

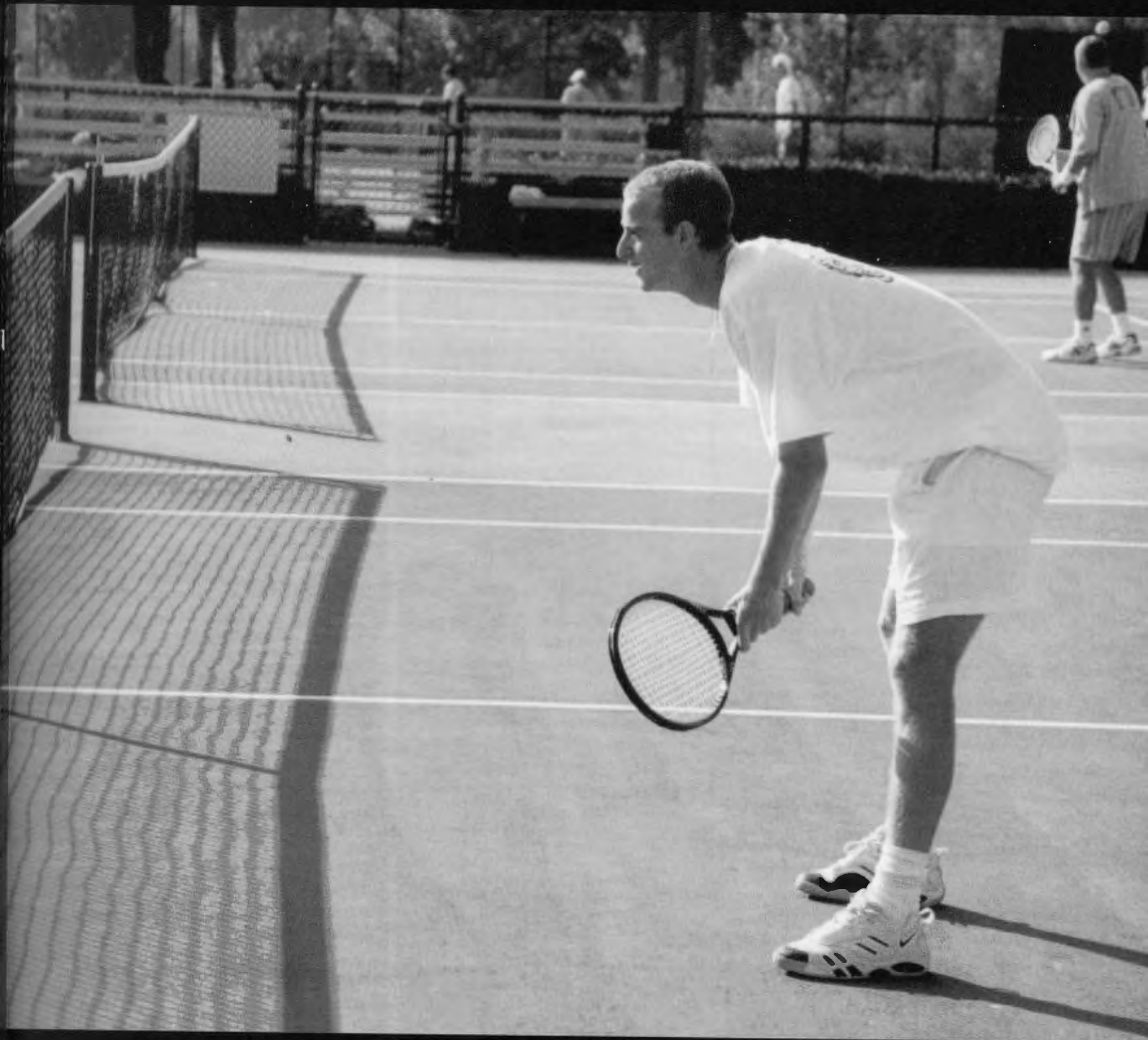
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Junior Daniel Vejman and other members of the tennis teams put in hours of sweat and dedication from day one of practice, which led the men's and women's teams to win the division titles.

The women's basketball worked its way to the playoffs, ending the season with a 20-8 record. Senior John Berry made waves by winning the first place in the swimming national championship. With every pass, throw, kick and stroke, athletes were continually in motion.

photo by T. Robertson





Sophomore Amy Pace leaps to set the ball to the net. Pace, a middle hitter from Richardson, Texas, was selected to the All-GSC Second Team. *photo by B. Baxter*

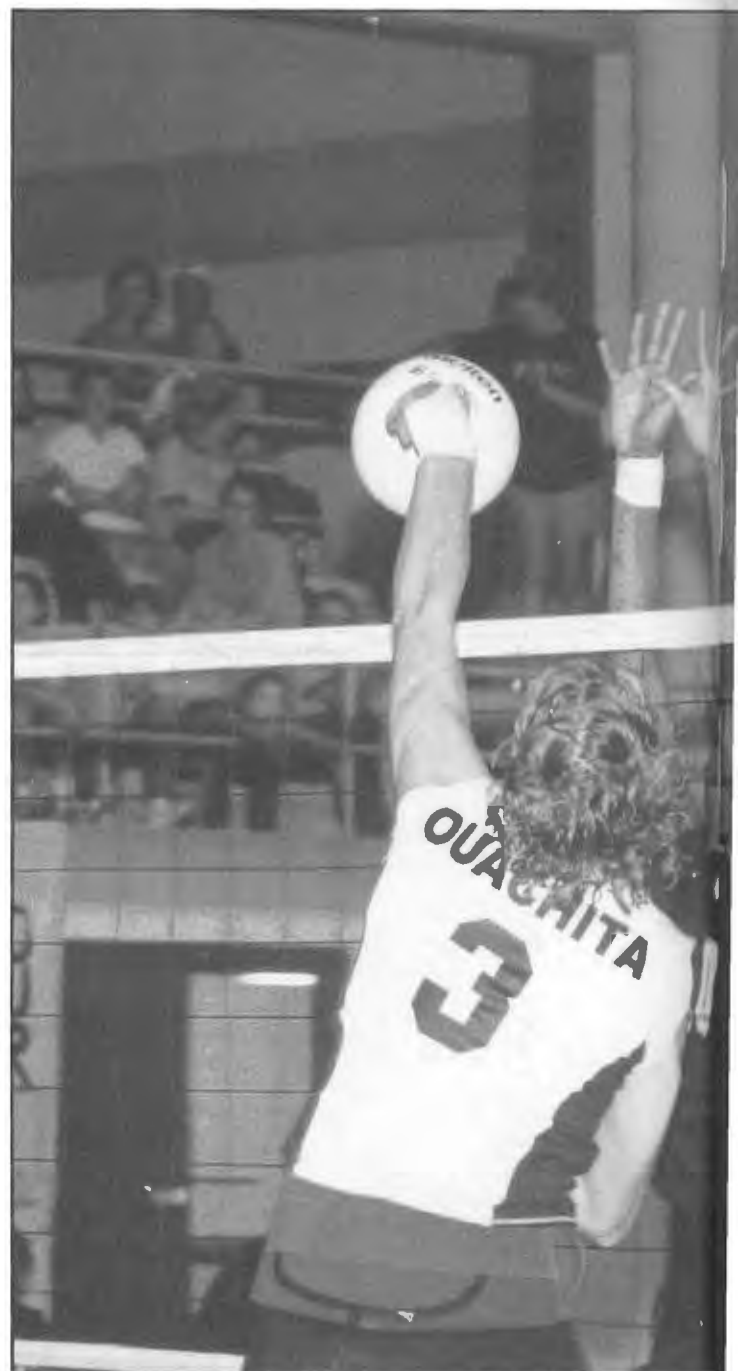
Senior Susi Kurth hits around two Henderson State blockers. Kurth was second in kills (262) and kills per game (2.45) for the Lady Tigers, second only to freshman Katja Muller. *photo by T. Robertson*



Volleyball 20-12 GULF SOUTH 6-6

Texas A&M-Commerce	1-3
East Texas Baptist	3-1
Saint Edwards Tournament	
Midwestern State	1-3
Saint Edwards	0-3
Texas A&M Kingsville	3-0
Tarleton State	3-2
Arkansas Tech University	0-3
Le Tourneau University	3-0
Texas A&M-Commerce	2-3
Henderson State University	1-3
Drury College	3-1
Lyon College	3-1
East Texas Baptist	3-0
Rhodes College	3-0
Christian Brothers	2-3, 3-1
Central Arkansas	3-2, 3-0
Southern Arkansas	3-0, 3-0
Arkansas Tech	0-3
Le Tourneau Tournament	3-0, 2-3
Le Tourneau Tournament	3-1, 3-1
Harding University	2-3, 3-2
Arkansas Tech	0-3
Dallas Christian University	3-0
LaTourneau University	3-0
Harding University	3-2
Henderson State	0-3
Austin College	3-0
Central Arkansas	3-0
Sothern Arkansas	3-0
Christian Brothers	3-1
Gulf South Tournament	
North Alabama	0-3

2000 Lady Tiger Volleyball: Christa Campbell, Cameron Dodson, Susi Kurth, Jill Evans, Amy Pace, Ashley Dimsdle, Jill Waldon, Kelley Johnson, Courtney Lawson, Karen Cunningham, Michelle Neurohr, Robyn Kuntz, Jessica Lawson, Jessica Eiland





Junior Kelley Johnson takes the pass while freshman Katja Muller (back) and senior Susi Kurth (front) move into position to hit. Johnson was a team leader on and off the court. *photo by T. Robertson*

AIM AND HAMMER FOR THE WIN



In their first year of the Gulf South Conference, the Lady Tiger volleyball team fared quite well. With four senior starters returning, the team began the season with a positive outlook.

Under the leadership of Coach Bill Sutton, the Lady Tigers began with a loss, but quickly bounced back with a 3-1 win over East Texas Baptist University. A formidable opposition, senior Robyn Kuntz felt that the team was capable of doing its best. "We were in a new conference and faced a lot of strong teams," she said. "However, all of us felt that our ability to play together and play well would help us."

And it did. The Lady Tigers rallied together and pushed their way to the top. Through a series of wins and losses, the team had some reservations about what to expect from other teams. However, when the team gained a four-game winning streak, their outlook quickly changed. "When it came down to it, we really pulled together and played as a team," said sophomore Amy Pace. "After our fourth win against Rhodes, we felt very confident about playing."

