

OVER TIME

Always the underdog going home in defeat, had been the description of the Tigers and Tigerettes. But, things were changing. The football team placed higher in the conference than they had in years. Both basketball teams won more games than anyone had expected and the baseball team came close to bringing home a district title.

Though not all sports excelled, those that had been behind for so long started to come to the front of the pack. Fans found new energy and a reason to cheer. They came out in full force to support their new found heroes and friends.

Though they faced overwhelming opposition from all sides, the athletes as well as the student body united together to put the spirit back into the Tiger and enhance the athletic program. The teams were willing to do whatever it took to defeat the competition and succeed even if it sent them into overtime.





OVER TOP

Todd Denton goes up and over to make the basket against Henderson. The game ended with OBU winning in overtime.



OVERCOME The Tigers regained their spirit and fought hard to finish third in the conference. This was their best finish in years.

OVERPOWER Christy Tosh struggles to pull her team to victory in Tiger Traks. This was a time for average students to become athletes.



ASPIRE

•Chris Ocken



“We surprised several people when we finished second in the conference and were predicted to finish last. We intend to pick up where we left off and win the conference.”

Mark Kehner

The Ouachita football season opened on a sour note. The Tigers defeated Southwestern Oklahoma 25-21, but the win was taken away due to an eligibility violation. Even though this was a major disappointment, the team went on to finish second in their conference.

Head coach Buddy Benson, in his 26th season, stated before the season began that his players were very small and would have to scrape around looking for wins. Benson said the strong points of the team would be with his well established quarterback, junior Andy Jayroe. The linebackers experience was also a plus. Benson also felt that they had several fine running backs with knowledge of the skill positions.

Benson was concerned with the inexperience of both the offensive and defensive lines and the small size of his players. The stronger points overpowered the weaker as the Tigers finished the season with an overall 5-4 mark and a 4-2

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mark in the AIC.

Jayroe established an awesome passing game that was much needed. In nine games Jayroe passed for a total of 2004 yards and provided an exceptional amount of leadership. Jayroe's pass completion percentage was third in the AIC at .559. Jayroe led the AIC in touchdown passes with 16.

To help Jayroe on offense were junior slotback Mark Kehner and junior split end John Thompson. Kehner had 39 pass receptions for the season for 774 yards and also was on the receiving end of 10 of Jayroe's touchdown passes.

Thompson caught 52 passes for 725 yards and four touchdowns. Thompson finished the year as the 10th best pass receiver in the nation in average yards per catch with 13.94.

Another strength of the Tiger offense was the running ability of freshman Jeff Savage. Savage was one of the most highly recruited running backs in the nation. Savage had 1024 yards rushing during the season and scored ten touchdowns. Savage also had a rushing average of 114 yards per game and an average of 5.1 yards per carry.

The strengths of the Tiger defense during the season senior noseguard Scotty McAllister, senior defensive end Mark Haywood, and senior free safety Jeff Morrow. These three were selected to the AIC first team squad. The defensive play of these three led to upsets of three top ten nationally-ranked NAIA teams.

Chosen to the second

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•Sharon Roper



HARD GAME No matter whether they won or lost every game was a hard fought battle. Mark Kehner and Rod Bryan take time out to rest after a tough quarter.



•Chris Ocken

PENSIVE Mark Haywood takes a moment to think back over the last play. He was one of factors in the team's success during the season.



•Joe Cathey



•Chris Ocken

ADVANTAGE Jeff Savage was a definite help to the Tiger team. His running ability helped the Tigers finish second in the AIC.

EXCITED The Tigers celebrate after another victory. This season was one of a lot of cheering by fans, players and coaches.

TEAMWORK

The Tiger defense gangs up on a Harding Bison. Ouachita defeated the Bisons 24-7.

CRUSH

The Savages bring down Kyle Collier. They defeated the Tigers 33-21.





ASPIRE

string AIC Team were Jayroe, linebacker Jimmy Witherspoon who led Ouachita on the tackle charts and was important in providing the leadership for a defense that allowed only 300 yards per game.

The major disappointment of the season was the loss to Henderson. The Tigers were 2-2 in the AIC and had their

conference title hopes destroyed as they were defeated 34-20. Big plays haunted the Tigers in the Henderson game as a punt was returned 82 yards for a touchdown. Another disheartening play was a sixty yard touchdown pass against the Tiger defense. The Tigers led the Reddies in every statistic except for the final score.

There were many questions and doubts about this team during the season. But the Tigers overcame adversity to finish second in the conference, and gave fans a season like none in a long time.

•Michael Shipman•

RUSH Jeff Savage pushes his way through a pack of Savages from Southeastern Oklahoma.



FOOTBALL

5 WINS 4 LOSSES

Southwestern Oklahoma	25	21*
South eastern Oklahoma	21	33
East Central Oklamona	28	14
UCA	14	35
Harding	24	7
UAM	41	15
Henderson	20	34
SAU	39	35
Arkansas Tech	27	13

*Game later had to be forfeited



TEAM MEMBERS

(first row) Kyle Collier, Andy Jayroe, Jeff Morrow, Jason Vaden, Mark Kehner, Randy Biggs, Cyle Harris, Jay Turley, Rick Reynolds, Clay Totty, (second row) Rusty New, Bobby Easterling, Drew Yoskum, Brent Jackson, Frank Roach, Jackie Hemby, Scott Neathery, Steve Moore, Jamey Boyd, (third row) Todd Fry, Jimmy Witherspoon, Tyrone McDougall, Ashley Lewis, Richard Smith,

(fourth row) Rob Taylor, Mike Schleiff, David Nastasi, Charles Roady, Mark Haywood, Jay Everett, Scotty McCallister, David Damron, Greg Wooten, David Zajac, (fifth row) Brian Harbison, Pat Cantrell, Jay Hanlon, Kip Spainhour, Gerald Wells, Isaiah Sheppard, (sixth row) Gary Harbison, Bill Lollis, Toby Talley, John Bailey, Jeff Savage, (seventh row) Drew Timms, Rod Bryan, and John Thompson.

