahead," said Gilbert. "I have to know what I am going to do every day of each week at the beginning of the week."

One would think that with such a busy schedule, sacrifices would have had to be made as far as a social life was concerned, but in Justin's case, that was not always true. "I try not to sacrifice too much," said Gilbert. "When I have something



■ Justin Gilbert

planned at night, I try to study during the day and get it out of the way, although occasionally I'm forced to miss some social activities."

As far as basketball was concerned, Justin was a starting forward for the Tigers.

After graduation, Justin hoped to attend law school. "Right now, I think I would like to go into international law," said Justin, "but I believe I would like to become a writer later."

Admittedly, balancing athletics and academics was a tough job, but Justin found a way not only to balance them, but to excel in both. And how does one do it? "Set your priorities and stick to them," suggested Justin. --By Reggie Sumpter.

## FOULED

Vince McCoy is fouled by Henderson State during a shot from the baseline. Robert Helms (50) awaits the rebound of the shot. The Tigers lost to the Reddies 63-72.

*Bill Vining's retirement is a loss to  
Ouachita and the Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference*

# AN ERA HAS ENDED

It would be safe to say that Bill Vining, Sr. is better known in basketball circles outside the state than he know inside Arkansas.

That might be because Vining, who retired August 31, 1989 as the head basketball coach, never had been one to publicize his accomplishments.

Since 1954, however, Vining quietly earned a reputation inside college coaching circles as one of the nation's foremost basketball minds.

His summers have been spent in Central America, South America, Europe and Africa coaching US teams in international competition.

When an assistant coach was needed for the US team headed for the World University Games, it was Vining that the nation's top amateur basketball officials called.

A year later, when a head coach was needed for the US team scheduled to compete for the Yuri Gagarin Cup in the Soviet Union, in was Vining they called again.

When coaches were selected for the US Olympic Trials in 1968, 1972 and 1976, Vining was the Arkansas representative.

When players were picked in 1979 for the Pan American Games, Vining was a key member of the selection committee.

Vining has held every office in the NAIA Basketball Coaches Association. He has served as the NAIA representative on the men's basketball committee of the Amateur Basketball Association and the NAIA representative to the US Olympic Committee House of Delegates. Through it all, Vining somehow found the time to raise six children, serve as a deacon at Arkadelphia's First Baptist Church, serve on Arkadelphia's city board of directors and remain active in the Lions Club.

Oh, in late 1985, he also became the first college basketball coach in the state to win 500 games.

"If James Naismith invented the game, Bill Vining perfected it," an opposing coach once said.

Vining had plenty of opportunities to leave this town he has called home for more than three decades. Years ago, his credentials already were impressive enough to give him the chance to coach major-college basketball. But Vining decided to stay at his alma mater.

Did the international tours, complete with extensive media coverage, exotic destinations and big-name players such as Irving "Magic" Johnson, not give him the yearning to try something different?

"Not really," Vining answered. "Ouachita is my home. With an all-star team, you prepare in a short period of time, play the games and it is over. At Ouachita, we all start together and work from the very beginning as a unit."

To understand that comment was to understand Vining.

Ouachita's basketball players traditionally were almost a part of the Vining family. The coach feared that if he left to go somewhere else, that might not be the case.

Always, the mentor-student relationship meant more to Vining than the money and the headlines.

"When they became a member of the Ouachita basketball program, a lot of us took an interest in them," said Vining's wife, Ann.

It was that kind of atmosphere that allowed the Vinings to resist the temptation to move on.

Vining's arrival in 1954 signaled an upswing in Ouachita's basketball fortunes. At that time, basketball served as little more than a way for the school's football players to stay in shape during the winter.

When Vining was hired, he was young, a veteran of occupied Japan, a newcomer to college coaching. It was, though, a chance for him to return to the school where he had performed so well in football and basketball, the school that took him from the cotton fields near Eudora and gave him a college education.

Vining helped Rab Rodgers coach the football team that first fall, and the Tigers struggled through a 3-

6 season. Then came basketball.

By 1957, the basketball Tigers had earned a trip to the national AAU tournament. Vining teams would go on to win Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference championships in 1963, '64, '70, '72, '73, and '78.

Tiger teams represented the state in the NAIA national tournament in 1962, '64, '65, '72, '73 and '78, reaching the semifinals in 1965.

