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Our records were hard to explain. A school the size of ours shouldn't dominate a tough NAIA conference. But we did and not in just one sport. We were top competitors in each, winning the AIC All-Sports trophy four of the last five years. Competition didn't take a back seat in intramurals either. Every play, call, and shot was crucial.



DISAPPROVAL Every sport has its questionable calls, plays and decisions. — photo by Ken Shaddox

CONTEMPLATING. On the sidelines, Steve Ray meditates on offensive play before returning to action. Steve was one player of a team that swept AIC play and qualified for the NAIA tournament. — Photo by Aaron Lynn

ANTICIPATION. Fans freeze one moment before exploding in approval of the team's play against Hendrix. — photo by David Nash





Same pre-season preparations to win second in the NAIA District

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Picked to finish in the cellar of AIC competition and starting the season with an 0-5 record, the baseball team refused to conform to pre-season expectations.

For the slow start the baseball team had and started playing team ball, their first two conference games at the University of Arkansas at Monticello. The Tigers won the first game, but lost eight hits en route to an easy victory. The second wasn't as easy, as the Tigers pulled out a squeaker, 3-2 with a bases-loaded walk. UAMC's lead in the first inning with one run. The Tigers grabbed the lead in the third when Kevin Frierson and Mike Moore scored in a wild inning that included two errors, two walks, and a wild

pitcher was helpless against the arm of Mike Moore, who allowed only one hit and two runs over innings two through five. In the sixth a one-out single was followed by a stolen base and a clutch two-out

run. The score then knotted at two in the seventh. The Tigers rapped two singles after the error of the game. With two outs and bases loaded Kevin Frierson walked on a sacrifice. Scoring Mike Moore with the run.

The team had to rely on consistent defensive play throughout the season," Coach Van Bowman said, "because we didn't have the big offense." All during the season they

place AIC conference finish. In the last conference match-up the Tigers split with Southern Arkansas University, winning the first game of the double-header 3-1, but lost the second 3-2. The one win was all they needed to clinch fourth place and to assure a play-off seat in the NAIA District 17 baseball playoffs.

The Tigers opened up tournament play, defeating top-seeded Henderson State University, scoring ten runs on nine hits and twelve walks. The Reddies jumped out to an early lead but couldn't keep up with the Tiger's run production, scoring only four runs on 10 hits.

The victory allowed the Tigers to meet the Arkansas Tech Wonderboys in the second round of the tournament. The Tigers fell short, however, losing by a score of 5-2. Arkansas Tech's win advanced them to the finals and dropped the Tigers to the final of the losers bracket, where they were rematched against the Henderson Reddies. This game proved not to be as easy as the first but ended with the same outcome. The Tigers scored five runs on seven hits and allowed only three runs on six hits, eliminating Henderson and advancing themselves to play for the championship against ATU.

The Tigers started off the scoring with two runs in the bottom of the first but the Wonderboys got their bats going, scoring runs in every inning except the sixth, compiling 15 hits and scoring 13 runs. However the Tigers weren't as fortunate. The only time they scored was when Tech didn't add to the two runs in the first. They scored one run in the sixth, for a final score of 13-3, and second place in the NAIA District 17.

"After playing two games the day before we were just too tired to play up to our potential," Jimmy Wayne Brown said. "Under different circumstances the outcome could have been different, but you can say that for any team in the tournament. I'm glad that we did as well as we did," he added. — Steve Bowman

THIRD OUT. With the ball in glove first baseman Mike Moore makes the second out in a double play. The out ended the game against conference foe Monticello. OBU won 5-1.



Rounding third, Jimmy Wayne Brown for home after hitting his first homerun. The run wasn't enough as the baseball team lost 4-3 to Arkansas

CONCERNED. The Tiger bench watches as designated hitter Richie Colby tries to start a rally in the bottom of the 6th inning during a contest against Arkansas Tech. OBU lost 4-3.

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| Henderson | 11-3 |
| Univ. of Central Ark. | 10-4 |
| Ark. Tech | 9-5 |
| Ouachita Baptist Univ. | 8-6 |
| Harding Univ. | 7-7 |
| College of Ozarks | 5-9 |
| Southern Ark. Univ. | 5-9 |
| UA-Monticello | 1-13 |



From the start they faced the disadvantage of not having a fulltime coach. But through this adversity the team built the unity and ability needed to help each other without conflicts

Arkansas Tech. This was the first time the team had been defeated by Tech in eight seasons. Two weeks later, though, the team revenged the loss by defeating Tech by a score of 7-2, giving the team momentum to win their last three matches of the season.

"The loss to Arkansas Tech made the team realize we needed to take matches more seriously," said Eric Mathis, "but the next match against them we had a different attitude about winning. The win really lifted our spirits."

In the NAIA District 17 tournament Bobby Smith and Matt Porter advanced to the semifinals in single play, while Mark Cushman went on to the finals. Cushman took second place after falling to Paul Blackburn of John Brown University 6-2, 6-4. In doubles play the team of Doug Lancaster and Mark Cushman advanced to the finals before being eliminated by Pablo Galvo and Terry King from John

Without a full-time coach, the men's tennis team faced the season handicapped

Brown University by 6-3, 6-4.

"We had high hopes going into the final day of the tournament," said Matt Porter, "but we lacked the talent to compete with the other schools."

"The season as a whole was not disappointing," said team captain Mark Cushman, "We knew it was going to be a rebuilding year. Although the finish was a disappointment, it made us realize what we needed to work on to become a championship team." — Steve Farris

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the Arkansas Intercollegiate Confer-
team finished third behind Southern
s and Harding with a record of six
d eight losses and fourth in the
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trict 17 tournament.

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a disheartening loss at the hand of

PHOTO. In a match against Mark Vickers Eric Mathis attempts to return a baseline shot but lost the point but won the match 6-3, photo by Ken Shaddox



MEMBERS OF THE MEN'S TENNIS TEAM ARE: Bernardo Fernandez, Eric Mathis, Doug Lancaster, Matt Porter, Bobby Smith, Mark Cushman.

Men's Tennis Results

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| Southern Ark. Univ | 3-6 |
| Southern Ark. Univ. | 3-6 |
| Hendrix | 6-3 |
| Ark. Tech | 4-5 |
| UA-Little Rock | 0-9 |
| N. Texas State | 3-6 |
| Univ. Texas-Arlington | 4-5 |
| Univ. Central Ark. | 7-2 |
| Harding | 1-8 |
| UA-Little Rock | 0-9 |
| Ark. Tech | 7-2 |
| Hendrix | 8-1 |
| College of Ozarks | 9-0 |
| UA-Monticello | 9-0 |

Overall record: 6-8
AIC record: 6-4
(Bold face indicates conference games)

CONCENTRATION. In a crucial point play against Gary Webb of Arkansas Tech, Bernardo Fernandez backhands a deep shot. Fernandez won the point and the match in three sets, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4. — photo by Ken Shaddox



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"I never expected some of the things to happen that happened this year," stated Miss Tona Wright, coach of the women's tennis team.

A team marked by inexperience surprisingly registered a winning season

After holding a record of 4-1, the team turned in two losses in a row before bounding back to win the final regular season game.

At 5-3 the team headed into the state tournament play. With three experienced and three first-year players, the team seemed to be the underdog. But two of the first-year players combined to win second in the state.

Kathy Thornton, a sophomore from Malvern, and Karen Williams, a freshman from Arkadelphia, teamed up in the most unexpected happening of the season. "We didn't expect this to happen," Thornton said, "I was sixth on the team and Karen was fourth; so no one ever expected us to win."

The doubles team seemed unstoppable when they got on the court. With only one loss to the University of Arkansas at Little Rock they finished their season with a record of 6-1. They then went on to the Arkansas Women's Intercollegiate Sports Association tournament seeded second and played all the way to the finals before being handed their second loss, once again by the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

The team ended the season with a 5-4 record. Coach Wright commented on the year, "I thought we had an excellent season. We just got beat by the teams that won the tournament." — Steve Farris and Kristi White



the onset of the season Coach Wright out that the women's tennis team was and inexperienced. Only three players the previous year's team returned to

the team lost their opener in a close against Southern Arkansas University of 4-5. However, the team rallied for the opening loss to win their next matches. They defeated crosstown rival, State University, by a score of 5-3. Beating the University of Arkansas at the team continued their winning by winning a close match with the of Central Arkansas 5-4. The next their schedule was Hendrix College.

Tigers proved to much for them by them in another close match 5-4. there things went a little sour.

PRACTICE, PRACTICE. Fourth seed Williams practices her forehand in for the AWISA tournament. Karen and Kathy Thornton finished second in competition in the tournament. — photo Meredith

UP. While preparing for the season Clary returns a volley during — photo by Mike Thomas



Women's Tennis Results

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| Southern Ark. Univ. | 4-5 |
| Henderson State Univ. | 5-4 |
| UA-Monticello | 6-3 |
| Univ. Central Ark. | 5-4 |
| Hendrix | 5-4 |
| Arkansas State Univ. | 3-6 |
| Henderson State Univ. | 6-3 |
| Univ. Central Ark. | 1-8 |
| UA Little Rock | 1-8 |

AWISA record: 5-4



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Sporting a team of seven, the smallest in school history, the golf team finished second in the Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference.

The team started on a sour note by finishing poorly in the first match of the season in Pine

Harding didn't think we had a chance to win during the season," said senior forwards.

However, at the next match in Pine Bluff they finished first while Harding, who lost the first match, finished last. Pine Bluff was suddenly back in the race for the Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference Championship.

As for the season coach Frank Edwards said, "Probably Harding and Ouachita, along with Ouachita, were in the running."

Coach Taylor was right as he found his team for first place with Harding, University of Central Arkansas in third and Southern Arkansas in third

After a rugged season of play, the golf team emerged as NAIA District 17 champs.

going into the last match of the season in Hot Springs.

Harding edged by the Tigers with a one-half point advantage leaving Ouachita in second place in the AID. However, the team won a sudden-death playoff in the AIC tournament that gave them the right to go on to the NAIA tournament.

For the tournament, Coach Taylor took his team to Elon College in Greensboro, North Carolina. Unfortunately, they didn't make the two-day out and were eliminated from play. Freshman Sam Hardin made the individual cut and went on to play for medalist with scores of 74, 76, 78, and 78.