EFFORT

•Sharon Roper



“You could say that this was not the best season we have had as far as scoring and wins, but it is the best one for me because the team jelled together really well. We were a real team.”
Belinda Burnett

Good recruiting and a desire to play created the perfect situation to pull the Tigerette volleyball team back into the position of the team to beat. They were starting a long climb to the top that would not end in one season. After a disappointing season last year, the team was ready for the challenge that lay ahead.

Coach Tona Wright, who has coached the squad for the past twenty years described her team as “a special group of hand picked athletes, who want to win and love their school.” She had high hopes for her team, but she knew that it was going to be a long road back to the top.

The SAU Tournament gave the Tigerettes two early wins but they were defeated in the last game. They started conference play with a loss to Arkansas Tech, but were able to pick up two more wins later in the week. The season continued with the Tigerettes win-

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ning and losing. They never could quite get everything together long enough to defeat the top ranked Harding Bisons.

The UCA SugarBears were another thorn for the Tigerettes. They swapped wins in hard fought battles. The Tigerettes found it difficult to be consistent enough to win every time, but put a lot of effort into every game.

The Tigerettes were not very successful in the Montevallo Tournament winning only one game. Coach

Wright contributed their first loss to bus lag because they had to play as soon as they got off the bus. After that they were not able to pick up.

They were able to make it to the semi-finals of the OBU/HSU Tournament. They were defeated by UCA in a game they felt they should have won. This was not the last time they would be defeated by UCA in tournament play. They made it to the District playoffs despite losing their last games. They faced UCA in hopes of advancing. After five hard fought matches UCA came out victorious and the Tigerettes again watched them take their place.

“You could say that this was not the best season we have had since I’ve been playing as far as scoring and wins,” said Belinda Burnett, “but it is the best one for me because the team jelled together really well. We were a real team for the first time in a while.”

•Kim Pinson•

VOLLEYBALL Final Standings

1. Harding
2. UCA
3. SAU
4. HSU
5. Arkansas Tech
6. OBU
7. Hendrix



TEAM MEMBERS Front row: Lee Anne Hightnote, Linda Hanrahan, Kelly Humphries, Melissa Baird, Belinda Burnett and Cindy Key. Back

Row: Paula Buford, Melanie Baird, Jenny Taylor, Coach Tona Wright, Jenny Bagley, Rhonda Fiscer and Barbara Adkins.



•Sharon Roper



TOUCH IT Jenny Taylor leans over to help her teammate with the block. The team worked well together this year though they were not very successful.

•Chris Ocken



HIGH SPIKE Rhonda Fiser leaps through the air to score for her team. She was the senior leader on the squad.

UP AND OVER Jenny Taylor puts the ball over the net with a swoosh. She was a returning starter.

DRIVE



“College swimming is a whole new ball game in comparison to high school. The intensity and the excitement are increased by 200%.”
Justin Goodale

While many associated swimming with backyard pools and spring break at the beach, one group of students took swimming very seriously. The Tiger Sharks with their dedication to the sport contributed to the success they enjoyed. However, it took more than just a desire to produce the group of swimmers who achieved All-American status.

Hours of necessary practice and trips to unfamiliar facilities were no match for the determination of the swimmers and divers of the Tiger Sharks. The men’s team finished in second place at the NSISL Conference while the women’s team finished sixth. In dual meets, the men’s team earned a record of 6-3-1, and the women’s team had a record of 1-9.

However, the Tiger Sharks were not a typical team. The Sharks only recently offered a separate women’s team. Sharon Baggett, a manager for the team, said, “Coach Dann really changed the program to meet the needs of the women on the team.”

SKILL AND HIGH ASPIRATIONS KEPT THE SHARKS AHEAD BOTH IN THE POOL AND THE CLASSROOM

One of these outstanding women was Chantal Meyers, a senior from Liege, Belgium. Meyers represented the women at the NAIA Women’s Swimming and Diving Championship Meet. As the lone female from OBU, Meyers scored 43 points to put the women’s team in eighteenth place in the nation.

Meyers was among the unique group of five graduation seniors including Keith Sangalli, Lance Butler, Steve Osmon and Steve Cook. These five maintained a combined cumulative grade point average of 3.0.

Again, the Sharks surpassed expectations when

six members of the men’s team earned All American honors as participants at the NAIA Men’s Swimming and Diving Championship Meet. These six included Sangalli, Butler, Kevin Palmer, Jasen Hart, Ryan Peal and Ted Jolley. The group earned an eighth place position. A number of the individual swimmers earned additional honors and achievements throughout the year.

As the year ended, Coach Dann wished his seniors well as they pursued a variety of interest, yet he continued building a strong team with new members.

“Coach Dann really helped in the switch from swimming to diving,” said John Sykes. “I’m looking forward to next year!”

As the Sharks ended one year’s competition and many of the experienced swimmers graduated, other teams wondered, “Is it safe to go back into the water?” A word of advice went out to those teams: though it may appear safe on the surface, the water would still be ‘teaming’ with Sharks. •Jeremy Bell•

TEAM MEMBERS (first row) Daniel Gonzalez, Kent Simmons, Amy Radar, Stephanie Edwards, Jenny Freeman, Millie Crawford, Tanya Cansdale, Chantal Meyers, Justin Giddell and John David Sykes. (second row) Coach Dann, Sharon Baggett, Keith Sengalli, Lance Butler, Jack Martin, Jason Petty, Jason Hart, Stuart Young, Ryan Peal, Kevin Palmer, David Cole, Billy Melton, Jeff Freeman and Chris Ocken.





ENCOURAGEMENT Lance Butler gives a word of advice to a fellow teammate. The Tiger Sharks had a good showing in their conference.

NAPTIME Long hours working for Coach Darn has Tricia Kehoe sleeping on the job.



STRETCH Keith Sengalli gets a head start on his competition in a meet against Henderson.

