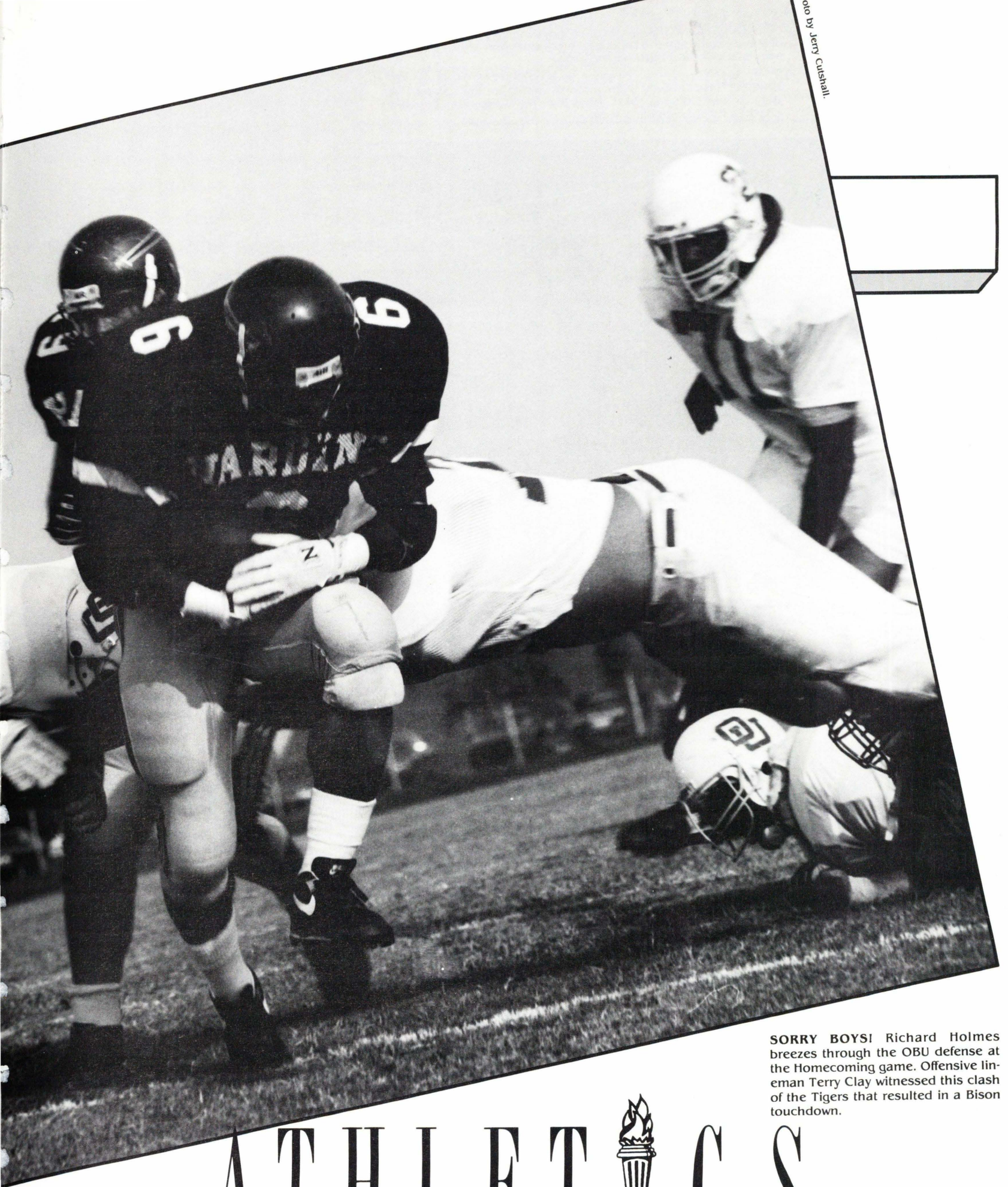


F^{We're}*ired Up*

Teamwork—that was what it was all about. Just as in the Olympics, athletic success at Harding required the dedication of the whole as well as the individual. Each person wanted the crown and prestige of a victor, and so, with their common goal before them, they strove for excellence and success together. The efforts of the coaches encouraged winning teams, the abilities of the athletes created intense action on the field and court, and the roar of the fans sustained the school spirit that fueled a memorable year. It took more than one little spark to keep the blaze alive; it took the inner fire from all the faculty, athletes and fans to keep Harding fired up. ♦

Vicki Jackson
Sports Editor





SORRY BOYS! Richard Holmes breezes through the OBU defense at the Homecoming game. Offensive lineman Terry Clay witnessed this clash of the Tigers that resulted in a Bison touchdown.

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CONSULTATION TIME. Barbara Barnes informs Michelle Marshall of some changes in the schedule. Barnes served as the director of women's club and intramural sports.

SAFE AT THIRD. Kelly Willingham is waiting for the ball as Twila Blair arrives safely at third. Guys like Scott Snowden served as coaches for the women's team.



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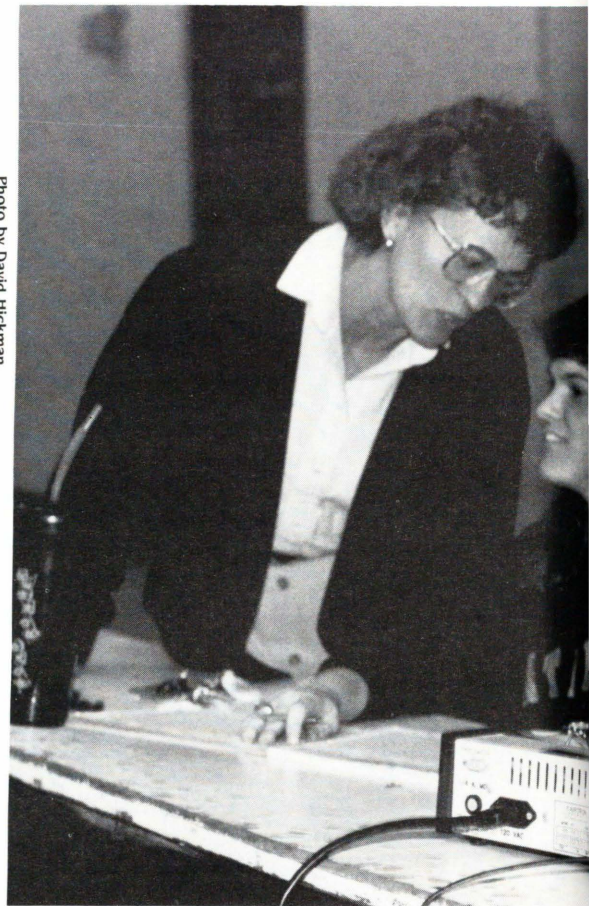


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OH, NO YOU DON'T. Shawn Walker shoots to put points on the board as Dena Pappas tries to stop her point attempt. Women's intramurals provided an opportunity for some friendly competition.

PASS, INTERFERENCE. Patricia Coleman attempts a pass to Shannon Smith but is interrupted by Angela Johnson's foot. The women's intramural activities last the entire year.

Inspiring Intramurals

Women's Intramurals Experiences Great Season

Once again the women's Intramurals program has experienced another great season of "fun, excitement, and entertainment," as timelessly described by director Barbara Barnes. There were seven women ably assisting Barnes this year: Janet Clark, Katrina Deys, A.J. Grimes, Myleea Hill, Michelle Marshall, Roxi Toms, and Jennifer McMullen.

These assistants were responsible for setting up game equipment, keeping scores, and generally insuring that games were played smoothly and punctually. "We sometimes had to really push to keep things running on schedule, but there was a general spirit of cooperation that made our job easier," said McMullen.

Assistant Katrina Deys was a witness to a historical moment in women's club athletics this fall. OEGE and GATA competed in a grueling nine inning softball game. In the

end GATA eeked out a one point victory. Deys kept score at the ballgame which lasted well past curfew. Said Deys of the game, "It was very frustrating, but it was a good game between two tough teams with good sportsmanship."

Barbara Barnes continued to direct this program with shining success. Harding's Intramural program retained an outstandingly high rate of participation. The players as well as the assistants appreciated the leadership provided by Barnes. She was known for her fun-loving spirit and her exemplary caring attitude. Roxi Toms aptly described Barnes as a "strong woman with a soft heart."

The women's program served both the serious competitors and those players participating "just for fun." As Michelle Mar-

shall humorously explained, "You win some, you lose some, and everyone lives happily ever after." ♦

— Jennifer McMullen

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after.

—Michelle
Marshall



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FUN AND GAMES. Myleea Hill, Jennifer McMullen and Janet Clark allow their crazy side to show while Michelle Marshall seems more of a serious mood. These four women worked to make sure the womens intramural games ran smoothly.

Igniting Intramurals

Intramurals Offer Year-Round Excitement

The men's intramural program offered activities and excitement year round for any Harding student who wanted to play. The motto of the program was "A sport for every man and a man in every sport."

Dr. Mike Pruitt, director of the program, organized a variety of team and individual sports, including softball, football, volleyball, basketball, horseshoes, tennis, track, raquetball, swimming, pinpong, calisthenics and a homerun ncontest. It was estimated that 75 percent of male students participated in at least one of the sports.

