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With the help of the Rho Sigma spirit hoop and a spirit chain formed by the students, the Tigers take the field for a Saturday afternoon game. — photo by Phil Cushman

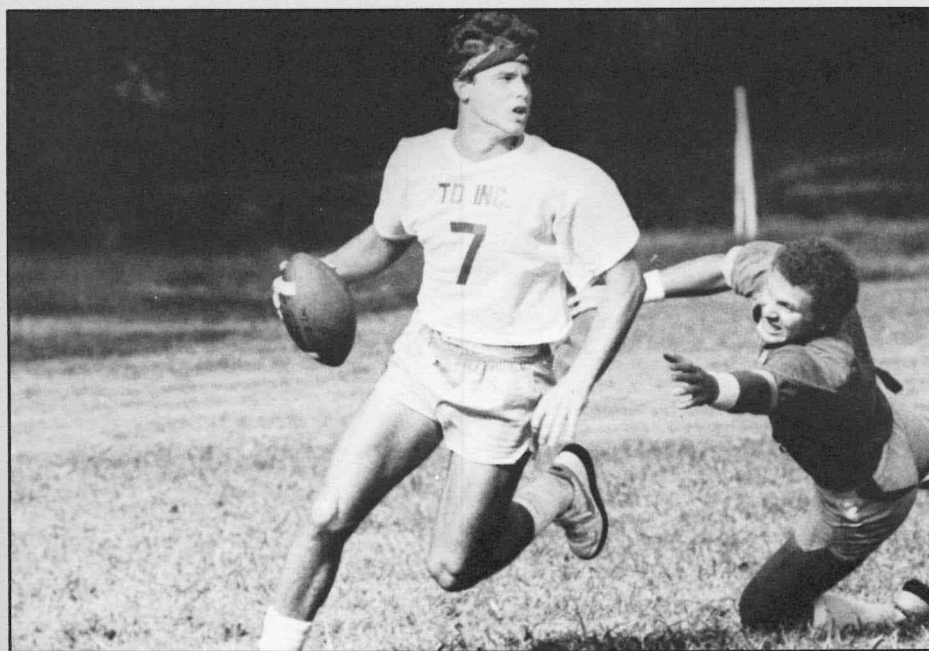
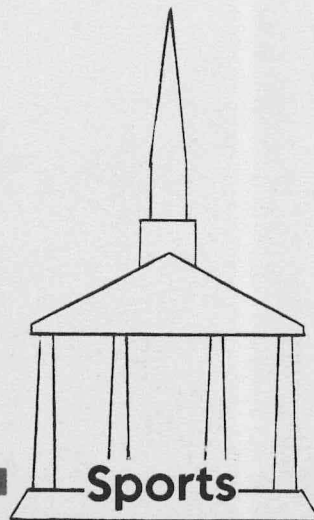
Crossed kick
At an afternoon soccer match, a Hendrix player collides with Tiger defender, David Nziramasanga. Ouachita won the game. — photo by Phil Cushman



*B*ecause of financial cutbacks, many small universities sacrificed quality in athletic programs. But as Ouachita teams continued to compete, the students and alumni continued to support.

Support came easily when the Tigers defeated the Henderson Reddies one more time in football, but it was also there when the baseball team had a few bad games. The participation and support were there because Ouachita had and still offered ...

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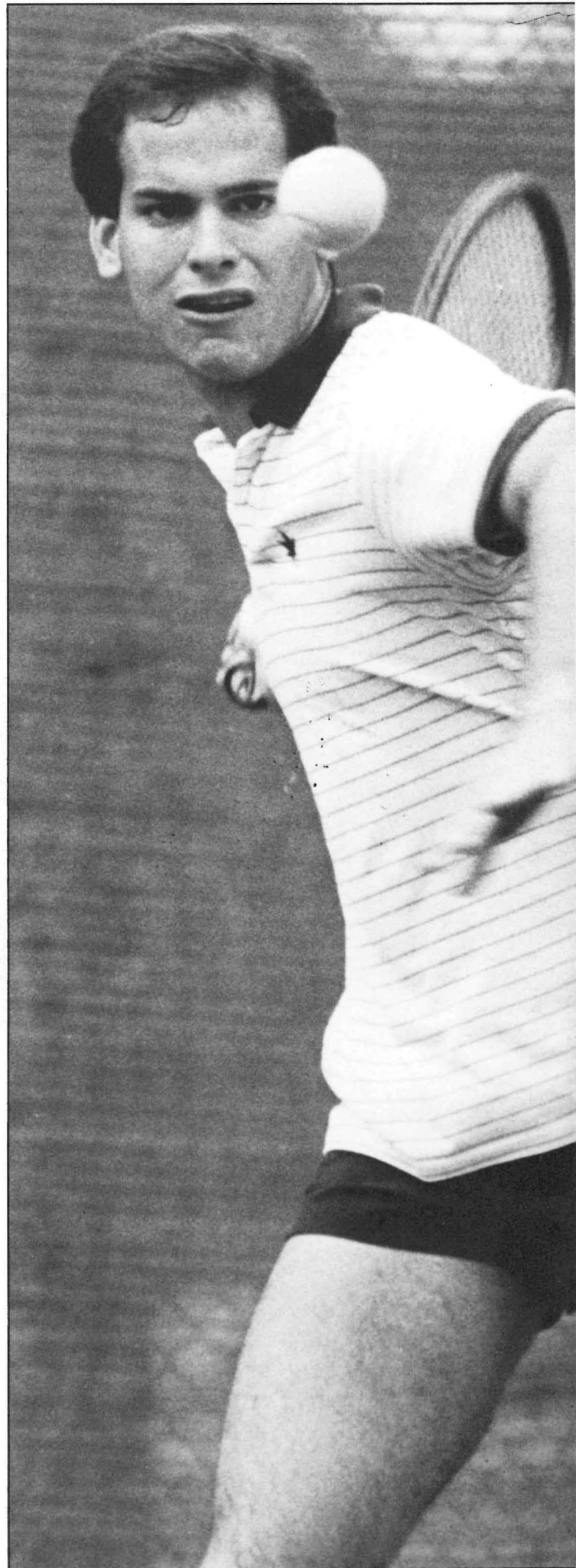
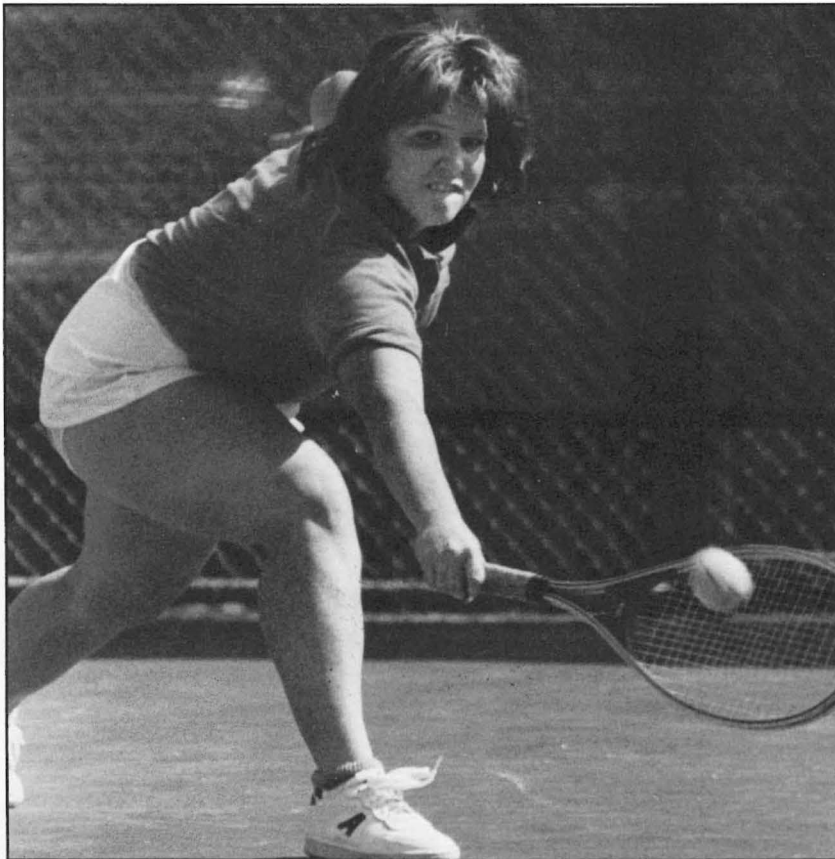
Elusive runner
T.D. inc. player, Steve Jones, outruns
Sigma Alpha Sigma player, Brent
Wallace in an intramural game. —
photo by Phil Cushman

Top seed toss

Keeping his eye on the ball, Matt Porter makes an effort to score. Matt led his team to comfortable positions in the conference competition. — photo by Phil Cushman

Fancy footwork

The match against Central Arkansas was a tough game, but Ellen Neill's smooth footwork and efficiency got her through and earned her All-AIC and All-NAIA honors. — photo by Phil Cushman



Season Results

UCA	10-0
SAU	7-3
OBU	7-3
Hendrix	3-7
HSU	2-6
Coll. of Ozarks	0-5

Positive serve

New players and coaches led to second place positions in men's and women's tennis

The 1984 women's tennis season opened with only one returning player, junior Karen Williams. Karen had two years of Tigerette experience over five freshmen, Ellen Neil, Conzada Glover, Chris Harvey, Shannon Brown and Debbie Paas and one transfer, Tippi McCullough. Instead of feeling threatened, Karen said her experience made her confident that she could make it through the season.

Ellen Neil proved to be a tough contender for the number one seed. Through hard work, determination and advice from Karen, she earned the coveted spot on the team. "Consistency is the name of a successful match. Relaxation and enjoyment are also important in the competition," said Ellen.

Southern Arkansas University and the University of Central Arkansas were the difficult competitors. Of course the team wanted to defeat Henderson State "just because it was Henderson," said Debbie Paas.

There was more than smooth

serves and fancy footwork that made the team competitive. Coach Tona Wright worked with the team through a series of conditioning exercises that began in January. Arms were strengthened through weight lifting and feet coordinated by fast sprints and agility runs. The physical conditioning was to help the women's performance in competition, but mental conditioning was also important to hold the team together.

A positive attitude and an open mind was maintained through a special time of fellowship each week. "The players grew closer not only among themselves but to the Lord as well, who is their strength," said Karen Williams. "The fellowship helps us see each other as people rather than a teammate that is tough competition."

Even though a tennis trick is to take advantage of the other teams' weak points, there is no taking advantage of a teammate as a person and as a friend.

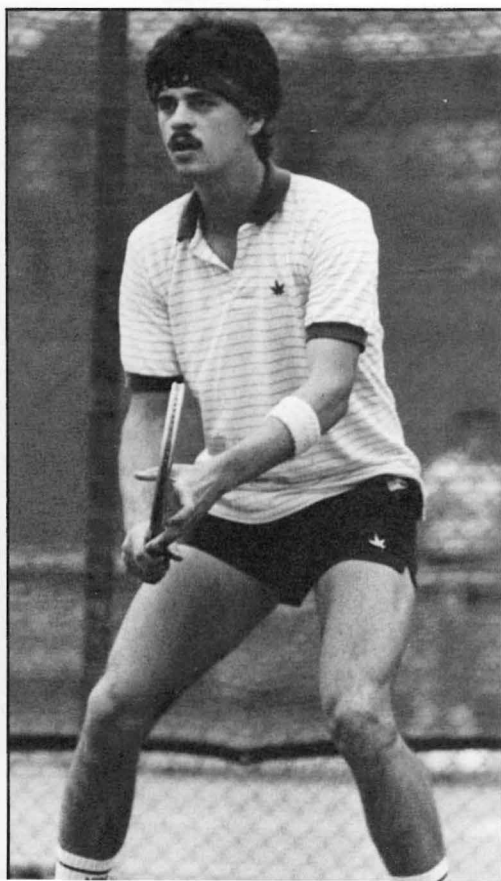
The OBU men's tennis teams also had a new beginning after a

tough year without a coach. Matt Porter, Mark Reynolds, Jay Nicholson, Mike North, Rusty Boyter and Mike Shull threaded their rackets and began practice early in the year. Before the actual practice began, the team also had a program of exercises that helped their flexibility on the courts.

Mark Reynolds said, "The best way to compete in a match is to have a positive attitude." The men finished the season in second place with a conference record of 4-3 behind Southern Arkansas University, Harding University and Arkansas Tech who tied for first place. The men defeated Henderson State all three times during the season.

The women had better luck with their record of 7-3, a second place tie with SAU. Ellen Neil and Karen Williams made all AIC. Ellen went on to earn All-NAIA honors. Tippi McCullough and Shannon Brown won the NAIA District 17 No. 3 Doubles Tournament.

— Frances Burton

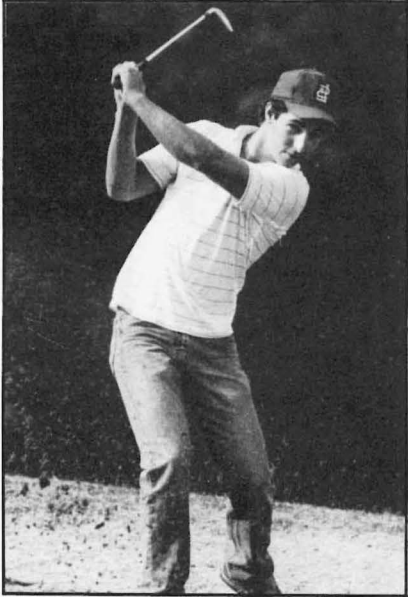


Concentration
Awaiting his chance to score, Mark Reynolds prepares to trick his opponent by using an unexpected strategy. Mark was second in team seeds. — photo by Phil Cushman

The pressure is on
The only returning player to the women's tennis team, Karen Williams, concentrates on a move to take advantage of her opponent. Karen helped her teammates and won All-AIC honors. — photo by Phil Cushman

Sandy arch

Dave Setian sprays sand as he hits a short putt out of a bunker at the Country Club. Dave joined the golf team in 1983. — photo by Phil Cushman



Triple putt

Practicing their putts, Leigh Bass, Cliff Hobbs, and Doug Smith perfect their technique at Arkadelphia Country Club's range. — photo by Phil Cushman

Long drive

Mike Pirkle watches the ball sail over the green after his initial putt. Mike practiced at the OBU range in preparation for district matches. — photo by Phil Cushman

Par five

A fifth place finish didn't mean the golf team had a dull season

As far as I was concerned, Golf season 1984 could have been summed up in two words: Rebuilding year. Coach Vining Jr. led what was to be the youngest squad in the school's history into the competitive AIC. In years gone by Ouachita, bolstered by All-American golfers and national rankings, was always picked to finish high in the pre-season standings. However, this "Motley Crew" of Rick Freeman, Ken Boyland, Dave Se-

tian, Blair Thomas and myself was content to be competitive and have fun. Having fun meant we ended with a fifth

place finish in the conference, but more importantly the experience and friendships that we gained throughout the year would always be remembered. For me, golf season brought many memorable experiences. Road trips always had one or two occurrences that could be classified as out of the norm. Try fighting Oaklawn traffic around post time, when you're already late for your first match. You have to take these things into your own hands, doing so costs dearly. Evidently Hot Springs cops aren't too keen on the fine art of dodging people.

Next stop - Little Rock Country Club, we knew we were in trouble when the rain began and the mercury in the thermometer dropped. What was to have been a pleasant, enjoyable day of golf

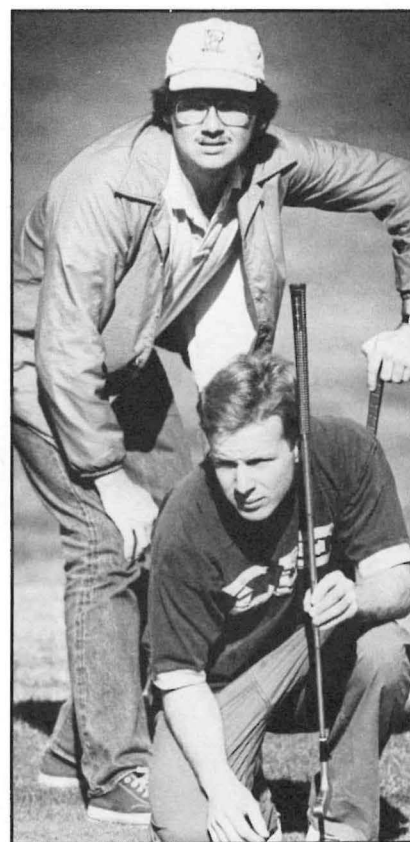
at the "top of the rock", turned into a game of survival. Frequent showers and ice cold winds made it nearly impossible to play up to capability. A trip to Little Rock's Casa Bonita made the day worthwhile and served as a fitting reward for the determination and desire that this group of guys possessed.

Maumelle Country Club brought the team nothing but a long day, and I use this word loosely. One of the longest

"This motley crew was content to be competitive and have fun."

courses in the state played havoc on our young team, scores in the high 80's were common, not only for us but the other schools as well. Assistant Coach Tyler Trumbo summed up the day in two words, "Let's eat."

Last stop of the 1984 season brought the team to the finals of the AIC: the District 17 playoffs held at Courtney Country Club in Hot Springs. Getting to move into the top three spots was our goal going into the playoffs. However, a disappointing fifth place finish ended the year. Ken Boyland was the bright spot this match, the senior from Little Rock finished a heartbreaking sixth place, with the top Five being awarded All-District honors, Ken was just edged out of this distinguished award. To sum up the season in a nutshell, we had fun, we were consistent in finishing fifth every match and most importantly we ate well. — Mike Pirkle



Straight line-up
Eyeing the green, Richard Lowe and Dean Worley calculate the force needed to make par on the hole at the OBU course. — photo by Phil Cushman



Disappointing finish

The fourth place Tiger track team was comprised of first-rate athletes

The Ouachita track team began the season as a powerhouse, bringing home first place trophies from the Pepsi Invitational at Texas High in Texarkana and the O.B.U. Relays, which is a warm-up for the A.I.C. Track and Field Championships.

However, the Tigers finished fourth with 64 points behind Southern Arkansas University with 98

Early dominance didn't pull through in A.I.C. competition

points, Arkansas Tech with 94, and Harding with 72. For the first time since 1970 Ouachita fell out of the top three.

Coach Bob Gravett blamed the fourth place finish on youth and inexperience, "There were only three seniors on the squad and the jumps were very weak," he said.

Five Ouachita athletes were named All-A.I.C.: Keith Baker,

Lloyd Campbell, Darren Lucas and Curtis Smith, the mile-relay team; and Clinton Bell, shot put. Campbell was the high scorer of the meet with 13.5 points.

The mile-relay team consisting of Baker, Campbell, Lucas, and Smith attended the National

Track and Field Meet along with Robbie Crocker and Cary Hall. Keith Baker made All-American with a fifth place finish in

the 400 meter dash.

After being A.I.C. champs in 1972-74, 1977, 1978, and 1980 Ouachita had its worse season in three years. "The team lacked the ability to pull together and win the A.I.C. championship, but individually we had a lot of good talent," said shot-putter Clinton Bell.