SPLASH Practice is a key in swimming. Leigh Jenkins watches to give advice.

ALONE



"All our team needs is stronger commitment to discipline, and we'll beat them every time."

Simon Storer

The OBU soccer team was plagued again this year by a chronic disease, an "institutional influenza," if you will. The team was not school-sponsored. Still, the OBU catalog listed the soccer team under Ouachita's "Athletics." There was no coach or manager on staff to organize all the details necessary to operate a major intercollegiate sport. The school did provide field space for the team to practice and play. Otherwise the soccer team had always operated on its own merits. They have paid for equipment like nets, jerseys and balls. They have scheduled their own games with schools like U of A Fayetteville, UALR, Harding, Hendrix. They have even managed to train themselves well enough to compete with these teams. This year, "well enough" wasn't good enough.

**THOUGH THEY
WERE UNRECOGNIZED THEY
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TOUGH COMPETITION IN INDOOR MEETS**

The team did not win a single game during the fall season. Eric Herndon, a junior from Arkadelphia, believes this was due to the inexperience of many new players. Eric had played on the team for the past three years and had never seen a worse season. The task of coaching fell on Simon Storer, a sophomore from Columbus, MS. As a player-coach, Simon found it difficult to motivate

his peers and administer the team. "Many players would skip practice and only come to the games," said freshman Dale Carlton.

Despite the rough fall season the players reunited for the indoor season in the early spring. Here, the team finally pulled together to improve their skills and become more disciplined.

The players organized and hosted an eight-team regional tournament involving U of A Fayetteville, Harding, ATU, UA Monticello, UCA and even a team from Texas. Fayetteville took the first place trophy and Harding won second. The Tigers placed third in the tournament of eight, a grand improvement from the fall semester. The team looked forward to a new beginning next season.

•Scott Pickle



TRY ME

Halfback Kevin Hamman wards off a Hendrix player and prepares to pass the ball to Terry Sergeant, long time coach of the Tiger Soccer Club. Hamman, a freshman, was from North Little Rock.



TANGLED Robbie Parker struggles for good defensive position in the U of A game. OBU hasn't beaten Fayetteville in the last three years.



AGAIN Parker continues his endless quest to stop the Razor-back defense. Goal keeper David Hardister awaits the inevitable in the background.



LET ME AT EM Sophomore Eric Herndon surprises a Hendrix forward by slipping around him. Herndon played center forward for the Tigers.

GRACE Everything's got to look graceful in soccer, especially the falls. Kevin Hamman turns gymnast after taking an unexpected spill.

SHOT

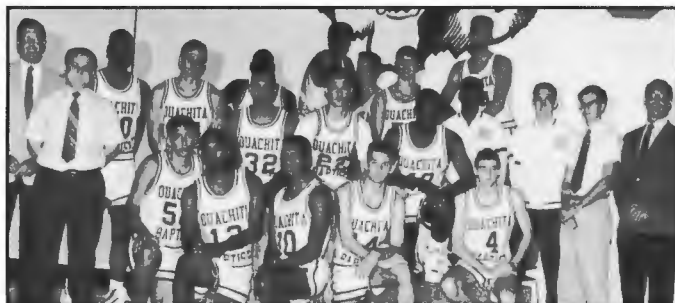
A step over the defenders puts Rodney Wade closer to the goal. Wade led the team in assists as well as being a good shooter.



BASKETBALL

11 WINS 15 LOSSES

William Carey	90	89
Texas College	87	81
East Texas Baptist	87	98
Williams Baptist	92	62
U of Dallas	85	74
•SAU	69	77
•UA-Monticello	66	89
Northwestern LA	101	97
East Texas Baptist	81	74
Williams Baptist	63	66
•Hendrix	68	86
•Harding	97	77
•Arkansas College	51	68
•Arkansas Tech	90	80
•HSU	90	89
•UCA	69	76
•U of Ozarks	97	115



•SAU	59	75
•UA-Monticello	72	101
•Hendrix	76	79
•Harding	87	95
•Arkansas College	64	65
•Arkansas Tech	82	85
•HSU	80	68
•UCA	75	92
•U of Ozarks	95	92

•denotes conference games

TEAM MEMBERS (front row)

Chris M. Jones, Ralph Smith, Anthony Harris, Tony Price, Berch Shultz, (second row) Coach Mike Reynolds, equipment manager Chance Jobe, Perry Hunter, Todd Denton, Kevin Green, Buddy Babb, Chris Campbell, Vincent Bonner, Jason Collins, student trainer Clay Goff, assistant coach Danny Brackett, (third row) Raymond Hardin, Dennis Perez, Lenny Bryan, Chris Jones, and Scott Mann.



COMPLEX

Simple. Hard work and determination should have paid off. The only problem was that the other team was usually the one to benefit. The Tigers hit hard with good outside shooters, good leapers and a new quickness from one of the better recruiting classes and an experienced returning team.

No one could overlook their excitement as again and again the games went into overtime by some last minute miracle shot. They had found their strength at the end and came out victorious in all but one of their five overtime games.

One of these went into double overtime where the Tigers defeated an NCAA Division 1 team, Northwestern State University. This, however, was not enough to bring them to the top of the heap. The Tigers placed next to last in the conference which was a big disappointment for the fans as well as the team.

The Tigers finished 11-15 and 5-13 in conference play. Eight of their eleven wins came at home. January 24 started an eight game losing streak and unfortunately for the Tigers they were all conference games. The Tigers were able to please their fans by defeating Henderson once in overtime and again by an even larger point spread.

Coach Reynolds was re-

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lying heavily on his new freshmen. He was not disappointed but their inexperience did keep them from helping as much as he had hoped. Lenny Bryan was the exception to the rule. He led the team in rebounding with an average of seven per game and in scoring averaging 16.7 points per game. Bryan's 182 rebounds put him eighth in the AIC for all time rebounding. He was also ranked seventh in overall field goal percentage.