"It was an up-and-down season, but we weren't disappointed with the seasons since we got the thrill of going to the national tournament," said Edwards. — Steve Farris

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TOUGH SHOT. With four iron in hand, Senior Andy Edwards looks down the fairway at the Ouachita practice course. — photo by Ken Shaddox



SHOT. With a pleased look, Junior John Kinley watches his ball sail down the fairway towards the green. — photo by Aaron Lynn

MEMBERS OF THE GOLF TEAM ARE: Alan Moore, Mike Marks, Barry Hardin, Scott Heller, Sam Hardin, John Wayne Kinley, Andy Edwards. — photo by Aaron Lynn

Final AIC standings

- Harding University
- Ouachita Baptist University
- Southern Arkansas University
- Univ. of Central Arkansas
- Univ. of Ark. at Monticello
- Arkansas Tech University
- Hendrix College
- Henderson State University

FLYING HIGH. Steve Hughes leaps high into the air during the triple jump at the AIC championship meet. Steve won the event with a jump of 46'-11". — photo by Ken Shaddox



MEMBERS OF THE TRACK TEAM ARE: Front row: Brad Pippens, Lee Washington, David Jones, Carl Hall, Carl Morris, Loyd Campbell, Tony Chambliss. Second row: Johnny Williams, Tim Zachery, Tyrone Hill, James Ptokens, Henry Harrell, James Dorough, Kirk Lee, Greg Gideon. Back row: Calvin Thomas, Raymond Brown, Terry Thomas, Chris McCollum, Robert Butler, Bobby Chadwick, Keith Baker, Lance Montgomery, Brad Scott, Coach Bob Gravett.



Spring '82

They came close. First would have been better. Third would have been worse. It might have been closer if apprehension had not dampened spirits.

apprehension started at the beginning year with what junior Chris McCollum set up as "a generally bad attitude workouts and having to pay the price to be a championship team." added, "But as the year progressed, a sense of unity was being built that we realize existed until the Texas High Invitational."

The track team finished first among schools with 159 points. Southern Arkansas University came in second with 142 and Arkansas Tech finished third.

Following the Texas High Invitational, the track team went on to win their last AIC A week later in the AIC preliminaries, qualified in 16 out of 18 events.

In the AIC finals, Brad Scott finished second in the discus with a throw of 152'-9". The 400-meter relay team of Carl Morris, Hill, Lee Washington, and Loyd

Along with physical workouts, mental preparation for a meet made the difference in winning or losing an event

Campbell placed fourth with a time of 42:36. Three Tigers placed in the 1500-meter run. First place went to Henry Harrell with a clocking of 3:55.67, second place to Tim Zachary at 3:57.37, and Raymond Brown finished fifth with 3:59.91.

Carl Hall crossed the finish line fourth in the 110-meter high hurdles at 15:16 seconds. He also placed sixth in the 400-meter intermediate hurdles with a time of 54:8 seconds.

In the 800-meter run, third place was occupied by Keith Baker at 1:53.87. Henry Harrell and Raymond Brown finished fourth and fifth, respectively.

All-AIC pole vaulter Bobby Chadwick vaulted 15' to take first place. Kirk Lee finished fourth in the event with a jump of 14'-6".

Lee Washington sped to a 49.98 second

fourth place finish in the 400-meter dash.

The 800-meter relay team of David Jones, Tyrone Hill, Lee Washington and Loyd Campbell placed fourth with a time of 1:28.01.

Steve Hughes turned in a fine performance with first place victories in the triple jump, 110-meter high hurdles, and sixth place in the long jump. Hughes totaled up 21 points to win the individual high point trophy and All-AIC honors.

"It was a great honor to win the high point trophy," Hughes said, "but if I had to choose I would rather the team have won the AIC Championship."

Harding won the meet with 110 points. Ouachita finished second with 92 points, and Arkansas Tech came in third with 82 points.

Coach Bob Gravett accounted for the second place finish in saying, "I didn't get the performance I expected from the freshmen."

Freshman Tony Chambliss agreed. "For a freshman coming into a college program, it's a mental burden on how well he is going to compete above the high school level." Chambliss also said, "When you find that you can compete, you strive to do the best possible, which leads to over-preparation for an event and results in mental and physical burnout."

— Steve Bowman



FINAL STRETCH. With 300 meters to go in the 400-meter run James Pickens picks up his baton from Loyd Campbell. — photo by Ken Shaddox

QUICK EXCHANGE. Reaching back Loyd Campbell receives the baton from Melvin English on the third exchange of the 400-meter relay. — photo by Matt Greene

Final AIC Standings

- Harding University
- Ouachita Baptist University
- Arkansas Tech University
- Southern Arkansas University
- University of Central Arkansas
- Henderson State University
- College of the Ozarks
- Univ. of Ark. at Monticello
- Arkansas College
- Hendrix University



DEEP CONCENTRATION. Relaxing in the hurdles stretch, pole vaulter Kirk Lee ponders his next vault during the AIC Championship meet. Kirk placed fourth with a vault of 14'-6". — photo by Aaron Lynn



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Storybook season

Outmanned, undersized, and underrated, the football team stunned observers by making a Cinderella story come true

With 2:22 left in the fourth quarter of what could have been the final game of the season the Tigers were down by five to arch-rival Henderson State University in the famed Battle of the Ravine.

It looked as if the Tigers didn't have a chance. They were on their own 6-yard line, 94 yards away from victory. It was a long way to go in a very short time.

But 18 plays and 90 yards later it was second and goal on Henderson's four yard line with 10 seconds left to play. Quarterback Robert Jayroe called the signals over 7,000 screaming fans, received the snap, and threw to Mark Whatley for the touchdown. They had done it. They had beat the odds. They knew they were winners and they expected to do nothing but win.

The game was their fourth straight come-from-behind conference win. The win ended the regular season with an 8-2 record, a 6-0 conference record, the AIC championship, and a national playoff berth.

The undefeated conference mark and the outright championship was the first for a Tiger football team since 1941. The playoff berth was the first since 1975 when Ouachita shared the championship with Henderson.

Before the season had gotten underway the Tigers were picked fifth in the seven-team

conference. It took a lot more than words to convince this team that they weren't capable of winning the AIC.

The season started out slow with a loss to Delta State University 31-14.

After the loss the Tigers traveled back to Arkadelphia to prepare for their next contest against Southeastern Oklahoma. Head Coach Buddy Benson commented during practice that Monday afternoon, "This is a good football team. We're going to win a lot of football games." Benson added, "Some bunches would have come back here and hung their heads after the loss. This one didn't. You can see the desire in their eyes."

Benson couldn't have been more accurate because win they did. That Saturday the team lined up against Southeastern Oklahoma State University and thrashed them by a score of 41-14.

The team got off to a running start early and didn't slow down. OBU ran off a 35-0 cushion at the half and led 41-0 before SEOS scored a pair of fourth-quarter touchdowns against the reserves.

The win gave head coach Buddy Benson his 100th career coaching victory. Oddly enough, Benson's first win was against SEOS in 1965. He is the first coach in Tiger and Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference history to reach the centery mark.

Texas Lutheran College was on the schedule the next Saturday and the Tigers fought a tough battle to overcome the Bulldogs 27-16.

There was some speculation that the Tigers were for real. The true test would come the next week as the Tigers took on the AIC

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TIGER'S VIEW. Lisa Morton the Tiger mascot watches as the AIC champion Tiger offense moves down the field and scores with :10 seconds left to win the game against Henderson 19-18. — photo by David Nash

DOWN THE SIDELINE. Freshman Dwayne Graves picks up 14-yards on a draw play midway through the second quarter of the homecoming game against Harding. OBU won 14-3 — photo by Ken Shaddox

Storybook season

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TOUGH DEFENSE. Alexis Reed jumps for joy after stopping the SAU offense deep in OBU's territory to end the scoring threat. OBU won the game 17-10. — photo by David Nash



pre-season favorite and nationally ranked UA-Monticello Boll-Weevils.

Taking the opening kickoff, the Tigers were unsuccessful in attempts to move the ball. After two incomplete passes and a four yard gain the Tigers elected to punt. UAM put on a heavy rush in an attempt to block the punt but in so doing was called for 17-yard roughing the kicker penalty. The penalty gave the Tigers new life as they scored on 80-yard drive that ended with a Robert Jayroe pass to Ricky Rhodes. OBU led 7-0.

On UAM's next possession they never got past the line of scrimmage and had to punt. The Tigers took over on their own 35-yard line and on their first play Jayroe threw to Melvin English who caught the ball in full stride and never stopped running until he crossed the goal line. Todd Quick added the PAT to make the score 14-0.

The Tigers scored their last points on their first possession early in the second quarter after David Norris intercepted a UAM pass and returned it 46 yards to UAM's 14 yard line. Quick kicked the field goal after three unsuccessful attempts to push it into the endzone.

The second half was dominated by defense with neither team being able to put any points on the board until 45 seconds left to play when UAM scored from 26 yards out. Their two-point conversion failed. The Tigers took over the ball and ran the clock out, winning 17-6.

"Give all the credit to the defense," said Coach Buddy Benson. "Coach Frank Spainhour and his other defensive coaches, David

Sharp and Ted Cook, deserve the credit for having them ready," he added.

The win over UAM gave the Tigers their debut in the NAIA top 20 in the 18th week.

The Tigers proved worthy of their ranking the next week by upsetting nationally ranked Southern Arkansas University.

The win didn't come easy for the Tigers. The first quarter was scoreless, but the Tigers struck first with a 12-yard pass from Robert Jayroe to Dwayne Stanley for a 7-0 lead.

But SAU came right back on a scoring drive that covered 77 yards to tie the score with a six-yard run from SAU quarterback Gerald Pride.

The Tigers, however, bounced back to take the lead after marching from the 20 to SAU's 8-yardline. From there Graves scored his first collegiate touchdown to give the Tigers a 14-7 lead at the end of the first quarter.

Midway through third quarter the Tigers struck again on a 26 yard field goal by Todd Quick. The score would be 17-7 for the Tigers as they went up 17-7.

SAU fought back and drove down to OBU five, but the Tiger defense held them to a field goal cutting the score to 17-10.

The last Mulerider drive started with SAU on their own 34 with 1:21 left to play.

SAU's quarterback scrambled for 20 yards and completed two of seven passes. He put the ball on the Tiger 28, setting up the last play of the game. The Rider quarterback scrambled and was tackled on the Tiger 10 line by Ed Thomas, Todd Quick, and

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QUICK PITCH. Quarterback Robert Jayroe quick pitches in a come from behind victory against Arkansas Tech. OBU won 28-24. — photo by David Nash



WE'RE #1. With fingers raised Rick Wilson and Buddy Brown join Tiger fans in acknowledging that they are number one in the AIC and Arkadelphia after defeating Henderson 19-18. —

COMING THROUGH. After breaking through the defense of Arkansas Tech, Dwayne Graves scored on a 41-yard run. OBU won the game 28-24. — photo by David Nash





YOUNG FANS. During the homecoming game with Harding three young Tiger fans watch the action from three different vantage points. OBU won the game 17-3. — photo by David Nash.



IN THE POCKET. Looking for receiver Kent Baggett Robert Jayroe sets up for the pass. The throw was complete to Baggett for 26-yards in a game against UCA. OBU won 20-22. photo by



HELPING HAND. Rick Wilson helps Rhodes a hand after a play during Tech game. The Tiger team won its first game with a 20-21.

me," Buddy Benson said after the game. "We were just hanging on and fighting for our lives," Benson added. "Our defense and Todd Quick's kicking were the keys. Our players played their hearts out."

Their next contest was a non-conference game with Mississippi College Choctaws.