— James Collier



Building endurance

Track team members finish a day's workout with a campus run. The Tiger track team finished fourth in AIC competition. — photo by James Collier

Final exchange

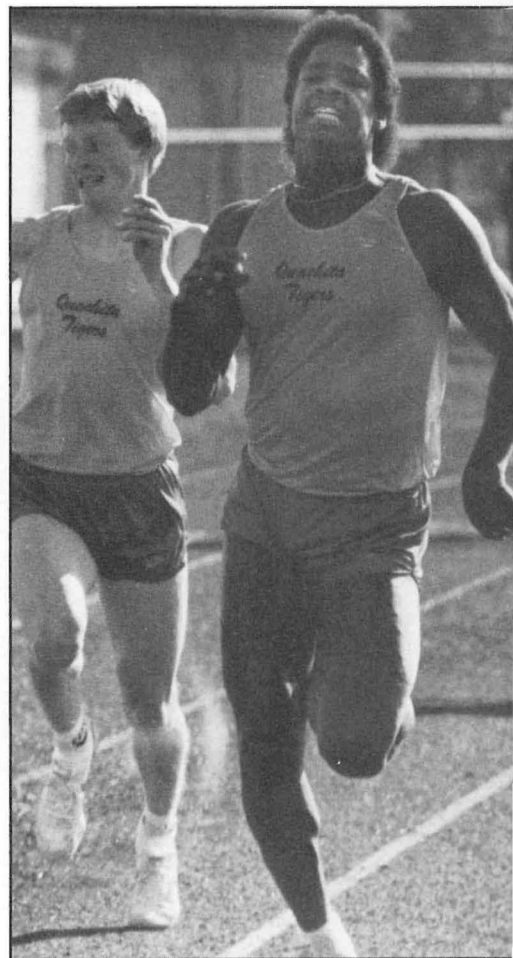
In the 880-relay, John Gary hands off to Lloyd Campbell. Campbell was a member of the All-AIC mile-relay team. — photo by Phil Cushman





Winning form
Junior shot-putter, Clinton Bell goes through his motions during practice. Bell was named All-AIC. — photo by James Collier

Down the stretch
Striding past teammate, Robbie Crocker, Keith Baker runs for the finish line. Baker was named All-American. — photo by Phil Cushman



Season Results

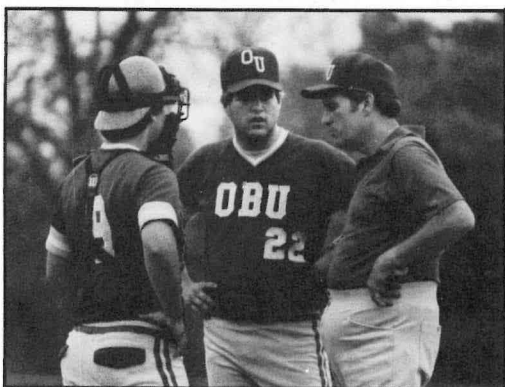
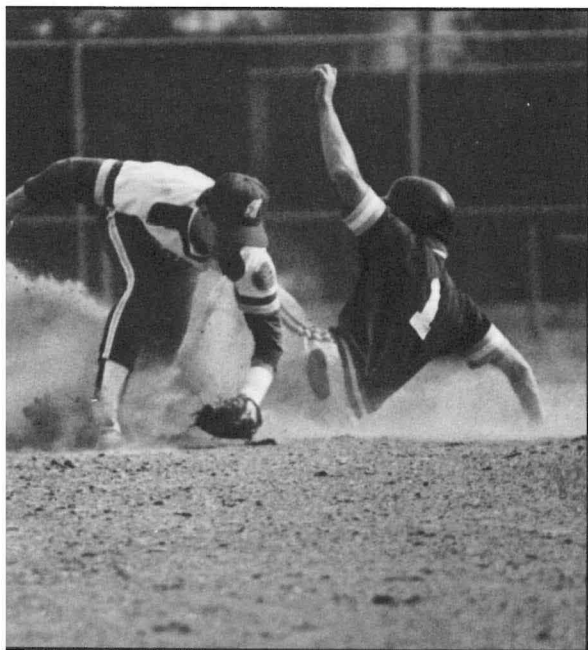
SAU
Ark. Tech
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UAM
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Coll. of Ozarks
HSU
Ark. Coll.
Hendrix

Troubled season

Lack of pitching depth and intensity caused the Tigers to have a less than mediocre season

Stolen base

In second inning action against Henderson Eddie Pentacost steals second base safely but was unable to score. OBU won the contest 4-1. — photo by Phil Cushman



Summit meeting

Coach Barrett, catcher Tommy Reed, and pitcher Bobby Donaldson wait for Kevin Frierson to take the mound midway through a contest with Southern Arkansas University. OBU lost the game 12-6. — photo by Phil Cushman

It wasn't a good year for the 1984 Ouachita baseball team. Not even mediocre according to past standards. The team finished sixth in the AIC conference with a 4-10 record and missed the NAIA District 17 playoffs for the first time since 1980.

"The team just never got started playing like we could. We had the desire but something was missing," said Mike Bakalekos.

The season started off with two wins in a doubleheader with the University of Arkansas at Monticello. The Tigers had little problems producing the wins; they rolled to 11-4 victories in both games. The problems did start, however, in the next five games as the team lost to East Texas Baptist College 4-1, and 6-5, Henderson State University 8-5 and Harding 3-0 and 6-5. After an 0-2 conference record the Tigers finally seemed to get their bearings by posting a three-game winning streak against ETBC 3-0 and 5-4, and College of the Ozarks 8-1.

But, the winning drive halted there and once again the Tigers were on the losing side of the scoreboard in the next five games. From there the Tigers started another streak which lasted three games. Two of these were team conference wins over UAM with the score 6-0 in both competitions.

The next contest was against cross town rival Henderson in a doubleheader. In the first game Joe Anderson pitched a two hitter, both hits back to back

homeruns, in the first inning to put Henderson on top 2-0. Anderson shut the Reddies down for the rest of the contest but the Tigers couldn't produce any runs and they lost the first game 2-0.

The second game started favorably for the Tigers. They jumped out early in the first inning with two men crossing home plate giving the team a 2-0 advantage. The team built on that lead as the Tigers brought two more men over home plate. Three innings passed before another runner scored. Then it was a Reddie to bring the score to 4-1. That's all the runs that were allowed as the game ended in favor of OBU 4-1.

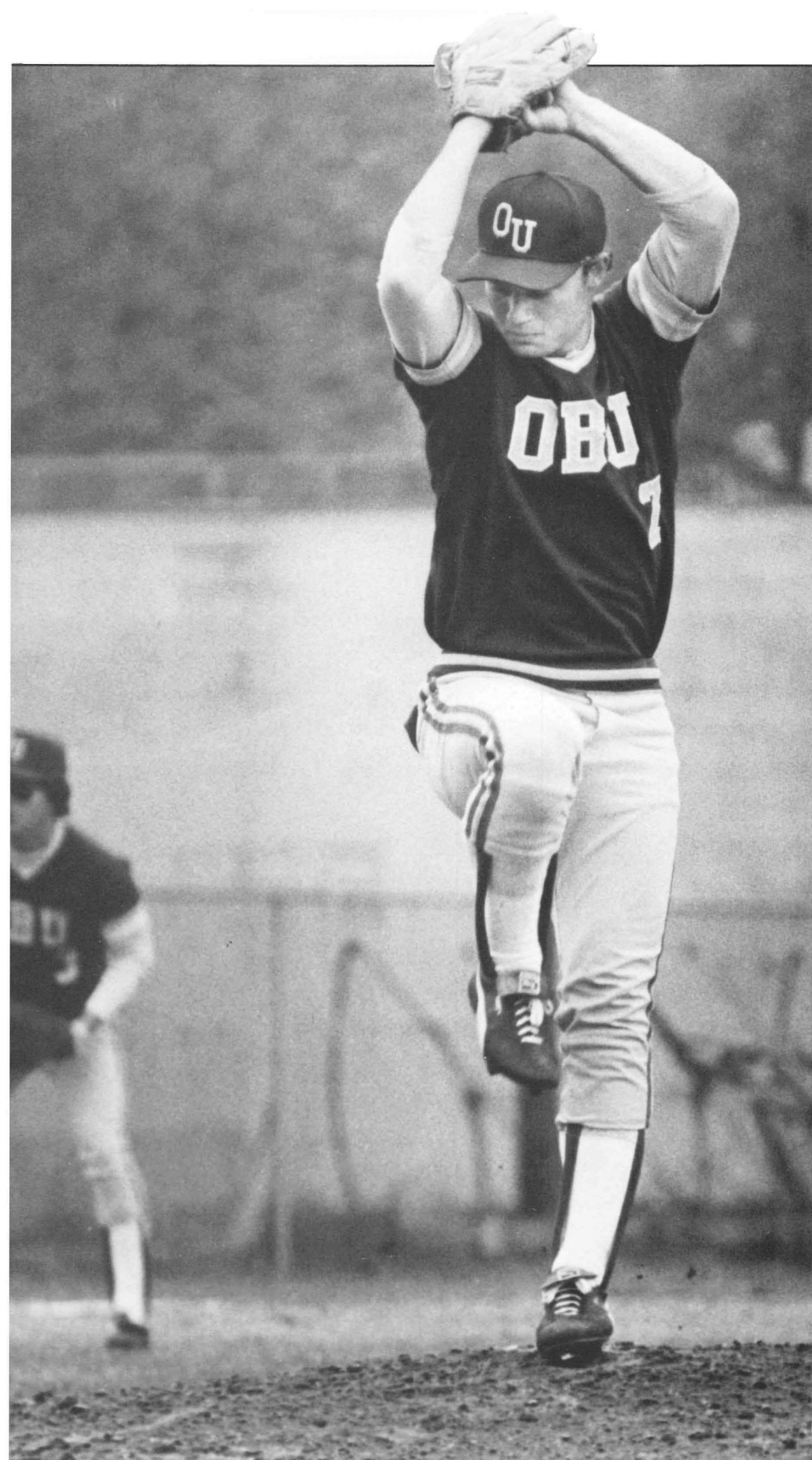
That match was their last win of the season as the Tigers finished with a four-game losing streak causing the Tigers to miss the NAIA District 17 tournament for the first time in four years.

One of the main problems for the Tigers was the lack of depth at the pitcher's mound. The pitchers were talented, but there weren't enough men for a decent rotation.

"The season was frustrating, we never got the breaks. It seemed as if it was always one pitch that beat us," said Junior catcher Jimmy Wayne Brown.

Junior pitcher Joe Anderson summed up his feelings toward the poor season saying, "We had the attitude to win but we just lacked the intensity to win when the going got tough. The right things just didn't happen at the right time." — Steve Bowman





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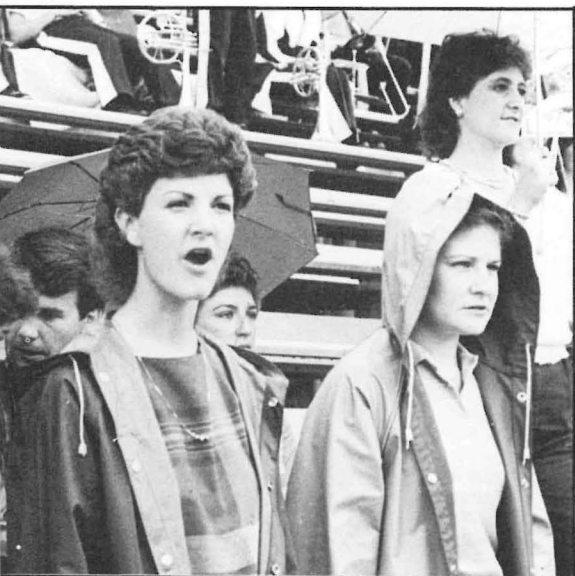
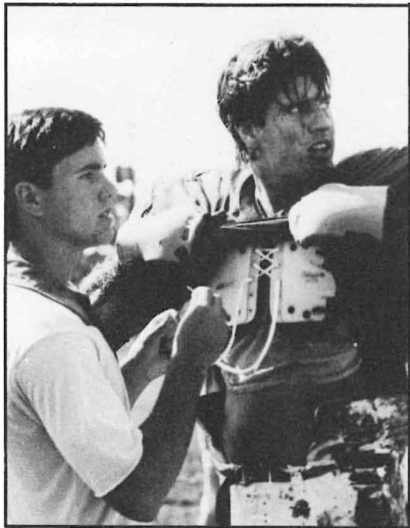
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ETBC	4-1
ETBC	6-5
HSU	8-5
Harding	3-0
Harding	6-5
ETBC	0-3
ETBC	4-5
Coll. of Ozarks	1-8
Coll. of Ozarks	6-5
La. Tech	17-14
La. Tech	17-0
Ark. Tech	5-1
Ark. Tech	12-0
SAU	2-3
SAU	12-6
UAM	0-6
UAM	0-6
HSU	2-1
HSU	1-4
UCA	10-3
UCA	3-1
SAU	5-4
SAU	2-1

Conf. record 4-10
Overall record 9-16

Winding up
 Pitcher Joe Anderson prepares to go into his wind-up during a game with Arkansas Tech. Joe recorded five strikeouts in the game but it wasn't enough as OBU lost 5-1.
 — photo by Phil Cushman

Muddy assistance

Football manager Mark Lloyd helps offensive tackle Rick Wilson lace his shoulder pads during an afternoon game. The team managers were an invaluable part of every game. — photo by Leisa Garcia



Loyal fans

Tiger supporters were present at every home and away football game. Beth Pack and Kristi Mason offer concern and encouragement to the team during a crucial play. — photo by Rusty Brashears.

Rainy smiles

The program sellers provided fans with information and stats for the football games. Denise Fields completes work-study hours as a news bureau employee by selling programs on Saturday afternoon. — photo by Rusty Brashears



A group effort

From team managers to the marching band, successful football games required more than players on the field

It was a well-known fact that the OBU football coaches spent many hours watching films, drilling the players and developing game-winning strategies. It was also well-known that the players practiced several hours a day, watched films and sacrificed their late-night social life to a ten o'clock curfew. But what about all the others who were involved in making each OBU football game a success?

There were three men who worked directly behind the football players and coaches to prepare them for the game. Brian Wells was the trainer for the Tigers. It was his responsibility to take care of the injured players, whether that meant taping an ankle, bandaging a cut, or taking them to the doctor.

Terry DeWitt and Mark Taylor were the other team managers. They fixed equipment, washed uniforms, kept time at practice and packed everything for "away" games.

Next came the sports information crew. The offensive and defensive statisticians sat in one room of the press box. In the

main room the P.A. announcer, Mac Sisson, made play-by-play calls. He was assisted by a spotter who watched each play through binoculars to read the number of the players who ran with the ball or tackled an opponent. As they were talking, a typist was busy typing the play-by-play sheets which were later mimeographed and distributed by secretaries to the coaches and media. Also in the main room were the scorekeeper and time-keeper. They ran the scoreboard and had to watch the officials closely in order to stop the clock at the right moment.

In the fourth room was the radio crew, Rex Nelson and Jeff Root. They broadcasted live over KVRC radio in Arkadelphia.

Another vital part behind the scenes at the football games was the maintenance department. They were responsible for mowing the field, lining the field and making sure all the grounds were clean, including restrooms and bleachers. They were also in charge of lighting, parking, and laying carpets across the track.

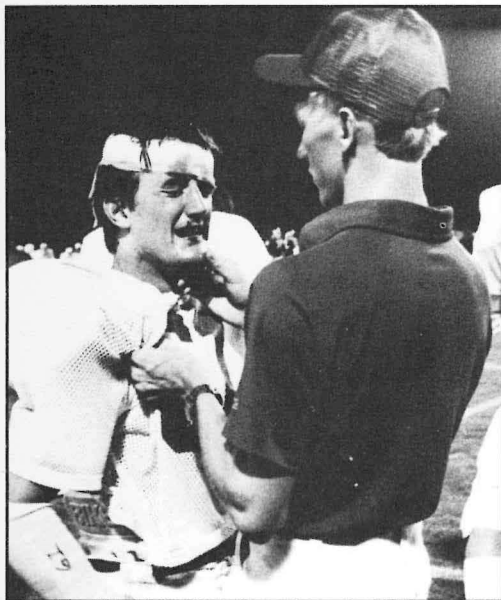
Cheerleaders spent many hours practicing their cheers and building pyramids to lead the crowd in supporting the Tigers. The squad was also responsible for leading pep rallies prior to each game.

Another obvious factor at the games was the band. Not only did they play the school fight song and alma mater, they provided halftime entertainment.

Then there were the fans. People from miles around came as ardent supporters of the Tigers. Members of the Arkadelphia community proved to be fanatical at times. Not only did they dress in purple and gold, but they led the crowds in forming spirit lines and in cheering. Many parents of the football players traveled miles and miles, from every corner of Arkansas, Texas, and Louisiana to see their sons play.

There were many long hours of work given by so many people just to make each football game ceremony a success, even when the scoreboard was in the opponent's favor.

— Leslie Moore



Painful play
As trainer for the Tiger football team, Brian Wells aids the injuries and mishaps throughout the season. Kyle Baird grimaces after a tough hit on the field. — photo by Phil Cushman

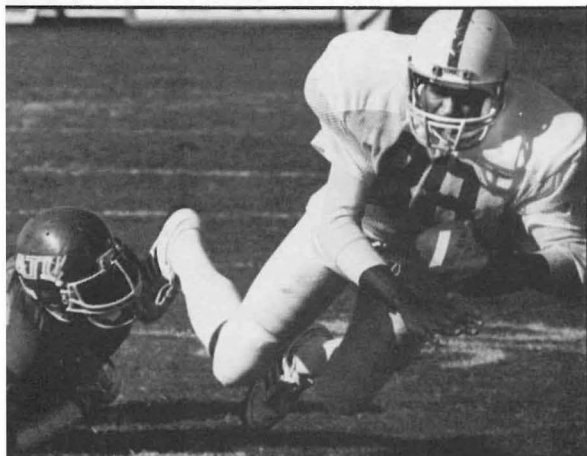
Information crew
Mr. Mac Sisson, Sam Leeper and Jeff Root provide play-by-play reporting and statewide coverage for every Tiger football game at A.U. Williams field. — photo by Phil Cushman

Missed opportunities

Fumbles, interceptions, and missed field goals caused the Tigers to lose close games.

Board meeting

Offensive coordinator Tom Murphree goes over some plays with quarterback Steve Snider before the start of the Southeastern Oklahoma game. OBU won 28-10. — photo by Phil Cushman



Extra yards

Split end David Muldrew dives for extra yardage in the game with Arkansas Tech University. OBU lost 16-10. — photo by Phil Cushman

So close but yet so far away. This phrase summed up the 1984 season of the Ouachita Baptist University football team.

The Tigers finished third in the Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference with a record of 3-3 and an overall mark of 6-4.

A break or two and the Baptist Bengals could have made a better run for the league title.

Then again, a break or two and OBU could have been bringing up the cellar.

Ouachita opened the season in Abilene, Texas on September 2 against McMurry College. On that day, all phases of the game were excellent as the Tigers rolled 30-3.

McMurry could get only 18 yards on 33 carries against the Tiger defense. Meanwhile, the OBU running attack was doing its job by totaling 165 yards on 47 carries led by Dwayne Stanley's 88 yards on 21 runs.

Steve Snider, the junior quarterback from Arkadelphia, started the year off right by completing nine of 16 passes for 106 yards.

The next week, the Tigers traveled to Cleveland, Mississippi to meet Delta State University.

In a contest of two high-powered offenses, the Statesmen outscored the Bengals, 34-24.

OBU got on the board first with a 21-yard field goal by Holland at the 8:00 mark of the opening period. On their next possession, DSU went ahead on a six-yard touchdown pass from Scott Butler to Dewayne Herrington.

The lead switched back in favor of the Tigers as Ouachita moved 75 yards in nine plays

capped off by a one-yard run from Stanley. Holland's kick was true and the visitors were in front 10-7.

Delta State took the lead in the second quarter on a 75-yard drive of their own. On OBU's next possession the Tigers led, again, 17-14.

Then they extended their margin to 10, 24-14, early in the second half on a 79-yard punt return from Graves. That score would be the last for Buddy Benson's Tigers on the evening. The Statesmen scored the next 20 points to put the game away.

Next, the Tigers faced Southeastern Oklahoma in the home opener at A.U. Williams field. Ouachita scored 21 points in the first 17 minutes of the contest en route to a 28-10 win.

With a 2-1 record and a week off, OBU appeared ready for its conference opener at the University of Arkansas at Monticello.

After scoring 30, 24 and 28 points in the first three contests, the OBU offensive firepower failed to show up in Monticello.