The Lady Tigers took that "togetherness" and had another series of wins. Edging out University of Central Arkansas, Southern Arkansas University and taking three victories in the Le Tourneau Tournament, the victories helped to strengthen the team. And those victories would soon show their results.

With the regular season drawing close to the end, the Lady Tigers would soon find themselves ranked in the upper ranks of the Gulf South Conference standings. The team's record provided them a first-time appearance in the GCS Tournament. "We were really excited about being in the tournament," said Sutton. "The team's hard worked had paid off."

Facing the University of North Alabama, the team became aware that they had their work cut out for them. UNA downed the Lady Tigers 3-0, but the Lady Tigers had played a difficult team. The Lady Tigers went down 15-4, 15-10 and 15-2 to UNA. However, this being the first appearance in the tournament and tying for third with Harding University, all members of the team were happy with the results. "We couldn't have asked for a better season," said Karen Cunningham. "We had a strong team going into the new conference and that, I feel, helped us more than anything." **story by Laura Mezzo and Gary Miller**

**"We couldn't
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season."
Karen
Cunningham,
senior**

Freshman Melissa Golden plays the flute as she waits to move into the next formation. The marching band performed Latin-style numbers such as "La Suerta de los Tontos" and "Lock You Up." *photo by B. Baxter*

Senior Michael Lusk, freshman **Keith Dixon** and senior **Geoff Brown** play on the sideline. Standing formations provided for musical emphasis and were often the most powerful sections of the show. *photo by B. Baxter*



Senior Jeremy Bishop plays flugle horn behind protective eyewear. Band members often dealt with the typically hot and sunny weather of the early season with sunglasses and sunscreen. *photo by B. Baxter*





PLAYING THE SOUNDS OF THE GAME

Sweat and time combined with a a multitude of musical talent. This formulation was the foundation of the marching band. Many hours were spent in practice to achieve one thing: the best performance possible.

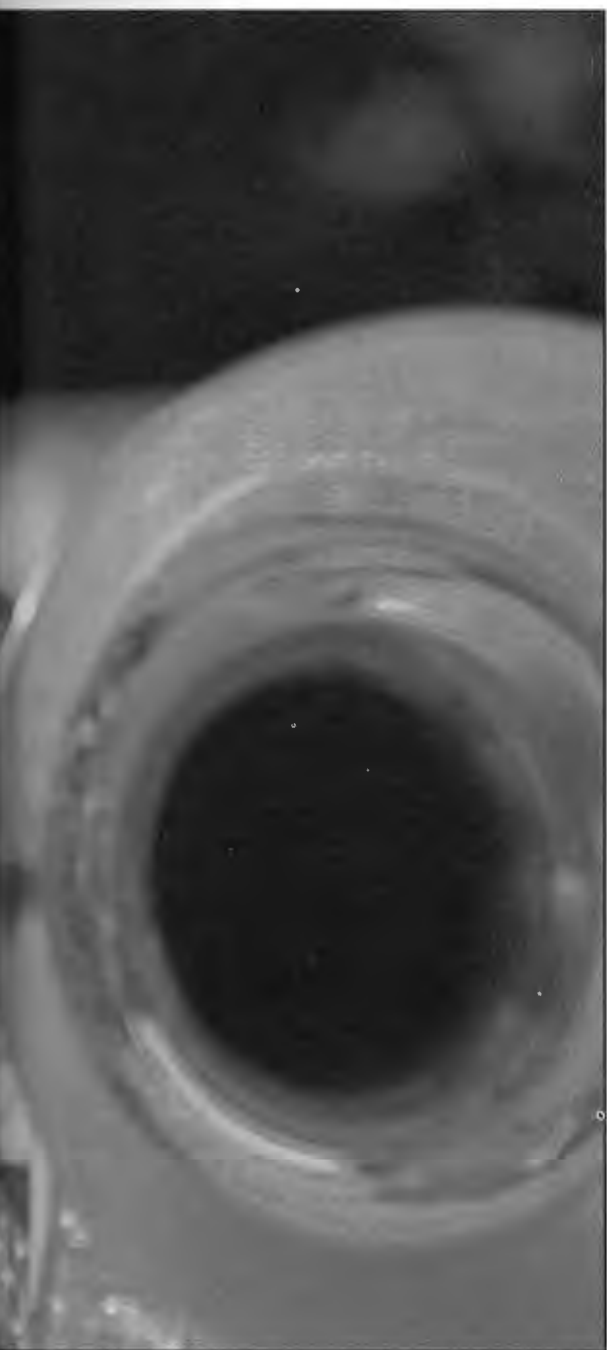
The marching band had several new members from the freshman class of 2000. Freshman Jennifer Wilkins, who played the flute, chose to come to Ouachita simply because it is where she felt God wanted her to come. She enjoyed college band more than high school band because more motivated players were together to make a more perfect sound pleasing to the ear. Freshman Jessica Jacks played the saxophone and was in the color guard. Her older sister had told her good things about Ouachita, and when she visited, she enjoyed the friendly atmosphere. "There are many talented musicians who know how to make band fun and light-hearted," Jacks said. Jennifer thought that music was a gift from God. "It is a way to express one's self and praise God," she added. In her opinion, band was a way for a group of students to get together with the same interest, and to have fun. Jacks liked band as an extra curricular activity because it gave the music majors a chance to play different instruments and the non-music majors a chance to play for fun, scholarships and as a stress reliever.

The halftime show consisted of Latin music such as *La Suerta de los Tontos* and *Lock You Up*. The band hosted the Region III Marching Contest for the second straight year and performed as the exhibition band for the event.

The band played an assortment of tunes in the stands to get the crowd pumped up. The main objective of the marching band was to let the football team know that they had support. After all, the marching band was there to boost school spirit.

The two major games for the band was the first game of the season, which was Henderson, and then finally homecoming. The band's hard work was all worth it with the triumphant applause that was received from the crowd at Homecoming. **story by Charity Bennett**

**"There are many talented musicians who know how to make band fun and light-hearted."
Jessica Jacks, freshman**



Senior offensive
lineman Roger
Boyer is peeled off
a UA Monticello
opponent by a
referee and a
teammate. The
Tigers lost the
conference game
to the Boll Weevils
21-43. *photo by M.
Doom*





BACK TO THE GRIND OF THE GAME

Ouachita had the look of a young team as a fourth-quarter lead in the Battle of the Ravine slipped away. Two wins came for the Tigers after the opening loss to the Henderson State University Reddies as Ouachita gave its young starters valuable playing time and built for the future. That future appeared to be within sight by the end of the season when three underclassmen were named to the Gulf South All-Conference team.

Ouachita had three kicks blocked - two relatively short field goals and an extra point. OBU also fumbled on three late possessions, including one inside the HSU 10-yard line and one on the only play the Tigers ran in their first-ever overtime game. Ouachita had the ball for 43:12 compared to just 16:48 for Henderson, but the Reddies out gained the Tigers 228-178 yards. Ouachita had 154 yards rushing and 24 passing. The Reddies, showing a one-back offense, had the opposite approach. They passed for 244 yards and ran for -16, thanks in part to a school-record nine sacks by the Ouachita defense. Junior defensive end T.J. Bingham led the way with four sacks. Ouachita scored on its first possession following an interception at the OBU 29 by Marcus Freeman. The Tigers drove to the HSU two-yard line but had to settle for a field goal. Freshman kicker Stephen Jennings converted on the 21-yarder and Ouachita led 3-0. Full-back Greg Gibson scored two plays later, but the PAT was blocked, leaving the Tigers with a 9-0 lead. Two possessions later, the Reddies got their first score moving 41 yards in seven plays to set up Elbert's 24-yard field goal. The 9-3 halftime lead held for Ouachita until late in the fourth quarter.

The Tigers moved into Henderson territory four times in the second half, but they were restricted by two fumbles, a blocked field goal and a failed fourth down conversion attempt. Henderson took advantage of one of the fumbles with a long touchdown pass. With 3:33 left in the fourth quarter, the game was tied. The Tigers failed to move the ball on their last possession, and then the Reddies ran out the clock, playing for the overtime they would eventually win. "The Henderson game was very discouraging because we had wanted to start the season off with a win. But even though we didn't have a very successful season, we played hard. Having youthful play-

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**"I saw a team
really come to-
gether this year.**

**Next season,
we'll be more
competitive."**

Nathan Syer

THE GAME

ers on the team gives us great expectations for the future as we work hard. We are determined to have a wonderful season next year," said Martin Bryant. "These teammates have become my friends for life, we are all like a family."

The (0-1) Tigers then played the University of Central Arkansas Bears at Ouachita's A.U. Williams Field. It was a close game and the Tigers held tight to win 20-16 in front of an estimated 3,200 fans in OBU's first-ever Gulf South Conference game. Ouachita senior linebacker Kennis Mumphrey stuffed the Bears running back at the two-yard line as time was running out, sealing the victory. As the game ended, screaming OBU fans, along with emotional players and coaches, united on the field to celebrate Ouachita's first win over UCA since 1982. "I was so excited so be presented with the opportunity to make such an important play for the team because as a senior I have tried to be a leader. We were prepared to make the play as a result of hard practice. It was important for the college stats for me to come through but also important to the players. This program is building and becoming strong, and it has been such an honor to be a building block for the team," said Mumphrey.

Ouachita was led by Montoya Brown, who rushed for 134 yards on 18 carries. Defensive end T. J. Bingham, wearing number 25 in memory of former teammate Antoyne Edwards who died last spring, ended the night with three quarterback sacks to give him a total of seven in two games. Linebacker Marcus Reese led the Tigers with 10 tackles. Junior cornerback Derrick Flowers, Mumphrey and senior safety Jeremaine Wilson each had eight tackles.