The Choctaws used their depth and size to run down an over-manned Tiger team on the way to 42-14 thrashing on Mississippi College's homecoming. The loss would be their first during the regular season.

After the loss the Tigers prepared themselves for the University of Central Arkansas Bears. The Tigers went into the game ranked 15th while the Bears were a few spots back at 19th.

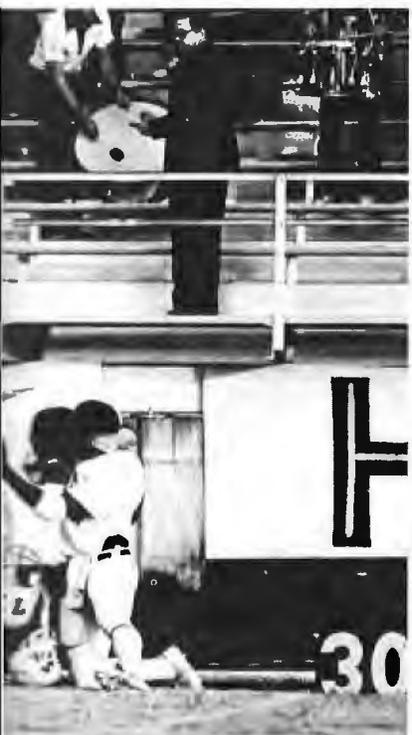
The game kicked off a streak of battles between the Tigers and the Bears in the second half.

The Tigers scored the only points in the second quarter with a Todd Quick field goal and a punt pass from Robert Jayroe to Mark Baggett.

The next score was in the early going of the second quarter when Jayroe hit Kent Baggett in the end zone from the thirteen yard line for a 15-0 lead.

The rest of the half belonged to the Bears. On their next possession the Bears marched 67 yards for a touchdown but failed in a two-point conversion attempt to narrow the gap to 15-6.

OFF RUN. Dwayne Stanley, the Tigers' leading rusher, cuts through Northeastern Oklahoma's defensive line during the first NAIA game. OBU lost the game 38-23. — photo by David Nash



recovered. From there they marched 44 yards to score. The PAT was good and UCA had closed the score 15-13 at half-time.

The Bears came out confident for the second half and drove 80 yards in nine plays for another score. The PAT was no good and for the first time UCA led by a score of 19-15.

They didn't keep it long, however, as Ricky Rhodes scored from twenty yards out to give the lead back to the Tigers 21-19. After trading punts for the remainder of the third quarter UCA took control of the ball on their own 10-yard line and marched 80 yards to the Tiger 10. The Bears had to settle for the field goal but retained the lead 22-21.

With the time running out, the Tigers started a must-score drive from their own 34 yard line. In only four plays, the Tigers were in the endzone again. On the scoring play, Robert Jayroe hit slotback Kent Baggett for a 51-yard touchdown strike. Coach Benson elected to go for the two-point conversion and Jayroe once again found his mark by hitting Ricky Rhodes in the numbers to make the final score 29-22.

After taking the next week off the Tigers traveled to Russellville to take on Arkansas Tech's Wonder Boys on their homecoming.

The Tigers scored 14 points in the first quarter on two touchdown runs of 46 and 41 yards by Kent Baggett and Dwayne Graves respectively.

It was far from being over, however, as the Wonder Boys took advantage of two fumbles and an interception to take the lead going into the dressing room, 24-14.

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Todd Quicks signal to snap the ball to holder Robert Jayroe. After the snap Quick kicked a 37-yard field goal to begin the scoring in the UCA game. OBU won 29-22. — photo by David Nash



BLOCKED PASS. High in the air Todd George blocks a Harding pass early in the second half of the homecoming game. OBU won 17-3. — photo by Ken Shaddox



DIVING CATCH. All-AIC wide receiver Kent Baggett dives for a pass during a game with SAU. The pass was ruled incomplete. OBU won the game 17-10. — photo by Tracy Meredith

A WINNING EMBRACE. Clay Price and Rick Wilson congratulate each other after the battle of the ravine against Henderson. OBU won in the final seconds of the game 19-18. — photo by David Nash



Storybook season

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In the second half the momentum shifted to the Tigers as they also took advantage of the Boy mistakes as Ed Thomas recovered the fumbles. The Tigers then converted them to scores the last one coming with 4:23 left to play as Robert Jayroe ran in 40 yards out to give the Tigers the lead to win 28-24.

Then came homecoming week for the Tigers and their fans. The fans were not disappointed as the Tigers scored two touchdowns to win their third consecutive come-from-behind victory, 14-3, and clinched the AIC championship.

With the conference championship under their belts the Tigers traveled across the state to take on the Henderson State Tigers with hope of getting a playoff berth. Their hopes were not dashed as they won the emotional come-from-behind victory 19-18.

With the win the Tiger Team moved up to the 8th spot in the national rankings just enough to get the invite to the national playoffs.

The Tigers' opponent would be 2nd ranked Northeastern State University.

NSU was the solid favorite going into the game but out-sized and out-numbered the Tigers hung on until late in the fourth quarter. In the end, six Tiger fumbles proved the difference.

The final outcome was a NSU victory 38-23.

The game was a see-saw battle until the fourth quarter when the Tiger defense started to tire from too much time on the field.

At the half the Tigers had the advantage 17-16 and kept it until early in the fourth quarter when NSU scored and converted the two-point try to take the lead 24-17.

Northeastern then took advantage of a Tiger fumble midway through the quarter to add seven more points to their total.

The Tigers, who had made it a habit of coming back late in the game, looked as if they still had a chance when they scored on their next possession narrowing the gap 31-23 after a missed PAT.

But with 63 seconds left Northeastern put seven more on the board to conclude the scoring 38-23.

The Cinderella story had ended with a loss just as it had started with one. In between, followers of the Ouachita football program were treated to a season that will live on in memory as long as tales of fourth-quarter comebacks, late touchdown passes and storybook teams are told. — Stephen Bowman



GENERAL INFORMATION. Coach Buddy Benson to the referee's explanation during the stern Oklahoma game. Benson became coach in AIC history to win 100 games 11-14 victory. — photo by David Nash



MEMBERS OF THE FOOTBALL SQUAD ARE:
 Front row: Dwayne Graves, Kyle Baird, Ronnie Reed, Pat Halford, Nathaniel Holyfield, Dana Barnett, Paul Thorpe, Monte Bushby, Scott Jackson, Ricky Rhodes. Second row: Jeff Smith, Melvin English, Buddy Brown, Billy Edwards, Mark Whatley, Robert Jayroe, Kent Baggett, James Jordan, Todd Quick, David Norris, Mark Harmon. Third row: Mike Hall, Todd Knight, Mike Wallace, Monte Gibson, Todd George, Dwayne Stanley, Mike Tarkington, Scott Embrey, Britt Stender, Todd Lovell, Andy Berryman, Kelly Harris, Ed Thomas. Fourth row: Steve Snider, Mike Cameron, Joe Hegl, Steve Woosley, Clay Price, Rick Wilson, Mike Norwood, Pat Halford, Derek Baker. Back row: Steve Quinn, Steve Ray, Milton Light, Dino Muldrew, Alexis Reed, Kevin Hunt, Tyrone Blanks, Arthur Gilbert, Tim Bisagno.

REACHING HIGH. Mark Whatley jumps high in an attempt to catch a pass. The ball dropped incomplete during the game with Harding. OBU won 14-3. — photo by Tracy Meredith

Football results

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| Delta State | 14-31 |
| Southeastern Ok. | 41-14 |
| Texas Lutheran | 27-16 |
| Univ. of Ark. | |
| Monticelle | 17-6 |
| Southern Ark. Univ. | 17-10 |
| Mississippi College | 14-24 |
| Univ. of Central Ark. | 29-22 |
| Arkansas Tech Univ. | 28-24 |
| Harding Univ. | 17-3 |
| Henderson | |
| State Univ. | 19-18 |
| Northeastern | |
| State Univ. | 23-38 |

Overall record 8-3
 AIC record 6-0

A change of pace



MEMBERS OF THE CROSS-COUNTRY TEAM ARE: Front row: Robbie Crocker, James Pickens, Tony Chambliss, James Collier. Second row: David Shillings, Keith Baker, Terry Thomas, Coach Bob Gravett

1982 Cross Country Final Standings

Harding University
Arkansas Tech University
Ouachita Baptist Univ.
University of Ark.
at Monticello
College of the Ozarks
Univ. of Cent. Ark.
Henderson State Univ.
Arkansas College
Southern Ark. Univ.
Hendrix

They ran, and ran, and ran, and then they ran some more. The cross-country team ran six miles every morning and seven more in the afternoon heat. Stride for stride, yard for yard, mile for mile, the team strived for a conference championship with every step.

Their intense workouts could not make up for the youth on the team. Sporting four freshmen and two sophomores on the nine-man squad left a lot of room for youthful mistakes.

The Tigers had a change of pace; running in seven meets and winning none was something virtually unheard of for a Tiger track season.

During the second meet of the season held at Henderson State University, the team placed third in a field of five schools. Central Oklahoma State University came out on top with five men in the top ten places. University of Arkansas at Monticello was second in the meet with 46 points, followed by Ouachita with 66 points, Henderson with 102, and Southern Arkansas with 127 to round out the scoring.

Tony Chambliss paced the Tiger runners, coming in sixth place with a time of 26:57 over the five-mile course. David Shillings was seventh at 27:03 and James Pickens was 14th at 28:36. Michael Larry crossed the line in 16th place at 29:34, while Raymond Blown and Terry Thomas finished 23rd and 27th respectively.

As the season went along the team remained consistent with second and third-place finishes. The lowest finish for the team was in the Northeast Louisiana State University Invitational Cross-Country Meet. The Tigers finished fourth behind Mississippi College, which had 45 points, to take first place honors. Centenary University was second with 65, followed by Northeast Louisiana with 74 and Ouachita with 107.

Running in seven meets and placing no higher than second was something unheard of for a Tiger cross-country team

University of Arkansas at Monticello, Southern Mississippi and North Louisiana rounded out the field, occupying fifth through seventh places respectively.

In the AIC, only the league's finisher counted toward the title. The team finished in third place. Harding University won the 18th championship in the last two years with 36 points; Arkansas Tech was second with 74 points, one point ahead of third place Ouachita. Fourth place went to University of Arkansas at Monticello with a distance of 102 points. College of the Ozarks, University of Central Arkansas, Henderson State University, Southern Arkansas and Henderson State rounded out the fifth through 10th places respectively.

"I was pleased with our third-place finish," Coach Bob Gravett said. "We've been running behind UAM all season and I'm proud of our guys for doing so well despite their inexperience."

Freshman David Shillings paced the Tiger runners with a 26:22 third-place finish and was the only team member to make the All-District 17 team.