The random selection of intramural teams gave students a chance to meet new people in a fun environment. "The intramural program is a important part of life a Harding," said graduate assistant Ken Webb, who transferred from York college as a junior. "It allows people to develop friendships and acquaintances in the spirit of physical activity and athletic play."

The intramural program is an important part of life at Harding.

—Ken Webb

Intramural sports were divided into major and minor leagues. The divisions made for more competitive play, which was to everyone's benefit. An All-Star team, voted by the players, was selected at the conclusion of the season of each sport.

In a spring chapel program, awards were given to those who had accumulated the most points in their respective divisions. Individual honors were given to the winner of the Spirit award and Athlete of the year. Lettermen and intramural assistants were also recognized.

With constant rescheduling of games because of weather or other school conflicts, working with intramurals was a full-time job; the workers, however, found it to be rewarding. With intramurals, it often wasn't if you won or lost, or even how you played the game that was important. It was something special just to be there. ♦

— Myleea Hill

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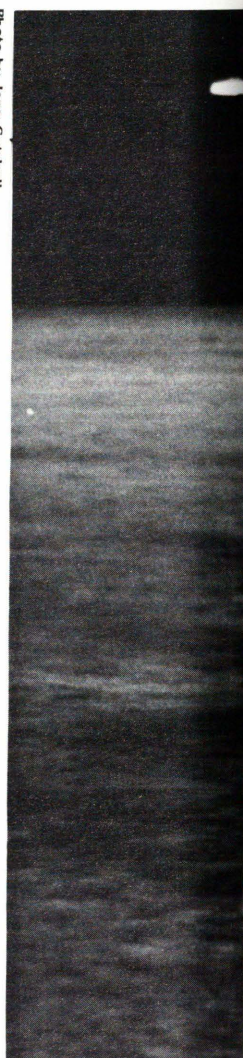


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WORKING HARD? Intramural worker Tim O'Neil chats with Tim Gerber while keeping the bests at a Chi Sigs basketball game. The workers were responsible for keeping scores and setting up equipment for club and intramural games.



SQUEEZE PLAY. John Iverson makes it safely back to third base after attempting to steal as Chris Carper tries for the play. Spring brought about softball as well as sunshine.

SNAP. Searching for a play, Cody Sipe receives the ball from the center. Flag football was a popular event for men's intramurals.

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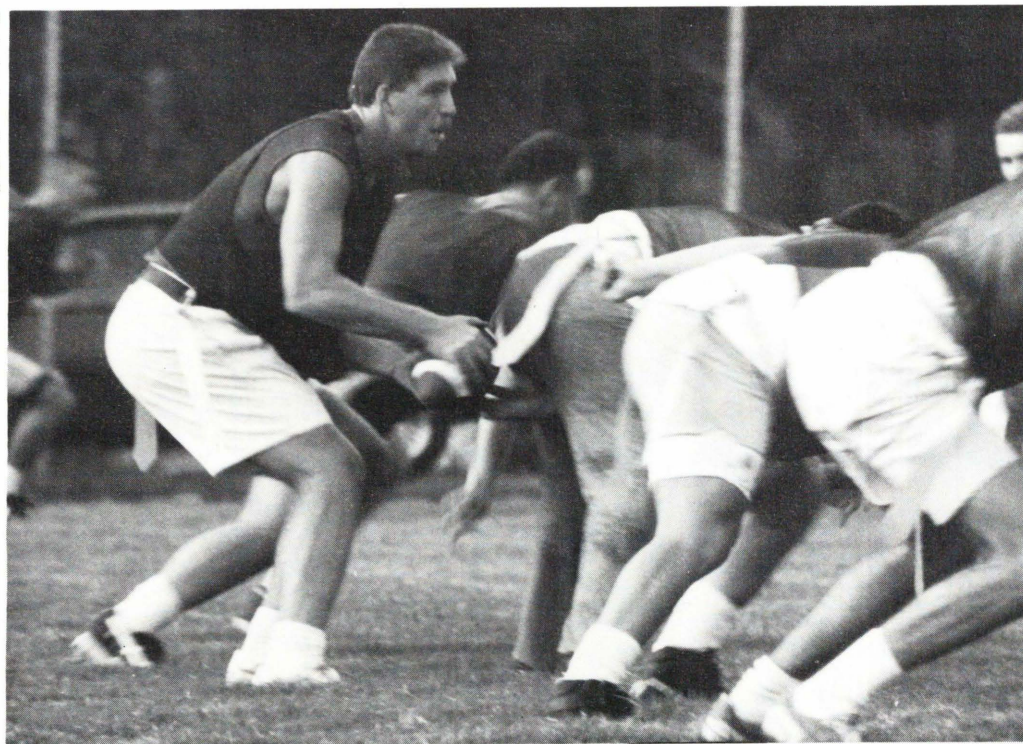
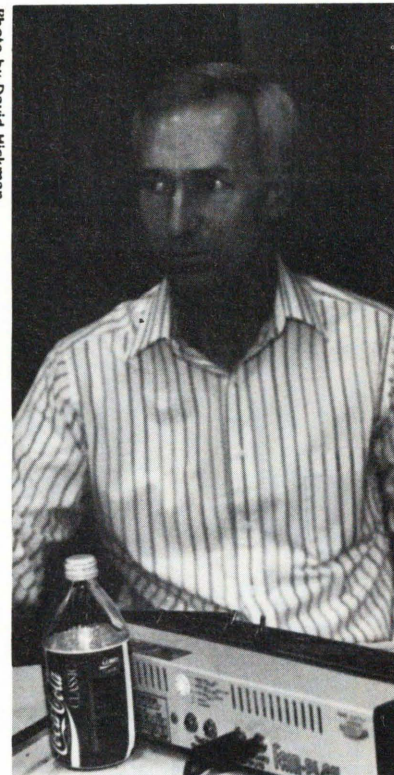


Photo by David Hickman.



HELPING OUT. Dr. Michael Pruitt helps his workers out at during an intramural basketball game. Pruitt was director of intramurals as well as a professor of physical education.

RUNNING THE BALL. Mark Brewster tries for a touchdown during an AGO vs. Delta Chi football game. Even though it was only flag football, sometimes it got a little rough.

VICTORY CELEBRATION. Shauna Queen and Andrea Robertson are all smiles after the conference meet. Queen was the conference champion, and Robertson placed eighth.

BURNING RUBBER. Kelsey Hutchison keeps a constant pace, allowing her to place second. It was the fourth year in a row for her to be named all-conference.

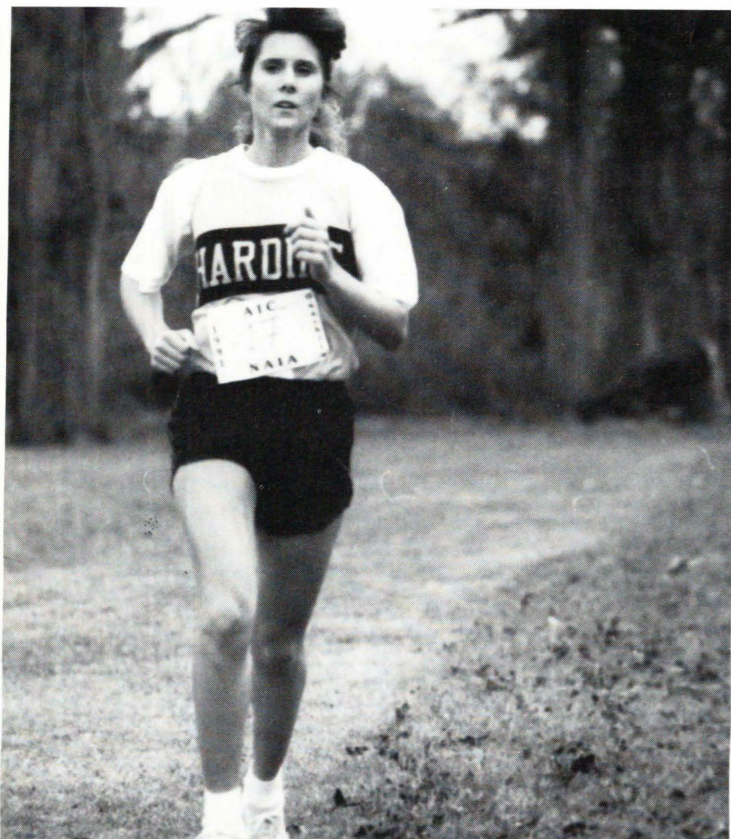


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JUST TRY AND CATCH ME. Chandra Latimer continues to push onward as she passes the one-mile mark in the conference meet. She finished 15th out of about 45 runners.



Vibrant Victors

Sixth Consecutive Championship

Photo by Antissa Cammishell

"A very enjoyable season" were the terms Coach Ted Lloyd used in describing the excellent performance of the Lady Bisons' cross country team of 1991. Successfully defending their AIC/District championship title, the Lady Bisons picked up their sixth consecutive championship since 1986. "It was just what we were supposed to do," said Coach Lloyd. "The team ran very well."

The conference meet was held October 5 at Ouachita University. The team had not placed real high until the conference meet. There several of the women ran their best times of the season. Senior Kelsie Hutchison was one of these. Last year's champion and four time All-Conference performer, she finished second with a personal record of 18:07. Senior Chandra Latimer also ran her best time with 20:49 placing 15th.

The Lady Bisons' own sophomore Shauna Queen finished first with a time of 17:39.