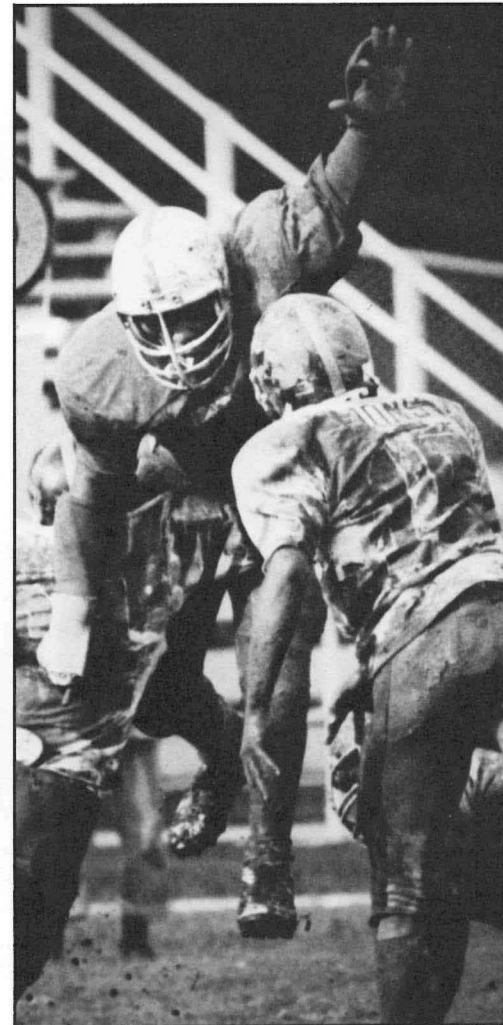
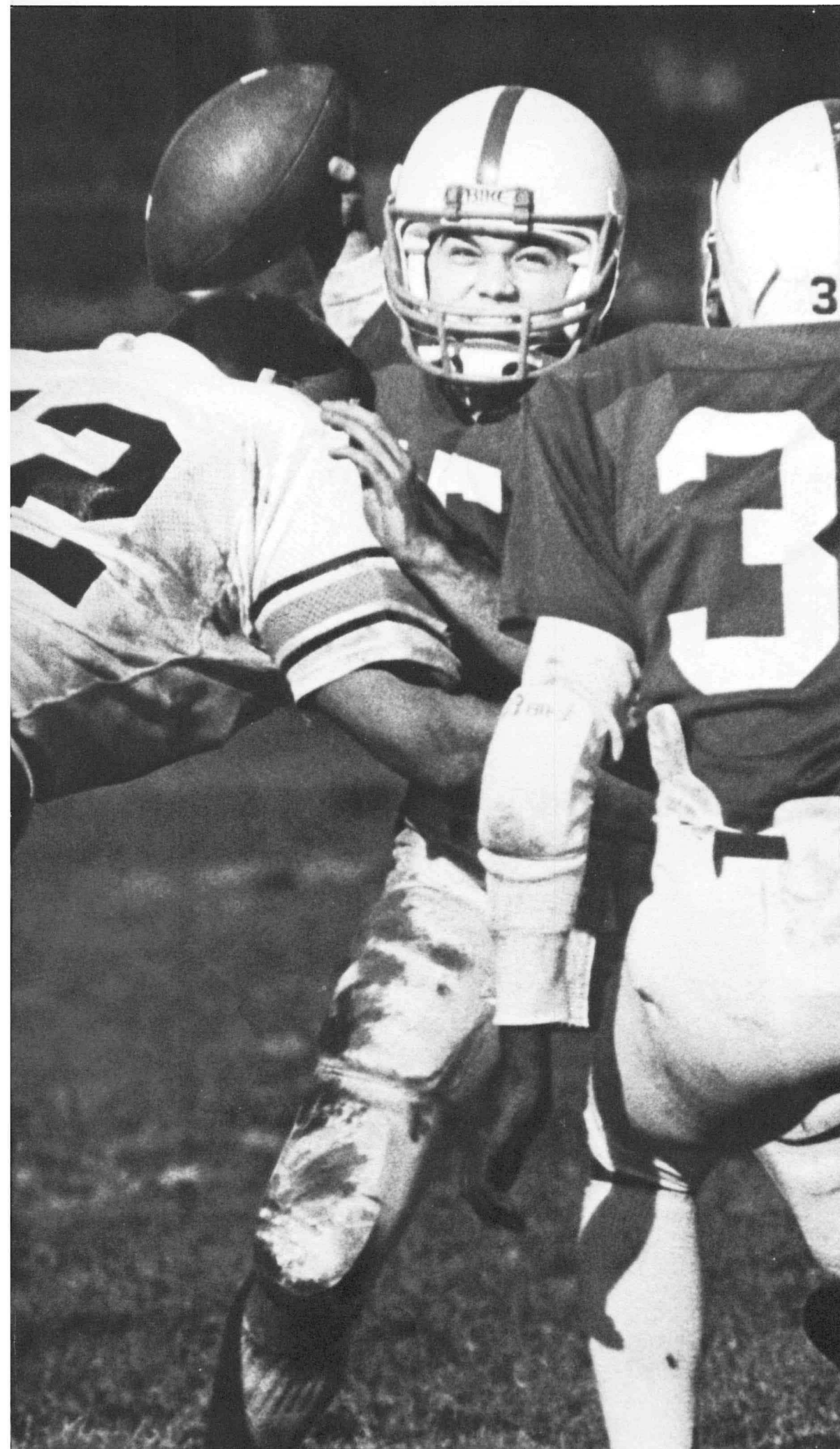
In a game of missed opportunities, the Bengals went to a disappointing 0-1 league standing following a 10-3 loss.

A record of 0-1 in the AIC does not wipe out a team's chances of a league title. A record of 0-2 would. Thus, the next week's game against Southern Arkansas University had much more importance.

Snider led the Tigers down the field in the final moments leading up to Holland's 18-yard field goal giving the home squad a 34-31 win.

Benson would go on and say after the victory about Snider, "I knew it was time to find out just

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Caught in the thick of things
Defensive tackle Milton Light goes up to try and block a University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff pass, the ball was thrown incomplete. OBU won the game 20-14. — photo by Phil Cushman

Wrapped up
In homecoming action quarterback Steve Snider is sacked by a Harding University defender. The Tigers held on however for a 28-24 victory. — photo by Phil Cushman

Missed opportunities

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what kind of quarterback Steve is. If he was going to gain confidence, he would have to do it on his own."

Two weeks later, the game of the year came in the AIC. The University of Central Arkansas, the defending conference champions, invaded Arkadelphia to face Ouachita.

The Bears came in ranked eighth nationally in the NAIA, a 2-0 league mark and an overall record of 4-2. OBU boasted a record of 1-1 and 3-2 respectively.

After battling for 32 minutes, UCA escaped Tiger Country with a 10-3 decision, on their way to an eventual national championship.

Next, OBU got away from the conference wars and met the Golden Lions of the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff.

After jumping out into the lead from the outset, Ouachita, had to rely on a late defensive stand to grab a 20-14 win.

Ouachita would not be as fortunate in a close contest the following week as the Tigers suffered a 16-10 loss to the Wonder Boys of Arkansas Tech University in Russellville.

OBU's first score of the afternoon came on a 26-yard field goal from Holland at the 13:35 mark of the second stanza.

After two missed attempts from 32 and 38 yards away, ATU finally got a field goal through by Greg Epperson from 42 yards out giving Tech a 10-3 lead.

The score of 10-3 held up until the final period when Stanley romped 54 yards for a touchdown. Holland's kick was good and the game was tied at 10.

Tech started its winning drive

from the 13. After fullback Ken Bledsoe moved the ball to the Wonder Boy 31, Calvin lofted a screen pass to Stacy Johnson. The tailback found room along the Tech sidelines and raced home for the touchdown.

Homecoming came the next Saturday and the foe was Harding University. As a chilled crowd looked on in stunned silence, the Tigers saw a 21-0 lead disappear into a 24-21 deficit before going to its seniors in the closing minutes for a 28-24 victory.

OBU scored on its first three possessions (a three-yard run from Stanley set up by a screen pass from Snider to Edwards on the first Tiger play from scrimmage, an Edwards TD and a 10-yard toss from Snider to Hill) to go ahead 21-0.

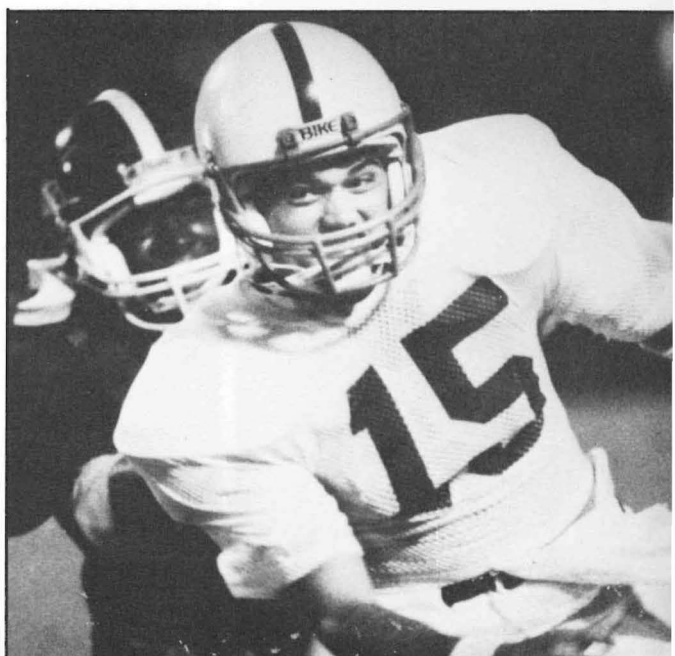
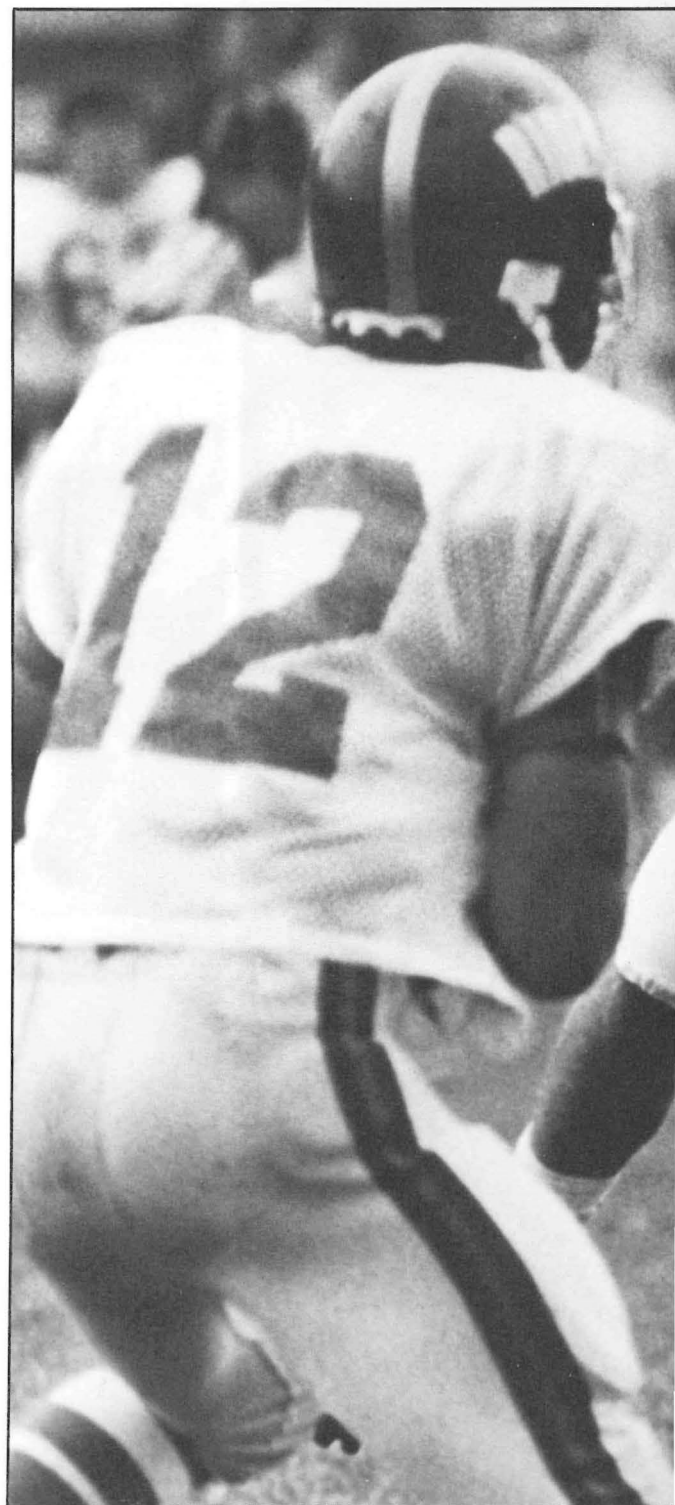
Harding began the comeback in the third period. Quarterback Mannie Lowery ran in from 11 yards out capping an eight-play, 88-yard drive. Next the Bison traveled 64 yards in seven plays with Glenn Segars going in from six yards away. Stu Varner added the extra point and the purple and gold advantage was down to just seven, 21-14, with still 4:03 left in period three.

Graves fumbled the kick at the Bengal 31 and Harding was back in business. HU cashed in on the Tiger turnover as Varner connected on a 25-yard field goal cutting the OBU lead to 21-17.

The downhill ride continued as Lowery found Mark Adkison for a 15-yard scoring strike and the Searcy team grabbed the lead, 24-21, with 11:25 showing. Finally, with 93 yards to go in 6:25 to do it in, the Tiger offense came to life.

Faced with a fourth-and-one
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Avoiding the rush
Quarterback Steve Snider scrambles away from a Delta State defender. In the first game of the season Snider passed for 133 yards but the Tigers fell short, 34-24. — photo by Phil Cushman

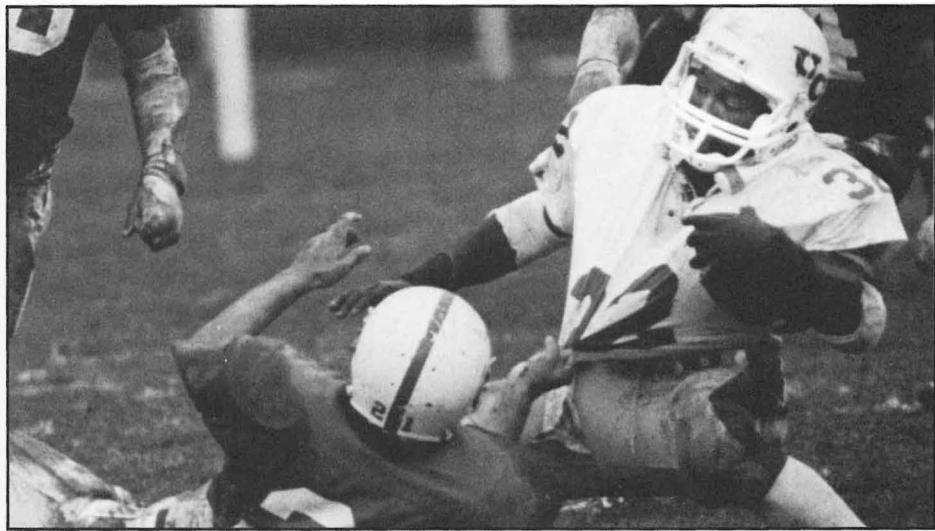




Hangin' tough
 Defensive end Jeff Smith leaps over a blocker to get to the Southern Arkansas University ball carrier. OBU won the game 34-31. — photo by Phil Cushman



T-bird
 Defensive tackle Tyrone "T" Blanks goes high in the air to block a pass in a contest with the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff. OBU won the ballgame 20-14. — photo by Phil Cushman



Shirt-tail tackle
 Defensive safety Kelly Harris holds on to a University of Central Arkansas ball carrier. OBU lost to the eventual National Champions 10-3. — photo by Phil Cushman

Missed opportunities

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from the Harding 41, Snider called a blast right hoping for the first down. What the Bengal QB got was much, much more.

Edwards took the handoff, broke the 10-man line of the Bison defense and raced untouched to the end zone. Ricky Rhodes, subbing for Holland, added the point after and the Baptists regained the lead, 28-24 with 2:01 remaining. Still, it was up to another senior to seal the victory. Linebacker Alexis Reed picked off a Lowery pass and returned it to the HU 29.

The 1984 campaign concluded with Ouachita crossing U.S. Highway 67 to meet the Reddies of Henderson State University.

In front of 4,000 on HSU's homecoming at Haygood Stadium, the Tigers used two fourth-down stands and a late ball-control offense to take the Reddies, 24-22.

Ouachita put its only points of the first half on a 20-yard field goal by Rhodes just before intermission cutting the Reddie lead to 7-3.

Benson told his troops at the break, "This is Henderson, this is Henderson." Benson also told his squad to keep working and good things would happen.

Ouachita moved 82 yards in nine plays to take the lead. Without Stanley, who was injured late in the first half, Graves became the main weapon.

Graves was the workhorse throughout the drive. But it was another Tiger, Peaches Holyfield, who put the first points of the half on the board. Holyfield scampered 25 yards for a score. Rhodes kicked the extra point and the Tigers were in front 10-7.

After Kelly Harris picked off a Elgie Rickards pass at the Tiger 44, OBU drove to the end zone again. Edwards got the call from 12 yards out and the Bengals extended the lead to 17-7.

Henderson made a march of 82 yards in eight plays to get back in the ballgame. Fells went left for his second touchdown of the afternoon cutting the margin to 17-14, with 11:03 left.

Three plays following the Fells score, Graves showed what he was made of. The tailback broke up the middle 54 yards and a TD. Rhodes covered the point after the OBU advantage was 10 again, 24-14.

Henderson's Drew Wilkins hauled in a Richards pass covering 68 yards with 4:28 remaining. Richards kept and scored the

two-point conversion trimming the lead to 24-22.

OBU used great ground work to run out the clock defeating their crosstown counterparts for the fifth consecutive year.

Individually, Stanley finished the year with 1,062 yards and seven touchdowns, tops in the conference. Snider led the passers with 1,250 yards and six touchdowns. The junior also finished second among the total offense leaders with an average of 115 yards a game.

Muldrew, an all-conference selection, finished second in the league in pass receiving with 35 catches for 488 yards and two scores. Graves led the nation in punt returns with an average of 16 yards a return. As a team Ouachita averaged 360 yards a game.

For Ouachita, the season was filled with nail-biters, cliff-hangers and simply close ball-games. Against the conference foes, the Tigers won by two, won by three, won by four, won by six, lost by seven, lost by six, and lost by seven.

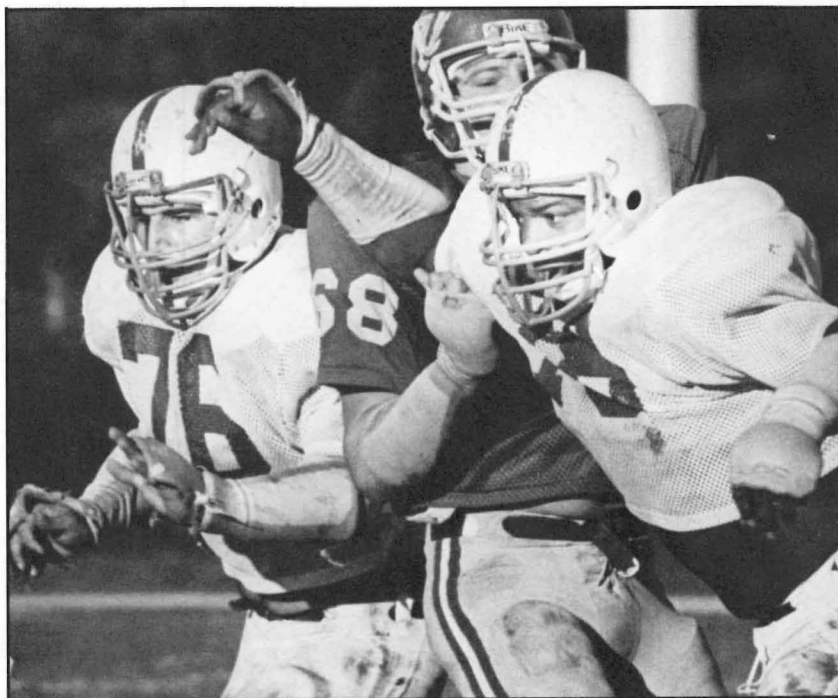
So close but yet so far.