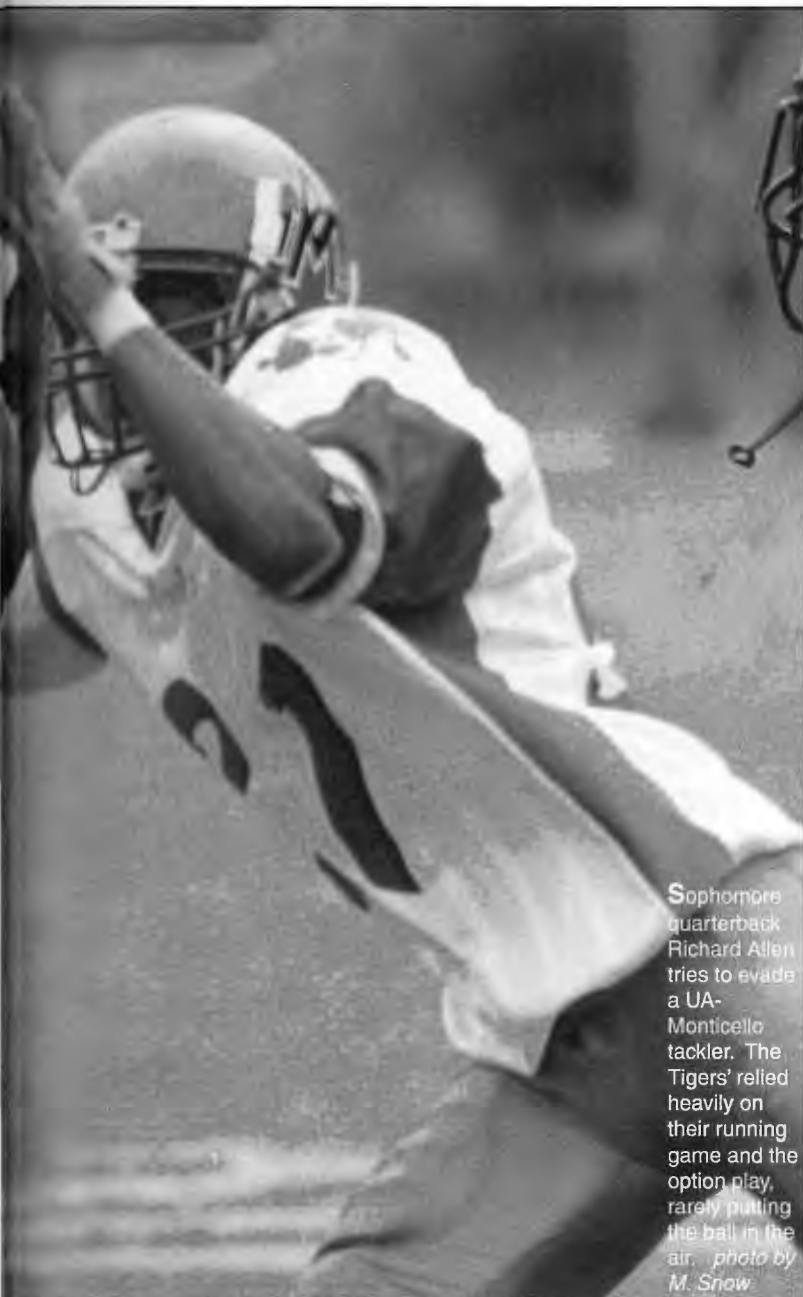
The Tigers lost the next three games, but they had a close win over the University of North Alabama 30-29. Freshman quarterback Jett Furneaux, who entered the game for injured starter Richard Allen, drove 92 yards on 12 plays and scored with 23 seconds left in the game. The Tigers had four more losses including the Homecoming game against the University of West Alabama.

The Tigers ended the season 2-8. Even though the Tigers had a tough season, they improved in some important areas, and had bright plans for the future. The previous year, the Tigers received a new field house and new uniforms. There were plans for improvements in the locker room, they renovated the dorms, and planned to improve the field. The next season the Tigers would be playing on the number one field in division II. Fullback Greg Gibson foresaw the next season to be a strong one. "Nine out of eleven defensive starters and all of the offensive starters will be returning, giving the team an advantage. Our new coach, Todd Cooley is a great asset to the team," he said. "He is young motivating, and has brought us new ideas and strategies." New to Ouachita from Northeastern State University in Oklahoma, Todd Cooley was the new quarterback and receiver coach. Another change for next year was the naming of Deron Huerkamp, assistant head football coach, as the offensive coordinator. At Ouachita, he has implemented strength and conditioning programs, and also coached the offensive line. **story by Jennifer Crawley**





Head coach Todd Knight (right), running backs coach **Kent Laster** (middle) and graduate assistant **Wilmer Wade** (left) huddle with the offense. With young players and a 2nd-year coaching staff the season was primarily one of rebuilding. *photo by B. Baxter*



Sophomore quarterback **Richard Allen** tries to evade a UA-Monticello tackler. The Tigers' relied heavily on their running game and the option play, rarely putting the ball in the air. *photo by M. Snow*

Running backs coach Kent Laster gives sideline instruction to freshman running back **Montoya Brown**. Having entered the program with head coach **Todd Knight** in '99, this was Laster's second season coaching the Tigers. *photo by T. Robertson*

Football 2-8 GULF SOUTH 2-7

Henderson State University	9-16
University of Central Arkansas	20-16
Southern Arkansas University	0-10
Arkansas Tech University	14-5
UA-Monticello	21-43
University of North Alabama	30-29
University of West Georgia	10-38
University of West Alabama	22-27
Valdosta State University	21-49
Harding University	10-35



First Row: Bruce Johnson, Jimmy Johnson, Jeremaine Wilson, Cary Wheaton, Jett Furneaux, Jeff Conaway, Richard Allen, Josh Floyd, Marcus Reese, Jason Lee. *Second Row:* Eric Allen, Marcus Freeman, Derrick Flowers, Brandon Williams, Andrew Fellows, Greg Cobbs, Travis Johnson, Kennis Murphey, Rickey Rogers, Tommy Potts, Seth Stowell, Montoya Brown. *Third Row:* Donte Walcon, BJ Rider, Matt Klopfer, Nathan Wagnon, Jeff Skaggs, Stephen Jennings, Ahkim Shittu, Jared Stowell, Jim Woolard, Greg Gibson, James Horton, Trent Nuckolls, John Bachman. *Fourth Row:* Ryan Roberts, Dan Lincoln, Aaron Clemmons, Justin Burlison, Nathaniel Doddridge, David Hogue, Jacob Lanehart, Chase Ellis, Josh Cary, Chris Cochran, Josh Burch, JR Eldridge. *Fifth Row:* Russ Pinkett, Tom Nai, John Ed Trusley, Nathan Syer, Brandon Grant, Joe Ramsey, Matt Euler, Daniel McFarland, Jeremy Miller, Michel Whitten, Daniel Andrews, Broderick Holmes, Roger Boyer. *Sixth Row:* TJ Nelson, John Hart, Greg Robinson, Taiwan Dickerson, Mike Murphy, Zach Edwards, Martin Bryant, T.J Bingham, Richard Hall, Jonah Williams, DeMarquise East, Gabe Jackson, Lee Ruiz, Billy Frances, Michael Perry. *Seventh Row:* Steve Lewis, Jared Green, Terry DeWitt, Daniel Turnbow, Greg Rudolph, Deron Huerkamp, Rustin Gortmaker, Todd Knight, James Bolin, Jay Derby, Kent Laster, Wilmer Wade, Brent Busie, Michael Head, Mark McGowen

LIFT UP A CHEER FOR THE TEAM

Standing on the sidelines, wearing their school name and school colors with pride. They smiled and encouraged the crowd and players by cheering them on. Who are these people? They were the OBU cheerleaders.

The football season cheer squad consisted of ten girls and two guys. There were four freshmen: Marie Bryant, Kate Elliot, Brittany Morris and Jamie Mosley. Jo Anna Judd, Laura Hafer and Kati Huryta were the sophomores on the squad; and Sarah Hollingsworth, Alicia Ritter and Alicia Willingham were the juniors. The only seniors on the squad were the men, Luke Hollingsworth and Jeremy Conrad.

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Ouachita.”**

**Luke
Hollingsworth,
Senior**

The cheerleaders arrived early to school for the fall semester. In the time that they had, learned different stunts and cheers for the first time as a squad. Staff members of National Cheerleading Association came to campus during that time and instructed them mostly on stunting. “As a flyer, I have had to build trust in my squad, and because of that I have grown closer to them,” said Elliot.

During the school year the squad practiced twice a week for two or three hours. For a fundraiser they also hosted a fall and spring mini cheerleading camp for the Arkadelphia public school children. The ages ranged from kindergarten through the six grade. They averaged about 40 kids at each camp. The mini camp kids learned cheers and stunts and performed them during half time at an OBU football and basketball game. They also sold spirit shakers and cheer checks to raise money for new uniforms.

Coming back from Christams break, there were many changes that accrued. There were three additions to the squad, freshman Clay Steelman, sophomore Scott McNeese and freshman Heath Mertens. As a result of their hard work, the whole squad received new uniforms. “I love the new uniforms and the boy shorts we get to wear under them,” said Morris.

For Hafer, Huryta and Mosley, being a cheerleader was something they had never done before. Huryta said, “It has been a great experience and I am loving it. I love working with the people. They are really great.” Although it was not his first year, Luke Hollingsworth said, “Cheerleading has been one of my most memorable experiences at Ouachita.” **story by Alaina Huber**





Senior Luke Hollingsworth waves the giant tiger paw flag high in the air. The flag was raised at kick-offs and when the Tigers scored against their opponents. *photo by B. Baxter*

Junior Sarah Hollingsworth performs a cheer on the sidelines. The cheerleaders worked to create crowd involvement and encourage the team. *photo by B. Baxter*



Freshman Kate Elliot, junior Sarah Hollingsworth, senior Alicia Ritter and freshman Marie Bryant lead the crowd in a cheer at an afternoon football game at A.U. Williams field. The cheerleading squad was young, consisting of only two seniors. *photo by M. Doom*

The men's soccer team kneels to pray following a home game. Prayer played an important role in university athletics. *photo courtesy of soccer team*



While in Florida, the men's soccer team play soccer volleyball. The trip gave the team time to enjoy the beach. *photo courtesy of soccer team*



David Kinyanjui, freshman, works the ball down the field. The team relied on key players to help move the ball toward the goal. *photo courtesy of soccer team*



Soccer	5-16	GULF	SOUTH	0-7
Southwest Baptist University				3-2
Freed-Hardeman University				5-0
Letourneau University				2-1
Louisiana College				0-2
Southwestern Okalahoma St. University				1-6
Wiley College				6-1
Northeastern State University				1-6
Dallas Baptist University				2-3
Hendrix College				1-0
University of Central Arkansas				2-3
Harding University				1-3
Lincoln Memorial University				0-7
University of Alabama-Hunstville				1-4
University of West Florida				3-10
University of Montevallo				0-2
Christian Brothers University				0-7



Front Row: Robert Rubio, Chris Bingham, Jeff May, Jeff Works, Shannon Dodge, Gus Calderon, Takumi Chayama, David Kinyanjui Back Row: Head Coach Rod Spears, Logan Ellis, Nick Arnold, Lucas Azevedo, Clint Blackwood, Luke Nipper, Shawn Leverington, Robert Spears, Shawn Stern Not Pictured: Jason Bolley, Michael Brunner, Matt Elkins, Paul Morgan, Ryan Owsley



NEW CONFERENCE EQUALS NEW EXPERIENCE



A new conference equaled new expectations. The men's soccer team joined the Gulf South Conference (GSC), becoming the first varsity men's soccer team for the University.