"Shauna is on course for a great career," commented Coach Lloyd. Queen was the Lady Bisons' number one runner in every meet. She ran the fastest 5000 meter of any sophomore from Harding and the third fastest ever. Queen and Kelsie Hutchison were track All-American; and freshman Andrea Robertson and sophomore Keri Hutchison were All-Conference and All-District.

The women of the team went true to form. They gained much experience and confidence by entering and competing in big competitions.

This year marked the tenth season for the women's cross country team to compete. Since 1981, they have been climbing to the top with their consecutive victories by their exceptional attitudes and endurance.

"It was a very enjoyable season, and one in which the women achieved and excelled," said Coach Lloyd. Next year should prove to be just as rewarding even with the loss of senior Kelsie Hutchison. ♦

It was just what we were supposed to do. The team ran very well.

—Coach Ted Lloyd

Final Team Standings

Harding	32
Arkansas College	67
Hendrix	74
Ozarks	83
Henderson	117
UAM	138
Arkansas Tech	183



LADY BISON CROSS COUNTRY. (l to r): Wendi Scott, Chandra Latimer, Keri Hutchison, Kelsie Hutchison, Shauna Queen, Andrea Robertson, and Coach Ted Lloyd.

Photo from PR Files.

Raging Runners

Team Regains AIC Title

"The win," according to Coach Ted Lloyd, "is the result of seven runners overcoming unbelievable odds to pull it all together."

The Bison cross country team started practice in August with six runners, but two were too injured to train properly. "It was trying for us all," Lloyd said, "but we kept working and believing in each other."

The first meet was a 5k held at North Little Rock followed by an inter-squad meet. Three Missouri meets, a home relay, and an invitational in Berea, KY, led up the district meet in Arkadelphia.

The team managed an incredible comeback as it regained the AIC title after last year's loss. A great deal of hard work and enthusiasm resulted in a successful season of winning both conference and district events. With regaining the championship as their top priority, the runners completed the task with top performances.

Three all-conference, all-district runners were

able to accomplish good standings in the final meet. Allen Gill ran his best race of the year, despite an injury during the early part of the season. Harding's number one runner, David Hutson, finished second behind Gill. Nathan Mills also ran well, making it his best showing by far.

The guys had an inspiration of performance from 1990.

—Coach Ted Lloyd

"The guys were inspired by last year's loss. The nineteen-straight winning streak had been broken, yet the team got it back this year. This made the victory especially nice," Lloyd said.

Four top runners will be returning next year in the wake of Tim Seay's, Brad Blanton's and Greg Richey's departure.

The team not only posted a great record but also assured itself of future success. Lloyd stated, "The guys did a super job. We worked hard and it paid off!"

— Scott Baine

Photo by Jeff Cash.



BISON CROSS COUNTRY — (l to r): Brad Blanton, Greg Richey, Dave Hutson, Tim Seay, Damon Work, Nathan Mills and Allen Gill.

Final Team Standings

Harding
32

Ouachita
45

Henderson
45

UAM
123

Hendrix
135

Ozarks
149

UCA
164

SAU



CROSSING THE FINISH LINE. Allen Gill comes to a halt as he completes his run in the conference meet. Gill finished second.

DOUBLE TROUBLE. Bisons Dave Hutson and Nathan Mills prove two are harder to beat than one. Hutson and Mills finished third and fourth, respectively, in the conference meet.

Photo by Jeff Cash.



Photo by Jeff Cash.



TENDER LOVING CARE. Nona Richey stays close by her husband Greg when he needs her the most. Richey passed out toward the end of the conference race.

BETWEEN A ROCK AND A HARD PLACE. The Bison's 12th man sandwiches a Ouachita Tiger. The Bisons defeated the Tigers 24-21 in a come-from-behind victory.

REDSHIRTS READY FOR ACTION. Justin Banker, Carlos Colbert, Chris Walker, Lloyd Coakley and Andre Rush stand ready for a piece of the action. The freshmen redshirts had plenty of spirit to keep the whole team pumped.



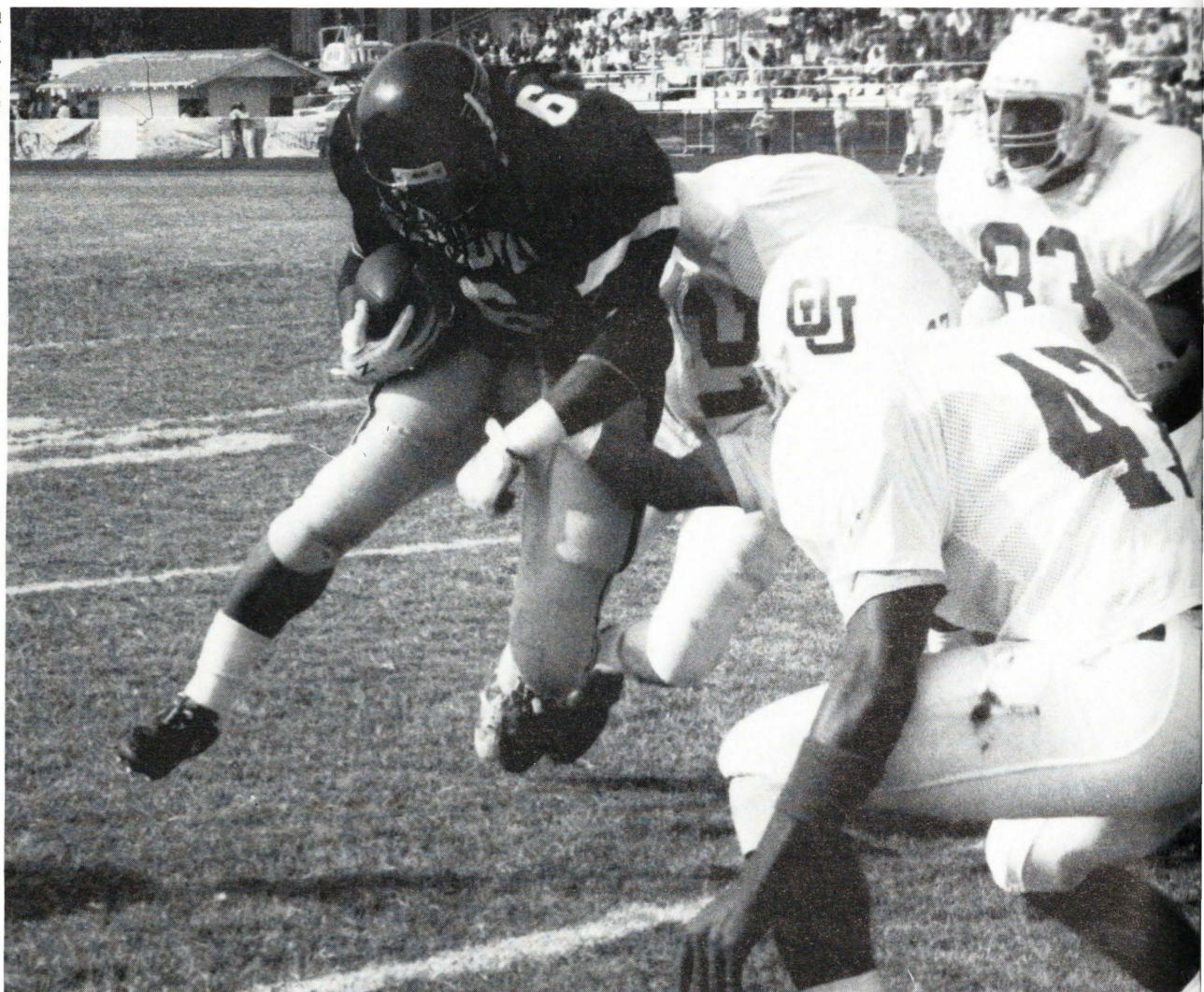
Photo by Jeff Cash.



Photo by Jeff Cash.

MY AUTOGRAPH?? Coach Larry Richmond answers a few questions for a reporter after a game. He led the Bisons to a second-place finish in the AIC.

PARDON ME, PLEASE. Running back Richard Holmes tries to elude three Ouachita defenders. Holmes was the leading scorer of the Homecoming game.



Fiery Football

Leadership Led To Second In AIC

Photo by Jerry Cutshall.

Finishing second in the AIC with their record of 7-3-1, the Bisons proved a tough schedule was not going to keep them down. The Bisons won all five home games, making it the third year in a row for a Homecoming game victory. Coach Larry Richmond felt the team had a very good season.

The team had good leadership from its four captains: Pat Gill, Tad Niblett, Tommy Shoemaker and Matt Thompson. This team had plenty of talent and outstanding ability. It was no wonder they finished 12th nationally. The Bisons had 11 players chosen as All-Conference — defensive: Gill, Jon Newby and Thompson; offensive: Darrell Biggers, Chico Ford, Niblett, Proctor, Wayne Shorter and Ron Sparkman; punter: Mark Thomas; Punt Returner: Denairius Robinson.

Gill, the all-time leading tackler, was named first team All-American for the third year, and received the Kodak Award. This

was the first time since 1974 that an athlete from Harding has received this award. Shorter was the leading rusher, while Newby was the leading interceptor. Niblett passed for 1635 yards (finishing as the all-time leading passer). Mark Thomas, kicker and punter, finished third in the nation in punting and was a two-time All-American. Denairius Robinson completed the season as the leading punt returner.