— Sam Leeper



Season Results

McMurry College	3-30
Delta State	34-24
Southeastern Ok.	0-28
UAM	10-3
SAU	31-34
UCA	10-3
UAPB	14-20
ATU	16-10
Harding	24-28
Henderson	22-24
Overall record	6-4
AIC record	4-3

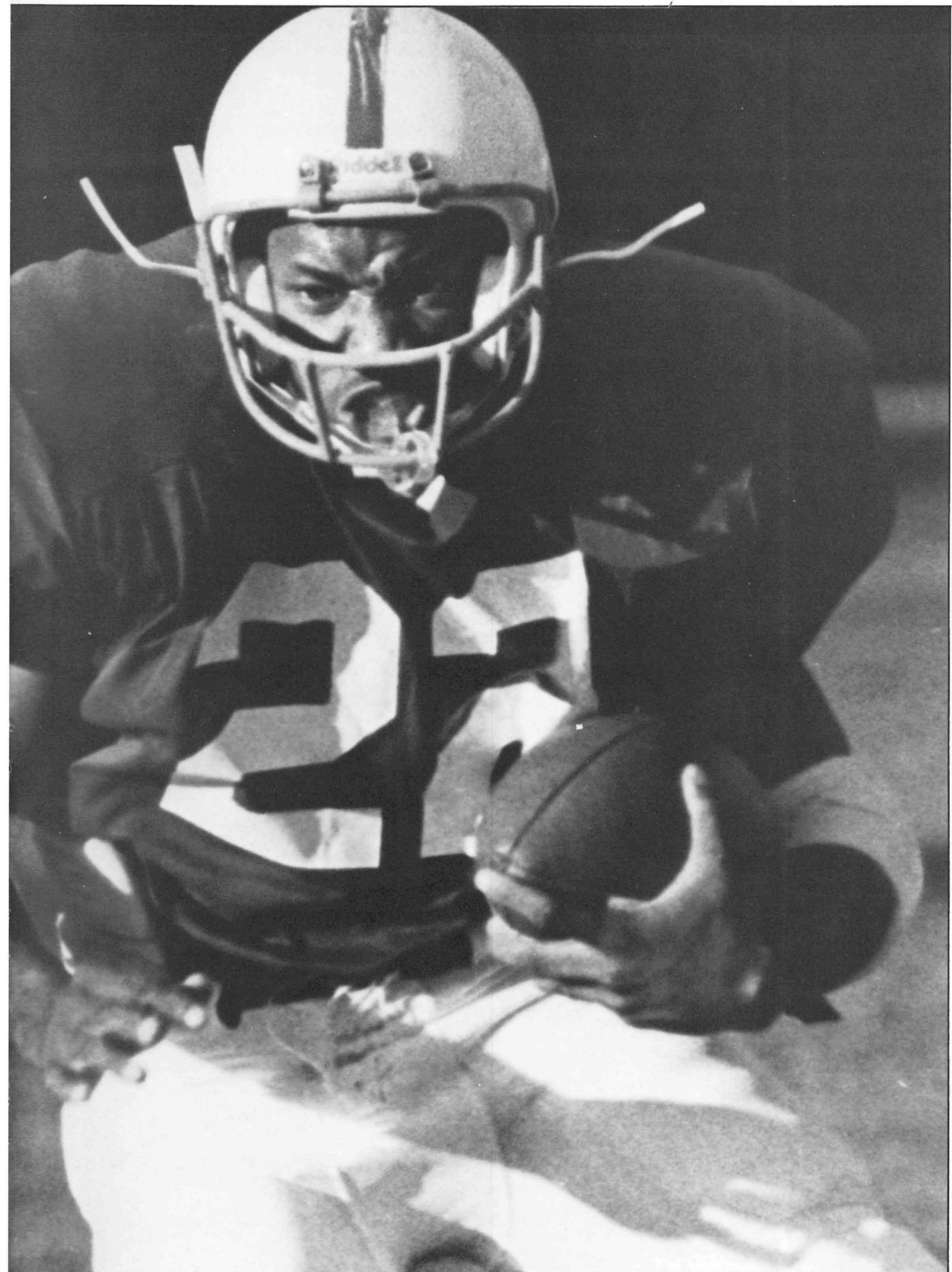


Coming through

Defensive tackles Art Gilbert and Milton Light put a strong rush on the Arkansas Tech University offense. OBU lost 16-10. — photo by Phil Cushman

Bustin' loose

National punt return leader Dwayne Graves carries the ball for a 41 yard gain against Southern Arkansas University. OBU won the game 34-31. — photo by Phil Cushman.



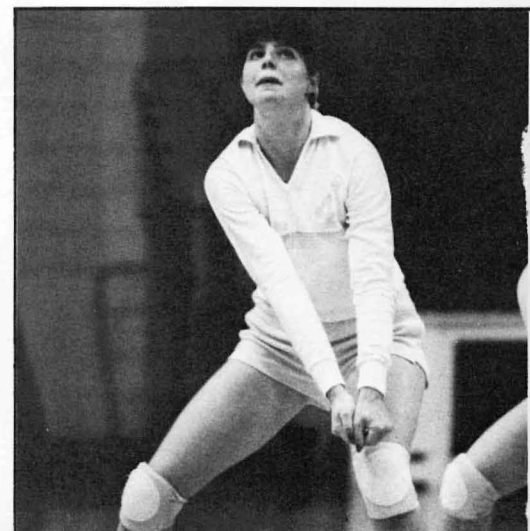
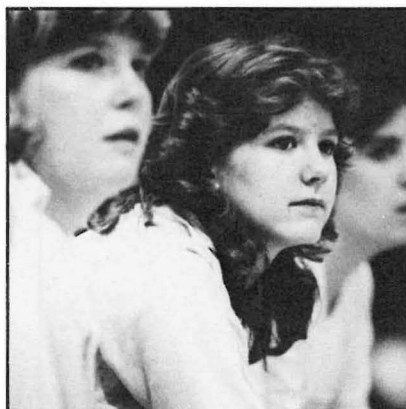


Happy winners

The Tigerettes are all smiles after defeating city rivals, Henderson State University. The Tigerettes beat the Reddies every time the two teams met. — photo by Phil Cushman

Interested teammates

While sitting on the sidelines, Tigerettes, Ellen Neill, Kelly Patton and Tammy Beggs encourage those on the court. — photo by Phil Cushman



A predictable finish

After a season of ups and downs the Tigerettes finished third in the AIC

For Tona Wright's volleyball squad, the season turned out exactly like it had been predicted, her girls finished third in the conference behind winning University of Arkansas at Little Rock and Arkansas Tech.

The season started for Ouachita on September 11, when the Tigerettes effectively mowed down a less experienced team from the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, winning the match 15-6, 15-5, and 15-3.

However, during the next eight games the Tigerettes entered, the early season proved to be rocky as they were faced with a discouragingly hard schedule.

First came a loss to powerhouse UALR where the Tigerettes earned only 11 points in the entire match, then UCA almost upset the Tigerettes, taking the match to five games.

Arkansas Tech was next on the list, and they battered OBU in three games and sent them to the hands of SAU, who also were able to take the Tigerettes in three straight games.

However, after a loss to UALR on the first of October, the Tigerettes changed gears and began to play extremely well.

Including a win during a Junior Varsity tournament, the Tigerettes proceeded to win nine games in a row, finishing the

Eyes on the ball

Ready to make a return, Jamie Avard concentrates on the ball. Teammates Tammy Beggs and Annette Huff are ready to back her up. — photo by Phil Cushman

streak off with a easy win over cross-street rival Henderson.

"We felt the rivalry pressure in our first match against HSU, but after winning easily our rivalry spirit was directed to the two top teams in our conference, Arkansas Tech and SAU," said juniors Gay Anthony and Jamie Avard.

If Arkansas Tech hadn't gotten in the way and pulled out a five-game thriller ending with the score 15-13 in the final game, the streak would have covered 13 games, as the Tigerettes bounced back after the loss to beat Harding and UCA.

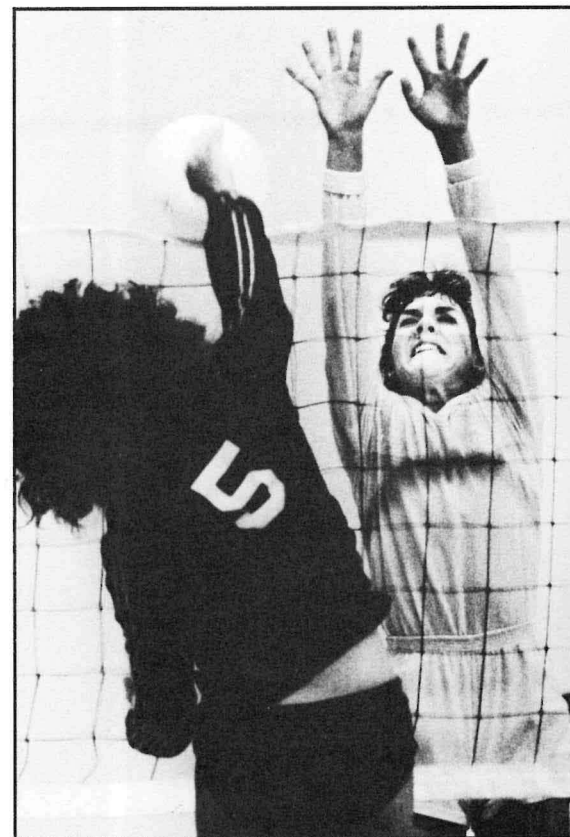
Indeed, the last part of the season was nothing short of spectacular for the Tigerettes, as they were able to win 16 of their final 18 games and gain a slot in the NAIA playoffs.

The first game of the playoffs placed Ouachita against cross-town rival, HSU. The Tigerettes easily ended the Reddies' season in a quick three game victory. This gave Ouachita a win in every game of the season played against Henderson.

Next, OBU had to face UALR again, a team that hadn't lost a game to the Tigerettes all season. This pattern held true for the November 2 contest, as the Lady Trojans used their powerful offense to end the season for the Tigerettes with a 13-15, 3-15, 1-15 margin. —Steve Castleberry

High block

Tigerette senior, Christie James, stretches high to block a spike from an SAU player. Ouachita lost the match to Southern Arkansas. — photo by Phil Cushman



Season Results

Arkansas Tech
Southern Arkansas
Ouachita Baptist
Henderson State
University of
Central Arkansas
Harding



Individual efforts

Personal achievements made possible a second place finish for the Cross Country team

“**G**ravett’s boys.” Often these young men were given that conglomerate title by Ouachitonians. But to Coach Bob Gravett and themselves, they were the Ouachita Cross Country Team. The 1984 team consisted of senior Tony Chambliss, juniors Robbie Crocker, Tom McGehee and Michael Larry, sophomores Pat Ponder and Steve Pascoe, and freshmen Gary Wade, Marc Spencer, and Stan Hart.

The team participated in seven meets this year, the first of which was held at Letourneau College in Longview, Texas, on September 8. Tony Chambliss was top finisher in this race with a five-mile time of 27:39. He was followed by Gary Wade (28:49) Michael Larry (28:55) Marc Spencer (29:08) Robbie Crocker (29:15) Tom McGehee (30:20) and Stan Hart (31:48). The next three meets were held on the home course, with Robbie Crocker developing a healthy team placement record, while Chambliss and Pat Ponder stayed in close contention for the top spot. Meanwhile, freshman Gary Wade was quickly adjusting to the collegiate pace, finishing third with competitive times in two of the three races.

October 12 found the thin-clads in Monroe, Louisiana for the Northeast Louisiana University invitational meet. This was the team’s first 10,000 meters (6.2 mile) race for the season, but they were prepared and took the race in stride. Tony Chambliss

finished an excellent thirteenth with a time of 33:32, his best time all season, with Wade hot on his heels with a fourteenth place finish.

With NLU’s 10,000 meter under their belts, the team traveled to Oxford, Mississippi in October for a race on the most difficult terrain to date. The Ole Miss invitational was held on the campus golf course. Due to heavy rains, the rugged course was very muddy in some of the lower areas. Nevertheless, Crocker and Ponder overcame the odds to turn in twelfth and fourteenth places with times of 26:23 and 26:30 respectively. Wade edged Chambliss out with a time of 27:08 and twenty fourth place and Chambliss ended twenty fifth also with a time of 27:08.

Spencer finished twenty-eighth with McGehee just 21 seconds behind placing twenty-ninth.

The next two weeks were the most careful and concentrated weeks of work of the year. The team members worked seriously and with dedication for the AIC Conference meet which was next on the schedule. A team victory at this meet would qualify them for the NAIA National meet to be held in Kenosha, Wisconsin. The statistics from the Old Miss invitational showed the team to be more competitive with number one ranked Harding University than ever before. Morale was high and the team felt ready for a good race. Suspense mounted as the time

drew near. At last, the competitors were called to the starting line. The gun was fired, and the race was off. The Hendrix University course was riddled with mud, sometimes up to six inches deep. The race was tough, yet the team ran well. They finished second behind Harding, although with a competitive score, defeating third place Arkansas College by fifteen points.

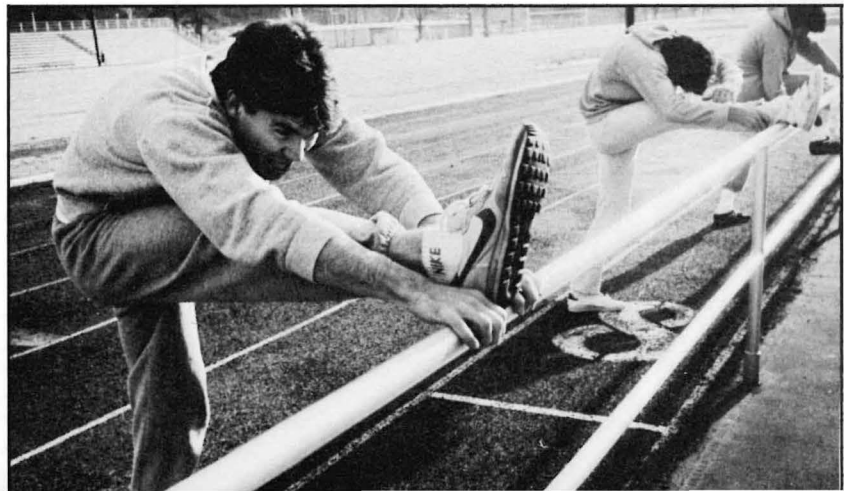
Individually, the team did quite well. Robbie Crocker placed fifth, thereby qualifying for the NAIA National Championships. Gary Wade, who finished tenth, was placed with Crocker on the All District 17 as well as the All AIC lists. Crocker placed 150th at Nationals which placed him in the top fifth of NAIA competitors. Wade qualified for the TAC National finals. Also at Conference, Ponder placed fourteenth, Spencer placed sixteenth, Chambliss placed twenty-fourth, McGehee placed twenty-sixth, and Larry placed thirty-third.

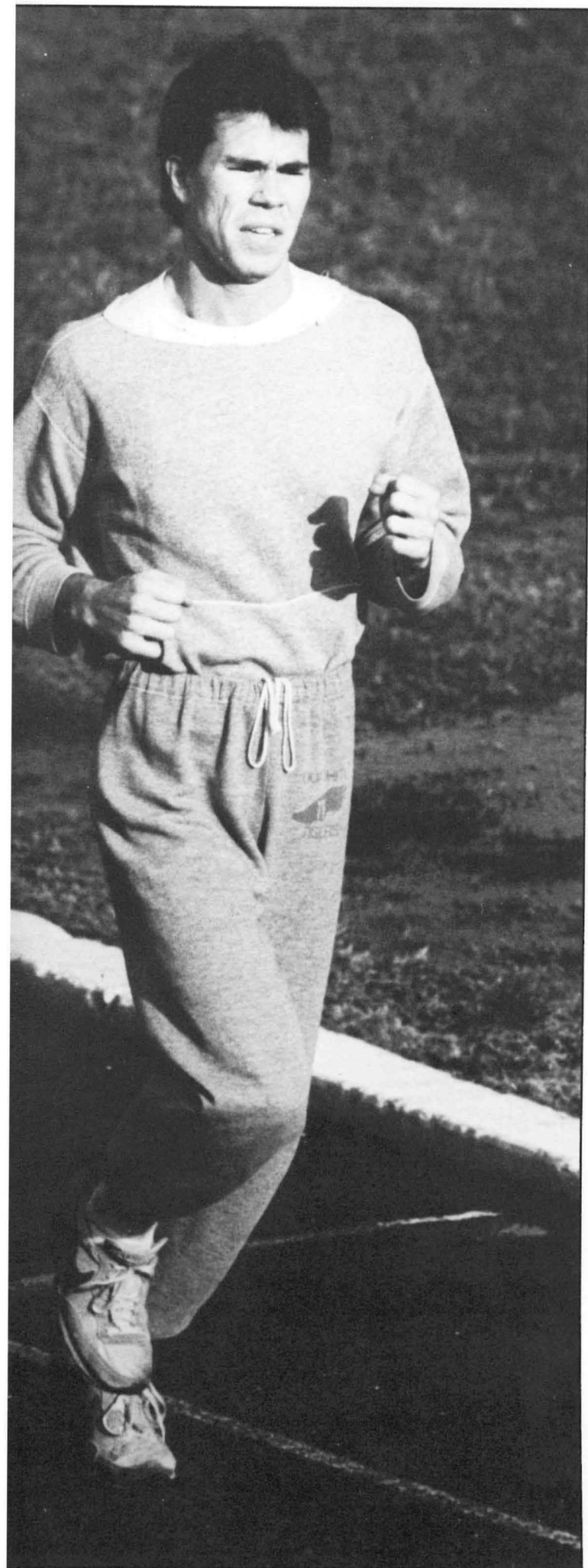
In retrospect, the season went well for the team, with no members sustaining any major injuries all season. As Chambliss said, the team enjoyed a “superb” season. “We had a good group, interested in each other and in winning, and we were determined to be the best,” he added. Crocker predicted, “If future teams work as hard as this year’s team did, we have a bright future ahead.” I can speak for the team when I say, “Thanks God for a healthy season.” — **Marc Spencer**



Stretch, 2, 3 . . .

Cross country team members Louis Davis, Raul Carrera, and Danny Munoz do limber-up exercises before afternoon practice. — photo by Phil Cushman





Words of advice

After practice, team members Stan Hart and Danny Munoz listen as Coach Bob Gravett gives pointers for better running. Munoz transferred in and planned to compete with the cross country team in 1985. — photo by Phil Cushman



Season Results

Harding
Ouachita
Arkansas Tech.