Previously, the team played as a club, scheduling their own practices and games. By joining the GSC, the team was able to travel and play in Florida, Texas, Louisiana, Alabama and Oklahoma. This required the team to begin a rigid practice schedule in order to prepare for the season.

Rod Spears, the new head coach for both men's and women's teams, was a true asset to the team. "He's a hard-working coach who puts a lot of time and effort into the team," said sophomore Luke Nipper. "It's too bad he has to coach both teams, because that keeps him from being able to focus totally on one or the other."

Although he did have to split his time between the two teams, Spears kept each team conditioned and prepared for their games. Being a part of the GSC allowed Spears to bring in more recruits and create a better quality, more unified team.

The Tiger soccer team had a season of triumphs and trials. "The most memorable game of the season was the first one, which we won," said Nipper. The Tigers began their season with a bang, winning the first game 3-2 against Southwest Baptist University. Another important victory was a 5-0 shutout of Harding University. The team was on the road most of the season as work was being done on the University's soccer field. The men completed the season with a record of 3-12-0.

In order to prepare for the next season, the team began off-season practice in the spring. The hard work and dedication looked to be promising for the team's future. "I am very satisfied with the effort each of the guys have produced," said Spears. "With a strong inaugural year, the future of the team is very, very promising." **story by Laura Mouhot**

**"The most memorable game of the season was the first one, which we won."
Luke Nipper, sophomore**



Senior goal keeper Jeff Works looks to clear the ball out of the defensive zone. Works was a kicker for the football team in the fall. *photo courtesy Photo Lab*

Junior goalkeeper Lindsey Cox prepares to block sophomore Kara Haase's shot-on-goal. This was Cox's second season as keeper for the Lady Tigers. *photo by B. Baxter*



While attending a match in Florida, members of the women's soccer team enjoy time on the beach. Joining the Gulf South Conference allowed the team to travel and compete outside Arkansas. *photo by B. Baxter*



Members of the team stretch before beginning an afternoon practice. The Lady Tiger soccer team was in its second season as a varsity sport. *photo by B. Baxter*

Soccer 3-13 GULF SOUTH 0-8

Southwest Baptist University	0-3
Texas A&M Commerce	0-8
Freed-Hardeman University	4-0
Letourneau University	6-0
Louisiana College	5-1
Northeastern State University	0-8
Dallas Baptist University	0-4
Hendrix College	2-3
University of Central Arkansas	1-3
University of North Alabama	1-6
Harding University	2-4
Lincoln Memorial University	0-6
University of Alabama-Huntsville	0-3
University of West Florida	0-4
University of Montevallo	0-5
Christian Brothers University	0-11



Front Row: Lindsey Cox, Rachel Payne, Joei Baker, Morgan Montgomery, Allison Lavendar, Rachel McDuffee, Stefan Gillespie, Christina Overton. *Back Row:* Kathy Daniel, Jenny Gable, Jennifer Hancock, Brooke Hundall, Kara Ketner, Arwen Hays, Andschana Temesvary, Angela Garcia, Coach Rod Spears



BUILDING A TEAM OF STRENGTH

This was the second year that the University had a women's soccer team. The team worked very hard all the time, in and out of soccer season. Team members trained during the spring semester for the fall. They also came to school two weeks earlier than most students to get ready for the upcoming season. Road trips were the norm as the University's soccer field was under construction most of the season. The team traveled to several different places, as close as Conway to as far as Pensicola, Fla.

The team took a three-day trip that included staying two nights in Pensicola, Fla., and Birmingham, Ala. In Florida, the team played the University of West Florida, which was known to be one of the best in the conference. At this game, the team members believed they played one of their best games. Junior Rachel Payne said, "This trip and this game made us grow closer together as a team. We are all very proud of the way that we played in Florida." Even though they lost to the University of West Florida, 0-4, they were still very happy with how they played.

This trip also included two outings to the beach, a reward for playing so well.

This was the team's first under the leadership of Coach Rod Speares. Speares came to the University from Marshall, Texas, where he was the head soccer coach at Marshall High School. He was very pleased with the season and has high hopes for the team. Even with a 3-13 record, the team gained valuable experience and in building the team's unity.

"I was pleased with the team's performance," said Speares. "I felt that working with the team has given me the opportunity to know what to work with in the future and that gives me high expectations for the future of the team." **story by**

Caryn Bridges

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Rachel Payne,
junior**



Basketball 5-21 GULF SOUTH 3-13

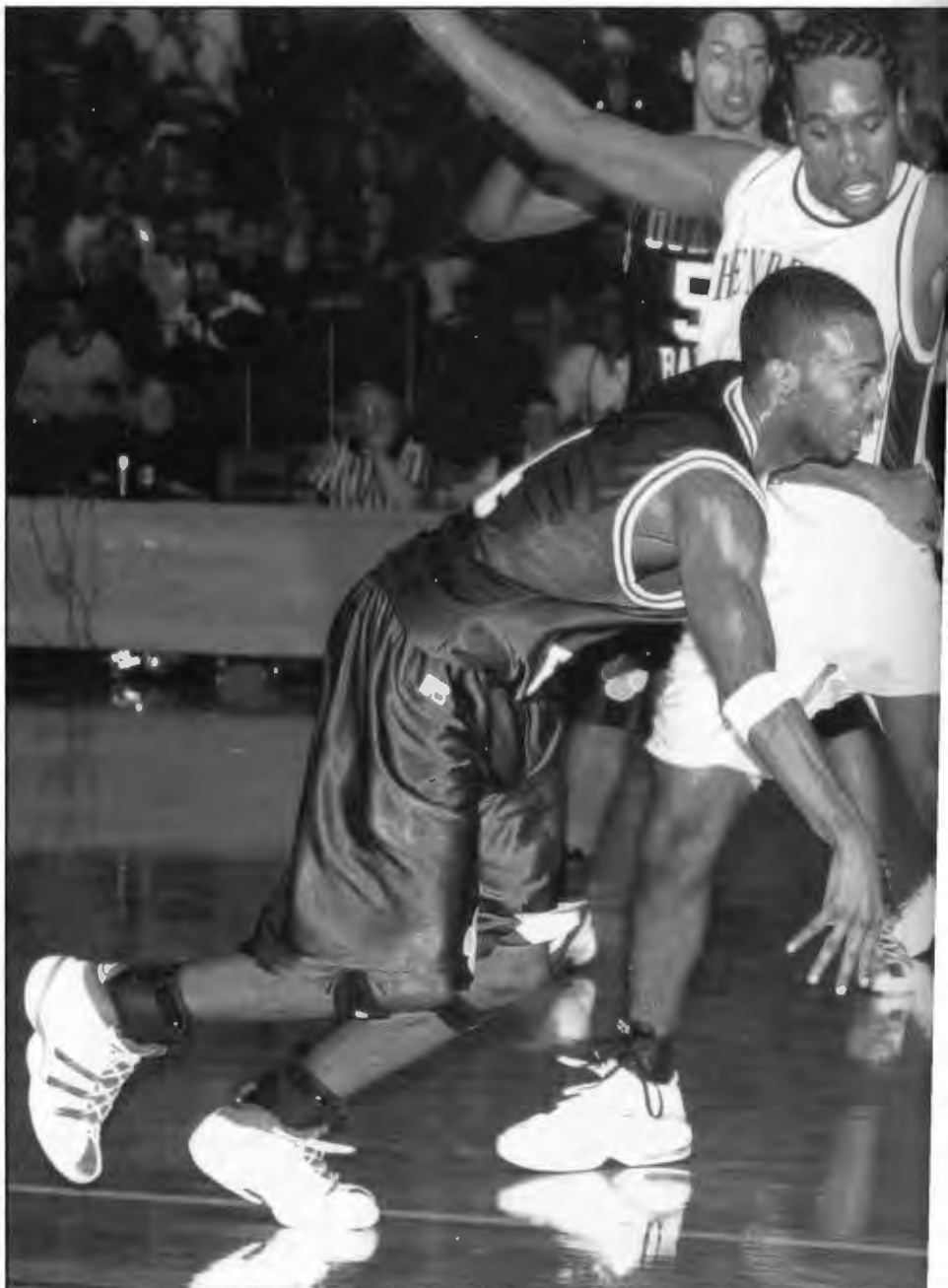
Texas A&M Commerce	99-90
Lyon College	73-69
Louisiana Tech University	51-90
Lyon College	64-93
Texas Wesleyan University	59-80
Arkansas Baptist College	101-92
Texas A&M Commerce	102-108
East Central OK University	58-90
Texas Wesleyan University	70-83
Delta State University	62-93
East Central OK University	55-72
Arkansas Tech University	86-71
University of Arkansas Monticello	61-88
University of Central Arkansas	66-72
Henderson State University	60-73
Southern Arkansas University	88-93
Harding University	92-96
Christian Brothers University	62-85
Delta State University	82-78
Arkansas Tech University	78-68
University of Arkansas Monticello	84-95
University of Central Arkansas	90-66
Henderson State University	51-73
Southern Arkansas University	85-71
Harding University	92-96
Christian Brothers University	78-64



Front Row: Ross Kirk, Hassan Conteh, Richard Whaley, Justin Carpenter, Lloyd Fusilier, Tim Lane, Mauricio Watson, Jordan Cowart. Back Row: Michael Wagstaff, Joseph Richards, T.J. Jones, Joshua Buckley, Jarris Kentle, Ben Sinclair, Ryan Taplin, Michael Medlin, Mike Reynolds.