"I was very pleased to coach these guys. We played a very tough schedule and some great opponents, but we had some fantastic comebacks," commented Coach Richmond. And allowing his flame of optimism to glow, he added, "We have an excellent chance at the All-Sports trophy, and we hope we have been able to contribute." ♦

— Vicki Jackson

We played a tough schedule—but we had fantastic comebacks.

—Coach Larry Richmond

Photo by Jerry Cutshall.

Final Team Standings

Samford University	0 - 34
Lane College	52 - 0
Northeastern OK	13 - 20
Iowa Wesleyan	35 - 31
Southeastern OK	16 - 10
Arkansas Tech	17 - 19
Central Arkansas	6 - 6
Ouachita	24 - 21
U. A. Monticello	28 - 19
Henderson State	16 - 13
Southern Arkansas	16 - 24

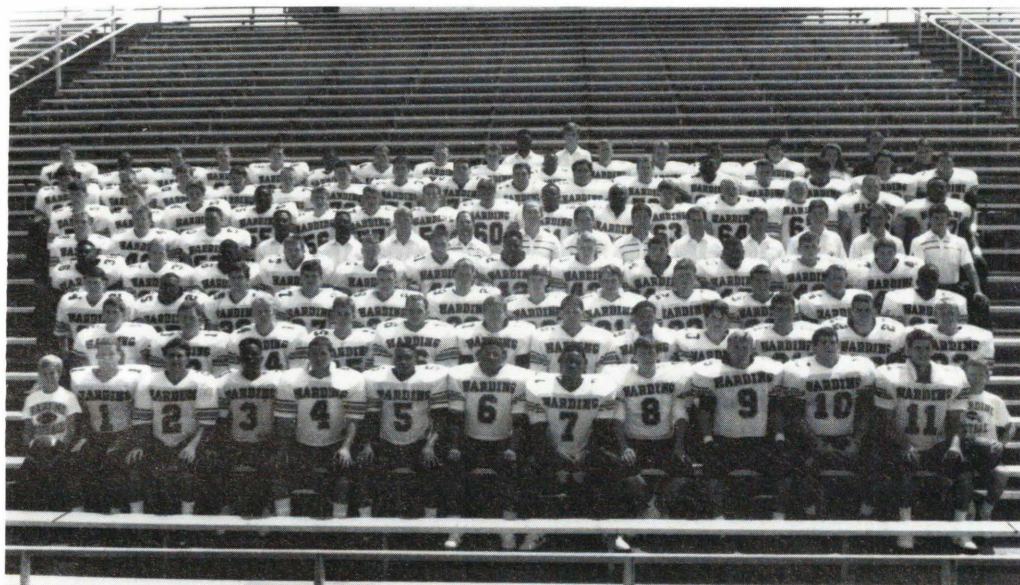


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THE 1991-92 BISON FOOTBALL TEAM. 1st row (l to r): Chad Floyd (ball boy), Hal Baker, Tad Niblett, Jimmy Sloan, Ken Slayton, Llewellyn Young, Richard Holmes, Denairius Robinson, Brent Goodwin, Lee Edwards, Paul Simmons, Jon Newby. 2nd row: Jeb Huckleba (ball boy), Nick Fouts, Jason Ward, Jason Pace, Ryan Derrick, Greg Mashburn, Kyle City, Paul Mann, Lorne Latiker, Chad Howard, Mark Thomas, Steven Fitzhugh, Michael Gibbs. 3rd row: Brent Heeke, Darrell Biggers, Tommy Brown, Martin Wheeler, Scott Alexander, Steven Green, Mac McGee, Steve Cupples, Scott Davis, Aaron Walters, Philip Hydron, Lloyd Coakley. 4th row: Patrick Gill, Troy Smith, Andre Rush, Matt Claborn, Ron Sparkman, Eric McAlister, Wayne Shorter, Tommy Shoemaker, Eric Howell, Anthony Clear, Chris Walker, Ray Tynes. 5th row: Joseph Walker, Randy Moore, Bryan Wansley; graduate assistants — Lee White, Kenwick Thompson, Joe Dugger; coaches — Scott Ragsdale, Ronnie Huckleba, Larry Richmond, James Frank, Randy Tribble; graduate assistants — Glen Talbot, Lance Rodgers. 6th row: James Thornton, Chad Frank, Randy Alexander, Derrick Eddings, Casey Smith, Nathan Mellor, Nathan Randolph, Stephen Phelps, Marvel May, Marcus Grayson, Brent Morgon, Scott Reedy, John Perry, Troy Foster, Chico Ford, Stuart Proctor. 7th row: Kyle Eubanks, Scott Green, Carter Davis, Greg Vaughn, Henry Hill, Eric Peters, Jay Johnson, Richard Proctor, Lance Proctor, Terry Clay, Chris Wilson, Stuart Hill, Teddy Gonzales, Justin Banker, Brooks Harrell. 8th row: Thad Hill, Robert Johnson, Tom Cate, Wesley Rhoten, Freeman Guffey, Carlos Colbert, Matt Thompson, Ryan Burr, Kevin Canterbury, Eric Coleman, Joe Buck Jones, Scott Selvidge, David Byars, James Ortiz; trainers — Susan Vaughan (ass't.), Ronnie Harlow (ass't.), Keith Morrow. 9th row: Managers Theo Marshal and Harold Bradley.

Smokin' Spikes

Nationals—1st Time In History

Tremendous talent and ability along with the persistence of a hardworking team proved to be plenty for the Lady Bisons to have a spectacular season. Not only did they finish with a record of 11-1 in conference play and another AIC championship, but for the first time in history, the Lady Bisons made it to the NAIA National Volleyball Championships.

At nationals, the Lady Bisons finished with one win and three losses, and they placed 13th overall. Just being one of the 20 out of 330 NAIA teams was a great honor. Before advancing to the actual nationals, the Lady Bisons had to win the Bi-District play-offs. They defeated their opponent, Rockhurst College from Kansas City in three straight games. Regarding the Lady Bisons' performance, Coach Karyl Bailey said this was "absolutely one of the best matches all year."

From Kansas City, the Lady Bisons traveled to Hays, Kansas, to begin their NAIA National Volleyball Championship games. The Lady

This team's high spirits allowed for fun as well as competition on the court.

—Coach Karyl Bailey

Bisons played some tough and trying opponents. They included North Florida, BYU of Hawaii, Hastings and Southwestern of Texas. The Lady Bisons' victory came against North Florida.

The Lady Bisons' dedication and constant practicing certainly paid off. Their regular season record was 38-12, and their only loss in the AIC was to Southern Arkansas. The Lady Bisons won several tournaments and had two players named all-conference and all-district. They were Tammy Kodatt and Susan Humphry.

The Lady Bisons of this season left some big shoes for future players to fill. They will be remembered as the first Lady Bison volleyball team to go to

nationals. The Lady Bisons had an exceptional season, full of excitement and fond memories. That is what the game is all about. ♦

— Vicki Jackson



LADY BISON VOLLEYBALL. — 1st row (l to r): Manager Stephanie Dempsay, Susan Humphry, Tammy Kodatt, Amy Devel, Angelia Johnson, Robin King, Khrysta Ferguson, Anna McFadden. 2nd row: Coach Karyl Bailey, Wendi Scott, Lori Hendricks, Kathleen Bassham, Larrie Maples, Emily Corley, Becky Pruitt and assistant coach Todd Humphry.

Final Team Standings

Arkansas Tech	3-0
Central Arkansas	3-1
Ouachita	3-1
Hendrix	3-0
Henderson	3-1
Southern Arkansas	3-0
Ouachita	3-0
Hendrix	3-0
Henderson	3-0
Southern Arkansas	2-3

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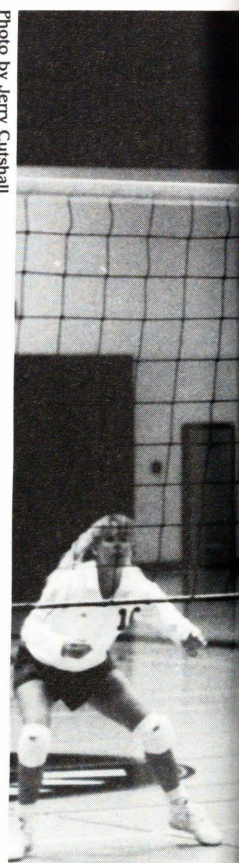


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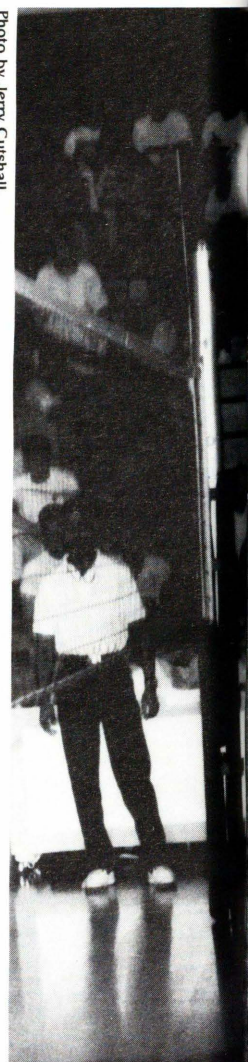