But after all the seasons, all the late-night drives through the darkness, all the cruel winters, all the overtimes and all the missed calls, Bill Vining was tired.

He was not ready to retire, mind you. Vining will devote his time to his job as athletic director, a position he has held since 1965, associate professor of physical education and golf coach.

"We have a rich tradition in athletics," said the man who is affectionately known as "The Deacon" among AIC basketball followers.

Quite simply, Vining believes in Ouachita, and Ouachita believes in him.

"The caliber of students is so exceptional that I never had any desire to leave. Most of the other schools I have visited don't fit my convictions, beliefs and philosophy."

The truest test of Vining was probably the fact that around his neighborhood, he was not known as the state's winningest coach. He was known as a neighbor, a family man and a friend.

There were few slow moments at the Vining home, located in shaded hills near the Ouachita campus. There usually is a meal to cook a phone to answer, a neighbor to greet, a grandchild to play with.

At 1052 Phelps Circle in Arkadelphia, the Vinings served as proof that there are more important things in this world than sports.

It's just that beginning in September of next year, Bill Vining will have a little more time to enjoy those things.—by Rex Nelson, *Arkansas Democrat Washington Bureau Chief*





## EARLY DAYS

Back in the days when he was assistant football coach Bill Vining and head coach Rab Rodgers checked out the Tigers during a practice session. Vining helped coach football when he arrived at OBU in 1954.



## FATHER AND SON

Bill Vining, Jr. and his dad keep a watchful eye on the team during a 1984 match. One year later, Vining, became the first coach in the state's history to win 500 games.

## TOP AWARD

Bill Vining displays the All-Sports Trophy awarded to the Tigers in 1979. Vining has been athletic director since 1965.

An inexperienced team went through a rough year but, despite 19 losses, it was a

# LEARNING SEASON

It was a rough but challenging season for the Tigerettes this year. Never begin able to pull out of the slump, the Tigerettes struggled all year long.

The Tigerettes opened the season on November 14 in Dallas against the University of Dallas. Ouachita romped Dallas with a 103-50 victory and things were looking up for the young Tigerettes. After this victory, the Tigers traveled to Marshall, Texas and was defeated by East Texas Baptist. The loss sparked a 19 game losing streak. The Tigerettes finished the season with an overall record of 1-19.

A learning season was established even though the victories were not gained. The fans of Ouachita got to see the wide array of talent every

game. From the three point shooting of Tracie Garner to the driving moves to the basket by Yolanda Summons, the Tigerettes made a statement in the conference that they will be tough in the future.

Mona Aldridge was quoted on the past year, "We had a rough season because we were a young team. We are looking forward to next season because of all that we gained." Aldridge provide most of the post action this year while leading the team in rebounds with a 7.2 average per game.

The team consisted of nine players with an additon of Rhonda Fiser for the final five games. A key element of the squad was teamwork and that was proven by the final statistics of the year. Garner led the team in points with a 16.9 average per

game. Laura Jackson followed close behind with a 13.6 point average. Summons and Aldridge evened out the scoring with an 8.8 average per game. There was no expected player to carry the team on any certain game. The team passed the ball very well with good penetration to the post when the outside shooting was not up to par.

Every member of the team should be returning for the next season. Geneen Souder said, "I am really excited about all of the new recruits. They should be able to give us even more depth."

The Tigerettes should be well prepared for the next season with a more mature team that has experienced a rough season and will do everything possible to avoid it again.—By Patrick Parrish

## SCOREBOARD

Season Record: 1-19  
AIC Record: 0-16

Univ. of Dallas	103	50
ETBU	57	89
ETBU	70	80
Arkansas State	63	85
Arkansas Tech	54	103
Arkansas College	54	95
Southern Ark.	74	76
UCA	52	81
Harding	61	67
UA Monticello	69	122
Henderson	94	96
Ozarks	59	68
Arkansas Tech	51	92
Southern Ark.	80	87
UCA	94	101
Harding	62	64
UA Monticello	58	93
Arkansas College	80	105
Henderson	72	78
Ozarks	64	84



### TIGERETTES

Members of the Tigerette Basketball team are: (front) Yolanda Summons; Lisa Walker; Tracy Garner; Geneen Souder; Sandra Fife; (back) Jackie Stockard, manager; Rhonda Eddington; Jodi Ramsey; Laura Jackson; Mona Aldridge; Susan Lively, Virginia Honnoll, head coach.