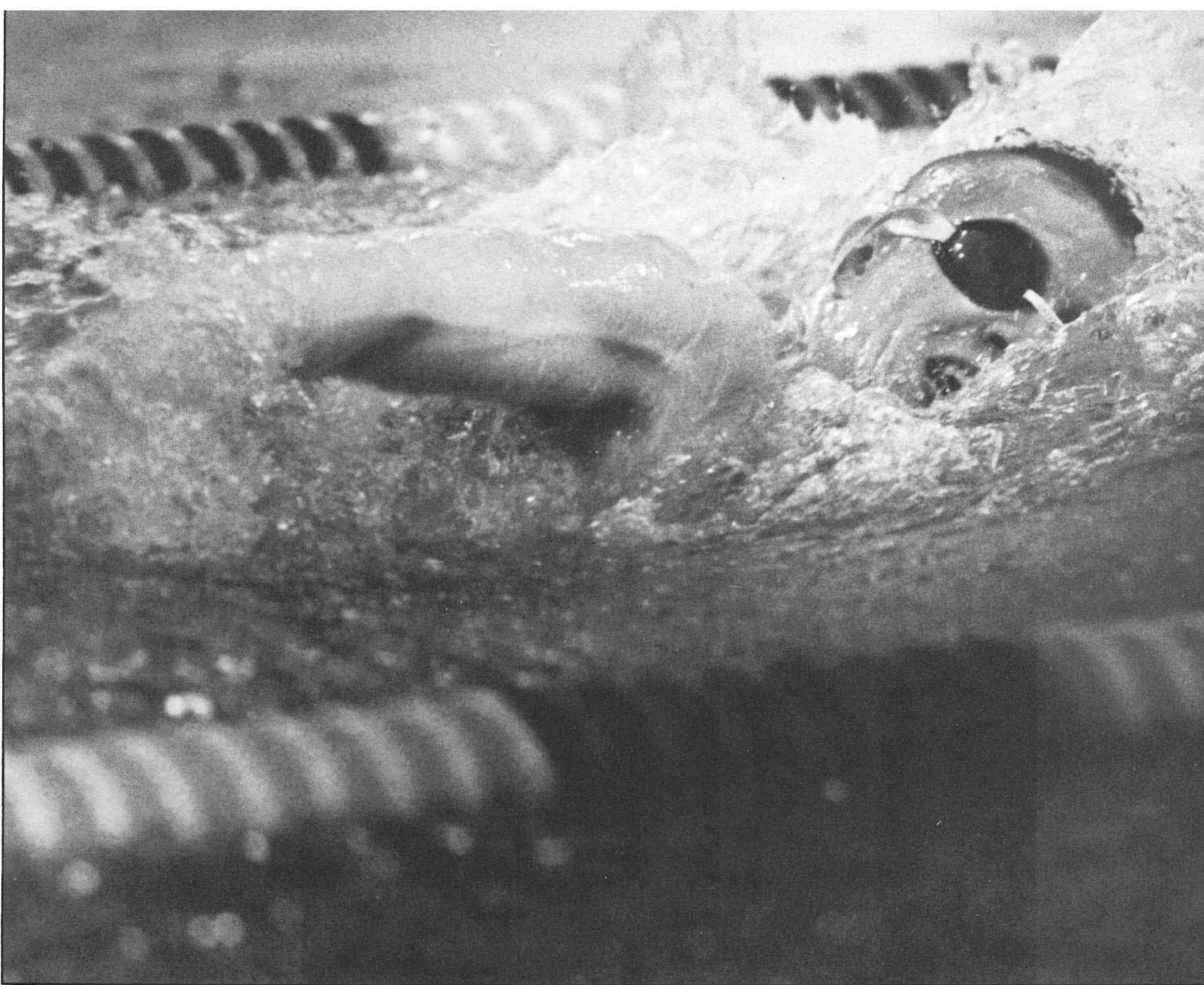


Sprint to the finish

On muddy days, the cross country team worked out on the track instead of at the usual course. Danny Munoz and Raul Carrera race each other during practice. — photo by Phil Cushman

Tiring run

Louis Davis tires as he runs the long distance required for cross country training. Team members ran daily to prepare for meets. — photo by Phil Cushman

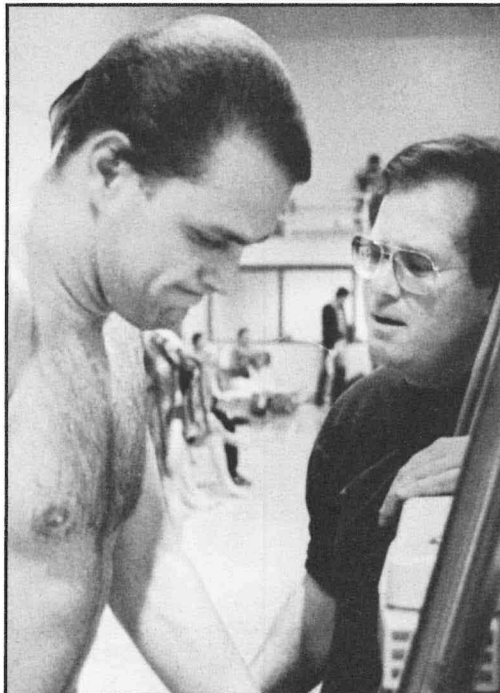


Striving Stroke

Determination to reach the finishing mark was all part of swim competition. Mark Baggot strove on to finish in the conference championships. — photo by Phil Cushman

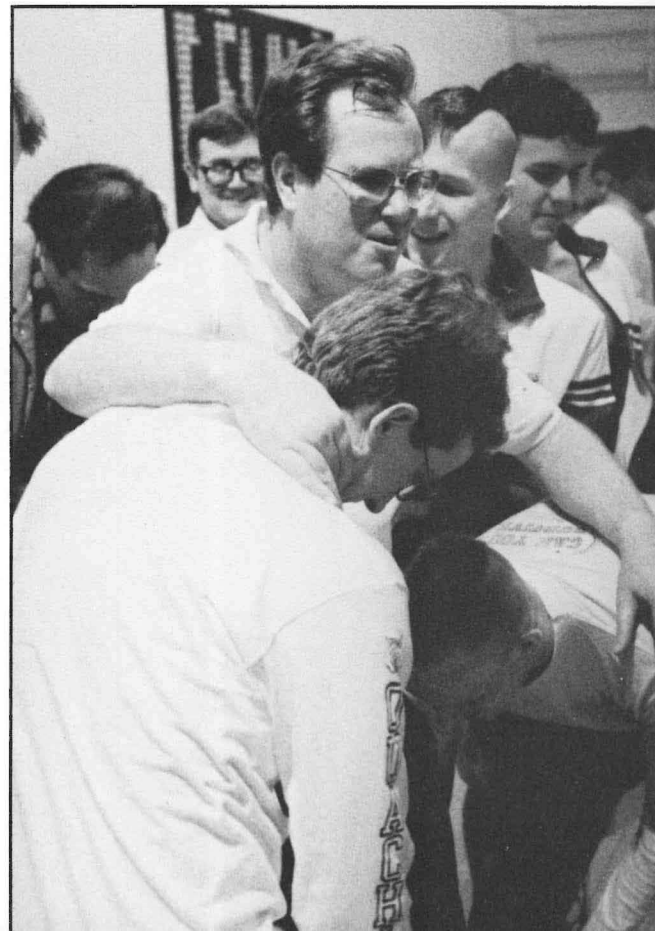
An encouraging word

After each race swimmers consult with the coach about their swimming. Lance Cansdale discusses his performance with Coach Dann. — photo by Phil Cushman



Proud coach

After winning the conference championship OBU swimmers congratulate Coach Dann and show their appreciation by depositing him in the pool. — photo by Phil Cushman



Championship finish

The Tiger Sharks prevailed over cross-town rivals to rank first in the AIC

The Tiger Shark swim team effectively ended the "Tradition" of dominance held by rival Henderson State University this year, as the OBU swimmers and divers had a tremendously successful season.

The Tiger Sharks, under the leadership of coach Jim Dann, piled up 625 points in AIC competition finals to receive their first ever swimming championship. The Red Wave of Henderson had to settle for second place with 579 points, followed by Hendrix College with 316, Harding with 163 and the University of Central Arkansas trailed the field with 33.

Four of the eleven records set in men's swimming belonged to Ouachita, as Lance Cansdale, a resident of Summerland, British Columbia, Canada set three records in the meet — a 1:46.68 time in the 200 freestyle, a 4:45.71 in the 500 freestyle, and a finish of 16:38 in the 1650 freestyle. The 400 Medley Relay team, composed of Rob Grayson, Spencer Tirey, Doug Barlow and Jimmy Eaves worked together to enter the record book with a time of 3:40.19.

Not only did his team come out on top in the AIC, but coach Dann was selected by his fellow conference coaches at the Coach of the Year in the men's division. Twelve members of the team qualified for nationals, which were held February 28 - March 2 in Indianapolis, Indiana. Lance Cansdale qualified for five events, those being the 500 freestyle, 1650 freestyle, 200 freestyle, 400 individual medley and the 200 backstroke. Shawn Patterson, a senior diver from Cabot, qualified to compete in both the one meter and three meter events.

John McFerrin from Fayetteville qualified for the 100 and 200 butterfly, while another junior, Frank Giangrosso qualified to represent OBU in the 100 and

200 breast stroke.

Several sophomores were eligible to compete, including Bob Ocken of Leauge City Texas who qualified for the 200 individual medley, the 200 breast stroke and the 400 individual medley. Ron Gindlesperger, another sophomore from Orlando, Florida qualified for four events, those being the 200 individual medley, 200 freestyle, 400 individual medley and 200 butterfly.

A strong freshman class helped a great deal at nationals, as a host of freshman made the trip to Indiana. Mark Baggett, of Arlington Texas swam the 1650 freestyle. Doug Barlow, from Coffeyville, Kansas competed in both the 100 and 200 butterfly. Also competing were Jimmy Eaves, from Pasadena in the 100 fly, 50 freestyle, 100 freestyle and 100 backstroke. Rob Grayson, a native of Deer Park, swam the 100 backstroke, and Spencer Tirey of Tyler competed in the 100 and 200 breaststroke.

All three relay teams from Ouachita also swam under the national qualifying times to compete in Indianapolis.

Ouachita finished in eight place at the conclusion of the three days of competition at nationals.

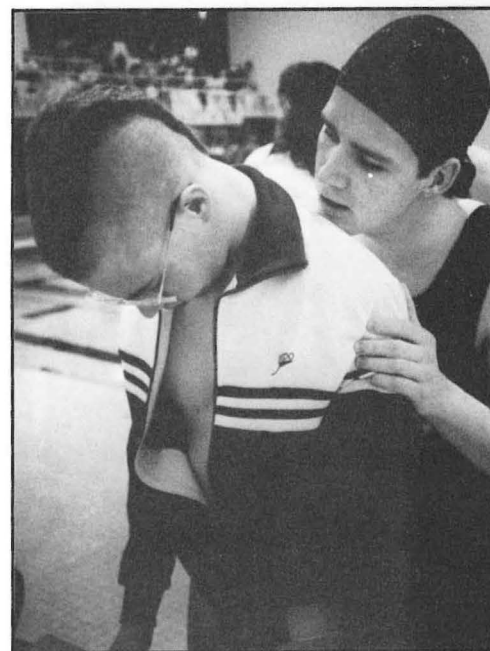
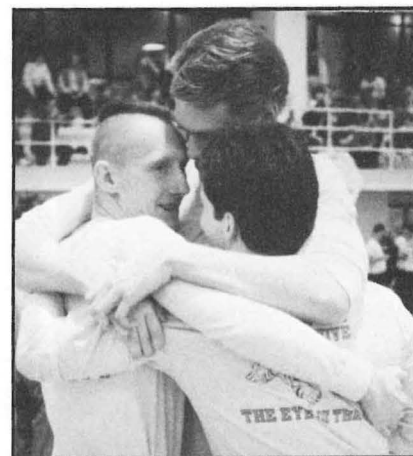
Of those making the trip, eight swimmers and one diver earned special recognition as All-Americans. Shawn Patterson was named an All-American for his performance in three-meter diving. The eight swimmers earning All-American status were Mark Baggett, Doug Barlow, Lance Cansdale, Jimmy Eaves, Ron Ginklesperger, Robbie Grayson, Bob Ocken and Spencer Tirey.

All the hard work of early morning workouts and weight training paid big dividends to the Tiger Sharks throughout the season, and may have started a new "Tradition" in AIC swimming.

—Mark Boggett

Senior celebration

Team togetherness proves to be a plus in a winning season. Seniors, Steve Mitchell, Shawn Patterson and Lance Cansdale embrace after the team scored the winning points in NAIA conference competition. — photo by Phil Cushman



Team togetherness

Motivation is a key factor in helping a swimmer get ready for an event. Shawn Patterson encourages Mark Baggot before the meet — photo by Phil Cushman

Expanded season

The first year in conference competition proved successful for the soccer team

The season was a new innovation for the soccer team. No, they didn't become a varsity team and no, they still don't have an official faculty coach, but for the first time the soccer team did belong to an intercollegiate conference.

The Arkansas Intercollegiate Soccer Conference was begun with the help of coaches, players and universities throughout Arkansas. The Ouachita Baptist University soccer team had the good fortune of being one of the charter members of the league. Other schools participating included Hendrix College, Harding University, UALR, College of the Ozarks, and Arkansas College. Each team was scheduled to play each of the other teams twice, once at home and once in an away game. This made for a long season extending from early September to mid December.

With the loss of last year's Coach Jim Crawford, the team had a hard time getting things going. This was evident by their defeat in their first two Conference games.

When Ouachita faced UALR at home, the Tigers played as if they were on top of the world. Senior Greg Wilson took advantage of the team's efforts by putting in his first goal of the season. The game ended with the Tigers posting their first conference win and first shutout.

The joy was short lived though. The following week, the team faced the College of the Ozarks away. From the beginning, the Tigers were at a disadvantage without Forward Greg Wilson and wing Stan Littleford. College of the Ozarks on the other hand managed to score three goals. The Tigers thus

recorded their third conference loss.

With six conference games left and a record of 1-3, the team didn't give up hope. With the help of returning starters Happy Wanje, Greg Wilson and player-coach Robert Pinkston, the team pulled things together.

The next game was against Hendrix College and was played in Conway. Fortunately this made no difference to the OBU offense which scored an avalanche of goals. Second half began with the OBU offense coming on full force. Stan Littleford took advantage of a pass from Greg Wilson and later a pass from Freshman Mike Riddle. Hendrix come back with a quick goal, but it did not stop the Tiger offense. The Hendrix squad however, pressed the OBU defense and managed to score two more goals. The game ended with a score of 5-3 in Ouachita's favor. The Tiger team travelled home very satisfied with a record of 2-3.

Two weeks later it was away against league leading Harding University. All seemed to be going well when a blocked shot by Tiger goalkeeper Robert Pinkston was knocked into the OBU goal by a Tiger defender. The Tiger soccer team did not stop their kicking though. Less than two minutes later, Stan Littleford capitalized on a Harding defense error to make the score 1-1 by the half. Second half was again a closely fought battle. With less than five minutes to go, Ricardo Galigani centered the ball to Stan Littleford who scored his 5th conference goal. The game ended with the score at 2-2.

Next it was UALR's turn to experience the wrath of the Tiger's Paw. OBU entered the

field very enthusiastic about what lay before them. The Tiger's offense relentlessly pressed towards their opponents goal in the first half.

Ouachita faced the College of the Ozarks at home the following week. Defender Tom Hardister centered a long ball to Stan Littleford who had no trouble putting the ball past the goalkeeper into the goal. This goal was followed by another by Ali Bahsoon and then another by Mike Riddle. Second half saw Ouachita determined to put the game out of reach for the opponents. Stan Littleford was again at the attack as he scored his second goal of the game. Midfielder Happy Wanje was the next to add to the score as he took a pass from Greg Wilson and slipped it by the College of the Ozarks goalie. The Tigers, satisfied with the score, reinforced their defense and held on until the end. With the score at 5-1, Ouachita boasted their fifth conference win of the season.

For their last conference game of the season, Ouachita faced Hendrix College at home. Both teams were in a deadlock tie for second place. OBU, however, made good use of their home field advantage by scoring a goal by Stan Littleford. Second half saw both teams pressing towards their opponents goal. In the end, it was Stan Littleford, who scored a header that had been centered by Greg Wilson. The game ended with the Tigers winning 2-0.

With their conference record at 6-3-1, the Tiger soccer team clenched second place behind Harding University. All in all, the fall season judged to be a success for the OBU soccer team.

— Robert Pinkston

Members of the soccer team are: Front Row: Happy Wanje, Mark Schleiff, Scott Stewart, Rick Griffin, Steve Swedenburg, Ricardo Galigani, Cesar Galegani, Ladd Oyewo, Mike Riddle, Joel Ajayi, Back Row: Norman Phiri, Ron Johnson, Robert Pinkston, Ali Bahsoon, Kevin Wheeler, Tom Hardister, Greg Wilson, Stan Littleford, Les Tainter, David Nziramasanga.





Season Results

Arkansas College	1-2
Harding University	2-4
UALR	2-0
College of the Ozarks	0-3
Hendrix College	5-3
Arkansas College	1-0
Harding University	2-2
UALR	3-0
College of the Ozarks	5-1
Hendrix College	2-0



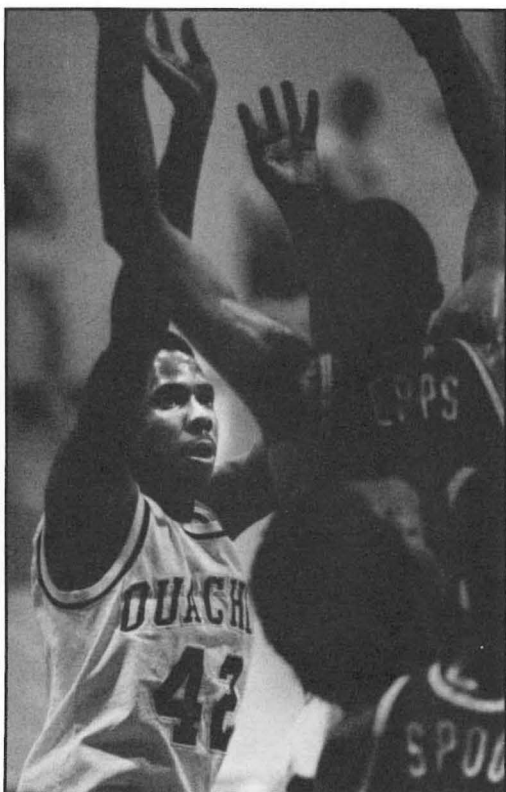
Defensive play
In a defensive action, Ricardo Galigani attempts to block a Harding University player from moving towards the Ouachita goal. — photo by Phil Cushman

Scoring kick
In an attempt to make a goal, Steve Swedenburg prepares to kick a left footed flyshot. — photo by Phil Cushman

Up and down

You win some and you lose some was typical of the Tigers' roller coaster season.

Looking for the open man
Senior guard Jerry Bridges sets up to pass to Johnifer Cooper in Ouachita's first home game against East Texas Baptist University. — photo by Phil Cushman



Up and over
In the last home game of the season Darrell Ross shoots over a Southern Arkansas University defender. OBU won the game in overtime 84-82. — photo by Phil Cushman

The best way to describe the 1984-85 season of the Ouachita Baptist University men's basketball team is a roller coaster ride.

According to head coach Bill Vining Sr., "One night we roll, the next we coast."

How true, how true.

Ouachita finished fourth in the Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference with Arkansas College at 10-8 and 17-13 overall.

Vining's cagers opened the year with four straight road games. The Bengals won three out of four. Game one was against East Texas Baptist University. Lawrence Lee and Chris Bryant had 27 and 24 points respectively to lead the Tigers to a 93-79 victory.

One night later, November 13, OBU went to Pineville, Louisiana to play Louisiana College. Ouachita didn't play as well as the night before and the results were evident as the cagers lost 70-66.

During the Thanksgiving holidays, the Tigers competed in the Dallas Baptist Classic. With victories of 73-63 over Dallas Baptist University and 86-73 over William Carey College, OBU came back to Arkadelphia with the first-place trophy.

November 27 was the date for the Tiger home opener at the Ouachita Physical Education Center. The opposition was East Texas Baptist and OBU made it two straight over the Tigers from Marshall, Texas with an easy 78-52 win. December began on the right foot for Ouachita as they avenged a loss to Louisiana College with a 69-51 decision.

Stephen F. Austin State University was the next opponent and the Lumberjacks played well on this night to win, 70-62. The

NCAA Division II school shot over 60 percent from the floor to take the win.

On December 6, OBU had a rematch with Dallas Baptist and Ouachita made a clean sweep with the Indians with a 66-53 win at Arkadelphia.

After two consecutive losses to the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff by scores of 72-64 at the OPEC and 67-66 at Pine Bluff, the road to the AIC championship began.

First, the University of Central Arkansas was the Bengals' opening conference rival. "It wasn't a pretty ballgame, but you know, we're not in a beauty contest," said Vining following the Tigers 67-56 win.

Ouachita was led by its two sophomores, Freeman Green with 16 and Bryant with 15. The Tigers won the game at the free throw line converting 31 of 39 compared to 24 of 31 by the Bears.

The Tigers hit the road on January 10 to Monticello to meet UAM. On this night, Ouachita accomplished one of the hardest jobs in the AIC: to win at the "Pit." OBU placed five players in double figures en route to a 76-67 victory.

Green led the visitors with 21 followed by Bryant with 17, sophomore Johnifer Cooper had 14, Lee added 12 while senior Kevin Barnes tossed in 10.

After the win, Vining made the announcement of how long it had been since a Tiger squad came out of Monticello with a win - 1978 to be exact.

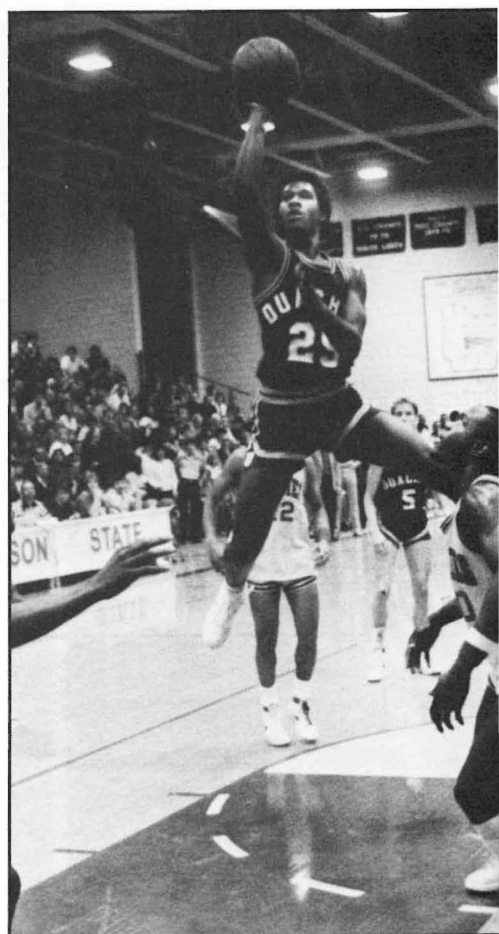
"Who is it we play next?" assistant coach Mike Reynolds asked.