There were other freshmen who helped the team during the season. Ralph Smith played in twenty of the twenty six games averaging six points a game. Tonto Jones also helped the Tigers out in twenty-four of their games and was one of the better free throw shooters on the squad making 23 of his 26 attempts. Anthony Harris was the key in the overtime win against Arkansas Tech when senior guard Tony Price fouled out. On the season Harris

hit 21 of his 34 field goals in seventeen games.

Those returning were even better than ever but even their best was not good enough in an even tougher conference. Rodney Wade led with 81 assists on the year and was second in overall points per game with a 13.3 average. He also helped in the rebounding area with 175. Tony Price gave help in all areas and was the leader of the team because of his experience and personality. Buddy Babb led the team in three point shots and was ranked eighth in the AIC. Last year's star freshman Todd Denton was a stable player and was there when they needed him.

Three members of the squad were given Honorable Mentions from the all AIC Team. They were Bryan, Price and Wade. The Tigers were ranked second overall in rebounding with 989 on the year. All the accomplishments of the team and its members was still not enough to boost them to the top.

Winning was not so simple and neither was losing. The Tigers had high hopes for a winning season and maybe a chance at the play-offs. Their hard work might have gone unrewarded by their conference but not by their faithful fans.

•Kim Pinson•



"I expected great things from our younger players, and I was not disappointed."
Coach Reynolds

BLOCKOUT Tony Price protects the ball from a defender. Price was a team leader.



•Chris Ocken

“Even though our record isn't that great, we were as good as any team we played.”

•Wendy Norwood

LISTEN Coach Honnoll gives some last-minute words of instructions to her girls at a home game. This was her last season to coach the women's basketball team.



•Theo Johnson

Basketball

7 WINS 17 LOSSES

Lambuth	96	116
Christian Brothers	75	87
East Texas Baptist	78	90
Lambuth	60	71
John Brown	65	75
Baker	92	65
•SAU	70	75
•UA-Monticello	75	87
Christian Brothers	89	73
East Texas Baptist	89	71
•Harding	64	66
•Arkansas College	69	77
•Arkansas Tech	58	69
•HSU	69	78
•UCA	92	86
•U of Ozarks	61	88
•SAU	63	83
•UA-Monticello	100	78



•Harding	63	71	TEAM MEMBERS (front)
•Arkansas College	88	82	Coach Honnoll, Traci Watson, Jennifer Thompson, Marla Tidwell, Jackie Stockart, Kristi Stewart, (second) Lark Eads, Mary Eubanks, Tina Hawthorn, Andrea Jackson, Shelley Davis, Marcina Dunn, Kara McCombs, (third) Joanie Stevens, Wendy Norwood, Angela Burch, and Sandra Fife.
•Arkansas Tech	59	86	
•U of Ozarks	90	73	
•HSU	75	76	
•UCA	64	86	

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•Chris Ocken

CONCENTRATE Shelley Davis contemplates where to send the ball. Shelley, a junior from Clinton, was the only player from OBU named to the AIC basketball team.



•Chris Ocken



CHANGE

Surprises were the key to the season. Strong starters were gone and young faces were startled to see themselves carrying the load. The team had progressed from past seasons and they were ready to meet the challenge of breaking the top four. However, things were not meant to go their way. The Tigerettes had some exciting highlights but never quite made it to the top. They finished the season in last place with a record 7-17 on the season.

All of the Tigerettes conference wins came at home. The biggest upset of the season came when they defeated the UCA Sugar Bears in overtime 92-86. This was the first conference win for the Tigerettes. The Sugar Bears were ranked second in the AIC. The Lady Tigers were also able to reach the 100 mark in a conference win against the UA-Monticello Cotton Blossoms. However, they were unable to defeat the Lady Reddies.

Coach Honnell left in early January and the players came back to a new coach but not a new face. Tracie Garner a 1990 graduate of Ouachita was hired as interim coach to finish out the season. She was at the helm when they defeated UCA.

The team itself was very young with only one senior on

EXPERIENCES THAT INCLUDED BOTH GOOD AND BAD TIMES ADDED UP FOR VALUABLE LEARNING

the squad. The younger players worked hard to help fill the void. Marla Tidwell a freshman on the squad played in every game and helped with rebounding and shooting with consistency.

Marcina Dunn and Joanie Stevens, both sophomores, were both strong quick guards. Dunn was very aggressive and helped with assists. Stevens was an excellent free throw shooter. She was out a few games after suffering a head injury in one of the games. Both proved to be leaders on the squad and would be even better in the coming seasons.

Angela Burch, who was a junior returning starter, was second in team rebounding with 126 and was also second in team field goal percentage. She averaged 12.5 points per game.

The only returning senior starter was Wendy

Norwood who led the team in field goal percentage and averaged 11.1 points per game. She had 108 rebounds on the season and gave the team a definite leader. Norwood was given an honorable mention from the All AIC Women's Basketball Team.

The youngest returning starter was sophomore Jennifer Thompson who was definitely not a disappointment. She had 144 rebounds to lead the team and had 81 assists on the season. She was ranked number one in the AIC in free throw shooting making 79 of 89 attempts.

The surprise for the team was junior forward Shelley Davis who was not a starter last season. She stepped to the front to become a strong starter on the team. Davis averaged 15.3 points per game and was ranked seventh in AIC with 99 assists. She was also ranked second behind Thompson in free throw shooting making 66 of 76 shots. Davis was the only Ouachita basketball player named to an all AIC Basketball team.

The Tigerettes had to face many new experiences during the season which led to their poor showing, however, they were hoping to surprise people next season with their older more experienced team.

•Kim Pinson

TOGETHERNESS Marla Tidwell and Jennifer Thompson make a combined effort to insure the ball stays in their play. Teamwork was an essential ingredient both on and off the court.

UP AND OVER At an OBU meet, Bill West almost clears the pole. He reached a personal best and went on to Nationals.



DETERMINED With a whirling motion, Steve Kroening hurls the discus across the field. Kroening participated in two other field events.