### UP FOR TWO

Guard Geneen Souder shoots two freethrows against the University of the Ozarks. The Ozarks defeated the Tigers in the competition.



## GUARDING CLOSE

Geneen Souder keeps a tight guard on her opponent. Geneen was one of the upperclassmen who provided stability for the team.



## THINK DEFENSE

Coach Virginia Honnoll goes over some fundamental elements of her defense. The Tigerettes finished the season with a 1-19 record.

*The soccer team won another state crown  
and walked away with two titles in one year*

# CHAMPIONS AGAIN

**T**he first shots were fired at 9:00 a.m. on February 25, 1989. When the smoke finally cleared, a new indoor soccer champion reigned in Arkansas.

At the conclusion of the 1988-89 school year the OBU soccer team had a 19-2-3 record, they were runners-up in the fall regular season behind the University of Arkansas, they were the Arkansas Indoor Soccer Champions, and they won the Arkansas Intercollegiate Soccer Conference Tournament. The only losses the team suffered were to the University of Arkansas and the University of Southern California.

"Our teams incredible success is largely due to two of our returning starters and the teams co-captians Mike Perkins and Terry Sergeant," said Robert Pinkston, the teams coach and goal-keeper.

At the start of the season the members of the team had no idea that they would do so well.

"We didn't anticipate such a success," said Robert, "But everyone was excited about the season and they really played hard. I'm really proud of these guys." And excited about the season they were.

## HIGH FLYER

Freshman Todd Parker attempts to head the ball away from his opponents. The Tigers defeated Riverdale 19-under in this game.

The regular season ended with a game against the U of A for the championship. But the game ended in a tie and the Razorbacks won the season.

As soon as school started in the spring the Tigers were hard at practice preparing for the indoor tournament in February. The end of the first day of the competition found the Tigers playing in overtime against Riverdale under-19 for the championship. The score was 6-6 until Elmer de Paula made the winning shot 4 minutes into overtime.

"Gol," (Portugese for goal) Elmer shouted loud enough for everyone to hear, and amid the chants of "OBU OBU OBU," the Tigers walked off the field holding high their newest trophy.

The next test for the Tigers was the Murray State Invitational tournament in Kentucky. Ouachita was among lofty company in teams like the University of Miami, Purdue, the University of Illinios, and USC. It was in this tournament that the Tigers suffered their second loss, a 1-0 defeat at the hands of USC. Although the Tigers had several good shots, they just couldn't get any of them to go. OBU left Murray State

with a 1-1-1 tournament record.

"We faced much better talent," said Robert, "But we played better as a team."

The last tournament of the spring was the AISC tournament in Conway at Hendrix College. The Tigers beat Hendrix in the first game and the squeaked by the U of A. The Tigers finally beat the Razorbacks, by a score of 1-0.

In the championship game the Tigers faced Riverdale, the same team they had beat in the indoor final. But this game was not even close. Goals by halfback Terry Sergeant, Brent Loganbill, Phil West, Chip Bayer, and a penalty kick by goalie Robert Pinkston made the final score 5-0. Ouachita walked off with their second state championship of the year, the 4th state championship ever and their 14th trophy since 1976.

"I'm thankful that God allowed us to do well," said Robert, "And I hope he uses our succuss for his glory."

The winning tradition in OBU soccer continues, for there is no doubt about it, the 1988-89 Ouachita Tigers are 'los campeones', the champions.—By Chip Bayer.





Goalie Robert Pinkston blocks a kick by teammate David Anderson in practice. Robert also served as the coach of the team.



### END AROUND

Halfback Mike Perkins tries to dribble around his Riverdale opponent. The Tigers defeated them in both confrontations during the year.

### PASS

Eric Reddish dumps the ball off to teammate Mike Perkins just in time before the Hendrix opponent blocks him. The Tigers defeated Hendrix in the championship tournament.



*Even with the majority of the golf squad  
being freshmen, they showed signs of being an*

# IMPROVING TEAM

**A**fter finishing fifth in the AIC last season, the golf team began the year looking for a stronger finish. That did happen as they captured the fourth place conference title and went on to place fourth in district play.

Coach Mike Reynolds was enthusiastic about this year's team. He believed that even though they were young, they had potential. "We really surprised some people this year," he said.