Senior forward Mauricio Watson dunks on his opponent. Watson was the team MVP for the 2000-2001 season. photo by B. Baxter

Junior guard T.J. Jones maneuvers around a Henderson Reddie. Jones was named to the 2000-2001 West Division All GSC Basketball second team. photo by T. Robertson





Senior guard Michael Medlin protects the ball from a Henderson State opponent and looks to pass. The Tigers were unsuccessful against the Reddies in both match-ups.
photo by T. Robertson

BACK TO THE GRIND OF THE GAME



For any team, beginning the season in a new conference was somewhat overwhelming. However, beginning the season in a new conference and playing a Division I team was a test of ability. Thanksgiving week the Tigers traveled to face the Bulldogs of Louisiana Tech University.

A new member to the NCAA Division II Gulf South Conference, the Tigers faced a challenging opponent. The Division I Bulldogs held a 19-1 record at their home arena and owned a 9-2 record over Ouachita. Despite the dominance of the Bulldogs and their victory over the Tigers, the team remained positive for the season. "There was a real determination to achieve this season, something we noticed in the off-season and continued in fall practices," said head coach Mike Reynolds.

He and his four starters and six lettermen prepared for a new and challenging season in the conference. "Going into the season, we were more focused and knew each other's capabilities," Reynolds said. "We wanted to step up the level of conditioning and hope the results would show."

Gaining experience from the Tech game, the Tigers began with a strong win over the Lyon College Scots in overtime. As the buzzer sounded, the score was 57-57. But sophomore forward Hassan Conteh became the pinnacle for the Tiger's victories. "I felt that Hassan would step up this year," Reynolds said, "because his is active, a good athlete and a hard worker."

Using his strong players like Hassan, Reynolds fought to gain successes. With other strong opponents, the Tigers stayed on top during each game, despite a 5-21 season record. Many of the games went into overtime, sometimes double overtime. "We kept up with the teams we played, and usually had close games running into overtime," said sophomore Jarris Kentle.

It was the ability of the team to keep a tight reign on each game that allowed them to succeed. Even if the game wasn't a victory, the Tigers held confidence in their performance. "I felt that every game we played, we gave it our best," said senior Michael Medlin.

The new conference proved to be just what Reynolds and the team needed to be a strong team. "Going into the season, we were excited," Reynolds said. "We are a part of a great league with a rich basketball tradition. We had fun this season and expect future seasons to be just as fun."

story by Gary Miller

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TAKING THE GAME BY STORM

The Lady Tigers took the Gulf South Conference by storm. Garry Crowder's Lady Tigers were the number four-ranked team in the GSC's West Division going into the Gulf South Conference Tournament. The win by the Lady Tigers against first-ranked Lincoln Memorial University led the team to its first ever 20-game winning season since having begun intercollegiate competition in 1976.

The Lady Tigers went all the way to the semi-final game, but lost to the Arkansas Tech University Golden Suns. The Lady Tigers dominated Tech during the regular season, beating the Golden Suns twice. Crystal Allen, a

sophomore transfer from Louisiana Tech commented, "My favorite games of the year were when we beat Arkansas Tech twice. I also enjoyed beating Henderson both times, even though that was expected."

In her first year in the league, Allen was named to the 2000-2001 West Division All-GSC Second Team, Daktronics All South Region Team and to the 2000-2001 West Division All-GSC Basketball First Team. When asked about the 2000-2001 season, she said, "It was a combination of a couple of things. First of all, we had a lot of new people on the team this year. I was anxious to see the results. There were a lot of girls that had a lot of talent." Allen also looked forward to next basketball season. "Everyone expects us to do better next season, in conference, and in the GSC tournament."

Allen, a health, physical education and recreation major, led her team to its first Gulf South Conference Tournament berth. She finished the year as her team's leading scorer and the conference's fourth leading scorer. Allen was eleventh in steals in the GSC with a 1.93 per game average. She was thirteenth in three-point field goal accuracy, hitting 38 of 105 for 26 percent. Allen was fifteenth in blocked shots with 22 through 27 games.

Allen's teammate junior Robyn Anders was named West Division All GSC Basketball Second Team.

Anders, a three-year starter for the Lady Tigers, was sixth in the league in assists with 92 for a 3.29 per game average. Anders, a health, physical education and recreation major, was also sixth in the assist/turnover ratio category with a 1.32 ratio.

The Lady Tigers ended the season with a record of 20-8. **story by Charity Bennett**





Basketball 20-8 GULF SOUTH 11-5

Texas Women's University	54-48
University of Central Oklahoma	46-50
East Texas Baptist University	85-81
Lyon College	82-77
Central Baptist	115-52
Texas Wesleyan University	65-62
Lane College	67-48
Lyon College	76-58
Drury University	63-73
Delta State University	61-69
Lane College	95-49
Arkansas Tech University	72-69
University of Arkansas-Monticello	67-51
University of Central Arkansas	68-80
Henderson State University	94-84
Southern Arkansas University	79-66
Harding University	71-52
Christian Brothers University	60-55
Delta State University	73-74
Arkansas Tech University	59-48
University of Arkansas-Monticello	68-58
University of Central Arkansas	57-71
Henderson State	63-47
Southern Arkansas University	75-71
Harding University	73-71
Christian Brothers University	55-48
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Lincoln Memorial University	67-52
Arkansas Tech University	58-66

In a quick break, sophomore Crystal Allen drives the ball to the goal. Allen, a guard, used her quickness to benefit the team. *photo by T. Robertson*

Junior Robyn Anders goes up for a shot over members of the Henderson State University team. The Lady Tigers went on to win the game 94-84. *photo by T. Robertson*



Front Row: Stephanie Sangster, Stephanie Grimes, Jennifer Edwards, Mary Ann Caldwell, Kristen Hurdle, Mandy Blackwood, Lindsey Snow, Erin Turner. *Back Row:* Coach Garry Crowder, Vivi Dees, Shannon Sangster, Crystal Allen, Tracy McBryde, Robyn Anders, Lindsey Hawkins, Tracy Denney, Assistant Coach Jason Jones.

With a minor injury, sophomore Jason Gerber is helped off field by his father, brother and senior Brandon Jeffus. Injuries were a major battle for the team at the beginning of the season.

photo by courtesy of team

Senior Darren Hull takes the lead during an invitational match. The cross country teams competed against several Arkansas teams, including Harding University.

photo by courtesy of team



GULF SOUTH CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP

MEN'S RESULTS

Harding University	19
West Georgia University	82
University of Alabama-Huntsville	96
Southern Arkansas University	101
Valdosta State University	110
West Florida University	151
Ouachita Baptist University	182
Lincoln Memorial University	239
North Alabama University	272
Christian Brothers University	313
West Alabama University	336

WOMEN'S RESULTS

Harding University	44
West Georgia University	49
Arkansas Tech University	78
University of Alabama-Huntsville	95
Southern Arkansas University	145
Valdosta State University	146
North Alabama University	186
Ouachita Baptist University	234
Central Arkansas University	238
Delta State University	246
Henderson State University	253





PUSHING TO FINISH THE RACE



The men's and women's cross country teams had a very challenging season. The teams dealt with a number of circumstances that they could not avoid. A change in coaching staff and difficult weather were just a couple of their obstacles. "Then we were plagued with injuries, especially late in the year. That proved to be the final straw that we didn't have time to overcome. Given a few more weeks we would have overcome that one too," said senior Darren Hull. Among their struggles, the men of the cross country team struggled with the possibility that their program would be cut. The men's team faced possible elimination as a team, but was able to continue competing for the university.

Despite all that was against them, the team remained unified and kept going. "They helped keep me accountable. We prayed together each morning. We are never shy about pointing out weakness in each other to try and make each other succeed," said Hull. Jeffus felt that helped the team. "This team has more unity and brotherhood between its members than any other team I've had the privilege to run with," said Jeffus.

The women's team shared a similar feeling. "Whatever we did, our focus remained on supporting one another," said junior Anna Stuckey.

For the men, the year provided positives and negatives. "The best part of the season was when we found out that cross country would be allowed to compete for one more year. The worst part of the season was the night before conference knowing that our team wasn't going to produce the results that we were capable of. I know that we all put 110 percent into the season and in the end ultimately injuries took a toll. It was the most helpless and empty feeling I've ever experienced," said Hull.

Both teams pressed on, worked hard and gave the season their all. The team members were very appreciative of the efforts of some administrators to help keep their program alive. "I have to give props to Dr. Taylor, we asked him to assistant coach us and he really knew what he was talking about. I praise him for everything he did for us, without him there's no telling how we would have done this year," said Jeffus. "I would like to thank Dr. Westmoreland for giving us one last chance to try and prove ourselves. He believed in us, listened to us, and supported us," said Hull. **story by Laura Mouhot**

**"This team has more unity and brotherhood than any other team I've run with."
Brandon Jeffus,
senior**

TigerShark members work on their times during the intra-squad meet. This was a meet that allowed the team to compete against itself and to help improve times.
photo by B. Baxter