Sophomore Tony Chambliss was the Tiger to cross the line in 11th place with a time of 27:18. Next came Robbie Crocker in 14th place at 27:57. James Pickens, Raymond Brown, James Collier and Michael Larry finished 15th, 16th, 17th and 18th places, respectively, in a field of 25 runners. — Steve Bowman



BIRD'S EYE VIEW. With the race half over runners strive to keep pace. Their finishing one place higher or lower could mean the difference in the team's overall performance. — photo by David Nash

TAKING A REST. After a four-mile race James Pickens sits down and catches his breath. James placed 13th in the meet while the team finished second. — photo by David Nash



LEADERS OF THE PACK. David Shillings and Tony Chambliss lead the pack midway through the four-mile course on OBU's north campus. Shillings placed 7th while Chambliss came in at 10th. — photo by Ken Shaddox





MOMENT OF PRAYER. After a match with Henderson the volleyball team gives thanks to God for guiding them through the match without injuries. OBU lost 3-2. — photo by David Nash

BLOCKED SPIKE. In a joint effort Gay Anthony and Jamie Avard block a spike during a match with Hendrix. OBU won 3-0. — photo by David Nash



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season began with two losses at the
Principia College of Illinois and

Arkansas State University, but this didn't
keep the Tigerettes down, because they came
back to beat the University of Central
Arkansas.

The season continued behind the strong
leadership of five seniors: Vaughn Clary, Sheri
Grober, Connie Lawrence, Diane Mackey, and
Beth Olsen. With this leadership, as well as
the other veteran teammates including one
junior and six sophomores, the team compiled
a record of 6-2 and a second place in the
conference through half the season. Ouachita
overcame the University of Arkansas at Pine
Bluff, Hendrix College, Arkansas Tech
University, Arkansas College, and UCA while
Ouachita succumbed to HSU and SAU.

Meanwhile, the junior varsity team broke
even at 2-2 while playing at the annual JV
tournament. They defeated Hendrix and UCA,
but yielded to Arkansas College and ATU.

Of the next three games Ouachita lost
two, again to HSU and SAU and handed a
defeat to UAPB. With these losses the team
dropped to third, compiling a record of 7-3.
The team ended the season with two
non-conference games which they split and
four conference games, winning two.

The Tigerettes played an aggressive
season (9-5), and the enthusiasm mounted as
they entered the NAIA District 17 tourna-
ment. The team, seeded fourth, began the
tournament play against John Brown Univer-
sity (14-14). John Brown came out strong,
winning 9-15, but the Tigerettes fought back
to secure a win, 15-1. John Brown proved too
much by outlasting the Tigerettes 4-15 and
6-15. This moved John Brown on to the finals
but sent the Tigerettes back home.

Three members of the team were chosen
for the all AWISA team. The athletes were
junior Kerri Culpepper, senior Beth Olsen,
freshman Jamie Avard, and Sheri Grober
received honorable mention.

The team finished fourth in the AWISA.
— Johnny Gosser



Volleyball Results

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| Arkansas State Univ. | 0-3 |
| Univ. of Central Ark. | 3-1 |
| Henderson State Univ. | 2-3 |
| UA - Pine Bluff | 3-1 |
| Hendrix College | 3-1 |
| Southern Ark. Univ. | 0-3 |
| Arkansas Tech Univ. | 3-2 |
| Arkansas College | 3-0 |
| Univ. of Central Ark. | 3-1 |
| Henderson State Univ. | 2-3 |
| UA - Pine Bluff | 3-2 |
| Southern Ark. Univ. | 2-3 |
| UA - Little Rock | 3-2 |
| Hendrix College | 3-0 |
| UA - Little Rock | 2-3 |
| Arkansas College | 3-1 |
| Arkansas Tech Univ. | 2-3 |

Overall record: 10-7



WINNING FORM. With the ball in the air Gay Anthony prepares to serve in a match against Arkansas Tech. OBU won 3-2. — photo by David Nash

MEMBERS OF THE VOLLEYBALL TEAM ARE: Front row: Marty Milstead, Connie Lawrence, Diane Mackey, Christine James. Second row: Rhonda Crisswell, Sherri Grover, Vaughn Clary, Judi Holcombe, Mindy Culpepper. Back row: Coach Tona Wright, Jan Orr, Gay Anthony, Melanle Crockett, Beth Olsen, Jamie Avard, Karen Williams, Susan Giles, Vernita Melvin, Kerri Culpepper, Student Coach Thelma Coleman.



National recognition

With the completion of the new Olympic-size pool the swimming program attracted the NAIA National Meet

With the addition of the Health Physical Education and Recreation Complex an eight-lane swimming facility provided the swim team with a larger pool that helped in luring the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Swimming and Diving championships held March 3-5.

"The NAIA office was very impressed with our new pool which we feel is one of the most impressive structures of its kind for a school this size," said swimming coach Jim Dann. "Plus the people of Arkadelphia, at both OBU and HSU as well as other townspeople, seem to really like the idea of a national meet being in the city."

The new pool not only attracted the NAIA meet but helped in recruitment. "When I was with a recruit and he wanted to see the old pool," said Dann, "I'd try to steer him away from it. Now the pool is the first thing I show them."

Finishing second behind Henderson State University, in the Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference Swimming and Diving Championship Meet, the Tiger Sharks set five new school records. Jeff Ozman, a freshman from Naples, Florida, set two new records. He swam a 22.30 in the 50-yard freestyle, erasing the old mark of 22.93. He also broke the record in the 100-yard freestyle of 50.30 by clocking a 49.50.

Harley Northup set a new school record in the 400-yard Intermediate with a time of

4:41.92 breaking the record of 4:46.11.

The team of John McFerrin, Jeff Ozman, Blair Thomas, and Stephen Mitchell set two new records. They registered a time of 3:20.85, shattering the old mark of 3:25.88 in the 400-yard freestyle relay. They then went on to set a new record in the 800-yard freestyle medley with a clocking of 7:25.61 erasing the old record of 7:39.79.

Don Moore turned in a second-place finish with a score of 333.75 in the three-meter diving competition. Shawn Patterson followed Moore by placing third. Moore also scored 317.30 on the one-meter board, capturing second place.

The team had six who qualified for the NAIA Swimming and Diving Championship Meet.

The qualifiers were Don Moore in the three-meter diving competition, Jeff Ozman in the 50-yard freestyle and the 100-yard freestyle, John McFerrin in the 100-yard and 200-yard butterfly, Frank Giangrosso in the 100-yard breaststroke. The team of McFerrin, Ozman, Thomas, and Mitchell qualified in the 400-yard freestyle relay and in the 800-yard freestyle medley relay.

"We accomplished most of our team goals set at the beginning of the year," stated Shawn Patterson, a sophomore diver from Cabot. "Our freshmen swam really well this year." — Steve Farris 

SWIM TIME. Elated swimmers throw AIC Co-coach of the Year, Jim Dann, in the pool after taking second place in the conference meet at Henderson State University. — photo by David Nash

NATIONAL CHAMPIONS. A swimmer from Simon Frazier University, the winner of the NAIA national meet, adds to the team's points in the 100-yard freestyle — photo by David Nash



Final AIC Standings

Henderson State University
Ouachita Baptist University
Hendrix College
Southern Arkansas University
Arkansas Tech University



HIGH DRIVE. High in the air, Senior Joey Cunningham finishes his dive in the three-meter



A silent season

Not having a championship contender team, the Tigers remained relatively quiet, finishing in the middle of the conference

The basketball season on February 5, ended with a loss to the University of Arkansas Pine Bluff during the NAIA District 17 playoffs. The loss gave the Tigers a 15-14 overall record and sixth place finish in the conference.

Although the conference record denoted a losing season the team proved they were winners by defeating every team in the conference, with the exception of Hendrix and Southern Arkansas University, at least once.

The highlights of the conference season were defeating pre-season favorite and crosstown rival Henderson State University, and AIC co-champions Arkansas College by an embarrassing score of 72-53.

The team's campaign started on the road

as the Tigers won their first contest against Texas Baptist College 63-57. But they traveled to Louisiana and suffered their first defeat 73-67.

After the loss the Tigers started a five-game winning streak, including winning their second consecutive game in the classic was Tarleton State. The Tigers had little trouble defeating a Texas school, 93-72. Randall Dickey was the top scorer with 26 points followed by Barnes with 17 in the winning effort.

The next night the Tigers took the title with an 82-70 win over Delta College. Craig Bennett, the club's most valuable player, led the scoring with 18 points, while Larry Tobar and Tom added 16 and 12 points, respectively.

Their winning streak was snapped in an NCAA school Centenary College game. Centenary proved to be a tough opponent as they posted a 48-28 half-time lead. The Tigers never looked back, winning the contest.

Carrying a 6-2 record the Tigers traveled to Warrensburg, Missouri for

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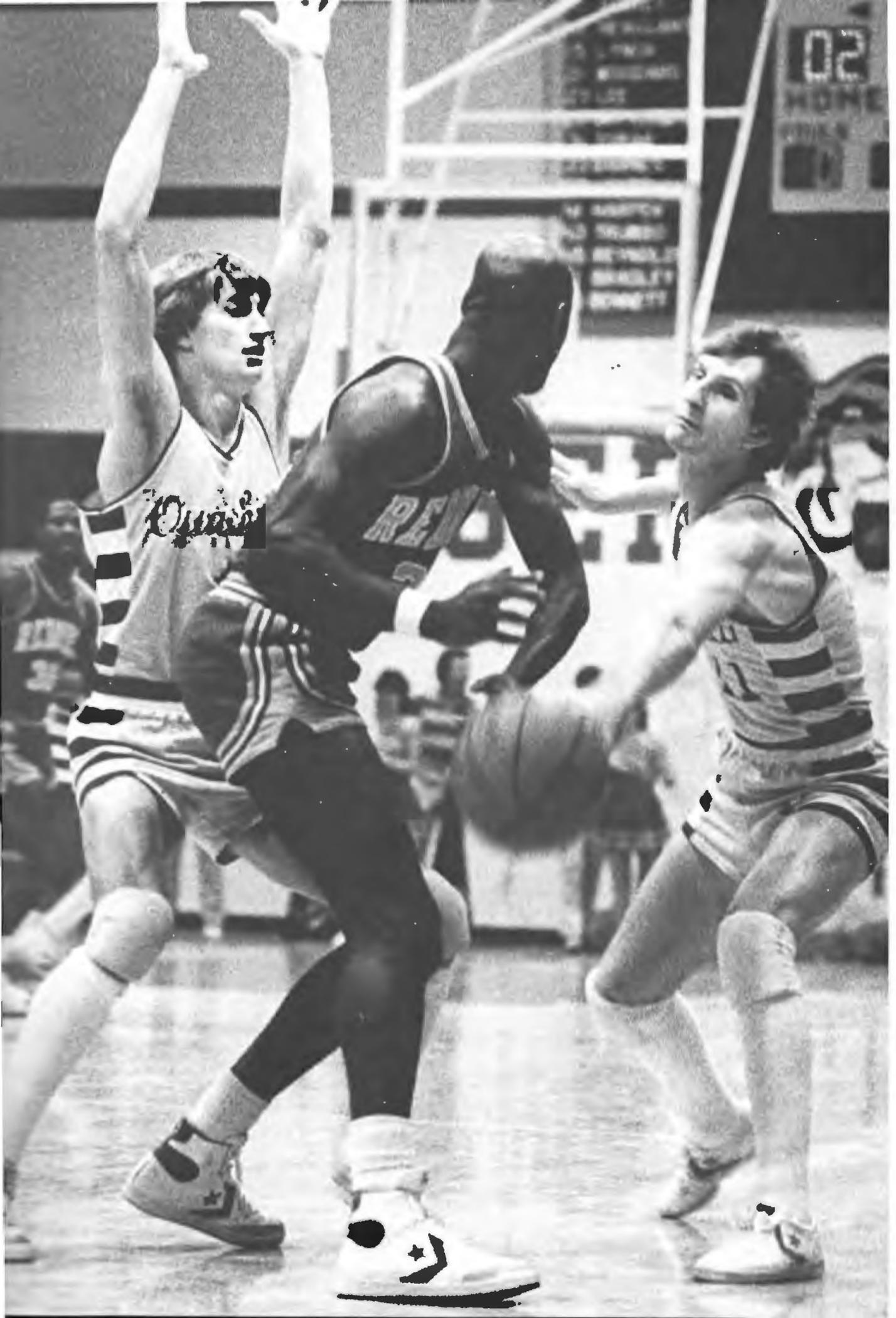