The team was young. Four freshmen and one upperclassman made up the team. Reynolds said that freshmen Jeff Smith came through for the team as well as returning letterman and top team player Scotty Steed.

"The year was very encouraging for us," Reynolds said. "The team developed a lot of good habits and worked real hard. We had some

mediocre players who developed into outstanding team members."

Steed was the team's top player returning from last year, according to Reynolds. Steed led last year's team with an 83.6 average on 18 holes. Reynolds commented that to be a competitive golfer in the AIC,

**"We had some mediocre players wh developed into outstanding team members."**

"you need to shoot around 80 consistently at DeGray (golf course)."

Henderson State was again the conference favorite. The Reddies usually finished among the top

schools in the NAIA and this year was no exception.

Woody Epperson led the team on a day-to-day basis. Epperson was with the team as they practiced at the Arkadelphia Country Club and DeGray courses. The team had two organized practices per week and worked on their own the other days. "They practiced chipping and putting daily," said Reynolds.

Team members were Jason Barrett, Michael House, Jennifer Ralston, Brett Rogers, Jackie Ross, Jeff Smith, Scotty Steed and Stuart Whitlow. The assistants were David Howard and Robbie Walker.

Despite not finishing higher than fourth in the conference didn't diminish the year. The coaches were excited to see such a young team develop into "outstanding" players.—  
*By the News Bureau*



### **ASSISTANCE**

Woody Epperson removes a flag stick on the golf course. Epperson assisted coach Mick Reynolds with the golf team. The squad practiced at the Arkadelphia Country Club or DeGray State Park.

## SCOREBOARD

*Season Record: 10-1*

*AIC Record: 9-1*

Southern Ark.	6	3
Henderson	5	4
Hendrix	8	1
John Brown	6	3
Ozarks	7	2
UCA	5	4
Hendrix	7	2
Henderson	7	2
Southern Ark.	6	3
UCA	3	6
Ozarks	7	2
NAIA Tourney	3rd Place	

## CONCENTRATION

Keith Baxter strokes the ball in home tennis play. Keith was a returning starter for the men's tennis team and the number one seed.



*Both tennis teams bounced back to gain respect and a title in the AIC conference*

# REBOUND SEASON

**D**espite a youthful team, Tona Wright lead her women's tennis team to a 9-1 conference finish capturing the first AIC conference title for OBU.

After finishing second last year behind the University of Central Arkansas, the Tigers returned three players off the '88 team. "The rest are relatively new," said Wright.

Laura Pogue was one of the returning starters who was seeded number one last year and once again surfaced as the top player. Sharon Pinkston was seeded number two and provided the strength expected of her. Returner Lisa Wallace also contributed.

"We had a lot of young talent but most of it was real good," said Wright. "Most of them have played quite a bit of tennis at least in high school. We will continue to do well because we have a good playing experience team."

"Realistically, we expected

to finish second or third," Wright said. UCA has dominated the conference winning four years in a row. UALR has dominated the district competition where OBU placed third.

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Wright said her philosophy of coaching does not include winning as the primary goal. "I would like to build the team concept, even though this is an individual sport. Working as a team is the only way to develop a person as much as you possibly

can," she said.

The men's team tried to bounce back from the previous year that was plagued with injuries and inexperience. The team returned four of the top six players from last year's squad and added several promising new faces.

Keith Baxter and Brett Rogers played number one and two respectively last year were Tiger's top players. "Both are certainly legitimate number one players in the AIC," said coach Dave Ozmun.

The Tigers were in the midst of a tough AIC. The Southern Arkansas University Muleriders were ranked 14th nationally last year and returned their number one player. "Tennis is very competitive in the AIC," said Ozmun.

"Our major weakness was depth," said Ozmun but they found strength during the year with the experienced returners.—*By the News Bureau*

## INJURY

Coach Tona Wright wraps the ankle of Laura Pogue. Laura was the number one women's seed and led the team to conference championship.



*Early during the year, things fell together but as the season went on, the Tigers spent most of their time*

# BATTLING PROBLEMS

**T**he 1989 edition of Tiger baseball started early in February and Coach Van Barrett was "excited" about the year from the very beginning. However, into the season the excitement changed to frustration as he watched his time fall to an 8-30 record.

A fifth place AIC finish and a trip to the district tournament were the season's high points but Barrett felt that a lack of "overall consistency" prevented the team from doing better.