"Henderson," the players screamed in unison.

The stage had been set.

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High in the air
In the middle of the lane Freeman Green scores two points against rival Henderson State University. OBU lost 58-60. — photo by Phil Cushman

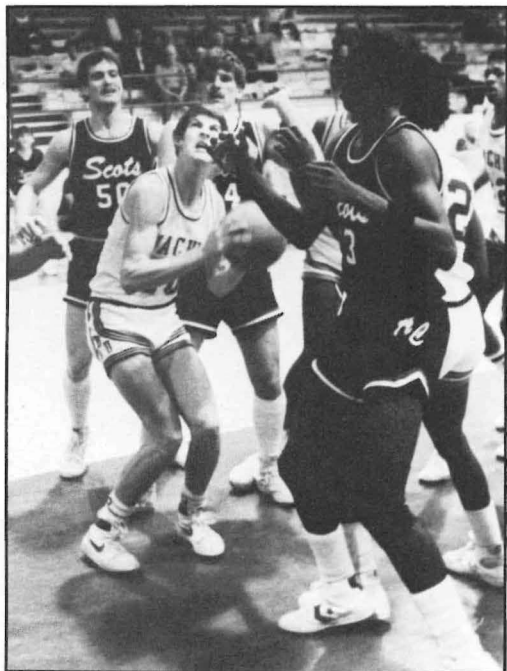


Close cover
Senior Kevin Barnes looks down the baseline for an open man during a contest with Harding University. OBU lost the game 61-62. — photo by Phil Cushman

Ball control
Guard William Robinson drives around a Louisiana College defender early in the season. OBU won the game 69-51. — photo by Phil Cushman

In the lane

Junior Danny Leasure prepares to go up against Arkansas College to score two of his four points in the game. OBU lost 63-65. — photo by Phil Cushman



Up And Down

cont.

The first 'Battle of the Ravine' roundball clash between Ouachita and Henderson State University took place at OBU on January 14.

Even though the Tigers, one of only two unbeaten teams in the conference at the time, trailed 45-30 with 17:44 remaining, none of the 3,000 spectators left.

Ouachita would make a run. Henderson converted the foul shots when needed and hung on 65-64.

Free throws made the difference as HSU shot 15 of 23 to just eight of 12 for the Tigers. Barnes paced the Baptists with 20.

Arkansas College was next on OBU's schedule in Batesville on January 17. The losing streak continued as Ouachita suffered a 63-58 loss.

Two nights later, Hendrix College rolled into Arkadelphia and left town with a 77-67 victory.

The first phase of the roller coaster ride had been completed. On Monday, January 14, OBU was atop the league at 2-0. By January 19, Ouachita had dwindled to 2-3, in the middle of the league standings.

Slowly but surely, the Tigers started the climb to the top of the league with a 60-58 victory over Harding University in Searcy on January 21st.

Ouachita put together its second win in a row with a 60-55 decision over College of the Ozarks in Clarksville. These two victories set up another league showdown with Arkansas Tech University at the OPEC on January 28th.

Lee, a junior guard from Waldo, canned two free throws with one second left giving OBU

a share of second with a wild 51-50 win.

Lee said afterwards, "when we called the play, I was told to take the ball and try to penetrate. He fouled me. I knew then we would win because I was confident I would make the free throws."

The free shots put an end to a storybook night as the Tigers canned 15 of 16 tries on that evening. Senior guard Jerry Bridges, out of Hot Springs Lakeside, played one of his best games of 1985 with six of nine from the field and two free throws for 14 points.

February started very badly for the Bengals as Central Arkansas put the offensive power on Ouachita, 84-71.

Five days later, OBU got its long awaited rematch with Henderson. Again the Tigers got behind by 15 at one point but couldn't cash in on opportunities down the stretch and the Reddies had taken two from the Baptists, 60-58.

Down 59-51, OBU ran a streak of six straight by Bridges, Barnes and Green to narrow the gap to 59-57. After a miss of a one-and-one situation by HSU's William Morris, the Tigers had the golden chance to send the game into overtime. Lee, a 72 percent foul shooter, was fouled at :02.

Lee could only manage to hit half of his one-and-one trip thus sealing the Reddie win.

OBU rebounded well after the emotional loss to Henderson on February 9 with a 62-59 triumph over Southern Arkansas University.

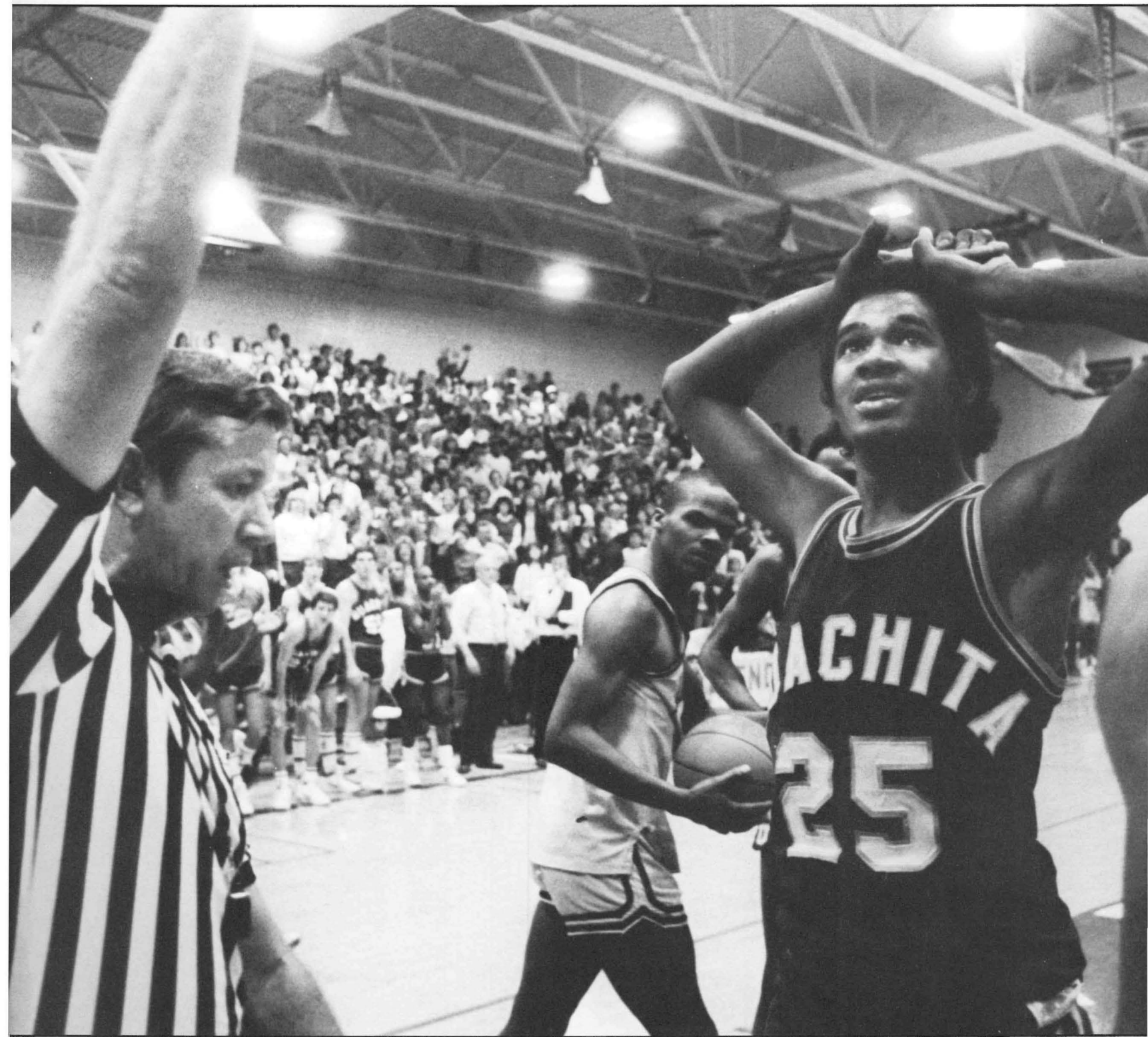
Arkansas College came to town two nights later and left with a 65-63 win.

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Through the lane

Guard Lawrence Lee driven through the lane in the last home game against Southern Arkansas University. OBU won in overtime 84-52. — photo by Phil Cushman

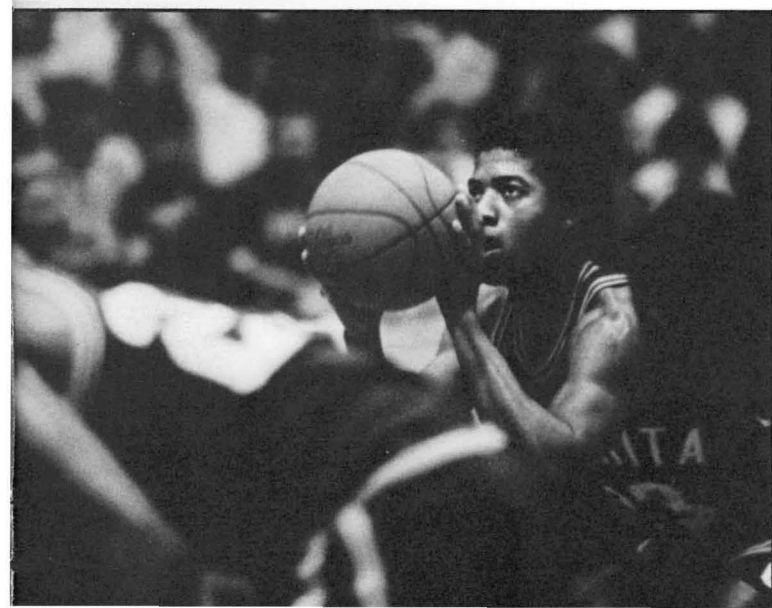


Why me?

Freeman Green looks at the scoreboard after committing his third foul in the first half of the Henderson game. OBU lost 58-60. — photo by Phil Cushman

Free throw

Senior Kevin Barnes eyes the bucket before shooting a freethrow in the second version of the "Battle of the Ravine". OBU lost the game 88-60. — photo by Phil Cushman



Up and down

After this loss, OBU played only for the chance to make the District 17 playoffs.

OBU traveled to Conway next meeting Hendrix College. The Tigers looked mighty impressive on the way to a 67-63 upset of the top team in the AIC.

February 16 marked the night Ouachita handed Harding a victory on a silver platter.

Up 61-56 with only 46 ticks on the OPEC clock, the Bisons found a way to come back and win, 62-61.

Nine of the worst events in the Ouachita season happened in those 46 seconds.

1 - Barnes, one of the best foul shooters in the conference, missed a free throw following a bucket that would have given his team a six-point lead.

2 - Green had found a way to the basket at the :30 mark. Instead of taking the layup, Green tried a one-handed dunk that would have pleased the Parent's Night crowd. He missed badly.

3 - Shannon Hughes hit a jumper to cut the Tiger margin to three, 61-58.

4 - Cooper lost the ball out of bounds with :11 remaining.

5 - Rich Foster connected from 20 feet and Ouachita led by only one at 61-60.

6 - OBU's Danny Leasure, a junior transfer from Southern Baptist College, was fouled with :05 left. The Memphis, Tennessee product, an 83 percent free throw shooter coming into that contest, missed the front end of a one-and-one.

7 - Dwight Weaver put up a shot from 20 feet at the horn.

Guess what? He got fouled. Cooper committed the foul while Weaver was shooting.

8 - Weaver converted foul shot number one, 61-61.

9 - Weaver converted foul shot number two, 62-61 Harding.

After two victories of 50-48 over College of the Ozarks and 69-55 over UA - Monticello, OBU traveled to Russellville to face Arkansas Tech.

The Tigers couldn't get the ball to go in on last-second shots by Bridges in regulation and overtime as OBU lost, 55-54.

Southern Arkansas came to town on February 25 and left for Magnolia with a 54-52 overtime loss to the Baptists.

The wild conference slate had ended. It was time for the

second season - better known as the District 17 playoffs.

Without Bryant, who had injured his knee in a victory at College of the Ozarks on January 24, OBU figured not to make a lot of noise in post-season play.

Yes and no.

First, Ouachita traveled to the Farris Center to take an UCA in round one. This was the same court in which the Bengals were embarrassed, 84-71, 26 days earlier.

Barnes, the leading scorer for the Tigers averaging 17 points a game, nailed a 25-footer with :04 left giving the Tigers a 53-52 victory. The Benton senior finished with 21 tallies.

The Tiger hopes of going to the national tournament in Kansas City, Missouri came to a screeching halt on Monday night, March 4 as Hendrix College rolled over the Tigers 86-70, at Barton Coliseum in Little Rock.

Ouachita went through an up and down season. This squad had only three seniors. That could mean bigger and better things for the rest of a good group of athletes.

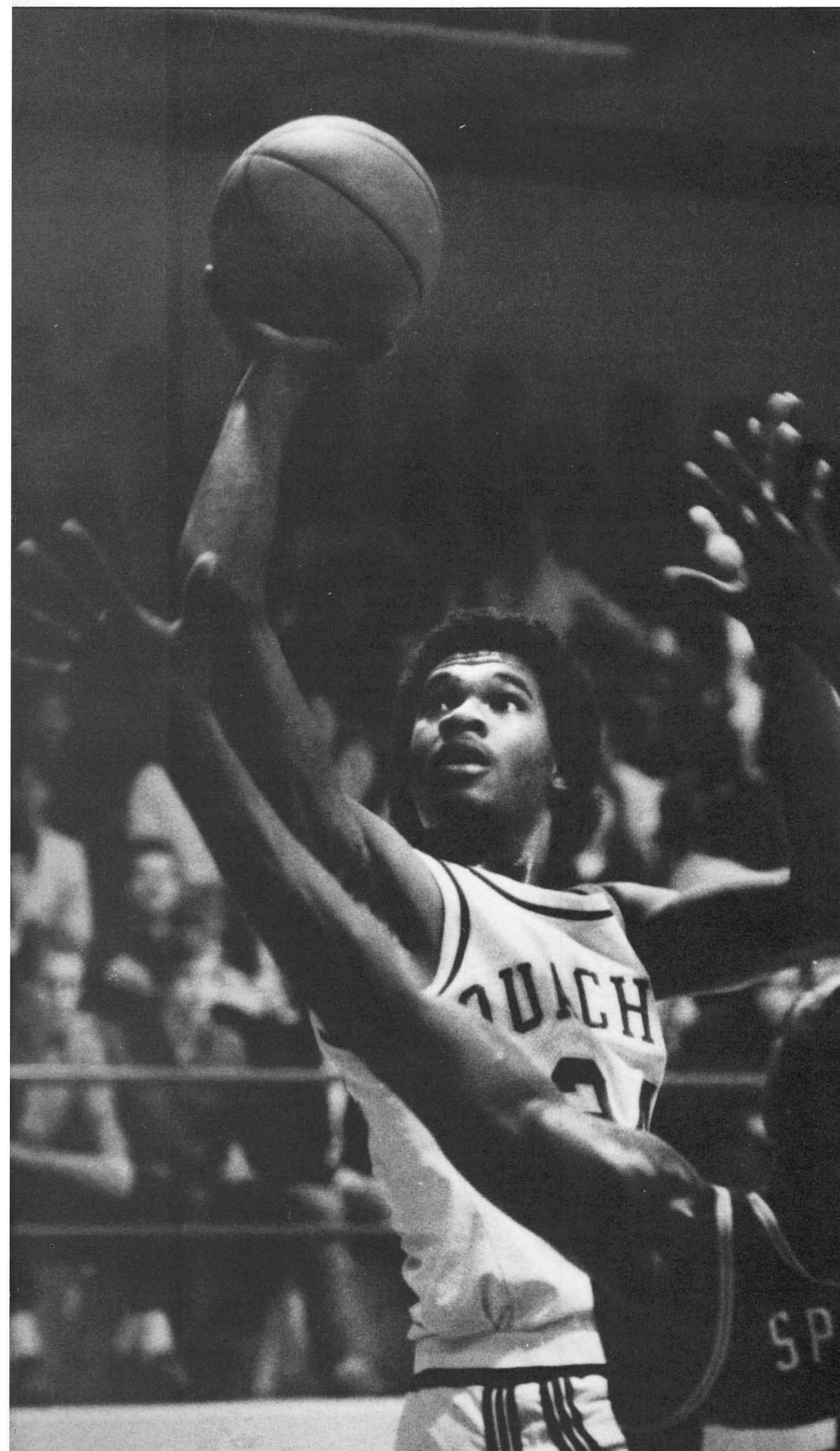
— Steve Bowman 



Members of the basketball team are: First Row; Jack Reeves, Chris Turner, William Robinson, Lawrence Lee, Jerry Bridges, Johnifer Cooper, Donny Pitts, Kevin

Barnes, Kyle Hensley, Barrett Byrd. Second Row: Coach Reynolds, Danny Leasure, Bubba Statsny, Hamp Stokes, Greg Castleman, Darrell Ross, Rob Sills,

Freeman Green, Chris Bryant, Coach Vining.



Season Results

ETBU	93-79
Louisiana Co.	66-70
Dallas Baptist	73-63
William Carey Co.	86-73
ETBU	79-52
Louisiana Co.	69-51
Stephen F. Austin	62-70
Dallas Baptist	66-53
UAPB	64-72
UAPB	66-67
UCA	67-56
UAM	76-67
Henderson	64-65
Arkansas Co.	58-63
Hendrix Co.	67-77
Harding	60-58
Co. of the Ozarks	60-55
ATU	51-50
UCA	71-84
Henderson	58-60
SAU	62-59
Arkansas Co.	63-65
Hendrix Co.	67-63
Co. of the Ozarks	50-48
UAM	69-55
ATU	54-55
SAU	54-52
UCA	53-52
Hendrix Co.	70-56
AIC record	10-8
Overall record	17-13

Over the defense
 Two points were crucial in the overtime win against Southern Arkansas University. Freeman Green lays the ball up and over defense to score. OBU won in overtime 54-82. — photo by Phil Cushman

Winning spirit

New coach inspired and encouraged Tigerettes throughout season

The Tigerettes began their 1984 basketball season with a new training program under the direction of Coach Virginia Honnell.

Leading the team with a 13-11 record, Coach Honnell started laying the groundwork of something that was to continue for a long time — a winning spirit.

"I think we really had a good season. This program was different from high school in that there was more conditioning and more of an emphasis put on winning. In high school, you could usually play the way you wanted to because you were a good player. With Coach Honnell, we did it her way, or we didn't play. That's good because it's discipline, and it makes us listen to her," commented freshman, Jenny Frazier.

Tippi McCullough had been a member of the Tigerettes for 2 years. She remarked, "Coach Honnell has really worked hard this year. With her determination and her recruiting, she is doing an excellent job. She has done, and is doing, everything she can to get the program up to its highest possible level."

Beginning practice each afternoon at 3:00 p.m., Coach Honnell worked the girls to their fullest potential. Marian Frias commented, "We were never expected to do more than we

could do this year. Coach Honnell was there with her support through it all. She gave her support in a way that she could get the most out of us."

As Coach Honnell instilled within the team a winning spirit, she also drew them closer by directing them to God with their problems, on and off the court. Janis Shaddox, team manager, commented, "Jesus was the center this year. That gave the girls a closer unity. We grew closer to each other and also closer to Him."

Susan Brown, a 2 year member of the Tigerettes, commented, "This year we gained basketball skills and even more skills to apply in life. We did have problems, but Coach Honnell showed us how our problems could be solved. She directed us to God. Through that we grew closer and became very proud ladies and very proud of our season."

Ending the AIC tournament with an 8-8 record, Coach Honnell was very proud of her team. She commented, "I think we went out in style. They worked really hard. The seniors (Susan Brown, Marian Frias, and Tippi McCullough) did a good job. I think they all gave 110 percent all year."