INTRODUCTION. Craig Bennett runs out on the court at the beginning of the first Henderson game. OBU won 70-68. — photo by Ken Shaddox

TIME OUT. Head Coach Bill Vining gives the Tiger team advice during a break in the action of the first conference game with UCA. OBU won 68-67. — photo by Ken Shaddox



STRIPPED. Randall Dickey knocks from Andraya Nicholson in the east...





catch-up in overtime to Grandview. The Tigers led by as much as 11 in mid period, but the Iowa team slowly away at the lead and went ahead at 2:58 left in the game. Randall led it at 89 with a free-throw with aiming to play. Grand View stalled for shot. Dickey stole a pass but missed. Grand View scored the first four high forced the Tigers to foul. The foul hit all of their free throws to win. However, the next night the moralized Harris-Stowe College in the on game 69-47.

For Christmas break the Tigers opened conference play at home defeating the by of Central Arkansas 68-67. Losing

DEFENSE. Rodney Satterwhite applies on the Arkansas Tech guard. OBU lost 72-69. — photo by David Nash

THE AIR. Fred Heaggans drives in the a layup against Dallas Baptist College in the game 58-55. — photo by David

began to prepare for the basketball version of the "Battle of the Ravine."

Thanks to a pressure-packed defense and key free-throw shooting, the Tigers scored a 70-68 come from behind win over Henderson State University before a near-capacity around at Rockefeller gym.

The Tiger defense caused 17 turnovers in the second half to start the comeback trail. The team came from as far back as 11 points in the final 20 minutes of play and with fine foul shooting from Kevin Barnes and Jerry Bridges, Ouachita received their first victory over Henderson in three years.

The win was truly sweet but things turned sour for the Tigers as they lost their next two conference games to Arkansas College 70-63 and Hendrix College 73-68.

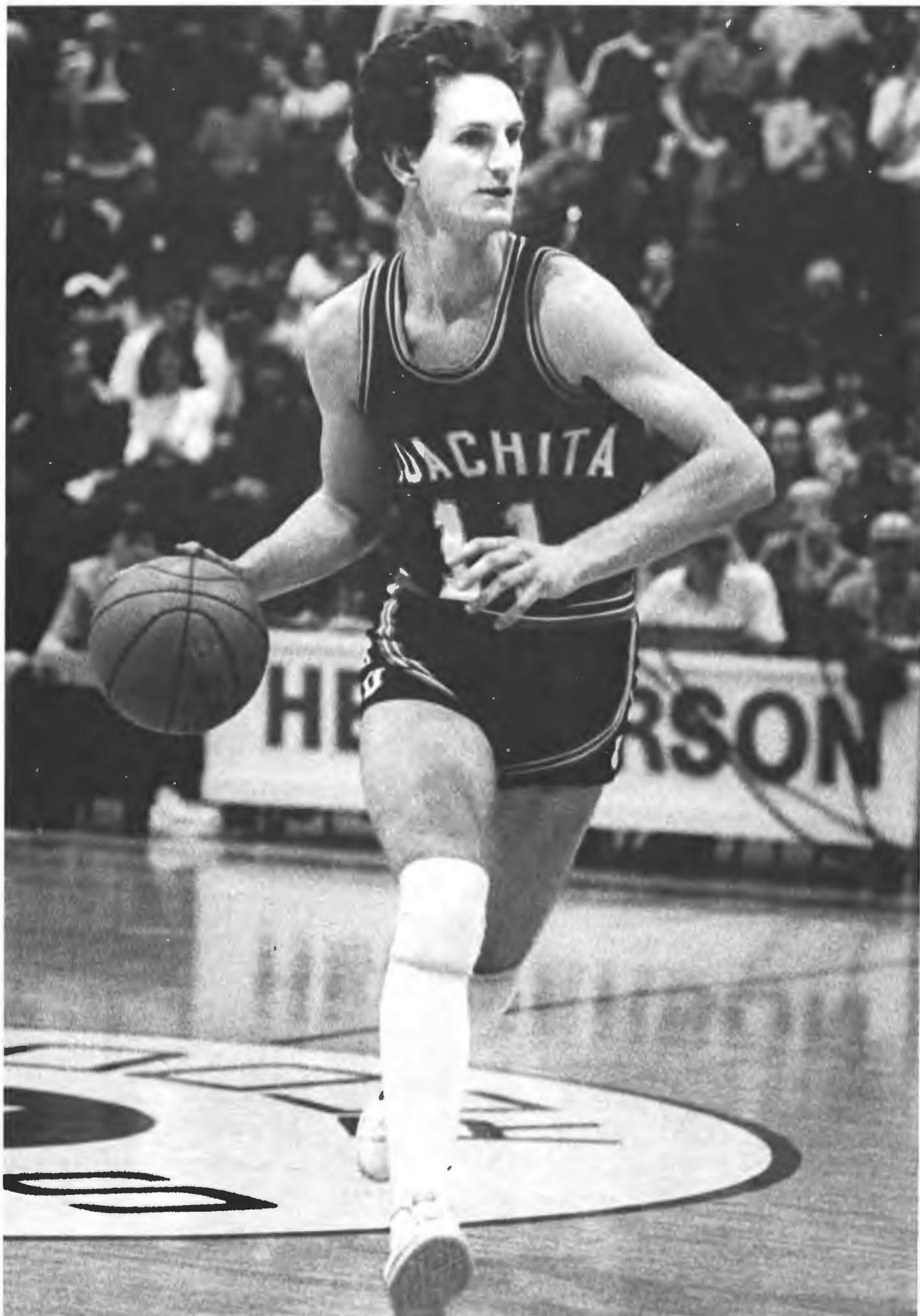
The Tigers evened the two losses out by winning their next two over Harding University and College of the Ozarks.

With their conference record at 4-3 the team was in fair shape for the remainder of the conference race, but their next three contests resulted in losses. The first loss came from Arkansas Tech University. The second came at the hands of Southern Arkansas

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FEELING THE PAIN. Holding his knee Kevin Barnes grimaces in pain after a fall in the Arkansas Tech game. OBU won 72-53. — photo by David Nash



city 48-47 to close out the first half of season.

avenging their first conference loss the city of Central Arkansas rolled over the 74-58.

later in the week, the Tigers received news from an earlier one-point loss by beating UAM 68-47. That win set up the final game of the "Battle of the Ravine" Henderson.

The game was full of emotion. The Tigers had the win as a confidence booster going into the latter part of the season. Henderson really had revenge on their minds but a earlier had been put on probation by the for violation of the AIC constitution vs.

The game was a hard-fought contest that Arndraya Nicholson, a forward for Henderson, hit a 35-foot off-balance desperation shot as the buzzer rang to give Henderson the 60-59 victory.

Throughout the game the lead changed with neither team able to pull away. :08 left and the Tigers down by one good defense by Kevin Barnes and Bridges forced a turnover by Henderson Tyler Trumbo came up with the ball.

CONTROL. Randall Dickey dribbles across court during the first half of the Henderson OBU lost 59-60. — photo by David Nash

Kevin Barnes was fouled with :08 left. He hit both free-throws to give the Tigers a 59-58 lead.

After a time-out, Nicholson scored for Henderson on a long inbounds pass to give the Reddies the win.

With six games remaining the Tiger swapped wins and losses, and in the process defeated eventual AIC co-champion Arkansas College 78-58.

"I thought we had a good season," said Coach Bill Vining. "We started the year thinking that we would have four post men, but because of grades, and an illness to senior Chris Reynolds we wound up with just one, Craig Bennett."

Coach Vining went on to say that the conference was well balanced. "If we would have won one more ballgame, we would could have finished at least two places higher in the conference." 

MEMBERS OF THE BASKETBALL TEAM ARE:
Front row: manager Billy Strickland, trainer Mark Depson, Tyler Trumbo, Lawrence Lee, Rickey Woodard, Fred Heaggans, Randall Dickey, Jerry Bridges, Steve Lynch, Rodney Satterwhite, filmer Russell Strickland. Back row: Coach Bill Vining, Robert Sandlin, Eddie Bradley, David Jones, Chris Reynolds, Craig Bennett, Larry Tobar, Eddie Harper, Kevin Barnes, Jamie Jones, Assistant Coach Jim Hamilton.



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| East Texas Baptist College | 68-51 |
| Louisiana College | 67-78 |
| East Texas Baptist College | 69-67 |
| Tarleton State U. | 93-72 |
| Dallas Baptist College | 88-70 |
| Louisiana College | 57-48 |
| Dallas Baptist College | 58-55 |
| Centenary College | 66-81 |
| Grand View College | 78-81 |
| Harris Stowe College | 69-47 |
| U. of Central Ark. | 68-67 |
| UA-Monticello | 49-50 |
| Henderson State U. | 70-68 |
| Arkansas College | 68-70 |
| Hendrix College | 68-78 |
| Harding U. | 63-61 |
| College of the Ozarks | 66-65 |
| Ark. Tech U. | 51-69 |
| Southern Ark. U. | 47-48 |
| U. of Central Ark. | 58-74 |
| UA-Monticello | 68-47 |
| Henderson State U. | 59-60 |
| Arkansas College | 72-53 |
| Hendrix College | 68-71 |
| Harding College | 81-59 |
| College of the Ozarks | 57-63 |
| Arkansas Tech U. | 82-72 |
| Southern Ark. U. | 68-70 |
| UA-Pine Bluff | 57-78 |

Overall record 15-14
AIC record 8-10
(boldface indicates conference games)



PLAYOFF GAME Reserve Steve Lynch gets the ball knocked away from him as he attempts to dribble through two UAPB players in the NAIA District 17 playoffs. OBU lost 67-78. — photo by David Nash

INBOUND PASS. Kevin Barnes slaps the ball to set the inbound play in motion in a contest against Arkansas Tech. OBU lost the game 51-65. — photo by David Nash



ning off a successful '82
son the Tigerette team
great expectations for
coming year

Sharing a piece of the 1982 AWISA title finishing third in the Southwestern National Championship Tournament, plus the fact that three of the five starters from that year were returning, gave fans the idea that the Tigerettes would be tough to beat.