The Tigers took advantage of the warm and sunny weather in January to get outside and face live pitching. Several players hit the ball well intersquad, but Barrett felt that true test would come once the Tigers get into the season.

"We did a lot of hitting inside and outside," he said. "After seeing the same pitchers day in and day out, you knew what they had. We're able to really tell about our hitting once we get started."

The hitting for the team never really materialized. The brightest spot was the return of Randy Green, a sophomore from Arkadelphia. Green was back after sitting out last year due to heart surgery. A rigorous off-season weight program made Green much stronger than he was in '87.

"Green put on about 20 pounds of muscle since his surgery," Barrett said. "His bat was quicker

and he definately had a lot more pop. We're really hoping he had a good year."

Green came through with the bat and his pitching as he slugged .324 and won two games from the mound.

Jason Harris, a sophomore from Linden, TX, was expected to hit well, also. Harris underwent knee surgery last fall and did not get his total strength back. Barrett felt that Harris never got back to his full potential playing at "about 85%" throughout the year. He also batted over .300 and knocked four home runs.

Pitching was the Tigers' crucial point that was hoped to hold the team together. All-AIC pitcher Kyle Ratliff of Arkadelphia was to be leading the staff. Ratliff led the team in all pitching categories last year and was expected to continue where he left off. He didn't, however, have the season he or Barrett had hoped winning only few games.

Other pitchers this year will include juniors Sid Holloway, who took two wins from the mound, Evan French of Whitehouse, TX, and sophomores Brian Pendergrass of Memphis, TN and Randy Green.

"We are expected our pitchers to go a long way," Barrett said. "We were a little thin pitching-wise. Having Randy back helped, plus Sid and Brian had a year of experience in

the AIC. They had one year to get settled and now know what type of hitters they'll face."

Depth could was a problem for the Tigers. After losing several players to ineligibility, the Tigers had to make some position changes. Holloway, strictly used as a pitcher last year, saw action at third and catcher. Ratliff was enlisted to play some third and outfield. Randy Green also saw some outfield work.

Barrett said, "We may have lacked in depth, but we were satisfied that we had a versatile team. I had guys I could play anywhere on the infield and do a good job in the outfield, if need be."

Although the loss of players limited Barrett's resources, it didn't dampened his enthusiasm much. "I liked what we had out here," he commented. "I was confident that the players liked the game and wanted to play. They knew they would find themselves out of position sometimes, but they were willing to do what it took to play as a team."

Many of the losses the Tigers suffered were at the hands of bigger teams from much bigger schools. "Every team we played was not in our conference. Many schools were NCAA schools and we didn't expect to win many of those." He stated that he wasn't going to schedule so many NCAA schools next season.—By *Chris Turner and Mitch Bettis*

## STEAL PREVENTION

Pitcher Sid Holloway tosses the ball to first base in an attempt to keep the baserunner close to the bag. Sid was one of the key pitchers the Tigers counted on during the season.





## SCOREBOARD

Season Record: 8-30

AIC Record: 8-16

Southwest LA	3	13
Southwest LA	4	12
Southwest LA	1	3
Southwest LA	1	10
Northwestern	1	2
Northwestern	0	5
Harding	0	5
Harding	3	1
UALR	3	6
Southern Ark.	2	11
Southern Ark.	1	8
Henderson	4	6
Henderson	3	5
Arkansas Tech	6	3
Arkansas Tech	8	4
UA Monticello	11	9
UA Monticello	6	7
UCA	4	7
UCA	2	4
St. Olaf	1	5
St. Olaf	0	4
Southern Ark.	1	5
Southern Ark.	0	4
Henderson	2	12
Henderson	4	6
Arkansas Tech	0	2
Arkansas Tech	6	1
UA Monticello	11	4
UA Monticello	1	6
Louisiana Tech	2	12
Louisian Tech	2	12
UCA	6	12
UCA	11	7
UALR	2	7
UALR	6	8
Harding	7	11
Harding	9	5
Harding*	2	3

\*Denotes District game

### LONG THROW

Chris Turner makes the throw to first base from deep at his shortstop position. Chris was one of the few graduating seniors on the squad.

## DEFENSIVE PLAY

Chris Esch makes the stop for the defense in their game against Rho Sigma. Flag football was one of the most popular sports.