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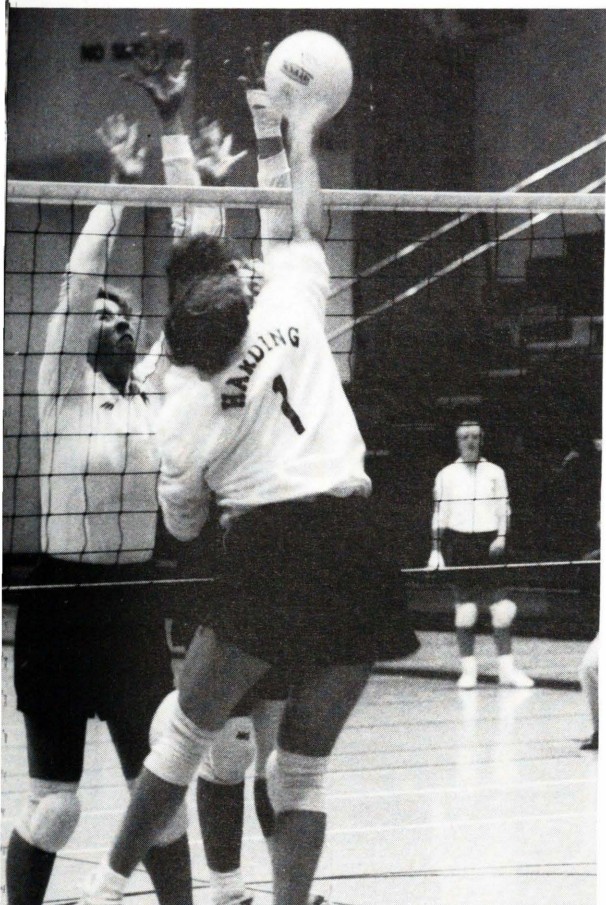


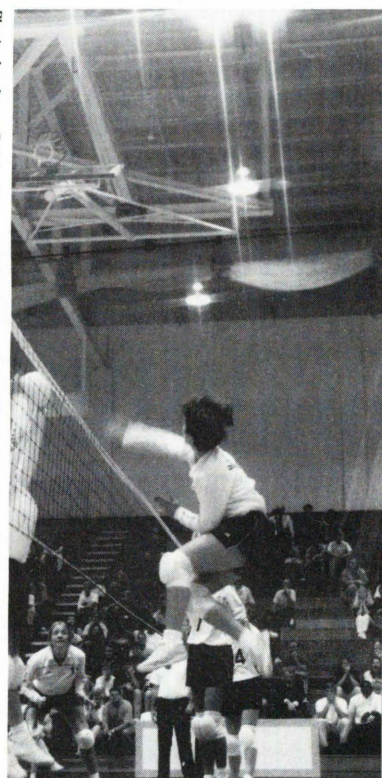
Photo by Jerry Cushman.

LET'S NOT FIGHT. Trying to work around the hands in her way, Wendi Scott goes for a winner. The Lady Bisons had a history-making season by going to nationals.

POW-WOW TIME. The Lady Bison volleyball team gathers 'round for a post-practice spirit raiser. This was typical of a team that was known for its spirit and unity.



Photo by Jerry Cushman.



BOMBS AWAY. Anna McFadden puts down a "smoking" spike against Hendrix. The Lady Bisons won the AIC championship.

TEAMWORK. Robin King goes up for the return while Kathleen Bassham, Susan Humphry, Larrie Maples and Tammy Kodatt prepare for the next play. Teamwork was an important factor in their success.

GO FOR IT. Kim Hudson sets up for a sure basket even with all the opposition around. Hudson set a single game scoring record of 34 points.

NO TOUCHING IT NOW. Avoiding the Lady Tigers' block, Cindy Camp shoots to put points on the board. Camp was one of two freshmen starters.

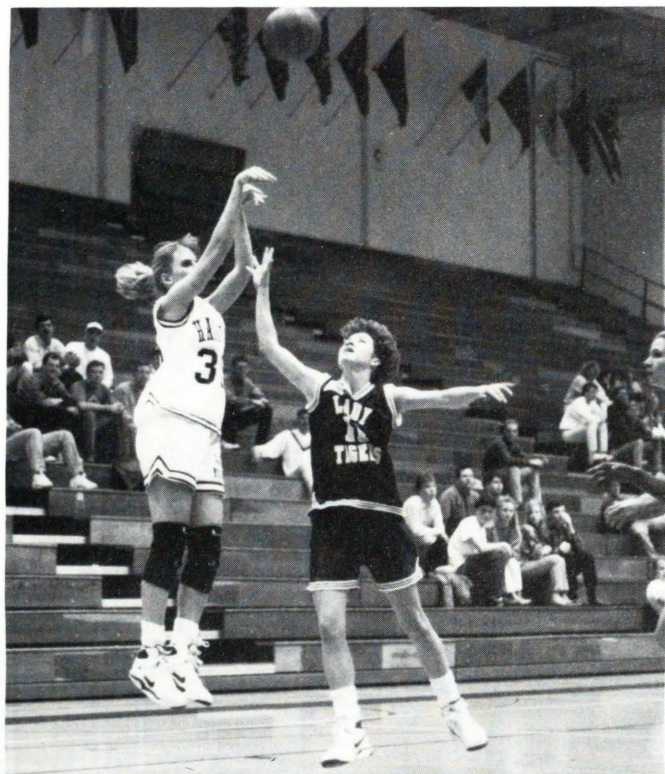
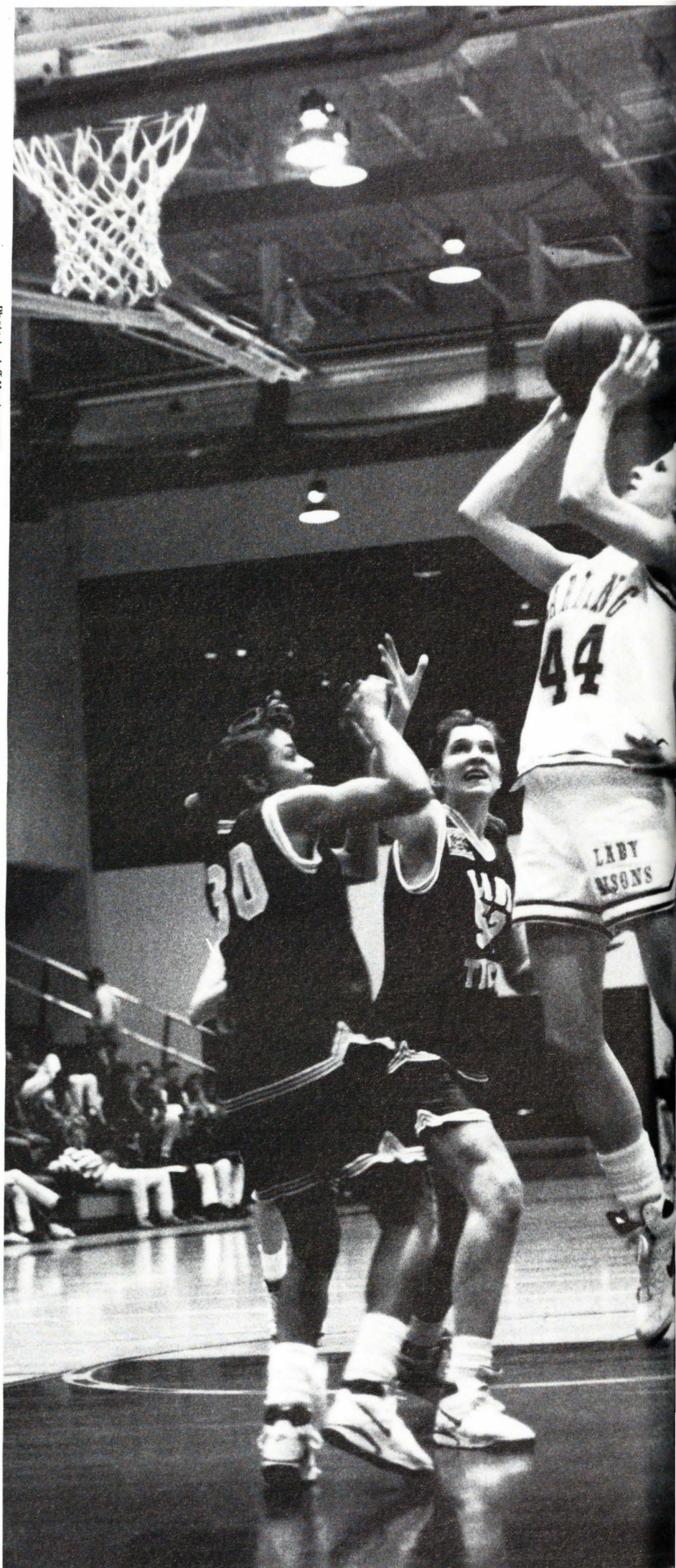


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COMING THROUGH. There's no stopping Cindy Camp because she's moving with a mission to score. This was the first time they had a 20 game win during a regular season.



Heated Hoops

Lady Bisons Break 20 Win Mark

The 1991-92 Lady Bisons had a record breaking basketball season.

In the seventh year of the program, Harding shattered several team and individuals records. The most important record was in the win/loss column where the Lady Bisons finished 21-9. This marked not only the first time any Harding team broke the 20 win barrier, but it was also the first ever winning season for the women's program. President Burks described the season as "fantastic." He said, "It's taken a monumental effort to win this many games. This has been a year of tremendous growth for the team."