The year was different from the expectations of the team. The Tigerettes ended the season with a 6-11 over-all record and a 5-8 conference record that left them in last place in the seven-team conference. Ironically, the Tigerettes started last season not expected to do anything in conference.

The only similarity to the previous year was that both teams started out slow with 2-4 records. But the '83 team couldn't pull itself out of the slump.

The Tigerettes first game was played at Arkansas Tech, the team that shared the championship with Ouachita last year.

The Tigerettes lost the game 71-65. The team lost its next three match-ups with Henderson, UA-Monticello, and Arkansas College. However, the Tigerettes won their next two against SAU and UA-Pine Bluff.

Their first win over SAU wasn't an easy one as the Tigerettes came from behind to win 68-63. The team had to come from 13 down in the first half to take the victory.

Kim Smedley led the team with 24 points, while Sharon Hicks added 18 points and pulled down 15 rebounds.

After defeating UA-Pine Bluff 74-56 for their second straight win it looked as if the Tigerettes still had a chance.

But their next two games resulted in losses to UA-Little Rock and University of Central Arkansas.

Returning from Christmas break the Tigerettes posted a three-game winning streak. But just as the team started going strong the UA-Monticello Cotton Blossoms stopped them short with a 78-74 defeat.

The five games that remained were tough, as the team posted only one victory against SAU winning 87-80. The year's first victory had been registered against SAU as was the last.

Their next game, against UA-Pine Bluff,

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COOLING DOWN. A Henderson player pulls a rebound over the outstretched arms of Sharon Hicks in the second game of the season. — photo by Davis Nash

PLAY PROTECTION. Landa Loudermill wearing a nose guard because of a broken nose, hustles down the court during a contest with UAPB. OBU lost in double overtime 88-94. — photo by David Nash

COOLING DOWN. Ida Mae Dixon rests after the Lady Tigerettes defeated Panola Junior College 75-65. — photo by David Nash





typical of the season. UAPB won the contest 94-88 in double overtime. The Golden Lionettes held a 44-34 advantage at halftime. However, the Tigerettes fought back to take a 73-71 lead late in the second half. With seven seconds left the team was down by one with Sherry Epperson, a 76 percent free throw shooter, at the line. After missing the first she made the second shot to tie the score and put the game in overtime.

During the overtime the Tigerettes led by two but UAPB hit a layup as the buzzer sounded to put the game in its second overtime.

With four Tigerette starters gone due to foul trouble the Golden Lionettes took advantage of the team's misfortune by scoring seven straight points and winning the game, 94-88.

The season ended with two losses to UA-Little Rock and the University of Central Arkansas.

Despite the unsuccessful season junior Sherry Epperson kept a positive attitude. She said, "The best thing about this year, although it hasn't been what you would call a successful year, was the girls sticking together." She added, "I guess unity would be a good word to describe us." — Steve Bowman

OUU

Scoreboard

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| Arkansas Tech U. | 65-71 |
| Henderson State U. | 65-70 |
| UA-Monticello | 64-88 |
| Arkansas College | 70-83 |
| Southern Ark. U. | 68-83 |
| UA-Pine Bluff | 76-56 |
| UA-Little Rock | 49-83 |
| U. of Central Ark. | 87-75 |
| Texas Wesleyan College ... | 74-63 |
| Arkansas Tech U. | 71-54 |
| Henderson State U. | 74-63 |
| UA-Monticello | 74-78 |
| Arkansas College | 59-78 |
| Southern Ark. U. | 87-80 |
| UA-Pine Bluff | 88-94 |
| UA-Little Rock | 46-49 |
| U. of Central Ark. | 71-87 |

Overall record 6-11
 AWISA record 5-8
 (Bold face indicates
 conference games)



POSITIONING. Kim Smedley attempts to move in position for a rebound during a contest with Panola Junior College. Smedley averaged six rebounds a game. — photo by Ken Shaddox

MEMBERS OF THE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM ARE: Front row: Sherry Epperson, Leslie Lankford, Karen Welohel, Marian Frias, Ida Mae Dixon, Karen Aston. Back row: Lisa Greenwood, Lisa Martin, Lyn Vance, Kim Smedley, Landa Loudermill, Sharon Hicks, Dean Lisemby, Lisa Grendell.



Spirit leaders

winning seasons and an experienced squad set the stage for the year

If Toby and Cheri did a needle, Al and Tamhra did a skate, Phil and Paula did a back arch to a chair, Johnny and Glenda did a torch to a cradle, and Scott and Kathy did a Fred Astaire, you might think these five pairs had different interests from knitting to carpentry, from dancing to skating; but these five partners were all doing cheerleading stunts.

Because eight of the 10-member squad were returning cheerleaders the squad picked up where it had left off the previous year. One of the new members was Scott Bryant. "It was tough at first because I was expected to be up with the rest of the squad who had worked together for a year," Scott said, "but we worked and I began to catch on."

Tamhra Collyer, the other new member compared college cheerleading with high school cheerleading. "College cheerleading was an adjustment from high school cheerleading," she said, "because pyramids were higher and more strength was necessary to work with my partner with the different stunts."

At the summer cheerleading camp at Southern Methodist University, Ouachita brought home one excellent ribbon and five superior ribbons. Cheri Vining said the reason for this success was that the members trusted each other and knew their capabilities and

potential. Also, the success was due to practice, as Glenda Clifton explained: "Most of the extra time was taken by practice during the heat of the day or after 10 p.m.," she said. "Under these conditions, one learns to appreciate the members' support and patience."

During football season Ouachita was fortunate to capture the AIC football title. Having a winning team helped to build spirit. "This football season was such a surprise. I can remember saying to myself after the first loss that this was going to be another one of those years," said Toby Anderson, who had cheered for two losing seasons, "but Ouachita started winning and that lifted everybody's spirit."

Because of the NAIA football playoff game football season overlapped basketball season. Cheering for basketball one night, then cheers for football the next could get confusing. "My mind was trying to get me to say 'Score a touchdown!'" Johnny Gosser remembered, "but my body was doing 'Score a basket'."

During the Ouachita-Henderson basketball game, the cheerleaders' impressive performance received ovations from both crowds. "We found the opposing crowd giving us support at most basketball games when we came out on the court," said Paula Holland.

"I've had to sacrifice in my studying and in my social life," Al Stanford said, "When I want to study and there's a conflict with cheerleading, I know my first responsibility is cheerleading."

Cheerleading came to a close in the NAIA basketball tournament and for many this was the last cheer. — Johnny Gosser

MEMBERS OF THE CHEERLEADING SQUAD ARE: (Front row:) Cheri Vining, Glenda Clifton, Tamhra Collyer, Paula Holland, Kathy Kirk. Back row: Scott Bryant, Lisa Morton, Johnny Gosser and Toby Anderson.



GET FIRED UP. The homecoming bonfire gives Phillip Watts a chance to cheer the Tigers on to victory. Phillip was the captain of the squad. —photo by Ken Shaddox



CHOSEN TARGET. Toby Anderson chooses a fan who is yelling for a football, then draws back to lob it to its target. The mini footballs, donated by Ken's Pizza were a favorite souvenir of Tiger fans. — photo by Aaron Lynn

BLOCKED YELL. Sophomores Scott Bryant and Kathy Kirk try a different way of using a megaphone at a home football game. They found that the sound was louder without an obstruction at the end of the apparatus. —photo by Aaron Lynn

A non-conference season

With their CASA contract expired the soccer team found themselves without a conference to play in

1982-The World Cup. The World Series of soccer. Half of the world, two billion people, watched the final game. An event held every four years. It was the ultimate goal of every soccer player in the world. An obsession. To Americans a new and growing obsession.

But on a 100-yard by 70-yard field, tucked away on OBU's north campus, soccer was nothing new, and to most of the students one finds that soccer had been an obsession since childhood. These students were children of missionaries, known as "missionary kids" or MKs.

The team consisted of 16 players. Eleven of those were MKs who grew up in countries such as Brazil, Venezuela, India, Korea, Botswana and Jordan. Two African students from Zimbabwe and Nigeria, one student who grew up in Argentina, and two who grew up in the States rounded out the team. This

season was different for the OBU team. Their four-year affiliation with the Central Arkansas Soccer Association (CASA) ended when CASA reorganized its member teams. This forced the OBU team to find new opponents.

As a result, only five games were played during the fall semester, all against out-of-state teams, including one NCAA team, Centenary College in Shreveport, Louisiana. Other opponents were: Carl Albert Junior College; Poteau, Oklahoma; Louisiana Tech University, Ruston, Louisiana; and Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Oklahoma. OBU finished the semester with a 1-2-2 record. Leading scorers were Greg Wilson and Robert Gianetta.

Since the soccer team wasn't as busy as usual with their own games, many of the players used skill and knowledge of soccer to assist the Arkadelphia Parks and Recreation program with their growing youth Soccer League. This involved several nights each week of coaching teams or refereeing or announcing games. As an exhibition for the young players, the OBU team took on a team consisting of fathers of youth soccer participants. This game proved to be a very enjoyable learning experience for the fathers as well the children. — Jim and Gina Crawford



TEAM CONFERENCE. Soccer team members listen to the referee before starting their contest against Carl Albert Junior College. OBU won the match 4-1. — photo by David Nash

Soccer Results

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| Centenary Univ. | 1-8 |
| Carl Albert JC | 4-1 |
| Carl Albert JC | 1-3 |
| Louisiana Tech | 2-2 |
| Oklahoma Baptist Univ. | 1-1 |

Season Record 1-2-2



AIRBORNE. With the ball above his head Jim Crawford avoids being kicked by an Oklahoma Baptist player during the team's last match of the year. OBU tied the match 1-1. — photo by Aaron Lynn



OPEN YARDAGE. Jane Brigance carries the ball around the end for the Gamma Phi football team in an early contest with the Zeta's. — photo by Tracy Meredith



REBOUND. The Stray Dog's Jeff Mann skies high for the rebound in the post-season tournament. The Stray Dogs won the game with the Court Kings. — photo by Tracy Meredith

OPTION PLAY. Randall O'Brien pitches the ball to Steve Lemmons during the OBU-HSU faculty "Battle of the Ravine." OBU faculty won the game 37-0. — photo by David Nash



Campus competitors

Offering something for everyone, intramurals gave every student on campus a chance to compete

Intramurals, a game for all seasons. Whether it was football, volleyball, basketball, or softball, students found what they wanted in whatever sport they competed.

The overweight student had a way of sweating off the extra calories picked up at Walt's cafeteria. The athletes had a way to keep in shape during the off-season.

The club member had a way of openly showing that his club was better than the opposing club. And the student found a way to let off a little pressure from studies.