THUMBS UP Tony Thompson gets into stride for the long three miles ahead of him. Thompson was running in the OBU invitational meet.



•Joe Cathey

•Chris Ocken



ALMOST

Whether on a gravel track or a dirt road the track and cross country teams were giving the competition a run for the title. Though Coach Gravett was hoping for the top spot, both teams ended up in the middle.

Some of the athletes made a name for themselves while helping out their team. Kevin Clark was a stable part of both the indoor and outdoor season. The team finished second in the conference behind Harding in the indoor competition. Coach Gravett was expecting them to be a tough competitor. Clark reached All American status with his fifth place finish in the 440 yd. dash at the NAIA 26th Annual Men's Indoor Championship.

The mile relay was

SOMEHOW THEY WERE STUCK IN THE MIDDLE BUT CLIMBING TO THE TOP WITH EVERY EVENT IN EVERY MEET

another strong part of the indoor team. They placed fifth at the Championship meet as well. Clark, Jon Guydon, Pat Hale and Herman Benard made up the winning team.

They were not as successful in the outdoor season. Though they won several of the individual meets, they were

unable to place higher than fourth in the conference. Kevin Clark finished 6th in the 400 m hurdles at the 40th Annual NAIA Outdoor Championship. A surprise for the team was pole vaulter Bill West who vaulted a personal best of 15-5 which gave him a spot at the championship meet. He had a bit of bad luck and did not compete up to par.

"This could be the best team we have had at Ouachita in a long while," said Coach Gravett. He felt that teamwork would play a key role in their success. This was a key factor for the cross country team.

The team captured wins in several meets. Their

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Coach Gravett



RESTED Before the mile relay the team talks over strategy. They prepared for every race by stretching.

ALMOST

first tournament brought a second place finish behind Texas A&M in a 12 team field. Johnny Kelley and Tony Thompson were the first across the line for the team at several of the meets. They were crucial in winning the OBU Invitational along with Jay Brooks who finished tenth.

The team as a whole was responsible for the excel-

lent showing at the meets. Without determination from every member to do their best, they would not have placed so highly.

All season the Tigers were either beating the Reddies or losing to them. They had defeated them more times than not until the district meet. Henderson won the meet with the Tigers finishing in second.

Four Tiger runners finished in the top ten and were named all AIC. They included Michael Baird, Tony Thompson, Johnny Kelley and Michael Hatley.

Long days of hot practices gave both teams an edge but not enough to push them to the top of the conference.

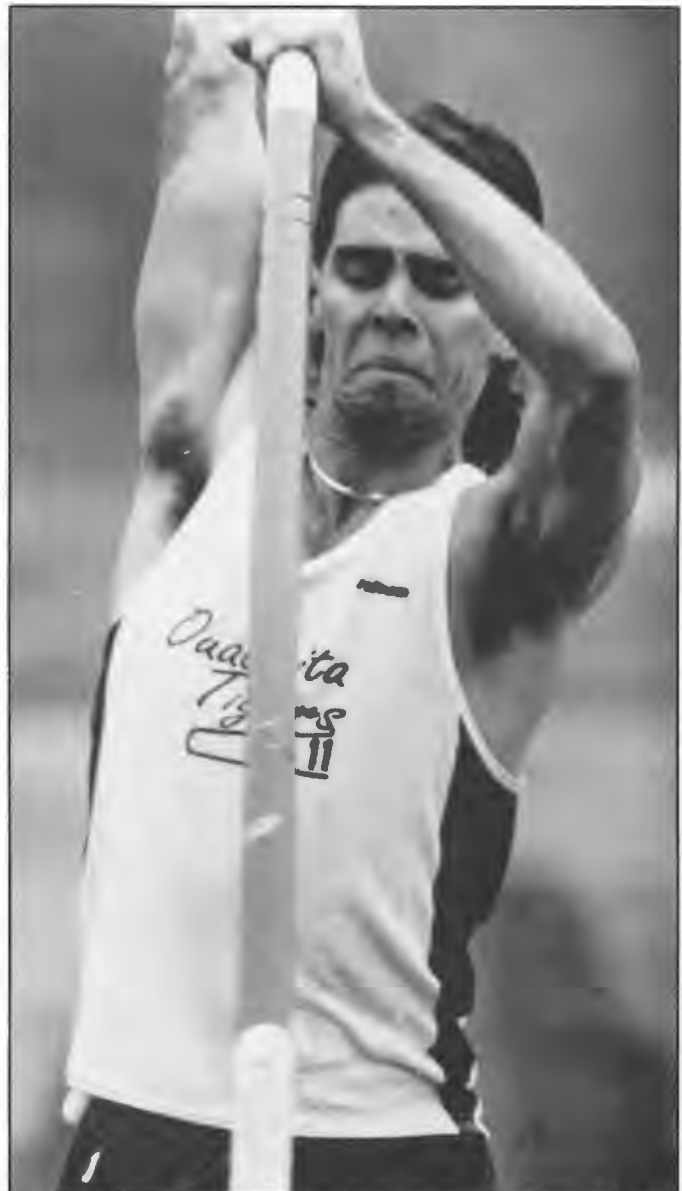
•Kim Pinson



•Joe Cathey

STRETCH Raymond Hardin and the rest of the relay team warm up before their event at the OBU meet.

PAIN A freshman Tiger places the pole in position to clear the bar.



•Chris Ocken



•Chris Ocken

SHADOW Nearing the finish line, Johnny Kelley helps his team to a win.

PUSH Leaping from the starting block, David Waddleton pushes for the win.



•Chris Ocken



•Chris Ocken



STATS Coach Gravett goes over some information with some of the spotters at the OBU meet.

HIGH HURDLE Shaun Morrell has a little trouble clearing the hurdles in the 440.

New Tennis Center Opens

Situated on the north campus on Sonny Jackson Drive sat what appeared to be a gigantic warehouse. First there appeared the 32,000 square foot base. Gradually from this concrete slab grew a building that would delight any tennis player. It was the new tennis center.