The Lady Bisons also established a team record by posting a 9-7 conference record. Harding also hosted and won its first ever NAIA District 17 play-off game.

Coach Gregg Harnden said that the success of the team came from a mix of youth

and experience. Harnden said, "We're a young team, and we're going to get better."

The players were responsible for setting several records for the Lady Bison program. Cindy Camp set an individual season record for assists with 100. Nancee Wilson blocked 42 shots to establish a record.

Kymm Hudson and Jama Holman both set two records. Hudson's records came in the scoring department. She broke the individual season scoring record with 502 points. She also broke the single game scoring record with 34 points against UAM. Holman established new records in the three point category. She made 54 in the season for a new season team record. Six of those came against OBU to set a single

Our goal was to play hard and together as a team.

—Coach Gregg Harnden

game record.

Harnden said, "Our goal was to play hard and together as a team. The majority of the time that's what we tried to do. That's why we were successful." ♦

— Myleea Hill

Final Team Standings

Henderson
61-56
Ozarks
73-62
SAU
86-77
Arkansas Tech
46-83
Ouachita
85-76
UCA
56-62
UA-Monticello
71-75
Arkansas College
60-62
Henderson
60-52
Ozarks
64-63
SAU
87-56
Arkansas Tech
59-80
Ouachita
80-76
UCA
74-73
UA-Monticello
84-94
Arkansas College
78-81



LADY BISON BASKETBALL TEAM. 1st row (l to r): Heather Hill, Jama Holman, Angie Hudson, Sissy Reaper, Marla Lewis, Jennifer Newhart, Kristy Wood, Zondra Harris. 2nd row: Greg Harnden (Head Coach), Kara Hutchinson Payne (Grad. Assistant), Cindy Camp, Kymm Hudson, Nancee Wilson, Vickie Herekamp, Karyl Hartsfield, Ronny Marlow (Trainer), Joy Wilson (Manager), and David Elliot (Asst. Coach).

Detonating Dribbles

Hard Work And Commitment Pay Off

Photo by Jeff Montgomery.

The 1991-92 Bisons had an up and down season, finishing with an overall record of 12 wins, 17 losses. The team suffered heartbreaking losses to Arkansas College and Hendrix College but were able to rebound and finish the season with an impressive road win over Arkansas Tech University.

The season-ending-win against Tech was the highlight of the season. Harding had not beaten Tech in four years. The Bisons went into the game as the underdog but came out the winner. The Bisons had to play without their leading scorer, Thomas Nesbitt, but a great team effort produced the win. Each time that Tech challenged the Bison lead, the Bisons elevated their level of play. All of the hard work, commitment, and frustrating losses paid off.

Personal achievements included career high scores in a game by Morris Williams with 31 points against Philander Smith and

by Thomas Nesbitt with 32 points in the game against UA-Monticello. In the game against Arkansas College, Ronnie Brothers, a junior transfer, tied the Bison school record of the most three-pointers in a single game with six. These three players and the rest of the Bisons, except for senior David Collins will be back next season. Collins, a 6-6 four year letterman from Valley Springs, Ark., averaged 9 points and 4.5 rebounds a game. His talents as a Bison forward will be missed.

The Bisons displayed a "never-say-die" attitude from the beginning to the end of the season. Coach Nicky Boyd summed the season up after the victory over Arkansas Tech, "Not many teams end their season with a win, and we did. I am very proud of the way the guys played with-

out their leading scorer. It was a great team effort; I couldn't be prouder. All season long the guys never quit playing. I'm looking forward to good things next year." ♦

— Suzanne Dunlap

All season
long the guys
never quit
playing.
—Coach Nicky
Boyd



BISON BASKETBALL TEAM. 1st row (l to r): Thomas Norfleet, Jason Atkins, Tige Lewis, Ryan Tandy, Keith Nelson, Chuck Carter, Donald Owens, Ronnie Brothers, Chris Harris (Manager). 2nd row: David Todd (Assistant Coach), Trent Bass (Graduate Assistant), Morris Williams, Eddie Robinson, Allen Bishop, David Collins, James O'Clair, Jason Parker, Sigmond Donelson, Thomas Nesbitt, and Nicky Boyd (Head Coach).

Final Team Standings

Ozarks	74-104
SAU	73-104
Arkansas Tech	51-69
Ouachita	82-75
UCA	60-80
UA-Monticello	92-123
Arkansas College	81-83
Henderson	66-78
Hendrix	86-74
Ozarks	67-69
SAU	73-61
Ouachita	68-79
UCA	63-86
UA-Monticello	113-105
Arkansas College	54-60
Henderson	85-94
Hendrix	82-83
Arkansas Tech	77-72



WHEN PUSH COMES TO SHOVE. Morris Williams decides to go up for two points. Williams served as a captain of the basketball team.

LIGHT AS A FEATHER. Thomas Nesbitt seems to get some support from a Ouachita opponent while shooting in the air. The team had less experience than ones in the past because it was a young team.

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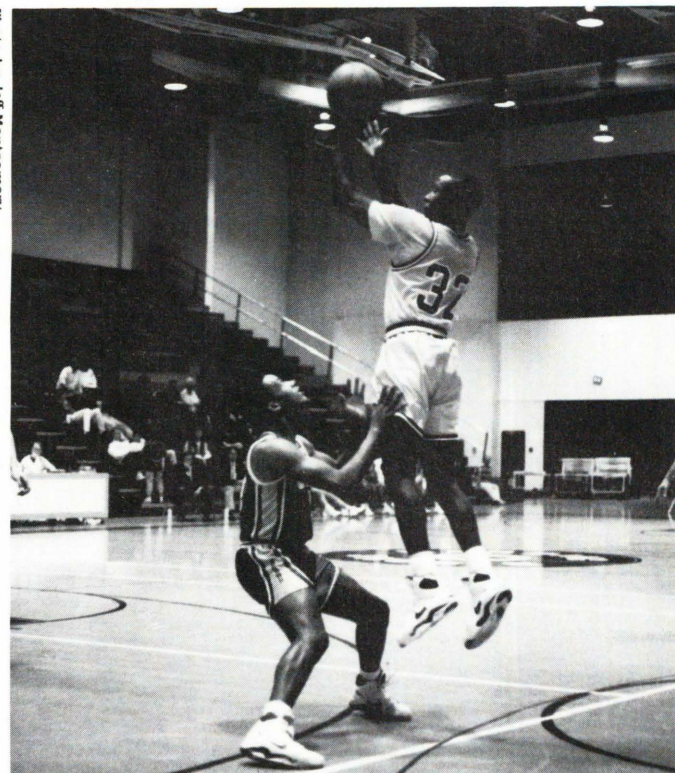


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HANGIN' AROUND. Thomas Nesbitt, suspended in the air waits, along with Ronnie Brothers, and Morris Williams to see whether or not a basket is made. Williams was the leading scorer and rebounder.

COMIN' AT 'CHA. John Bossong, relief pitcher for the Bisons, shows his outstanding talents as he ends his wind-up with a sure strike. Bossong was a mainstay for the Bison bull-pen this year.

BUILD IT, AND HE WILL COME. It was no field of dreams as Bart Jones hit this one out of the ballpark. Jones, a junior from Bono, AR, was the designated hitter and also played first base for the Bisons.



Photo by Leslie Downs.



Photo by Leslie Downs.

SWING BATTER-BATTER. Catcher Shane Fullerton awaits the flaming fastball so he can pick-off the runner on first. A keen eye and defensive skills set Fullerton apart as one of the best catchers in the AIC.



Burning Bats

Victory Over SAU Ends the Season With A Hit

Even with the loss of hitters because of graduation, the baseball team was still competitive. "The team was fairly young," said Coach Steve Smith. Smith also said that the offense was better because of the leadership of veteran senior players.

Throughout the season Edward Huerta and Nick Fouts were the outstanding pitchers. Huerta pitched five wins and six losses while Fouts pitched four wins and one loss. It was hoped that they would improve on their impressive first-year records as they matured with the team.

Highlights of the season were both wins against University of Arkansas at Little Rock, and the two very close games against Memphis State University and Ole Miss. The spring break trip to Florida was a memorable one as the team defeated the No. 6 ranked West Florida.

Larry Cheshier and Robert Cooper, both seniors, made all-conference. Cheshier had the strong batting average of .319, while Cooper held an impressive .372 batting average. Out of Cooper's 48 hits, 25 were extra base hits, including 5 home runs. Both Cheshier and Cooper tied for most homeruns and most RBI's.

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—Coach Steve
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The season was ended on a positive note by the triumph over Southern Arkansas University. Coach Smith, as well as the returning team members, had high hopes for the team in the future. "Losing Larry (Cheshier), Robert (Cooper), and Brandon (Harrell) will definitely affect us," said senior Archie Shelton, "But hopefully someone will step up and take their places. I think we will be successful next year!" ♦

— Vicki Jackson

final team standings

SAU
0-1
0-2

OBU
0-0
0-7

UAM
0-6
0-14

ATU
0-2
0-2

UCA
0-7
10-0

HSU
0-2
5-0

OBU
9-0
0-4

UAM
2-0
0-1



BISON BASEBALL TEAM. 1st row (l to r): Edgar Heurta, Mark Crafton, Jason French, Jeff Crone, Trevor Black, Craig Laird, Eric Heim, Jeff Phillips, Matt Mycaffee, Jerry Laird. 2nd row: Andy Kinser (Grad. Assistant), Brandon Harrell, Steve Rose, Chris Byrd, Wade Darnell, Pete Phillis, Archie Shelton, Nick Fouts, John Mycaffee, Shane Fullerton, Coach Steve Smith. 3rd row: John Bossong, Robert Cooper, Steven Nutt, Clint Davis, Randall Hunter, Bart Jones, Larry Cheshier, Paul Mann, Pat McGaha, Lance Boyd, and Eric Dotson.