Whatever the make-up of the person, more often than not, the reason was just for enjoyment.

"I really enjoyed playing in all of the sports. It's fun competing with and against your friends," said Matt McBeth. "A lot of people play a sport with the only thing on their mind to win the championship and the shirt. And a lot of the time they let that get in the way of having a good time," he said.

The year began with flag football with 12 men's and 5 women's teams. The rules were quite different from regular collegiate football in that only six players were on each team.

An offensive first down was made by going 20 yards in four plays rather than the accustomed 10 yards.

Also, teams were allowed to pass on the kickoff and blocking was not allowed since most injuries occurred on the kickoff.

The only equipment a player might wear would be shorts, t-shirt, and cleats. With the lack of protection small cuts and scrapes were not uncommon.

During the course of the season teams competed hard in both the women and men's league. But after the dust had settled B.A.S.S. had won the men's division with a perfect undefeated record, and the Jawbreakers finished on the top of the women's division.

At the end of the season a men's All-star team played an intramural version of "The Battle of the Ravine" against Henderson.

Ouachita's team playing at HSU and by their rules led 18-12 in the contest until later in the second half. A Henderson rusher blocked a pass into the air, recovered it and ran 20 yards for the touchdown. They converted the extra point and won the game

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SLAM DUNK. Jeff Mann slam dunks the ball on a fast break. Mann's team, the Stray Dogs, went undefeated until the final game of the T-Shirt tournament. — photo by Tracy Meredith



FAST BREAK. Juan Wesson, playing for the Cold Team, drives past Automatic C. Danny Harris on the fastbreak. — photo by Meredith

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The faculty team, however, played their own game, and OBU's faculty rolled to a 37-0 win with no problem.

After Old Man Winter blew into town the grass football fields were abandoned for the floors of Walton gym for volleyball season.

Volleyball featured 18 men's and seven women's teams with play scheduled from 4 to 10 p.m.

Competition in both leagues was tough. In the men's division the women's faculty team Wuntz Wuz proved that they still had it by winning their championship.

"I loved playing volleyball," freshman Tim Scoggins said, "In all the other sports people had the background experience by playing in high school. But volleyball, just about everybody was equal in the men's

division. Of course the women were different since volleyball is a varsity sport in high school and college."

After Christmas break students returned to school for the opening of basketball season and the new HPER complex.

The HPER complex offered two new basketball courts that allowed for two games to be played at once.

With popularity of the sport, both in varsity and intramural, the games were well attended. The men's league boasted 30 teams while the women had seven. The games were played full court, with two 20-minute halves. The time clock ran non-stop until the last two minutes of the second half.

In the men's division there were two

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Walking the line

"Come on Ref, open your eyes. You're missing a good game!" Those words and many others were heard often during intramural competition.

"The referees lost the game for us' has been the best excuse thought of since the beginning of sports competition, and the same excuse was used over and over throughout the year no matter what type of sport.

About the only students who did not enjoy intramural sports were the referees. They were the ones who caught verbal abuse from both sides while walking the line trying to please everyone.

Employed under the work-study program, referees did not have the ideal working conditions. During football and softball seasons they had to work late afternoons, often missing dinner. Often during the volleyball season they had to give up study time in order to call games as late as 10 p.m.

First-year referee John Rich said, "It's hard to make a call against your best friends, but you have to call what you see. That's what we're paid for." He added, "We're not out there to get even or anything. We just wish the players would put themselves in our shoes and then maybe they would understand." —

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REACHING OUT. Chuck Whitlow graps for Todd McGrayer's flag in a game between Sigma Alpha Sigma and the Daniel Destroyers. — photo by Tracy Meredith



NO STRIPES. Although he does not wear the stripes that so easily make most officials visible, Ron Bramos is one of the many student officials who keep the games running smoothly. — photo by Tracy Meredith

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tournaments played. One, the T-shirt Tournament, was for the title of intramural basketball champions. The other, the Pride Tournament, was for teams that just wanted to play in the event for enjoyment.

In the women's division there was one tournament played for the championship.

The final game of the men's T-shirt tournament saw the Stray Dogs pitted against the 96ers. Both teams went into the contest undefeated. The 96ers won the game 54-57. The winner of the Pride Tournament was the Gutless Wonders after defeating the B-52s.

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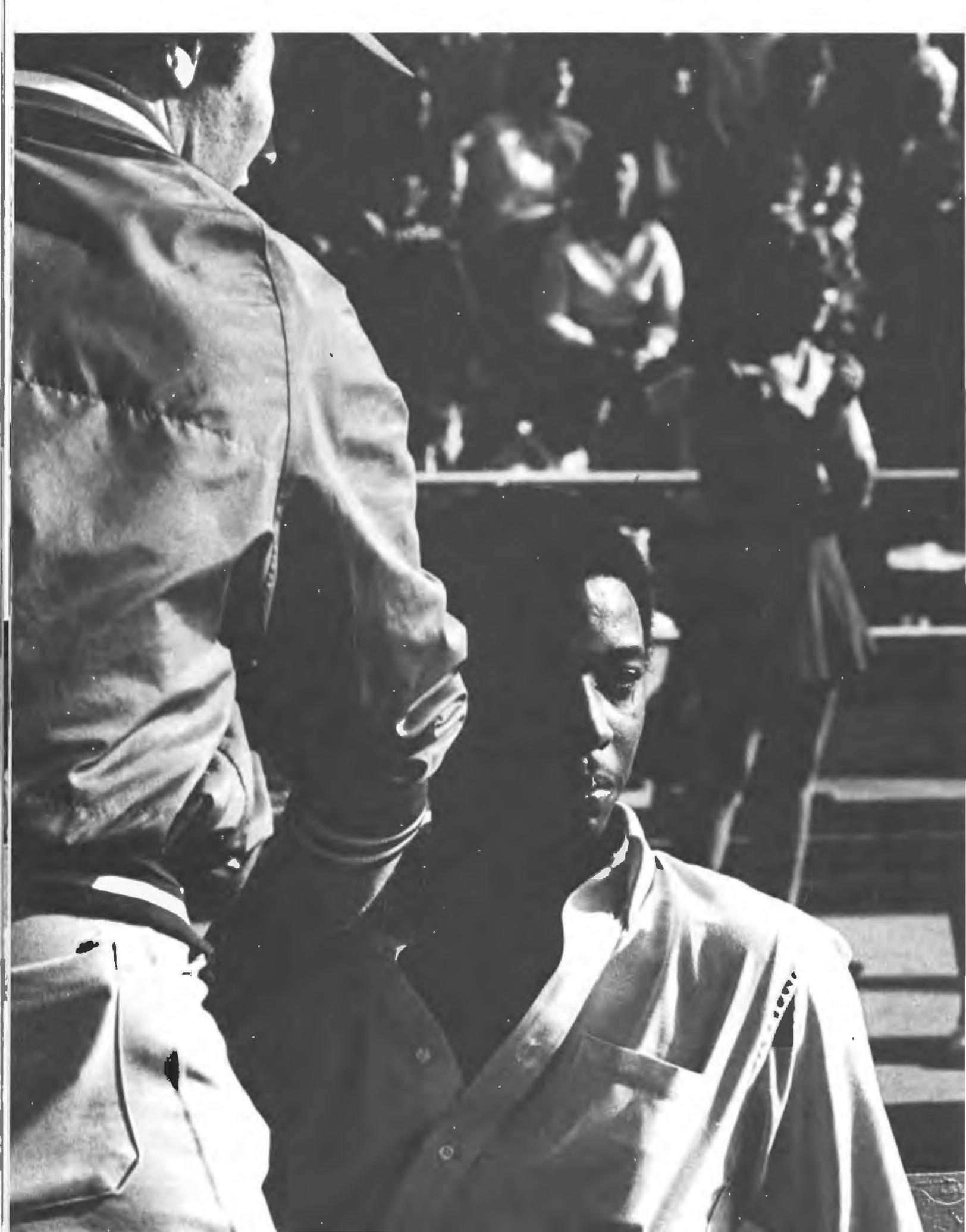
UP AND OVER. Jamie Jones, playing for the Stray Dogs, goes up and over a Court King player. — photo by Tracy Meredith

JUMP SHOT. The 96ers' Steve Hartley shoots a jump shot from the foul line in contest with TKO. — photo by Tracy Meredith



ANTICIPATION. Tim Knight grimaces as Ward approaches the foul line.





A painful price

Every sport had its own kind of punishment, and no matter what protection existed athletes suffered accidents

Athletes punished their bodies.

Although labeled as the most fit individuals, athletes had to work to achieve their condition. Hours of practice—running, jumping, hitting, sliding became necessary to build fitness.

In football there was a constant crash of bodies and twisting of arms and legs on the bottom of human piles.

In basketball running back and forth, leaping and twisting abused swollen knees and ankles.

Whatever the sport, athletes' bodies were put through damaging drills. With all this bodily torture, injuries were common.

At the beginning of the year football

intramural players.

Small wounds were common sights: bruises, scrapes, scratches and grass burns. But more serious mishaps did occur.

"Every football player knows there's a risk of getting injured every time he steps on the field," said Todd Quick. "There is no way of preventing injuries in the game. You just hope that the ones that do occur aren't serious."

As basketball's serious season started, roundballers started protecting their knees and ankles with tape or braces. But no matter how cautious, joint injuries did occur.

"It doesn't matter how much tape you put on an ankle or whether you wear knee pads, accidents are going to happen on the basketball court," said Randell Dickey. "When ten people are trying their hardest to get a basketball in the middle of a lane, freak accidents can't be helped."

Intramurals, baseball, swimming, and track all had their own collections of injuries.

Being an athlete meant paying a price. — a price to keep in shape, the price for being athletic. — Steve Bowman

PAYING THE PRICE. Mike Keen holds his eye after a collision with teammate Joey Cunningham during a contest between Sigma Alpha Sigma and the Players. — photo by Tracy Meredith



CARRIED AWAY. Steve Lynch and Mark Dopson carry Randell Dickey into the dressing room. Dickey sprained his ankle during the second half of the Henderson game. OBU lost 59-60. — photo by David Nash

FEELING THE PAIN. Kenny Lindsey consoles Dwayne Stanley after he suffered a knee injury in the first half of the UCA game. OBU won the game 29-22. — photo by Tracy Meredith

AN EARLY INJURY. Dwayne Stanley is helped off the field during the UCA game. Stanley suffered a knee injury but was able to play two weeks later. — photo by Tracy Meredith

The outdoor life

"Each moment of the year has its own beauty ... a picture which was never seen before and which shall never be seen again."

Ralph Waldo Emerson

For the student who loved nature the outdoors surrounding Arkadelphia allowed for plenty of enjoyment in whatever activity a person enjoyed most.

From hunting, fishing and camping the hardwood forests, pine thickets, Ouachita river, and the picturesque Lake Degray provided everything that the outdoorsman would want any season of the year.

As the green leaves of summer turned into the gold and amber of fall the season was ripe for hunting.