## LOOKING DEEP

Jeff Peterson looks for a receiver down field. Jeff played for Rho Sigma men's social club.

## I GOT IT

Intramural players eye the football as it comes down. Flag football was popular but many people were hurt during the year.





## SUPPORTERS

Cathy Godfrey, Laura Hill and Susan Shell cheer at the intramural game on the lower field. Many people attended the games to give their support.

*Hours of studying was enough to break anyone but students found the perfect way of*

# RELEASING ANXIETY

**F**or some, it was a channel through which to expel some of the frustrations and anxieties which build up from hours of studying.

For others, it was a last vain attempt to recapture the long lost glories of their high school days. But for most, intramural sports were just a way to have a good time.

Students had the chance to compete in intramural football, basketball, volleyball, and softball. Competition ranged from teams of good friends to rivalries between social clubs.

In football the action was rough. Bones were cracked, ankles were sprained, ribs were bruised, and noses were broken. Sophomore Kent

Smith state, "It's not the glory so much as the grime that makes it fun."

**"Intramurals was a good time to prove to myself that I couldn't make the moves I saw on television."**

Dean of Students Bill Dixon said that there was, as always a number of injuries during the year but that precautions taken at the first of the year helped to cut down the injury list considerably. Most of the injuries were chalked up to excessive

roughness. Closer supervision of games was the main action taken to cut down the injuries.

As for basketball, there were certainly weren't any Larry Birds or Michael Jordans hiding out. "Intramural basketball was a good time to prove to myself that I couldn't make the moves I saw on television," said Darrell Potts.

Basketball was popular, however, and several teams spent months preparing for the opening of the season. America's sport was baseball and Ouachita' intramural softball was just as exciting as any exhibition.

No matter what the reasons were, intramurals remained an intricate piece in the puzzle.

*The cheerleaders and  
pom pon squad were dedicated to*

# RAISING SPIRITS

**B**eing a cheerleader or member of the Pom Pon squad had its up and downs—literally.

Many hours were spent climbing onto and falling off pyramids and partner stunts. All those hours that were spent in practice could become pretty demanding. Not to say that cheerleading wasn't rewarding; it had its benefits and taught its lessons. However, if a student happened to be involved in more than cheering, schedules could get pretty hectic.

Another pep group that brought a new enthusiasm for students and athletic teams was the pom-pon squad. However, for both squads, it took more than yelling a few chants

to dancing a few steps to add enthusiasm to athletic events. Besides working on routines, memorizing dance moves and synchronizing motions, the cheerleaders and pom pon squad had to be motivators.

Sponsor for both squads was Hilton McDonald.

Since tryouts were held in the fall, the cheerleading squad was unable to attend a summer cheering camp. Instead, each girl had to rely on her own knowledge and ability to begin the year. Often cheers were pulled from each individual's high school squads and modified for the college ranks.

Although the cheerleaders suffered a slow start, it didn't take

away from their determination to cheer. They practiced three times a week, working on sharpening motions and improving skills. They also concentrated on planning pep rallies, learning more chants, making it easier for the fans to yell with them.

Rather than cheering, the pom pon squad had a different purpose. Through sideline dances and halftime shows, this third year dance team sparked a new interest from the crowd.

All the spirit groups had the same goal. Practice and hard work on the parts of the cheerleaders, pom pon squad, and mascot resulted in high energy performances as well as renewed spirit and pride among the student body and community.

## CHEERLEADERS

Members of the cheerleading squad are: Cara Cunningham, Pamela Saucer, Angle Cook, Suzanne Bushmaler, Kristen Perkins, Joy Vandiver, Karen Stabley, Jill Hamlin, and mascot Riscardo Escobar.





## SPRIT

Connie McWilliams joins in on a cheer during a football game. Connie was a member of the pom pon squad.



## POM PON

Members of the pom pon squad are: (front) Mandy McDowell, Tonya Reed, Vicki Thompson, Shelia Leslie, Debbie Nicklaus, Cindy Allison, (back) Angela Bell, Wendy Ratcliff, Jennifer Kuntz, Connie McWilliams, Jana Crain and Angel Bailey.

## Go!

Suzanne Bushmaier leads the crowd in a chant at a football game. Both the cheerleaders and pom pon squad were present at the games.

## PEP RALLY

Members of the cheerleading squad perform during a pep rally. Many of the pep rallies were performed in the plaza of the campus.