— Misty Chafin 



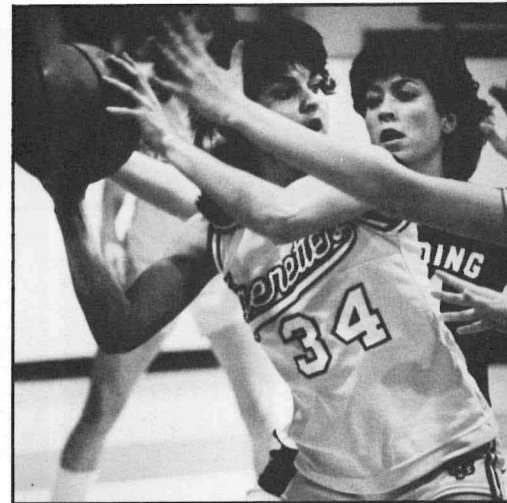
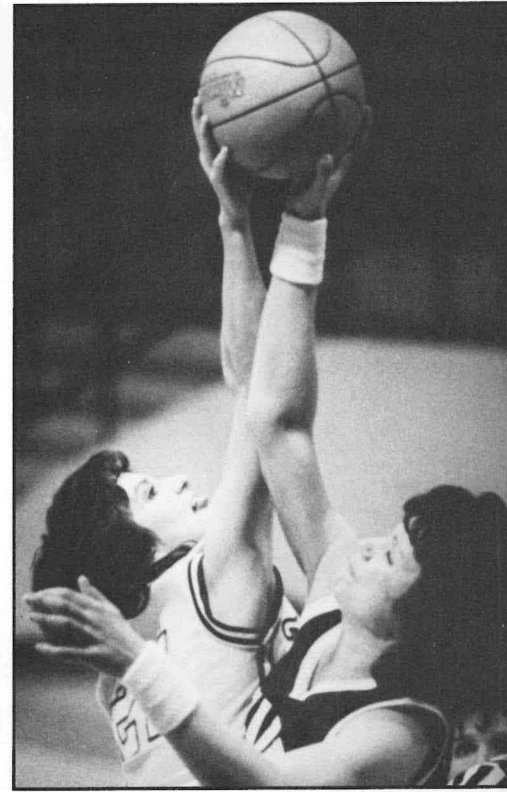
Up for two

During the season, the Tigerettes worked hard to get the breaks they received. Lisa Dean finds an opening in the competition's defense and gives it her best shot. — photo by Phil Cushman

Members of the Tigerettes basketball team are: Front row: Landa Loudermill, Susan Brown, Cheryl Washbrikoff, Suzanne Watkins, Tippi McCullough, Marian Frias, Gari Mills, Shari Marshall, Karen Wheelchel, Jenny Frazier. Back row: Janis Shaddox, Sheila Brockman, Lisa Greenwood, Dana Beasley, Kay McClelland, Karen Diggs, Lisa Dean, Theresa Gardner, Coach Virginia Honnell, and Assistant Coach Mike Dean. — photo by Phil Cushman



Tip off
Throughout each game, the Tigerettes battled for the possession of the ball. Susan Brown fights against her opponent in a jump ball in a game against College of the Ozarks. — photo by Phil Cushman



Strategic Force
Many times throughout the season, the Tigerettes had to use strategy, speed, and efficiency. Marian Frias shows her quickness as she puts into play a maneuver from Coach Honnell. — photo by Phil Cushman

Training pays off
In passing the ball to a team member, Cheryl Washbrikoff concentrates hard as she recalls a play studied earlier in practice. The girls agreed that Coach Honnell's hard conditioning paid off. — photo by Phil Cushman

Student champions

Playing to win or for fun, students could compete in intramurals to become champions among their peers. — photo by Phil Cushman

Pass it on
Brett Dingler, a member of the Rho Sigma team prepares to pass to an open teammate. Basketball had more participants than any other sport. — photo by Phil Cushman

Intramurals - the final frontier. These are the voyages of the Ouachita students - their four year mission to seek out new competition, who boldly play where no man has played before . . .

There was an aura about intramural football that would have driven a ministerial student to cuss.

It was on hallowed grounds that music major went up against political science majors with the intensity of winning the coveted crown: The intramural Championship T-shirt.

The year began with nine men's teams and five women's teams. The rules were quite different from regular collegiate football in that only seven players were on each team.

An offensive first down was made by going 20 yards rather than the accustomed 10 yards. Also, teams were allowed to pass on the kickoff. Blocking was not allowed because of the high risk of injury.

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

At the end of season T.D. Inc. won the men's division defeating the faculty 24 to 18, while the Jawbreakers won the women's title by defeating GLYB 8 to 7.

The next phase of intramurals featured co-ed volleyball. Teams consisted of three women and three men. "Co-ed

volleyball was a welcome change," said senior Karla Cheatham. "The girls had a chance to play on a more competitive level with the guys."

Competition was tough even with the small number of teams which was seven. Blake won the co-ed title defeating Raoul's Rollers two games to one.

Next came volleyball which featured 13 men's teams and 8

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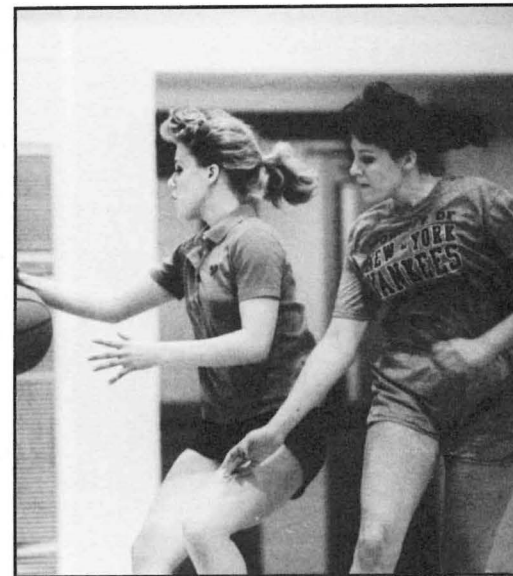
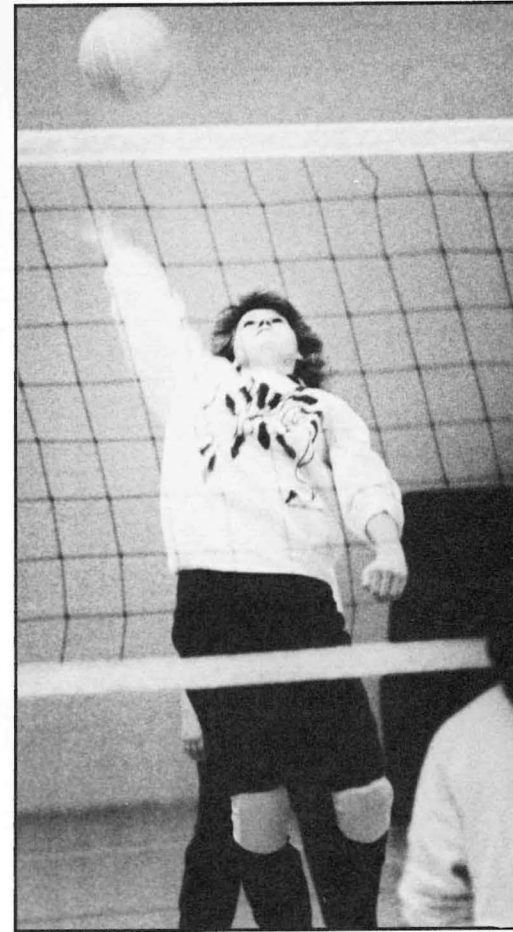


At the plate
Zeta pitcher Cheila Barksdale prepares to hit the ball in the championship game against the Jawbreakers. The Jawbreakers won the game 8-7. — photo by Phil Cushman





Spike
 EEE player Alma Jack attempts a spike in finals action against the Zetas. The Zetas won the match and the championship three games to one. — photo by Phil Cushman

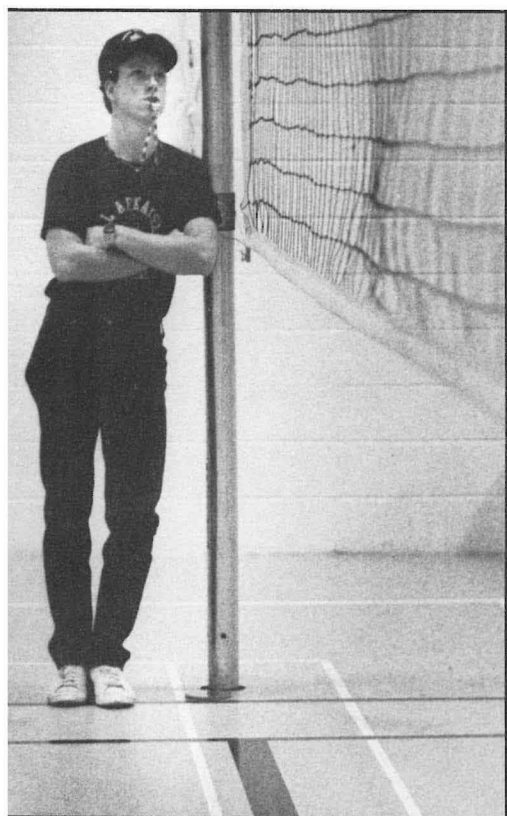
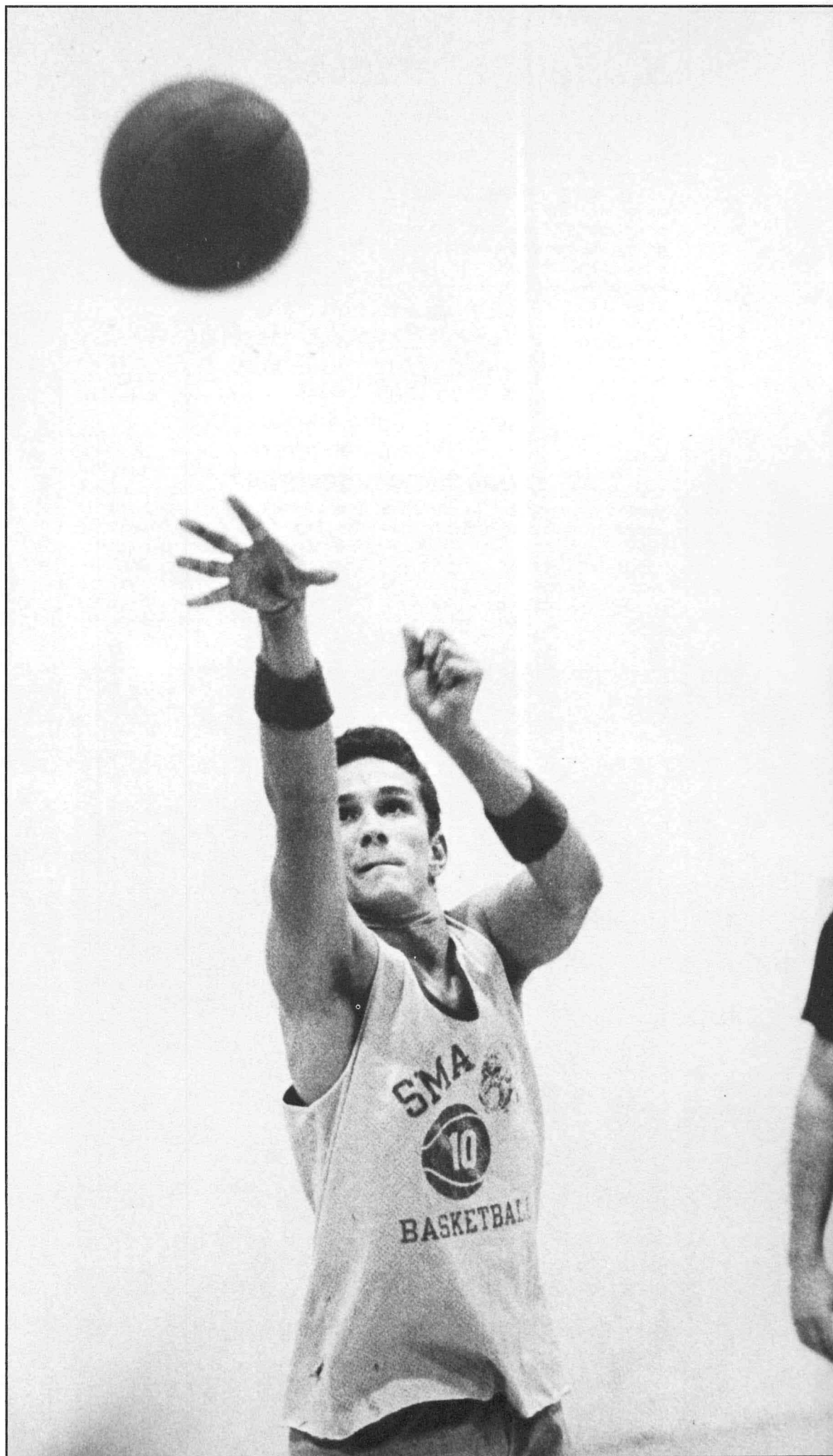
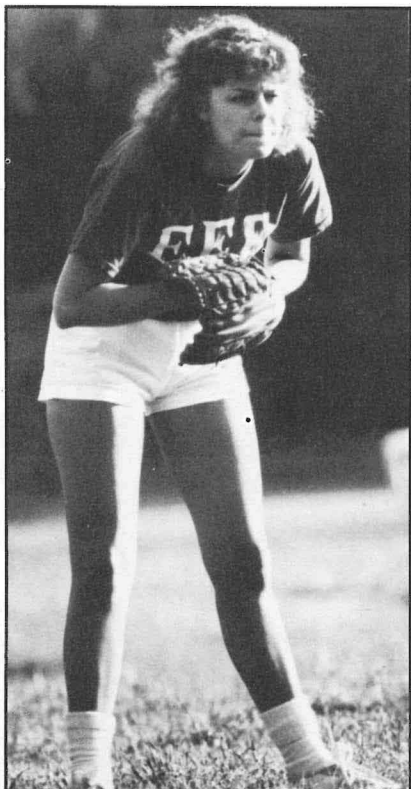


Woman to woman defense
 Chi Delta defender Karla Cheatham tries to steal the ball from EEE Shawna Tate. The EEEs won the game 41-27. — photo by Phil Cushman

Pass rush
 Jimmy Wayne Brown, quarterback for Sigma Alpha Sigma, looks for an open man as T.D. Inc. defender Steve Bowman rushes. — photo by Phil Cushman

Concentration

EEE third baseman Susan Burges eyes the pitch as it nears the batter. — photo by Phil Cushman



Net man

Referee Brian Bunch watches the net to make sure nobody hits it while spiking the ball. — photo by Phil Cushman

Jump shot

Jon Barker of the Doctors shoots a jump shot in a game against Rho Sigma. The Doctors won the game 50-45. — photo by Phil Cushman

Student champions

women's teams. In the women's division the champions were Zeta's. The men's division champions were The Bucketheads.

"I loved playing basketball," Junior Matt McBeth 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."

The end of Christmas break marked the beginning of basketball competition which boasted the most student participation of any of the sports with 24 men's teams and 7 women's teams.

With the popularity of the sport, both in varsity and intramural, the games were well attended. 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.

Basketball encompassed all lifestyles of Ouachita; with teams like The Wobbly Warheads and the Dodoheads whose antics included half-court

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Intramural referee

shots and kicking field goals from mid-court to the Stray Dogs and Georgetown whose games were almost always taken seriously.

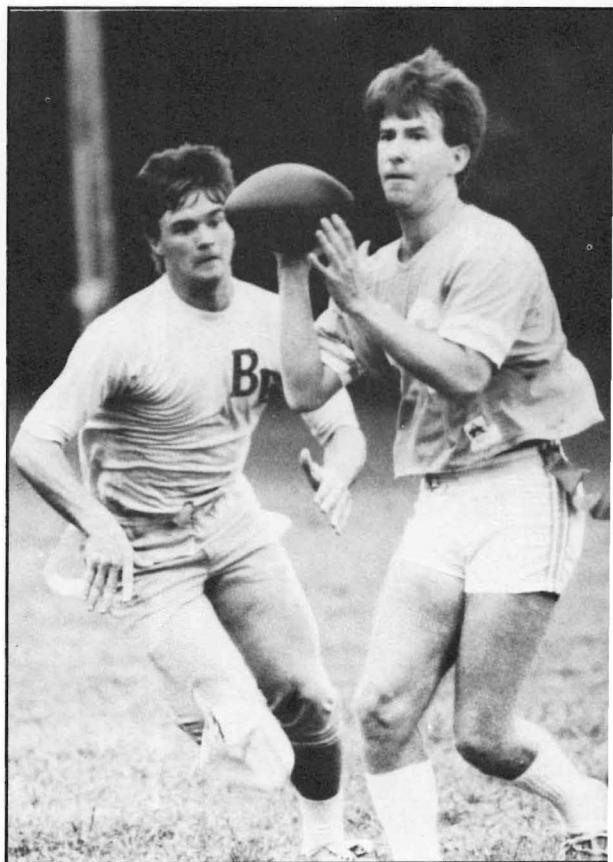
With the coming of spring, and pleasant weather, softball teams took to the grassy fields for the last feature of intramurals. Regulation softball rules applied, using the American Softball Association standards. Last year's winner in the men's division was the Kappa Chi's, and the

Jawbreakers in

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Sideline spectators

There were those students who would rather watch than play. As the seasons progressed and the games became more competitive, the size of the crowds grew. — photo by Phil Cushman

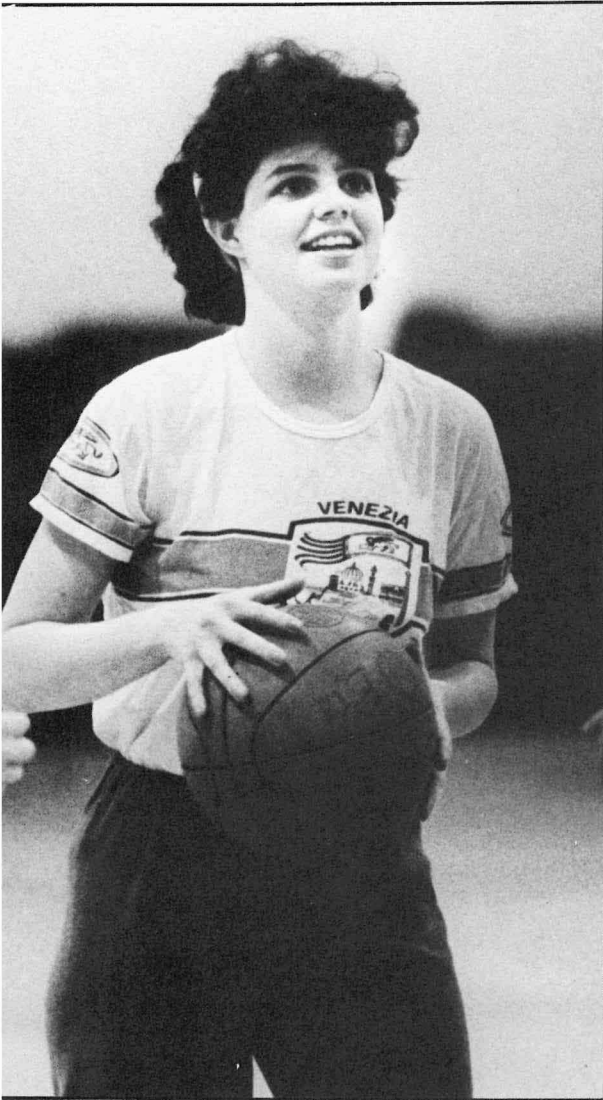


The rush is on
Greg Harris, Beta rusher attempts to grab Dr. Randall O'Briens flag. — photo by Phil Cushman

Practice makes Perfect
Chi Delta receiver, Molly Vining, attempts a reception against teammate Leslie Moore, rearing up for the start of the football season. — photo by Phil Cushman

Student Champions

Free throw
EEE player Jamie Avard prepares to shoot a freethrow during a game against the Chi Deltas. The EEEs won 41-27. — photo by Phil Cushman



the women's division.

Competition in intramurals was exciting in all sports, with more student participation than in any other activity on campus. The only students who didn't enjoy intramurals all of the time were referees.

Employed by the College Work Study program, referees had to sacrifice their study time to call games, sometimes working as late as 11 p.m. during volleyball and basketball seasons. They

also inevitably received opinionated abuse from their peers who disagreed with their judgments. "It's hard to make a call against your best friends, but you have got to call what you see. That's what we're paid for," said Jon Barker.

"The only part that I didn't enjoy was the flack I had to take from the players," said senior Brian Bunch, "Even though you don't like to call

your best friend out at home, sometimes things like that happen and you have to."

Students participated in intramurals for various reasons. "Intramurals gives me an opportunity to meet people and make new friends,"

said sophomore Mike Bakalekos. "It also gives me the opportunity to compete in sports like football that I played in high school but couldn't play in college."