The hunter entered the woods for the reasons of providing food, being near the serenity of the outdoors, or testing his skill in an age-old sport.

"Whatever the reason, the hunter serves one purpose by killing wild game," Philip Posey commented. "When the hunter kills a wild animal he provides a control on the population in order to keep it from overrunning." He added, "In a sense the hunter kills in order to give life. Because when a

population is overcrowded animals starve from lack of available food."

After hunting season ended and temperatures began to rise classes were cut and signs were hung on dorm doors saying "Gone fishing'."

With Lake Degray only 10 miles away and the Ouachita River running behind the campus every type of fisherman, from the bass buster to Catfish Charlie, could take advantage of the opportunities offered by the region.

Steve Farris summed up his view of fishing saying, "There's nothing like being on a lake early in the morning with a light fog rising off of the smooth-as-glass water," he said. "There's a certain beauty about it that can't be expressed in words but can only be experienced."

With Old Man Winter gone and spring in full bloom, the weather was perfect for a weekend camping trip. The most common place students used was Iron Mountain on the south side of Lake Degray.

"I love going out into the woods and camping overnight," said James Harvey, "It gives you a chance to relax and forget about the pressures of college life, away from all the noise and complications that arise in the dorm."

Whatever the outdoor activity a person wanted to indulge in, Mother Nature provided the means by blessing southwest Arkansas with every opportunity to enjoy its outdoors.

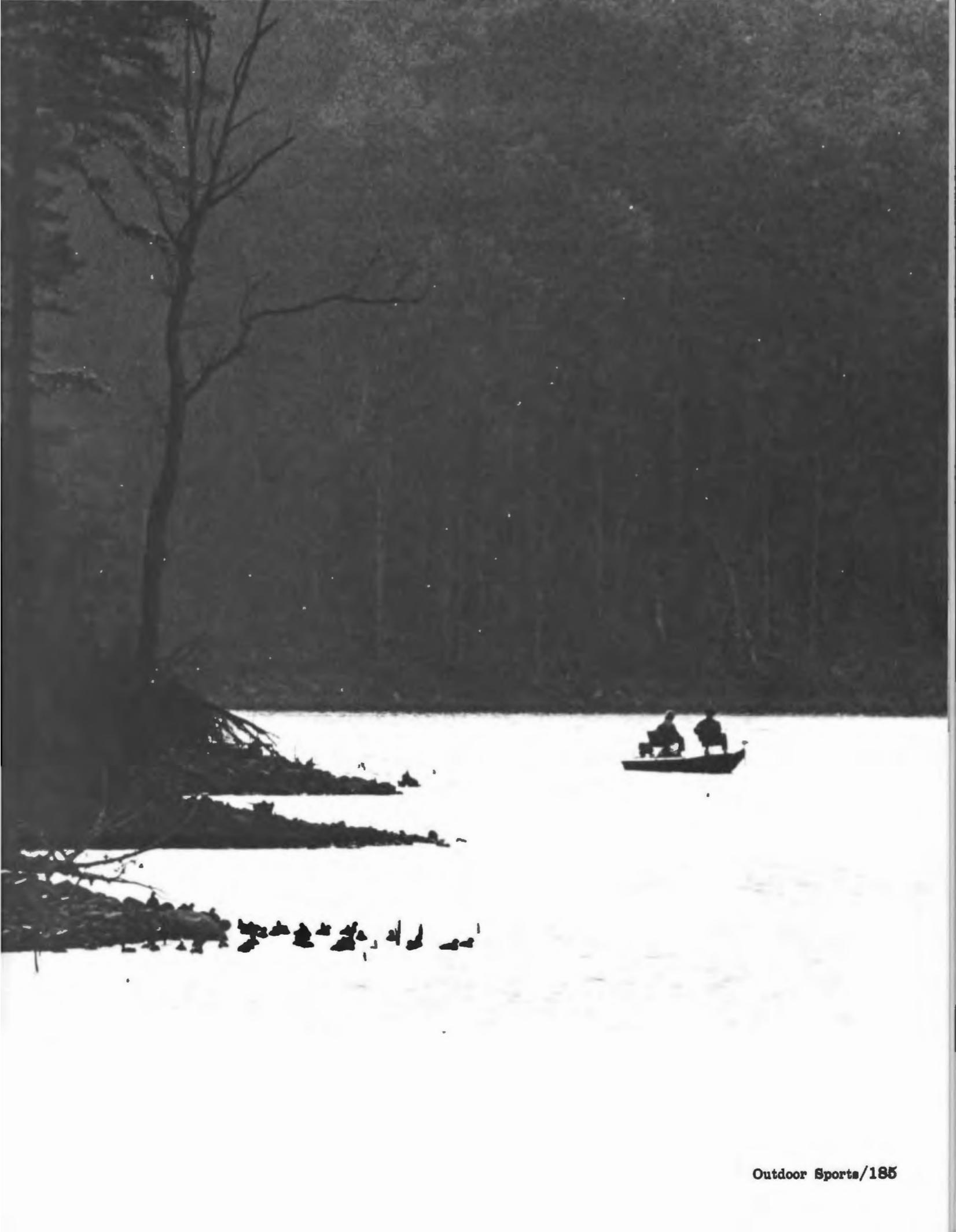
— Steve Bowman



OUT ON A LIMB. The gray squirrel offered the hunter a challenge by being able to move from treetop to treetop quickly. — photo by David Nash



GONE FISHIN'. Late in the afternoon Steve and Scott Harrington relax while fishing on Lake Degray. — photo by David Nash



Strengthening our athletic condition

With the addition of the new \$4 million HPER complex, the standard of the athletic program improved

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With the completion of construction in the spring a new jewel added to the crown of buildings on campus. The building was the new Health, Physical Education, and Recreation complex. The HPER center provided for both varsity players and students the latest in sporting facilities.

The structure, which carried with it a price tag of over \$4 million, was paid for entirely by donations to the school from various bodies. Two large grants were received from the Mabee Foundation and the Kresge Foundation. Other monies were received by way of private gifts and donations.

The building had a very positive effect on the college, as swimming coach Jim Dann explained. "When I was with a recruit and he wanted to see the old pool (Lamb pool)," said Dann, "I'd try to steer him away from it. Now the pool is the first thing I show them." The eight-lane swimming facility was just one of the many features the complex offered. Also available for student use were four

racquetball courts, three basketball courts, two tennis courts, a gymnastics room, and a weight room equipped with hydraulic machines.

Besides offering athletic opportunities, the building also housed the offices of coaches and other faculty members. These replaced offices that had been stationed in Walton Gymnasium.

Problems with the structure arose when it was discovered that Sherwin Williams Paint Company had shipped defective block fillers. The primer caused the outer coat of paint on certain block walls to separate from the inner coat. The inner layer, made up of the defective primer, deteriorated into a chalky white material that prevented a good seal for the visible surface. Sherwin Williams provided paint that ran three times the cost of the previous paint used, escalating the cost of the building.

A little over a year ago, the track that encircled Ouachita's football field under-went a dramatic change.

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RENOVATED GYM. Part of the HPER plan was the expansion of Rockerfeller gym. Additional seats, a new sound system and better lighting were all in the \$4 million package. — photo by Ken Shad-dox



NEW COURTS. *With the completion of the complex came three new racquetball courts. — photo by David Nash*

CONTEMPORARY DESIGN. *Although work continued into the spring, most of the building's facilities were open for use by the students in mid-winter. — photo by David Nash*

PHONE CALLS. *In an effort to raise money through gifts and donations, a campus supported telethon was held. President Grant and other administrators also became involved in the project that raised over \$140,000. — photo by David Nash*

CONSTRUCTION. *As final plans went down on the new HPER complex, bulldozers and steam-shovels began moving ground to allow room for the building. Mark Perkins operates a dozer during summer construction. — photo by David Nash*

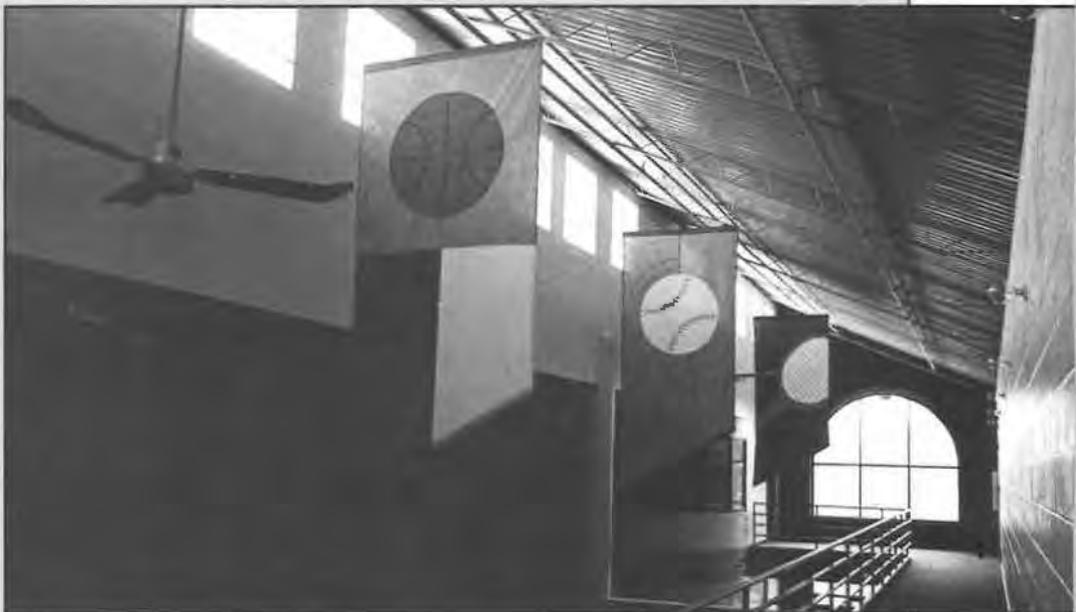


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The entire surface of the track was scalped and resurfaced in an attempt to update the quality of the running ribbon. Before the facelift the track had been composed of a mixture of dirt and ash, commonly known as a cinder track. The renovation consisted of covering the stripped area with a much improved synthetic surface. That type of covering was resistant to weather, and the track was usable during inclement weather because of the quality. The track was also much faster than its predecessor, and may have been the quickest in the AIC. This renovation was made possible by a gift from North Little Rock resident Charles Jackson, a graduate of OBU.

Walton Gym, which had once housed all of the

university's basketball games and provided a facility for the rifle team as well as having the remnants of a once-new weight room, was scheduled to be torn down. In its place would be a parking lot needed to relieve some of the university's parking congestion. Besides rifle team practice and a few students playing a game of basketball on the well worn courts, nothing much happened in Walton Gym after the completion of the HPER complex. It was simply a building waiting to die. The old gave way to the new, and with the new and better facilities on the campus, the beneficiaries were the students, faculty, and athletes who used them.



FINISHED PRODUCT.
The new HPER complex gave Ouachita not only expanded facilities but an added beauty through renovation of existing facilities and contemporary design of the new. — photo by David Nash