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Cracklin' Clubs

Golf Team Loses Showalter But Gains Ragsdale

This year the Bison golf team proved that they just get better as each team member pushed himself to his limit. With each swing of the club, the Bisons' performance and spirits improved from past years, garnering conference and All-District honors in the process.

The Bisons finished third in the eight-team AIC golf conference for the third straight year behind their usual rivals, Henderson State University and Arkansas Tech.

The year's series of tournaments prepared them for the District 17 contest in Hot Springs. "These guys were all fine Christian young men who played hard and didn't give up," said Russell Showalter, the team's coach. "You couldn't ask for a better bunch of boys. I was very proud of them."

Mark Burt set the pace for the team with a 76.2 average. He was named All-District and All-AIC for his seventh place finish in the conference.

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—Coach Russell Showalter

Bart McFarland finished eleventh with a 77.4 average. He was also named All-District.

All the starting five returned for the 1992 season. Only Jason Nier completed his eligibility. "I think the guys will do well since most of last year's team is returning," Showalter said.

Showalter retired in August and was replaced by Scott Ragsdale, an assistant football coach. Mike Emerson became the assistant coach for the golf team. Ragsdale was excited at the chance to lead the team to even greater future victories. "I am pleased to be able to work with these guys; we have a lot of talent and they're hard workers," said Ragsdale. "We want to try to improve on the past. I believe we have the power to do

even better!" ♦

— Vicki Jackson



Golf Team. 1st row (l to r): Mark Burt, Todd Rhinehart, Bart McFarland, Darrell Welch, Jason Nier. 2nd row: Hunter Ray, Tom Koller, Russ Maile, Rod Bonham, Ken Ash, and Coach Russell Showalter.

final team standings

Henderson	53
Tech	49
Harding	40
Ouachita	38
Central Arkansas	38
Southern Arkansas	26
Ozarks	14.5
Hendrix	14.5
Arkansas College	7

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TEEING OFF. Junior Mark Burt takes a practice swing. Burt was named All-District and placed seventh in the conference.

ACROSS THE GREEN. Bart McFarland walks to the next hole. McFarland placed seventh in the conference.

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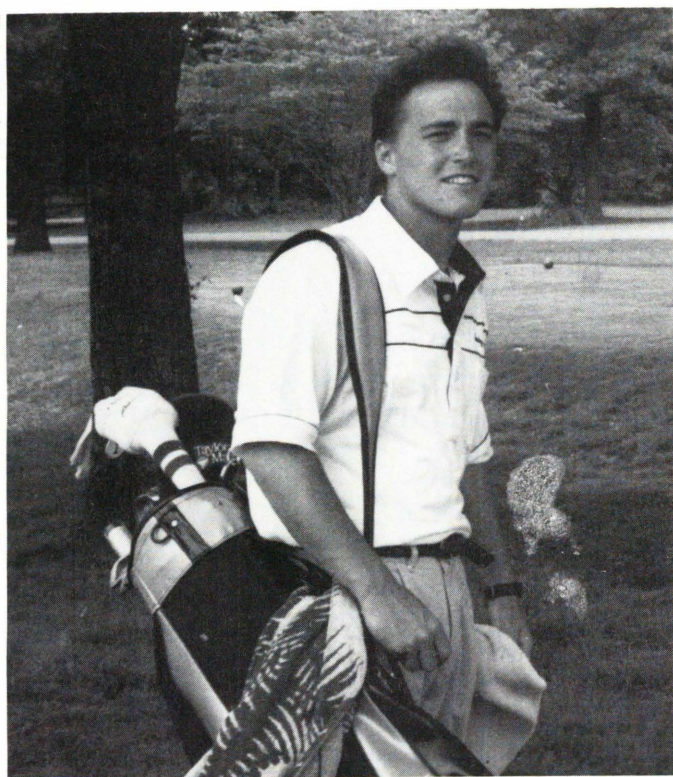
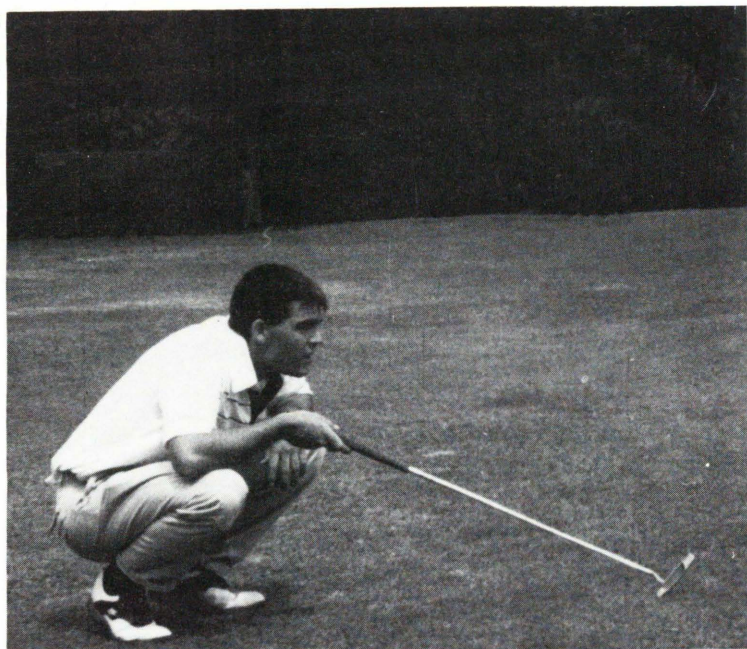


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EYEING AN ANGLE. Darren Welch lines the ball up with the hole at the Searcy Golf Course. The Bisons placed third in the AIC.

Ace In The Hole. Dave Webb prepares to serve up a winner to finish the set with a victory. Webb helped the team to end the season as district 17 and AIC Champs.

POWER SWING. Ernesto Tovar practices his back hand. The Bison Netters finished 11th in the NAIA, the highest finish so far.



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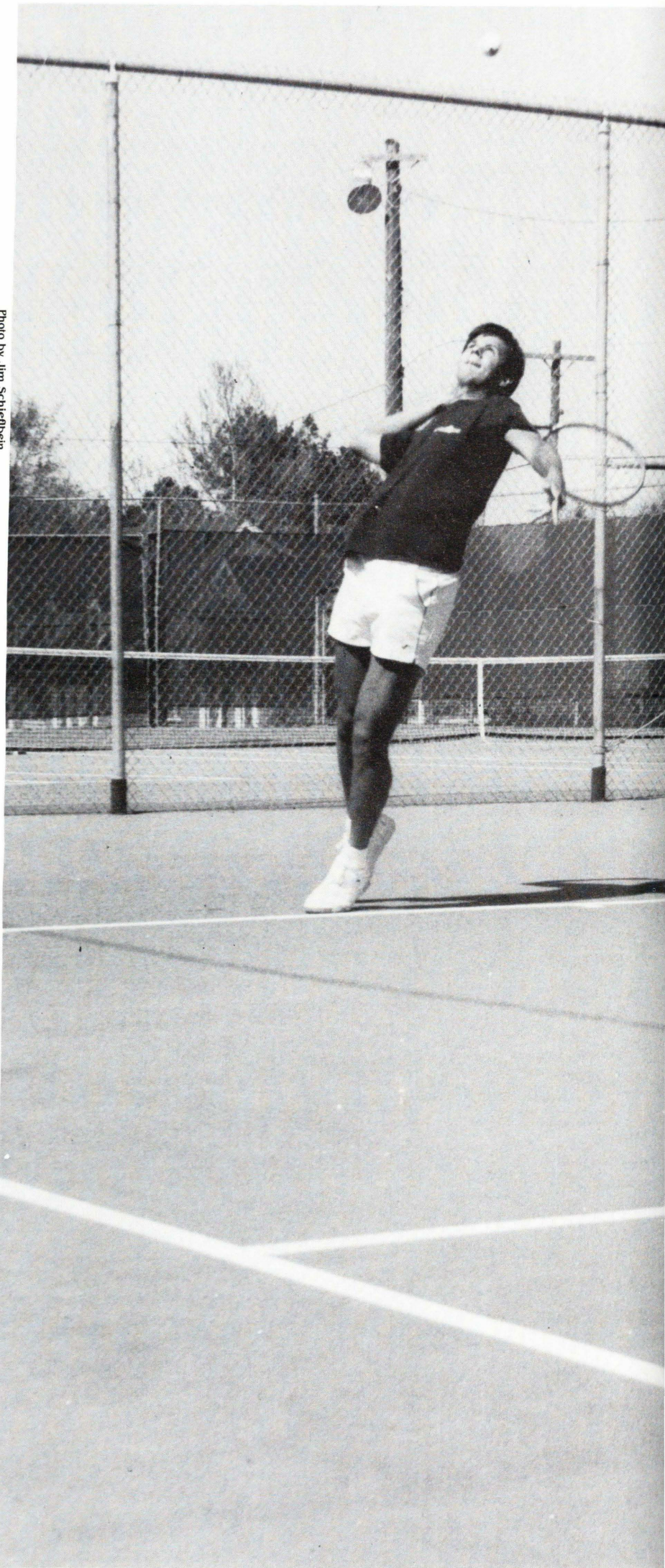


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TAKING IT EASY. Chet Black and Octavio Rivas rest after a long game of tennis. The tennis team spent many hours practicing.