The building contained four indoor tennis courts, a full service tennis and cross-training pro shop, and an enclosed furnished balcony area for viewing of the tennis courts. The official opening with a ribbon-cutting ceremony took place on February 9.

Craig Ward, coach of the men's tennis team, and his wife Kim, who taught private lessons to children, served as managers.

Between being named Arkansas Tennis Association Proof of the Year (1982) and U.S.

Professional Tennis Association with a Pro 1 rating, Craig Ward knew his tennis centers. And when he talked tennis, people's ears perked up.

He stressed that The Tennis Center, nominated for Arkansas' Sporting Complex of the Year, was the nicest indoor public tennis facility in the state.

Almost as soon as there were walls and a ceiling, people could be seen on the courts swatting at tennis balls. Ben Elrod said, "Even before the building opened, the program had already started."

The facility was a much better than the outdoor courts behind the men's dorms and the gym. Blake McKinney said, "If you hit a bad shot, the whole back side of Daniel won't be there to see you do it."

Ward believed that having this center would show high school tennis players that OBU was serious about the program. "The Tennis Center will better allow recruitment of high quality players, resulting in team improvement," he said.

Ward noted Ouachita's interest in the well-being of the entire campus. "Like a father who is interested in the progress of all his children," he said, "OBU places an emphasis in all of its areas. Not only do we have a new tennis center, but look at what's been done with the communications department, and we're in the process of building a new auditorium. The interest that is evident in every aspect of the school contributes to the whole family."

•Rachael Ward

EXASPERATED A perplexed Jay Heflin readily accepts advice from his coach on the opening day of the new tennis center. The center was built on the north end of campus near the baseball field.

POW With a smashing movement, Amy Radar slams the ball on her opponent during practice. Practices with fellow team members were essential for winning meets.



•Chris Ocken



•Chris Ocken

BACKHAND Michael Molin and Jay Heflin work on their swings during a practice. The two players were leaders on the tennis team and had learned how to work together well.

LEADER The men's tennis team jokes along with Coach Craig Ward. The team had an outstanding season under their new coach who was recognized for his success in tennis.





•Joe Cathey



•Chris Ocken

TOGETHER

Tennis was the name of the game and for eight weeks the men's and women's tennis teams battled other schools in the state to work their way up to second and third rankings in the AIC.

"Getting this kind of standing in the AIC took a lot of hard work," said senior Galila Jiffar of the women's team that ranked third in their AIC division.

Both teams practiced agility and long distance running exercises, and the second ranked in the AIC men's team could be frequently found in the weightroom during the fall. Their workouts started at six on weekday mornings with Coach Craig Ward there to push them on. Individual tournaments helped them with self improvement and got them ready for the dual matches in the Spring.

The two teams were faced with more than their fair share of injuries during the

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year. First seed Jiffar seemed to maintain a sprained wrist throughout the season and Jackie Welch laid out for three weeks with a broken ankle. Matt Dunavant, of the men's team spent much of his freshman year at the doctor's office with a seriously injured knee that he had hurt playing tennis in the fall.

Regardless of these shortcomings, the coaches pulled them together and worked the teams to get winning results.

"Despite the fact that she took night classes at UCA, Coach Wright managed her time so that she could be all that we asked for in a coach," said freshman Christi Tosh.

Chris Maloch said, "Coach Ward not only has done a lot to improve our team, but I also see so much improvement in myself."

Both coaches worked to make the individuals on the teams come together and work like one machine.

"Our team was so strong as a unit that no one brought another person down," said Jay Heflin. "We all worked together."

They all worked together, which in the end helped them to all win together. Togetherness was a main principle that both teams held as an important concept, and at the end of the year they still had teams that were strong because they worked like one person.

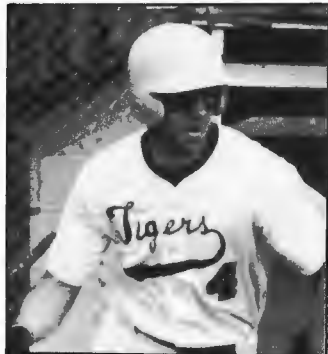
•Rachael Ward



•Joe Cathey

COMPETITION Melissa Carrier, a third-year team member, gets to know her opponent a little better. Often this was beneficial in playing against those from other schools.

STREAK



"The cards just didn't fall in the right places."
Coach Barret

If you went to Rab Rodgers Field in the spring to catch some baseball action, there was often the feel of an amusement park ride without the price of admission. Up one minute and down the next, you wondered how the ride might end. But in a season of streaks, the team finished second in the season and advanced to the NAIA District 17 Tournament.

After losing the first two games to Centenary College in Shreveport, La., the team won nine of the next 13 games, one a shutout against Harding, to maintain a 9-6 record through March 16, with the tougher part of the schedule remaining. Over spring break, the Tigers had a busy week and added four wins and four losses to their record.

The last three games were just opposite to those they played at the start of the season; they dropped two against Southern Arkansas University, but swept the University of Arkansas at Monticello to insure a second place finish. Their final record was 22-18 up from 19-20 last year.

STREAKS BOTH WINNING AND LOSING KEPT THE TEAM ON ITS TOES AND IN THE RUNNING TILL THE END

Head coach Van Barret attributed the season to a number of things. Barret said. "But one of the main factors is that our younger players have matured. They're not rookies in this league anymore."

Wes Sullivan, starting catcher, led the team in batting average (.386), and RBI's (29). He also led the AIC with six home runs. "I started hitting the ball and I thought it was just another streak. It has just kept going."

Randy Green said, "We don't have any problems starting rallies. Our problem is - we can't get the big hit when we need one. We are not a

power - hitting team, so we need to manufacture a couple runs with some timely hits."

The conference schedule began with eventual District Champion Arkansas State University. And when the Tigers made a mistake it was usually a three-run home run.