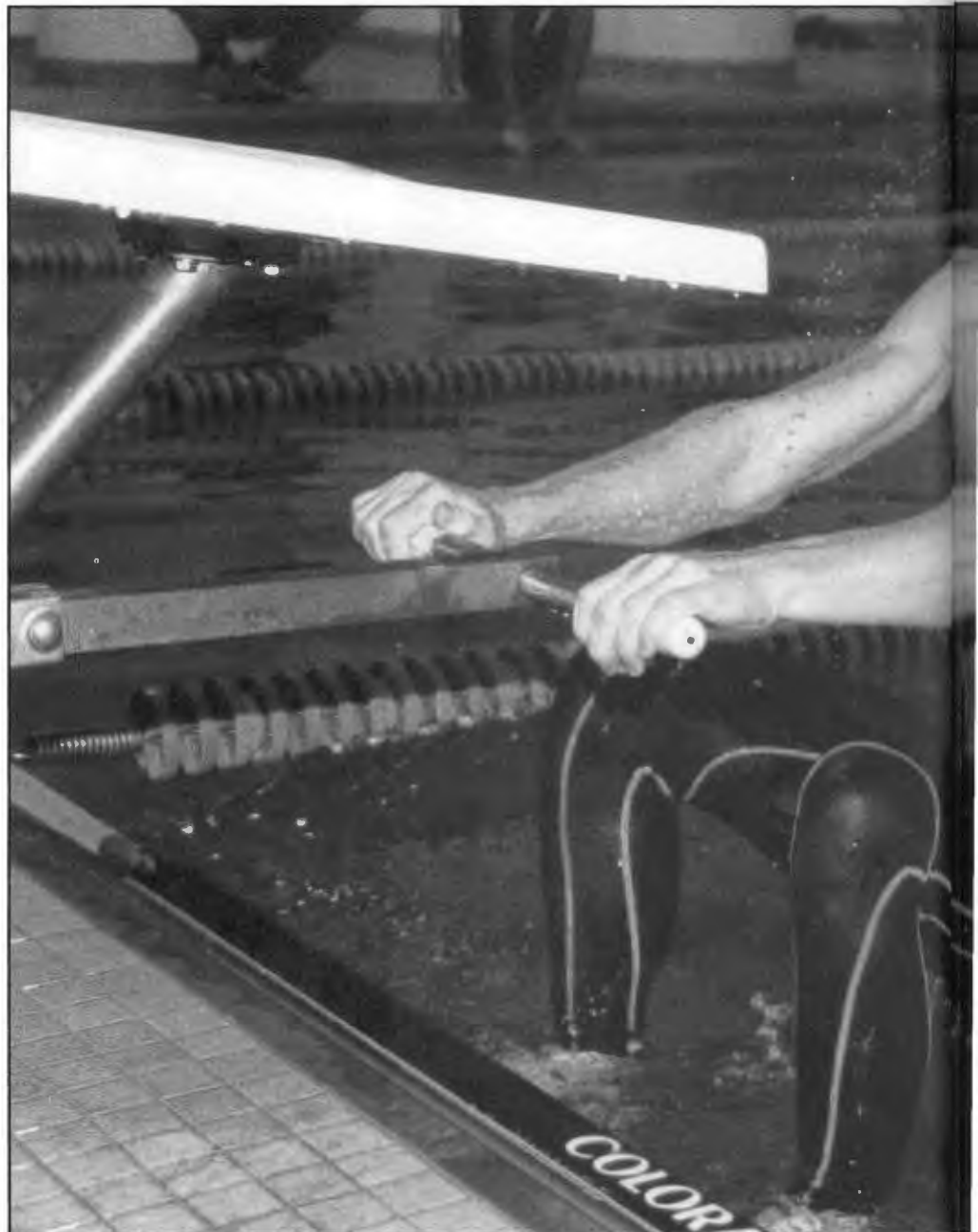
Junior Moss Duvall races to the bulkhead via the fly. Only three of the team's 18 swimmers competed in this difficult event.
photo by K. Selby



NSISL	CHAMPIONSHIP	RESULTS
Delta State University		949
Ouachita Baptist University		922
Henderson State University		596
McMurry University		371
John Brown University		222
Austin College		101

2000-2001 TigerShark Members: Chris Bass, Joey Barr, Jesse Barton, John Berry, Justin Boyd, Scott Cole, Chris Crane, Moss Duvall, Eric Goodwin, Ty Jordan, Chris Landreneau, Ray Miller, Jon Oynes, Archie Prentice, David Prentice, Brandon Silder, Garrett Smith, Micah Smith, Mike Waldrop, Chris White.

Sophomore Chris White anticipates the buzzer. A strong take-off was essential: sometimes a mere tenth of a second was the difference between winning and losing. *photo by B. Baxter*





HOURS OF **PRACTICE** *EQUAL SUCCESS*



The Tiger Sharks had one of the longest seasons of all of Ouachita's sports. The 22 men who swam for OBU had a successful season, and finished second to Delta State University for the conference championship. "We have always had a strong team which gives us an edge of the competition," said Coach Jim Dann.

Practices began 5:30-6:00 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, and those afternoons were spent in the weight room and swimming. On Tuesdays and Thursdays there was no morning practice, but the team was there at 3:30 to swim. When the guys couldn't wake up and be in the pool on time, Coach Dann would call and wake them up, via answering machine. Justin Boyd laughed and said, "One morning Coach Dann was making the calls and Adam and I were sitting there, half asleep, when we heard him (in this gruff voice) leaving a message for us on our machine, and we were like, dude, we are here!"

The season started out with an intrasquad meet on September 29 and ended with the NCAA Division II tournament on March 14-17. The Tiger Sharks placed second in the 2001 New South Intercollegiate Swim League Conference Championship Meets held February 15-17 at Delta State University. The conference meet qualified a group for nationals. The men who qualified were John Berry, Jesse Barton, Justin Boyd, Moss Duvall, Ty Jordan, Chris Landreneau, Ray Miller, David Prentice and Mike Waldrop.

The Sharks headed to Canton, Ohio, from March 14-17 where they placed ninth overall. Several OBU men were named NCAA Division II All American swimmers including Boyd in the 400 medley relay; Berry in the 50 freestyle, 100 freestyle, 200 medley relay, and 500 free relay; Duvall in the 200 fly, 200 medley relay, 400 medley relay, and 400 free relay, Miller in the 200 free relay and 400 free relay; Landreneau in the 200 free relay; and Barton in the four medley relay. "I was very proud of the team's results because they worked to get there," Dann said. **story by Amy Garrett**

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Jim Dann,
head coach**

Freshman Sydney Barker takes a breath during a free-style race. Barker broke the school record in the 50 meter free at the first meet of the season.
photo by B. Baxter

Sophomore Sarah Brown and junior Angie Cody compete in the breaststroke. Brown and Angie were the only two women swimmers to participate in this event.
photo by K. Selby



NSISL	CHAMPIONSHIP	RESULTS
Delta State University		852
Ouachita Baptist University		804
Henderson State University		492
Austin College		319
John Brown University		297
McMurry University		237
University of the Incarnate Word		55

2000-2001 Lady TigerSharks: Riley Allen, Cindy Allred, Sally Allred, Sydney Barker, Sarah Brown, Angie Cody, Erin Felts, Alison Gooding, Joanne Gorecki, Beth Grossman, Kelly Krueger, Tracy Krueger, Jen Lovette, Catherine Manning, Kelly McGowan, Dana Power, Kadi Prikryl, Melody Stilwell, Katie Tuner, Danielle Young

Freshman Yukiko Sawaki practices her one meter diving. Sawaki was one of only three women divers on the team.
photo by R. Kibbe





SWIMMING FASTER THAN EVER


The Lady Tiger Sharks started out with a bang. The first swim meet for the Lady Sharks was an intrasquad meet held September 29. Freshman Sydney Barker broke the school record swimming the 50 free at 25.34. "It was the first meet, and I was very nervous because I knew that as a freshman all the upper classmen were watching me," said Barker. "I was out there to have fun, but I was also out there to prove that I could swim at the college level."

At the 2001 New South Intercollegiate Swim League Conference Championship Meet held February 15-17, at Delta State University, the Lady Tiger Sharks placed second. Setting a school record clocking at 1:40.85, Barker, freshman Kelly McGowan and seniors Tracy and Kelly Krueger placed second in the 200 yard free relay. "We really pulled together this year and did our best at Conference. Even though we got second place, the joy of working so hard as a team and pulling together made it all worth it," said McGowan. Nine Lady Tiger Sharks received All Conference honors. These ladies were Tracy Krueger, Katie Turner, Angie Cody, Kelly Krueger, Cindy Allred, McGowan, Jen Lovette, Sydney Barker, and Sally Allred.

From the results at Conference, four Lady Tiger Sharks qualified to swim at the NCAA Division II Women's 2001 Swimming Championship Meet held March 14-17 at C.T. Branin Natatorium at Canton, Ohio. The National qualifiers for the OBU Lady Tiger Sharks were Tracy Krueger, Kelly Krueger, Angie Cody, and Katie Turner.

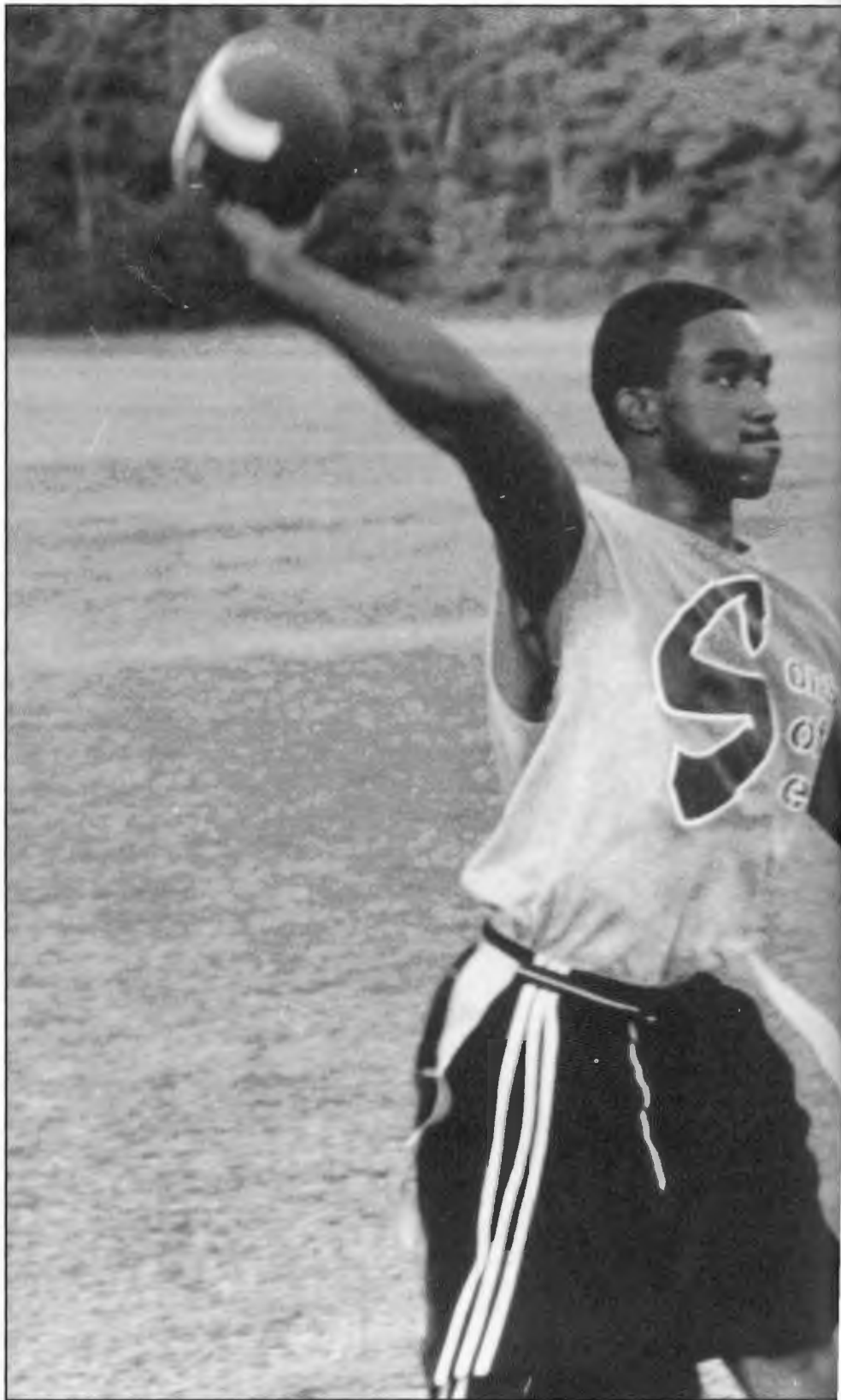
At Nationals the Lady Tiger Sharks tied with the University of Nebraska-Omaha for eleventh place. Turner finished sixth in the 1000 yard freestyle. Tracy Krueger placed fifteenth in the 200 yard IM and was fourth in the 400 yard IM. Kelly Krueger placed sixteenth in the 100 yard butterfly.