"It's a lot of fun to play when you know you're out there for fun and there's no pressure on you to win," said senior

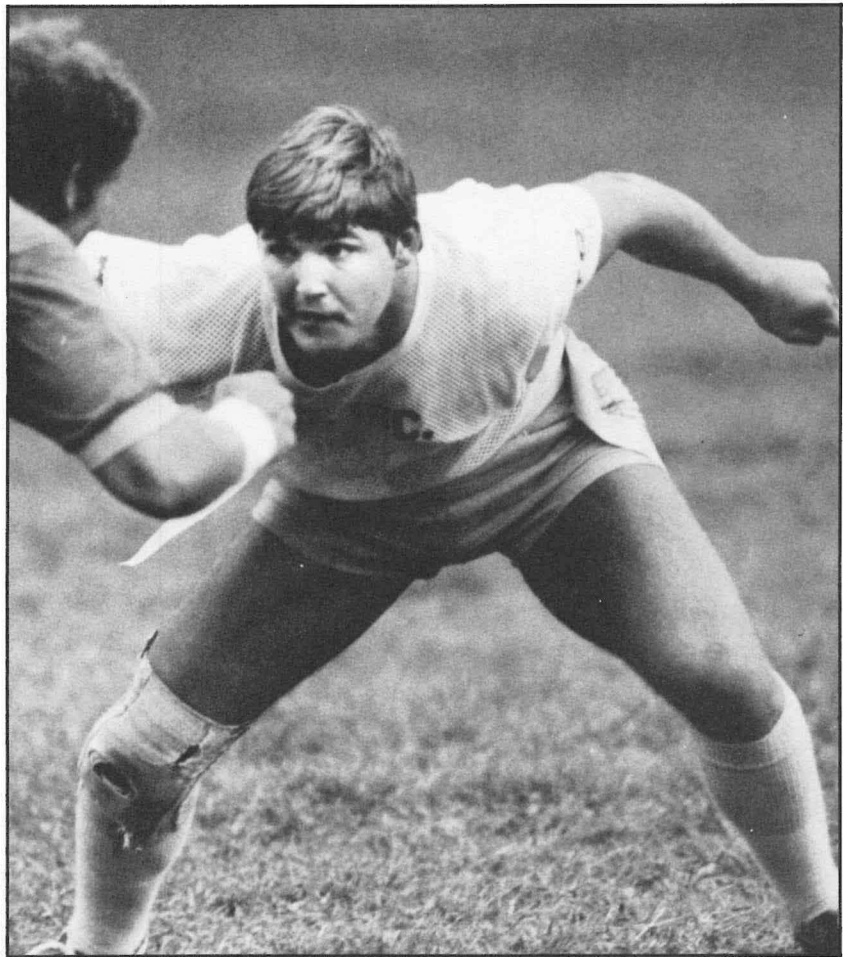
"Relaxing with your buddies during an intramural game is a pleasure that I'll never forget."

- Steve Bowman



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Kevin Frierson



Intramural champions

Football

Men: T.D. Inc.

Women: Jawbreakers

CO-ED Volleyball

Blake

Volleyball

Men: Bucketheads

Women: Zetas

*Basketball

Men: Straydogs

Women: Jawbreakers

*Softball

Men: Kappa Chi

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Power drive

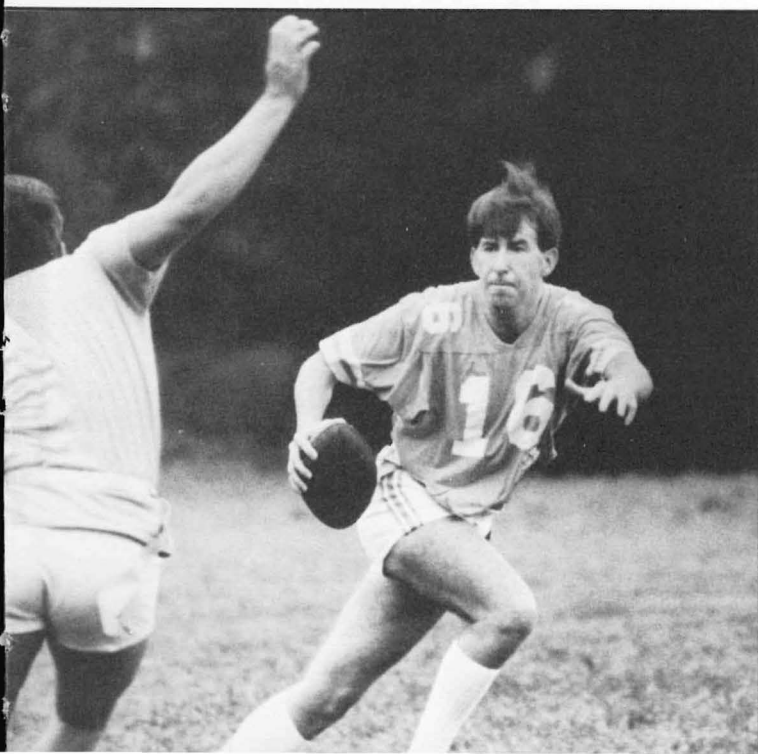
T.D. Inc. defender Tim Scoggins blocks Sigma Alpha Sigma player Brent Wallace during an intramural football game. T.D. Inc. won the game 22-20. — photo by Phil Cushman

Teacher in trouble

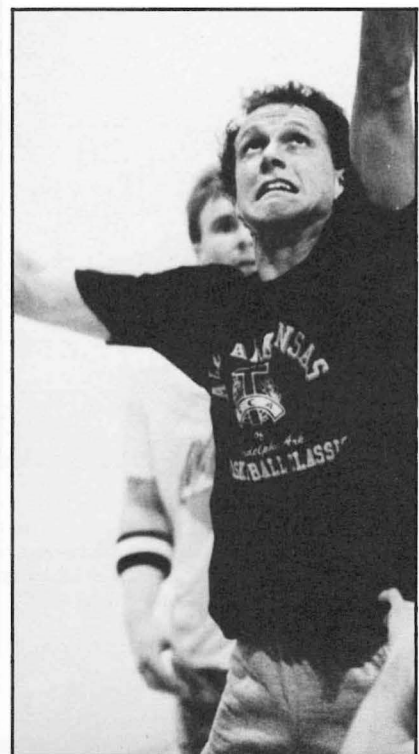
Intramurals allowed students to go up against their professors. Dr. Randall O'Brien tries to escape a Beta defender. — photo by Phil Cushman



You're out
 Kappa Chi, Johnny Gosser, tags out Blake baserunner Mark Tetley. The Kappa's won the game 10-7 and were the eventual over-all champions. — photo by Phil Cushman



Rebound
 Doctor player, Brian Bunch, goes up for a rebound in action against Rho Sigma. The Doctors won the game 50-45. — photo by Phil Cushman



Devoted to spirit

Even with five members leaving, the rest of the squad remained loyal in cheering on Tiger athletes.

"Hey, are you trying out for cheerleader?" was one of the first questions a couple of friends from my hometown asked me when I got to school.

"I didn't think they had try-outs at the beginning of the year," I said.

"Well they are this year because some of the squad didn't come back. Talk to Toby Anderson about it; he's captain this year."

Being the cheering enthusiast I was, I decided I had to check it out. So off I went to find Toby who gave me all the details about try-outs.

About ten girls showed up for our first meeting. "This could be pretty tough," I thought. But the next night the number had dwindled to five. There were only three positions open so we all worked hard that week to learn cheers and partner stunts.

The night before try-outs our group was reduced even further. Two girls had to withdraw, leaving Sonya Wiley, Mandy Kirby and me to fill the vacant slots. Alex Sharp, the only male

to try out, was also added to the squad.

Having missed the first football game of the season, the four of us plunged into learning cheers and pyramids for the next game, most of which were taught in the parking lot of a Cleveland, Mississippi Holiday Inn.

After returning to Ouachita we settled into the weekly routine of practice, pep-assemblies and ball games. It took up much of our time during the remaining eight weeks, but we knew it was necessary in order for us to be a better squad.

The end of the semester brought a diminution of our ranks. Five cheerleaders did not return for various reasons but the remainder of us stuck together to cheer the basketball team on.

Although neither season had a storybook ending and there was sometimes dissension among the group, we could remember the friendships we made and the good times that always outweighed the bad.

- Shann Nobles

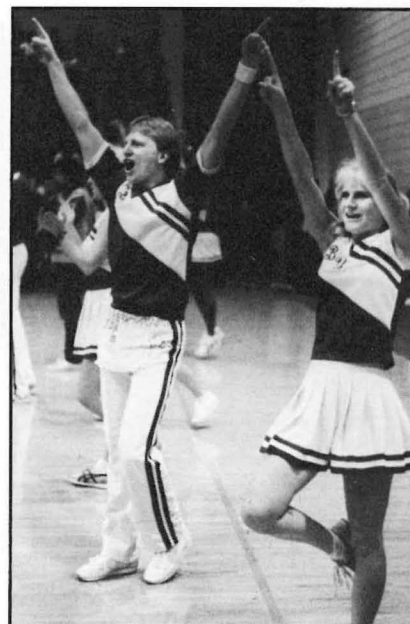


Sunny halftime

Squad members Laura Fish and Sonya Wiley squint from the glare of the afternoon sun as they get ready to watch the halftime activities. — photo by Phil Cushman



Members of the cheerleading squad are: Front row: Suzy Cammack, Laura Fish, Glenda McCarty, Shann Nobles, Mandy Kirby, and Aleta Fletcher. Back row: Toby Anderson, James Pickens, Alex Sharp, Sonya Wiley, Steve Tinkle, and Scott Bryant. — photo by Leisa Garcia

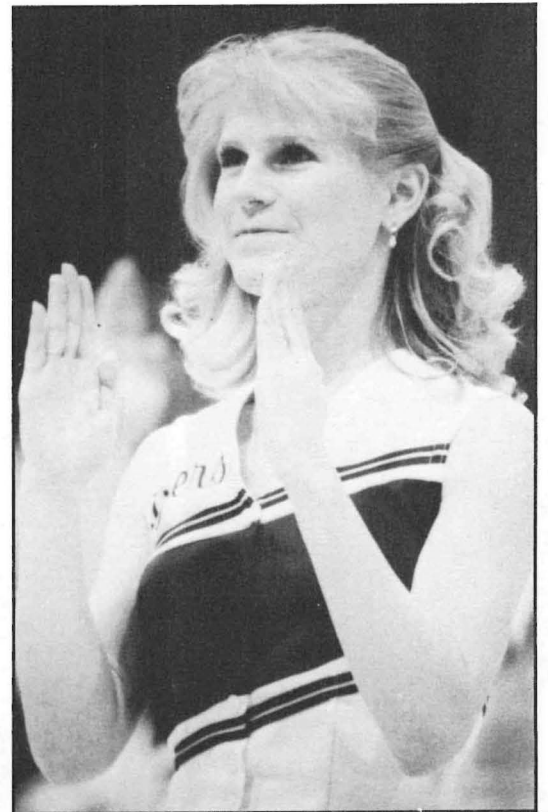


We're number one!

Alex Sharp and Glenda McCarty let the fans know how they feel about the OBU basketball team. — photo by Leisa Garcia



Double duty
While cheering the team on, Glenda McCarty keeps her eye on the action of the game. — photo by Phil Cushman



Spirited sprinters
The OBU cheerleading squad runs off the field after chanting for the football team in the spirit line. — photo by Phil Cushman

Football spirit
Steve Tinkle gives it all he's got to get the OBU football fans fired up. — photo by Phil Cushman

Games people play

From playing in the snow to lifting weights, anything beat studying

“What can we do tonight? We don't have to study for once.”

“Let's go over to the gym and work out.”

“No, I'm still kinda sore from that basketball game the other night. Let's just go over to the gameroom and play some video games.”

Decisions about what to do with free time were usually easy to make. Some chose just to rest or watch television, most chose something more involved, a “people sport”. “Around one hundred students use the gym each night,” said student worker Mike North. “A lot more students play basketball and swim on Saturday afternoons than during the week. The raquetball courts are always crowded, a lot of students are getting into racquetball.”

“People sports” included anything students found to do, from playing games in the Tiger Grill to lifting weights in the gym. People sports were not organ-

ized through intramural programs or varsity athletics, students needing a break from studying dreamed them up. Conger resident Greg Harris said, “If I know I have to study, I just put it off and go out and sit on the benches and socialize.”

Just like the weather people sports changed with the seasons. During the fall months students were seen jogging around the campus. For those wanting to move faster there were always bicycles to be ridden. “On a bike you can go a long way and see more than you can walking. I like to take a break out of the day for something different and relaxing,” said Jamie Avard. Usually there was always someone to toss a frisbee or football with in front of one of the dorms.

With the onset of winter cold most people sport enthusiasts moved indoors. A trip to the gameroom could have you enjoying video games or bowling, playing ping pong or shooting pool. For the more athletic there

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Pumping iron

As a constructive pastime, Joe Corbino spends free time lifting weights in the HPER complex. Students used both free weights and hydraulic equipment. — photo by Phil Cushman

Frosty ride

A Cafeteria tray makes a great sled for Pascal Stowell and Barb Davis as they slide down the ravine bank. In spite of scrapes and bruises students still enjoyed the snow. — photo by Phil Cushman



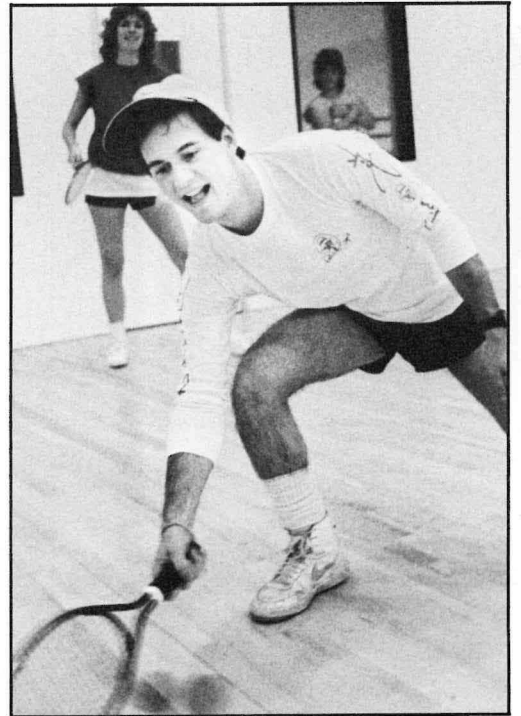


Corner pocket

Concentrating on his shot rather than his studies, Jeff Stotts enjoys a game of pool. The gameroom also offered bowling, ping pong and video games for pastime entertainment. — photo by Phil Cushman

"Your gonna get it"

Unusually heavy snowfalls in January brought students out to play. Barb Griffin and Ken Lovelace protect themselves from a possible snowball attack. — photo by Phil Cushman



Reach for it

Returning a shot from his girlfriend, Patti Thorn, John Hossler keeps the ball alive. The raquetball courts allowed year-round competition. — photo by Phil Cushman

Full tank

Checking his air supply, Tom Pentecost prepares for a dive with his scuba class. Lake DeGray was a favorite place for local divers. — photo by Phil Cushman



Hang fifteen

Rolling down the sloped sidewalk outside Evans Student Center, Richard Lowe hangs on as he maneuvers his skateboard through the plaza. — photo by Phil Cushman

Rest stop

Taking a break from an afternoon of cycling, Karen Darr and Tina Bearden visit with Dana Kombs in the plaza. — photo by Phil Cushman

Games people play

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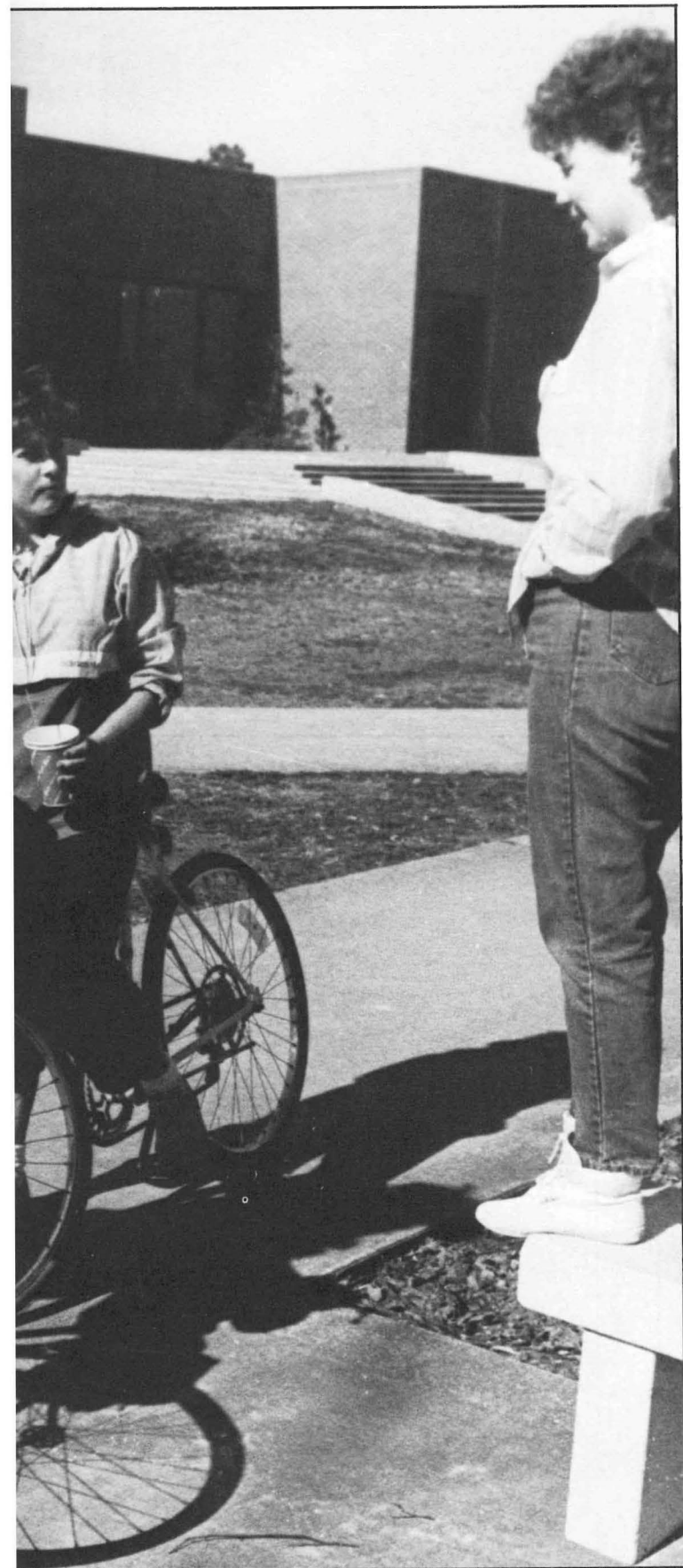
was always a crowd at the gym. Some lifted weights or swam, the lucky got a raquetball court and played a couple of games. "We try to play twice a week," said Patti Thorn and John Hossler. "We really have fun, but mostly we play for exercises. Besides when I play Patti I always win," added John. As basketball season neared the basketball courts were usually filled with people polishing their skills.

The winter snow seemed to relieve the cabin fever students experienced during the cold months. They braved the cold and ice to have a game of football or championship wrestling in the snow. John Belvin said, "I used some of the moves I've seen on television to pound Pascal in the snow." For the more adventuresome student sledding into the ravine on a cafeteria tray offered an afternoon of thrills. Sophomore Barb Davis said, "I was out looking for some fun and

I saw Pascal and Rusty sledding down the path going into the ravine. It was another excuse not to study. It was really fun, except I skinned my nose."

When the days got warmer, class attendance decreased as students tried to lose their winter white. For those with limited time the dorm lawns offered a sheltered sunning spot, while some spent entire afternoons at Lake DeGray. "The first day that the temperature gets warm you'll find me working on my tan behind O. C. Bailey with the rest of the girls," said Beth Garrett. Whether just tossing a frisbee, scuba diving or water skiing, afternoons at Lake DeGray were never boring. Donna Hargrove summed it up by saying, "Sometimes the weather was so pretty it was well worth skipping my afternoon classes to spend a day at the lake."

— Mark Kizzar



Affectionate pet
Deana Doss tries to avoid a "kiss" from Beatrice, her new Bassett hound. Deana kept her dog at a friend's house in Arkadelphia. — photo by Phil Cushman