In the double elimination AIC District 17 Tournament, Barret added one win and one loss to his total. The one - run win against rival Henderson State University not only advanced the Tigers to the final game of the tournament but it knocked the Reddies out. Finally, the roller coaster season ended at the bottom of the hill with a loss to Southern Arkansas University. "I thought we did pretty well," Barret said. "The cards just didn't fall in the right places."

In the final game, bottom of the ninth, the Tigers were behind by one with two men on, two out, and Randy Green at bat with a full count. The pitch came, it was inside and low, "Strike!", "ballgame!" It was all over, SAU won.

°By Lorna Freeman

BASEBALL

Final Standings

SAU
ATU
OBU
HSU
UAM
HARDING
UCA



-Chris Ocken

READY Jason Harris is prepared to get the out on second. He was a senior from Texas.

OUT Jeff Mason makes the tag as a runner tries to return to first. Jeff was a junior from Junction City.



BATTER UP An East Texas batter prepares to swing at a ball. This was one of the early games in the season.



ALL SMILES Susan Shell gives her support to the Tiger fans. Susan was a member of the pom pon squad.

•Sharon Roper



•Chris Ocken

FIRST DEFENSE The spirit squads form a tough line of defense. The Tiger team would not have been complete without them.



SPIRIT

While the Tigers stormed across their opponents, storming on the sidelines and on campus were the cheerleaders and pom pon squads cheering their team on to victory. Many and varied were the events which took place at OBU and both squads were active all year raising support and enthusiasm for the Tigers.

With a few new additions this year, cheerleader co-captain Sonja Boone was pleased with how the year progressed.

"We have guys this year and they added spice to the sidelines," she said, "Also our two new sponsors were great."

Nancy Turner and Pam

DYNAMIC AND FAITHFUL, THE CHEERLEADERS AND POM PON SQUAD SEND SCHOOL SPIRIT SOARING

Arrington were the sponsors for both squads, and with new sponsors came new ideas. This year along with cheering at football games and boys basketball games, the squads

stayed busy during every athletic event. Among them were cheering at girls basketball games, supporting the baseball team and timing events at swim meets.

Niki Ranchino, co-captain of the cheerleading squad, was also happy with the changes.

"I like working close with the pom pon squad and we love supporting our school," Ranchino said.

The two squads took turns cheering at events and Wendy Ratcliff, captain of pom pons, said, "It's a lot of hard work and it requires responsibility, but it is rewarding."

•by Karen Stabley



•Sharon Roper

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•Joe Cathey

LETTERS The pom pon squad forms the letter "T" at a home game. The squad had a part in all the halftime shows.

RALLYING SPIRIT Their job is never done. Cheerleading was more than a hobby it was a job which those who participated took very seriously.

GRRREAT

Who was that masked man? Tony the Tiger? Not quite. Stuart Young filled the oversized stuffed shoes of one of the cuddliest tigers to come through Ouachita. His enthusiasm was unmatched and nothing, not even a lot of sweat, dampened his school spirit.

"It's sweltering," Young said about the furry suit. "At the Harding game pep rally I soaked through my shorts and shirt. Even when it's really cold outside I don't have anything to worry about."

Stuart's mom created those famed Tiger paws of his. Traditionally, the Tiger sported a simple pair of comfortable sneakers. Stuart's feet were comfortable too; the only difference was that he had an extra five inches of padding (pillow stuffing).

Even though his feet, among other props, drew attention to himself, Stuart felt his biggest responsibility was to increase peoples' interest in the team, which wasn't always easy he said. When people got that glazed-over look, it was

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Stuart who came to the rescue.

One of his trademarks was good abdominal muscles—at least they were pretty developed by the last game. At football games he stretched out on the track, and with the crowd cheering him on, gave a new meaning to the words "sit-up." He followed up each point scored with his own animated rendition of a sit-up, made complete with flailing arms and "DO THE WAVE" signs.

To girls who sat with their boyfriends and pretended to be interested in the game, Stuart was a comic relief.

People of all ages enjoyed his antics.

His favorite part as mascot was seeing the reactions of children—as long as they were good. Every once in a while the response wasn't all that great.

To some kids, Stuart's appearance was a little too realistic. To these innocent little victims he might as well have been a nightmare on legs. After Stuart learned to recognize that look of fear, he discovered the best solution was to simply walk away.

Stuart's enthusiasm defined spirit as well as any Webster's dictionary could have. Keeping that kind of energy constant, as he did, proved to be pretty exhausting at times. Like any other human he had his rough days, so his school spirit didn't always come easily. However, somehow he always managed to fake the crowd out, and for most people he symbolized the spirit that they wished to express. What a Tiger!

•by Rachael Ward•



•Joe Cathy

"He gave our Tiger mascot a new image and more spirit than he's ever shown before."

•Naomi Mercer

TIGGERIFIC Even as a freshman, Stuart Young isn't at all afraid of crowds or cameras. Stuart worked closely with the cheerleaders and pom pon squad to get the crowds excited about cheering for their team.



•Sharon Roper



NERVOUS TENSION The Tiger watches as the Henderson Reddies make another touchdown. The Tiger had a variety of props that he used at games including a trumpet and various signs.

•Sharon Roper



I CAN'T HEAR YOU Stuart Young plays deaf as he encourages a pep rally crowd to yell for the Tigers. The pep rally, which was held in front of Riley-Hickingbotham Library on Parents Day, preceded the Harding football game.

UPLIFTING GIFTS The Tiger accepts a purple balloon from a fan, majorette Dana O'Neal, during a football game. The Tiger was admired by kids of all ages.

•Sharon Roper



GRUNT Diane Henry, a member of Tri Chi, puts some real effort into swinging the bat during a softball game.

TWISTER Arms and legs everywhere. Lori McClain reaches for her flag as Melissa Carrier makes a run for it.

STINGY Amy Noble protects the ball as she searches for a fellow teammate to pass it to.



•Chris Ocken



RIVALRY



In October guys and gals met in the misquito pit for a few friendly games of football.