Turner was named an NCAA Division II All-American swimmer in the 1000 freestyle and in the 1650 freestyle. Kelly Krueger was named Honorable Mention All American in the 100 yard fly. Tracy Krueger was named Honorable Mention in both the 200 IM and 400 IM. **story by Alaina Huber**



**"I was out there to have fun, but I was also out there to prove that I could compete at the college level."
Sydney Barker,
Freshman**

Junior Marcus Wright prepares to make a pass to his teammate. Students found intramurals to be a setting to foster friendships. *photo by B. Baxter*



Junior Jeremy Wessels goes for the hockey puck to make a score. Intramurals included sports such as hockey, volleyball and softball. *photo by B. Baxter*





STUDENTS PLAY TO HAVE FUN

Standing at the painted line, he looked up to make aim. With a deep breath, he released the ball and watched it soar toward the goal. Swoosh! The final shot helped to win the game.

This wasn't a Tiger basketball game, but an intramural game. The purpose of intramurals was to give students not participating on collegiate teams a chance to stay competitive. "I enjoyed playing ball in high school and wanted to do it at college," said senior Chris Shelton.

Sponsored by the recreational sports program, students had the opportunity to hang out with old friends, make new friends and enjoy solid competition. Teams were formed by various organizations and clubs, or simply a group of friends wanting to play. "We formed our team to build us closer together and have a good time," said senior Josh Mayfield.

With a new year came improvements in the intramural world. Students were able to participate in six different sports throughout the entire school year. Some teams competed to have fun, while others were playing to uphold a standing legacy. The BSU Powerhouse football team won state for the third year running. Advancing to regionals, they placed third and received the sportsmanship award. Traveling to nationals, the team finished eighth. "We were excited about the season," said T.K. Zellers, staff member. "When we played Henderson, they eventually quiet keeping score when we were ahead 77-0."

Those students not participating but watching found the sports both fun and more laid back than collegiate sports. "I always like to go watch and cheer for people I know," said senior Beğ Brawner. During certain games the stands were sometimes packed. "You get a lot of people at one game and that's what makes them fun," Brawner added.

Whether playing for fun or for competition, students felt the program was a great asset to the university. "Having intramurals gives students a chance to get involved in something and generally ends up being the best part about college," said senior Patrick Hicks. **story by Gary Miller**



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Josh Mayfield
senior**

Senior Daniel Vejman serves during an afternoon practice. Players spent most of their afternoons at the Heflin tennis courts. photo by T. Robertson



Sophomore Raul Bermudez watches his serve cross the net to an opponent. photo by B. Baxter

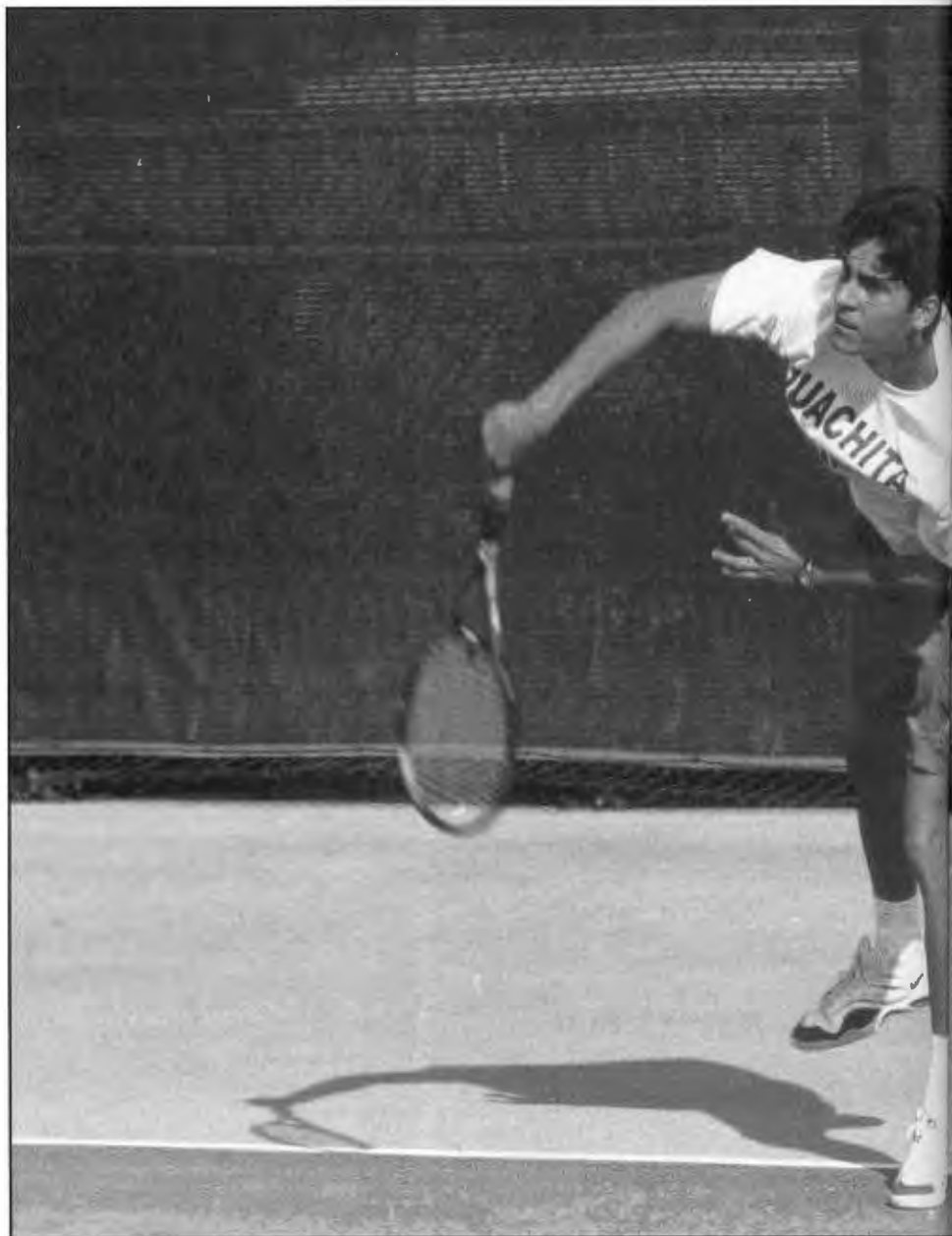


Men's Tennis 18-6 GULF SOUTH 4-0

Delta State University	9-0
Southwest Baptist University	7-2
Drury College	6-3
Oklahoma Christian University	7-2
Elite Eight Tournament	8-1, 7-2, 1-8
Harding University	9-0
Henderson State University	9-0
Delta State University	8-1
Christian Brothers University	5-0
Hawaii Pacific University	4-5
Brigham Young University	3-6
Hawaii Hilo University	8-1
Oklahoma City University	0-9
West Florida Tournament	
Northwood University	7-2
West Florida University	5-4
Lander University	5-2
GSC Tournament	
Lincoln Memorial University	5-0
West Florida University	5-2
Valdosta State University	3-5
NCAA Div. II Championships	
Armstrong Atlantic State University	5-4
Belmont Abbey	5-0
Hawaii Pacific University	3-5



Left to Right: Coach Craig Ward, Raul Bermudez, Tjeerd Star, Andrew Morgan, Ryan Kirkpatrick, Gilles Lagardere, Andre Edwall, Johan Eriksson, Daniel Vejman





During Homecoming, Coach Craig Ward is honored by his players for his service to the team. This marked the 10th anniversary of his OBU coaching career. *photo courtesy of team*

STILL IN THE SWING OF THINGS

A season of repeats. This was what the Tiger tennis team faced entering the season. With a previous victorious season, the team had a high standard to maintain.

And that's what they did. The team began the season with a solid winning streak. In February, the second-ranked team was undefeated in the division. With nearly all returning players, the team came out strong against its opponents.

A two-game win over Drury University and Oklahoma Christian University left the team with the perfect 4-0 season mark. "Having an unblemished record in the middle of the season gave us reason to work harder and focus on the game," said freshman Ryan Kirkpatrick.

During Spring Break, the team traveled to Hawaii for several matches. Only seven of the eight members of the team were able to go. Junior Raul Bermudez suffered a punctured lung days before leaving the trip. This dampened the spirit of the team, but they remained focused on the game. "It was unfortunate for us as a team to leave behind Raul," said Ward. "He tends to be a prominent player."