In all actuality, the different teams took their games quite seriously. What might have started out on a peaceful note turned into a fullfledged, sometimes nasty rivalry.

EEE got themselves riled up for games by chanting a cheer before each football game started. It went something like, "Hit 'em high, hit 'em low, blood makes the grass grow."

Although this ladies' social club didn't physically injure any opposing teammates, the cheer must have worked some kind of magic for them. EEE finished first in the womens' division for the third consecutive year.

Football was only the first sporting event on the intramural agenda.

Next came volleyball, followed by basketball and

DURING INTRAMURALS, FRIENDS WERE PITTED AGAINST EACH OTHER IN SOME HEATED COMPETITION

softball.

Each student had his own personal favorite of the intramural events in which he felt especially gifted.

"The greatest moment of my basketball career occurred during intramurals," said Freshman Stuart Young.

Young's glory day came when he sank a past half court shot with two seconds left on the clock.

Hillis Hollman turned heads when she made a steal against the Chi Delta's. From

there she went on to aim the ball towards the Chi Delta's basketball goal.

Luckily, for her team, Hollman missed the shot. At the same time, she made the game a little more interesting to watch.

Intramural softball season proved more competitive in the female division when a group of lady athletes formed an allegiance-Tri Mu Tu- and dominated.

The team swept past the others with what seemed like ease and came out on top.

Those teams that didn't win had fun in the process of not winning.

New students, for instance, felt that intramural sports was a kind of an ice-breaker.

Freshman Jeff Brawner said, "Even though my team didn't win, I thought it was a great way for me to meet other freshmen guys around campus." •Rachael Ward



"Intramurals gave me an opportunity to have good, clean, competitive fun."



•Joe Cathey

GET HIM Catch me if you can. Mitch Griffin, a member of VIP, is determined to take his ball to safety.

BLOCK Keep her out. In a Gamma versus EEE football game, Gamma Sharon Roper tries to break through the EEE offensive line.



STEADY NOW Keri Jordan takes her game seriously as she pitches the ball to the opponent.

READING Sam Heard finds a quiet place to catch up on his homework after practice.



SCIENCE Michael Baird was as dedicated to his studies as he was to his running.



TIME

Juggling grades and footballs at the same time was a tough balance for athletes to adjust to.

It didn't stop at footballs. Tennis balls, basketballs, soccer balls, and the list goes on. Everyone involved in any type of sport sacrificed time, and sometimes grades.

Freshmen seemed to have the worst time adjusting.

"My grades took a turn for the worse once basketball season started. This wasn't high school anymore, and I wasn't used to not having spare time, so I made spare time," said Freshman Marla Tidwell.

This was Tidwell's downfall.

She learned the hard way that free time was something

BALANCING GRADES BETWEEN FREE TIME AND PRACTICING KEPT ATHLETES ON THEIR TOES

that most athletes had only in their dreams.

Chris Maloch, a member of the men's tennis team, said, "Practice takes up every afternoon. Homework gets pushed to the evenings when you'd really rather be doing something else."

Football players had it the worst as far as social lives were concerned.

These poor fellows had a curfew of 10:00.

Even then, studying was sometimes minimal, especially if they were involved in more than one sport.

Football/baseball player Andy Jayroe said, "It's very difficult to find time to study and keep up my grades during the season, especially since I have two seasons a year."

These kinds of schedules, it seemed, must have required some sorts of super heroes, or better put, super athletes.

Those who participated in sports were no less than amazing. •*Rachael Ward*



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LIBRARY Long term projects were hard to fit in between practices and away games.

QUIET Kevin Hamman finds time out from soccer practice and a secluded spot to study.

AMATEURS

The budding dogwoods and the beautiful flowers decorated the landscape as the work of God's hand. The changing weather characterized each day as a unique setting. Spring break faded into the distant past as finals loomed in the distance like an approaching storm. Ah, spring-time, the time when a young person's fancies turned to thoughts of--oozeball!?! Once again, students participated in the annual, weekend "funfest" known as Tiger Traks.

The Ouachita Student Foundation sponsored Tiger Traks '91, the two days of events that challenged the minds and the bodies of the 28 teams. Each team, composed of four men and four women, competed in seven events: Simon sez, trike races, jenga, raft races, oozeball (volleyball played in the mud), tug-o-war, and the obstacle course. The events began on Friday, April

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19, and lasted through Saturday afternoon.

"We had 224 students competing on Tiger Traks teams and a great deal of competition among the teams for the fun and prizes," said Kelly Coulter who served as the Tiger Traks chairperson. As the first place team, each member of the "Ouachita Gladiators" received a \$150 gift certificate from Dillard's. The second place position went to "Hee-Haw's Bunch." The third prize

went to "Four Men and Some Babes" while the fourth prize went to "The Free Radicals."

These two days concluded with the announcement of sixteen recipients of OSF scholarships. By contacting alumni, former contributors and other friends of the university, OSF members worked to attain funds for these scholarships.

"Working at Tiger Traks was exciting," said OSF member Kathy Simms, "but the best part was helping other students through the OSF scholarships."

In the end, Tiger Traks offered a time of competition and entertainment for students. Although only one team won, the weekend was great fun for all who participated as competitors, workers and spectators. However it was the opportunity to help some students return next year that made the hard work worthwhile.

•Jeremy Bell



•Joe Cathey

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DIGGING RIGHT IN Jason Barrett eats his way through a pie tin of whipped cream in search of a ping pong ball. The ball was a vital part of the obstacle course.



•Greg Cathey



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•Joe Cathey

MAKE A SPLASH Dream Team member Heath Williams gets all wet after miscalculating his leap into the boat during the raft races. Fortunately, he managed to stay afloat.

CONCENTRATION Paul Dumas is deep in thought as he tries to determine the perfect move while playing jenga.

UP AND OVER A muddy ball and muddy feet make oozeball a slippery sport. Oozeball was the messiest competition because it's played in mud.