Leaving the tropical setting with upset losses to highly ranked Hawaii Pacific University and Brigham Young University-Hawaii, and a 8-1 win over the University of Hawaii, the Tigers began preparing for the Gulf South Conference championship. Going into the regionals, the team owned a 16-5 record. The Tigers, playing with strong enthusiasm, finished as a runner-up in the overall Gulf South Conference race, but captured the GSC West Division. "We were a little disappointed at not winning the overall conference, but we feel confident in our West Division win," said junior Tjeerd Star.

The team began the NCAA Division II Championships ranked fourth. This was a positive beginning amidst the fierce tournament. After day one, the team won its opening rounds, edging out Belmont Abbey 5-0. Advancing to the quarterfinals, the team would face previous competitor Hawaii Pacific University. In a three-round battle, Hawaii Pacific won the two and three doubles pairings and numbers two, three and five singles, to advance. The Tigers finished in third place.

Ward and the team felt confident about their matches and thought the strong competition had a positive roll. "When two solid teams compete, you can only expect a good match," Ward said. "The team gains valuable experience each time we play a team with records as good or better than ours." **story by Gary Miller**

**"An unblemished record in the middle of the season gave us reason to work harder."
Ryan Kirkpatrick, sophomore**

Freshman Sabrina Benitez hits a backhand from the baseline. As a doubles team Benitez and freshman Barbara van der Gutenburg were ranked 23rd in the nation. *photo by C. Talbert*

Sophomore Sylvia Sieval hits a forehand shot while freshman Brenda Magnetti prepares to serve. Sieval was the lone sophomore on the young Lady Tiger team. *photo by C. Talbert*



Women's Tennis 17-6 GULF SOUTH 8-0

Delta State	5-4
Southern Arkansas	9-0
Central Arkansas	5-2
Arkansas Tech	5-0
UA-Monticello	5-0
Harding	6-3
Delta State	5-4
Christian Brothers	9-0
University of North Alabama	6-3
Flagler University	5-4
Henderson State	7-2
Oklahoma City University	0-9
Brigham Young University-Hawaii	0-9
Valdosta State	6-3
University of West Florida	1-8
Lynn University	1-8
Harding	6-3
Oklahoma Christian University	4-5
Central Arkansas	8-1
GSC Championship	
Lincoln Memorial	5-1
Harding	5-2
West Florida	0-5
NCAA Div. II Regionals	
Lynn University	0-5



Left to Right: Barbara Van der Gugten, Casey Danner, Sabrina Benitez, Coach Betsy Danner Ashley Raine, Brenda Magnetti, Sylvia Sieval.



HOLDING UP HEADS HIGH AND PROUD

The Lady Tiger tennis team held their heads high as Coach Betsy Danner called off their many accomplishments at this year's athletic banquet. Five freshmen and one sophomore made up the women's tennis team and a successful one at that. The players finished this year with a win-loss record of 17-6. All of the six losses were to teams ranked among the top four in the nation in NCAA Division II and the NAIA.

The team, including Coach Danner, decided to set for themselves three goals to accomplish. The first was to win the West Division of the Gulf South Conference. The second was to qualify to play in the finals of the Gulf South Conference Championships. Last, their goal was to be ranked among the top 20 teams in the nation. "Not only did the women accomplish every goal, but went above and beyond in skill and in academics," said Danner. After winning the West Division of the Gulf South Conference, they traveled to play in the Gulf South Conference Championships placing second at the tournament. Their loss came in the match played against the University of West Florida, who was ranked number two in the nation. This was an outstanding accomplishment for the women's tennis team and something they had worked hard for all year. Barbara van der Gutenburg was awarded the title of GSC West Division Player of the Year, as well as Freshman of the Year. Brenda Magnetti and van der Gugten also were named to GSC first team.

Faring well in Gulf South, the Lady Tigers traveled to Florida to compete in the NCAA Division II Tournament. They were defeated in the first round by Lynn University, 0-5, but the experience and hard work showed in their strong performance during the season. "The girls have not only worked hard on the court, but have stayed focused academically as well," said Danner. "There will be several added players next fall, and with their skill we are hoping to go even farther." **story by Kaylan Christopher**

**"The girls have not only worked hard on the court, but have stayed focused academically as well."
Betsy Danner**



SMALL NUMBERS EQUAL LARGE RESULTS

Hitting the little white ball with iron clubs into a small hole was a hard task, but the 2000 - 2001 Tiger Golf team made it look easy. The members of the team were senior Beau Bishop, juniors Jeff Maneth and Kris Seyler, sophomore Randy Southerland, freshmen John Allison, Justin Bates, Jason Fanning, Kyle Johnson, John Rogers, Aaron Sharp and Kevin Walker.

This was considered to be one of the strongest recruiting classes in recent history for the golf team, and it had golf coach David Sharp eagerly anticipating the start of the spring season. "The spring season was exciting because it was our first season to be a part of the Gulf South Conference," said Bishop.

"I was very pleased with the play of our team."

**David Sharp,
coach**

Highlights of the spring season included finishing second in Division II of the Pizza Hut/Bell South Invitational Golf Tournament. Seyler shot a hole in one during the tournament. At the Doyle Wallace Classic sponsored by Henderson State University, the team finished sixth out of eight, and Rodgers carded best team placing sixteenth. In the Burris Inc. Collegiate Golf Classic the team finished fifth among ten teams. Rodgers shot a 75-70 and placed third. Bates placed ninth with a 73-75. The team won the Southern Arkansas University Invitational

Meet. The team scored a 598 beating Harding University, which came in second with the score of 619. Maneth, Bates, Sharp and Southerland all placed in the top six.

Finishing the season at the Gulf South Conference Championship Golf tournament, the Tigers placed fifth. Bates placed eighth with a 223 and Seyler tied for tenth place. "I was very pleased with the play of our team," said Coach Sharp. **story by Alaina Huber**





Junior Kris

Seyler tees off during practice at the DeGray Golf Course. Seyler was named to the All-GSC Second Team, with a total score of 224. *photo by B. Baxter*

Golf 4th	GULF SOUTH 5th	
		Pizza Hut Classic 2nd
		Henderson State Classic 6th
		Arkansas Tech Classic 5th
		SAU Classic 1st
		Valdosta Classic 23rd
GSC CHAMPIONSHIP		
		University of West Florida 872
		Arkansas Tech University 891
		Delta State University 892
		Valdosta State University 896
		Ouachita Baptist University 906
<p><i>2000-2001 Tiger Golf</i> : John Allison, Justin Bates, Beau Bishop, Jason Fanning, Kyle Johnson, Jeff Maneth, John Rogers, Kris Syler, Aaron Sharp, Randy Southerland, Kevin Walker.</p>		

Gathering to celebrate, the Tigers give high-fives to each other after winning a game. Early in the season, the team faced a series of losses but made a rebound in final games. photo by B. Baxter



After making contact with the ball, senior Eric Harrison prepares to run to first base. photo by B. Baxter



Baseball 10-37 GULF SOUTH 7-16

Southern Arkansas	3-15, 5-15
Southeastern Oklahoma State	4-20, 1-11
Hendrix College	6-7
University of Central Arkansas	9-12, 2-15
University of Northern Alabama	0-6, 11-10
Southeastern Oklahoma State	2-10, 1-10
University of Central Oklahoma	3-15
Texas Wesleyan	2-13, 8-11
Arkansas Tech University	7-10, 1-8, 13-17
Arkansas Tech University	1-8
Graceland University	8-10
Union University	2-3, 6-9
Texas Wesleyan	1-8, 3-12
Delta State University	0-22, 0-26, 4-16
UA-Monticello	2-9, 6-11, 2-8
Williams Baptist	0-10, 0-12
University of Central Arkansas	13-10
Southern Arkansas	1-6, 4-5, 1-14
Harding University	3-4, 6-5, 4-3
Christian Brothers	8-2, 7-6, 5-4
Louisiana Tech University	3-20
UA-Monticello	6-5, 1-4
Henderson State	4-8, 7-4, 5-3

2000-2001 Tiger Baseball: Heath Bays, Steven Bertram, Tony Carozza, Colin Chandler, Clay Combs, Will Crumb, Adam DePriest, Nathan Doddridge, Marlin Evans, Michael Ferguson, Andy Gee, Frank Graham, Eric Harrison, Kris Jayroe, Bryan Jones, Jeremy McKey, Michael McLanahan, Scott McLaughlin, Brett Parker, Douglas Riley, Adam Roberson, Trent Smith, Kyle Spooner, Scott Wheeler

With ball in motion, senior Kris Jayroe takes aim during practice. The Tigers practiced several hours each day to prepare for games. photo by S. Shupe





Freshmen Scott McLaughlin prepares to release a pitch during a game against Henderson State University. Though new to the team, McLaughlin proved to be an asset during the season. *photo by Ben Baxter*

PUTTING EVERY EFFORT INTO THE GAME



As newcomers to the Gulf South Conference, the Tiger Baseball team struggled through a rough season going into the last nine conference games with only two wins and no wins in conference play. But the Tigers would not be counted out yet. At the end of the season, the team went on a five-game winning streak to end the year with eight wins and an all important victory over the Henderson Reddies.

The team hoped that its end of the year run was a preview of what's in store for Tiger baseball in the coming seasons. This year's team was marked by youth. The 26-member squad had only four seniors and four juniors. In fact, almost half of the squad was freshmen. "On paper, we are a better team, but we are young," said head coach B.J. Brown. "We can move from paper to the field, and we will be a ball club with which to contend."

Beyond the team's inexperience, it had another major setback with the loss of starting sophomore catcher Bryan Jones. The Tigers had a 7-3 lead over Graceland College when Jones blocked homeplate from a runner. In a head first slide, the runner's shoulder hit Jones' knee causing a severe dislocation. Despite the injury, Jones held the ball, completing a double play.

The injury tore three of the four supporting ligaments in the knee and ended Jones' season; however Brown hoped to have Jones classified as a medical redshirt. "Bryan's love of the game proved strong, as he continued to hold his double play ball for the hard play at the plate," said Brown. "He was determined to make the best recovery so that he will return for the 2002 season."

Ending with a "come-back" attitude, the team felt that the younger players would prove to be an asset to the team. Brown felt that team had the potential to achieve a level of winning. "We know where we want to be and know what it takes to get there," said Brown. **story by Sports Information**

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B.J Brown,
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