Sizzlin' Serves

Netters Take 11th In The NAIA

Finishing as AIC champs, District 17 champs, and eleventh in the NAIA, the Bison tennis team has certainly left their mark. The team remained undefeated in conference and district for three and two years respectively.

The outstanding team, consisting of Octavio Rivas, David Webb, Luis Garcia, Richie Roberts, Rigo Rosales, and Ernesto Tovar, practiced consistently and displayed a large measure of determination. The team held the memory of the previous year's victorious record before them as incentive to out-do themselves this season. Senior David Webb explained, "We sometimes practiced two times a day before national because we knew we had a chance at winning. There was something in the air, we had lot more drive and determination."

Their vision of an even more successful record became a reality as the season

closed with 24 wins and 3 losses.

One great accomplishment of the year was that each of the six members of the team made All-District. Roberts, Rosales, Tovar, and Garcia were also named to the 1991 All-AIC men's tennis team.

Coach David Elliot received well-deserved recognition by being named AIC coach of the year. Elliot's only disappointment was the knowledge that all six players would not be returning in the fall.

The tradition of excellence that was kept by the tennis team left a brilliant fire of accomplishments behind, a fire that the new team will be challenged to keep alive. ♦

— Vicki Jackson

“
Next year
there will be a
big tradition left
behind to carry
on.

—Coach David
Elliot

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final team standings

Ark. College
9-0

UCA
8-1

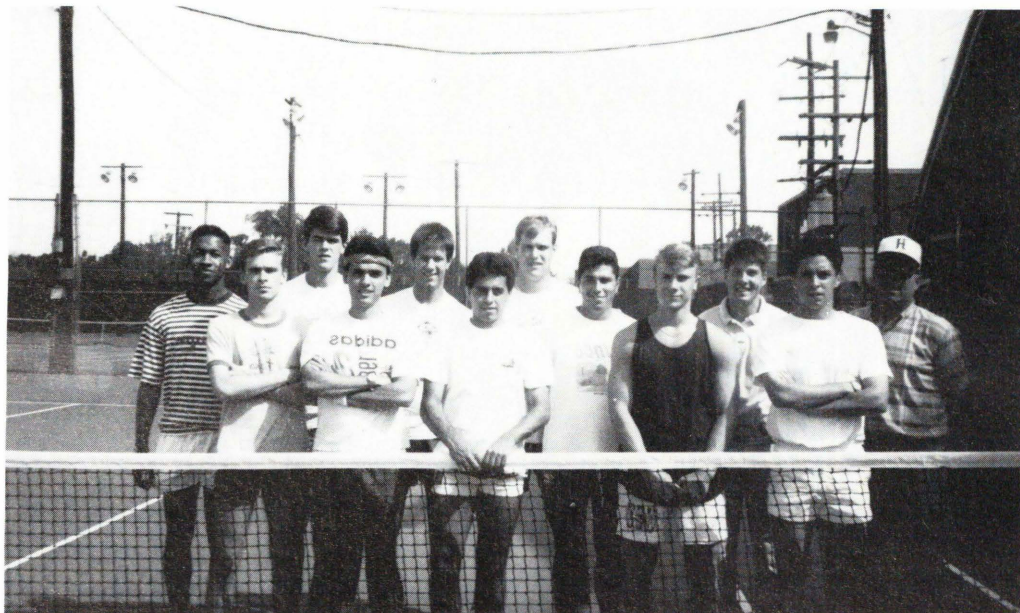
Henderson
9-0

Hendrix
9-0

OBU
9-0

SAU
9-0

ATU
9-0



Tennis Team: 1st row (l to r): Chet Black, Kelly Barden, Duane Barron, Ernesto Tovar, Dave Webb, Luis Garcia, Terry Childress, Rigo Rosales, Kevin Wells, Richie Roberts, Octavio Rivas, and David Elliot.

Flaming Finishes

Certainly A "Record Breaking" Season

The women's track team proved that they were a force to be reckoned with during the 1991-92 season. The Lady Bisons garnered awards, broke records and won applause from their coach and peers alike for their stellar performance and commitment to excellence.

The women's Bison track team had two members who received All-American in the indoor: junior Kelsie Hutchison in the mile and freshman Shauna Queen in the 1000 meter run. Hutchison set a new record of 437.8 seconds in the 1500 meter run, and Queen ran the 800 meter in 213.96 seconds.

Junior Lori Wright helped the team's standings greatly by winning the 400 meter low hurdles at the AIC meet. She broke the former record setting a new one of 63.68 seconds. The discus record was broken by Carrie Blodgett during the season setting it at 128 feet, 10 inches. Blodgett finished first in the shot put at the AIC meet at Southern Arkansas University in

Magnolia.

This season the track team came very close to winning first in the conference. Coach Bryan Phillips commented, "If it weren't for injuries, we could have won first in the conference instead of tying." Phillips was proud of the teamwork and effort shown this season. "They were a pretty gutsy team. They performed in events that weren't their specialties so that we could have a chance at enough points for a team championship. They were unbelievable; they really impressed me with their spirit and enthusiasm." ♦

— Vicki Jackson

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—Coach Bryan
Phillips



Photo by Leslie Downs.



WOMEN'S TRACK TEAM. 1st row (l to r): Laura Dillman, Melane Cardin, Shauna Queen, Kara Hutchinson, Coach Bryan Phillips. 2nd row: Chandra Latimer, Carrie Blodgett, Angie Phillips, Kelsie Hutchison, Carrie Hayward. 3rd row: Coach Ted Lloyd, Diana Jenkins, Wendi Scott, Lori Wright, Johnette Lever, Keri Hutchison, and Jon Murray (grad. assistant).

final team standings

Harding
161

Southern Arkansas
161

Arkansas College
103

Hendrix
18

UCA
10



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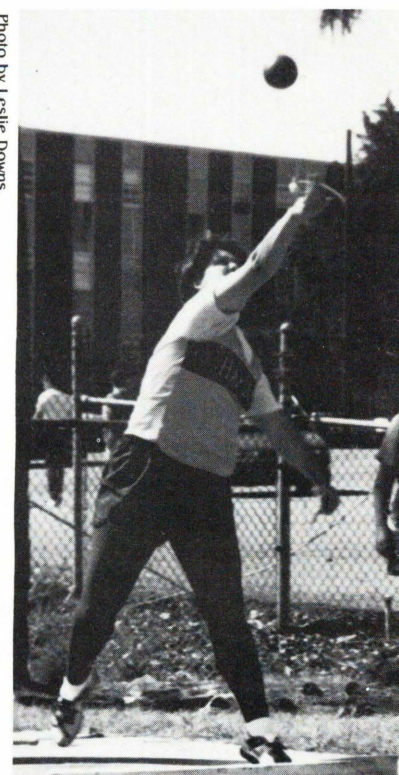


TURNING THINGS AROUND. Carrie Blodgett hurls the discus at the district meet. Blodgett was a critical member of the team as she broke the district record taking first in the discus event.

SETTING THE PACE. Shauna Queen finishes out the race in front during the AIC race. Queen broke the record for the 800 meter run.



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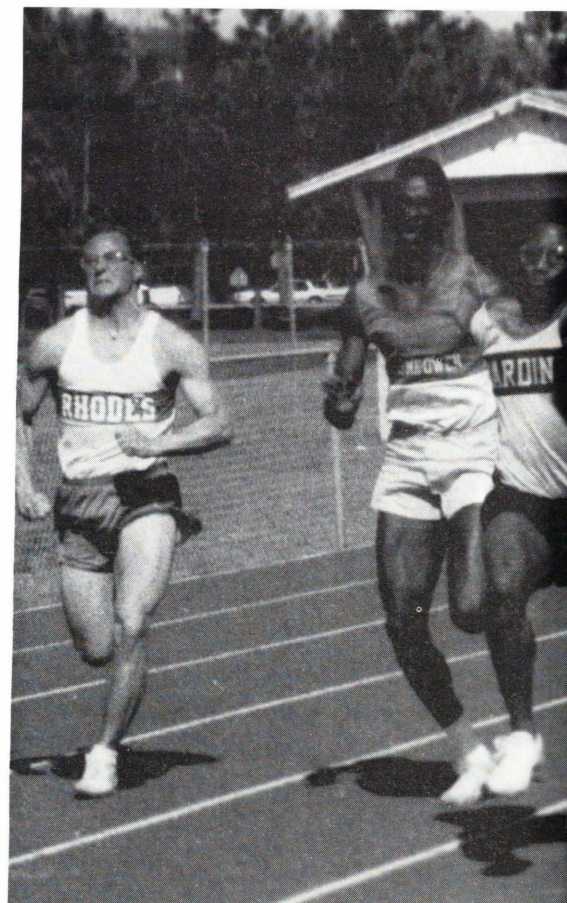


LONG DISTANCE THROW. Carrie Blodgett demonstrates her gift for putting the shot. Blodgett placed first in the shotput at the AIC meet at SAU.

STRETCHIN' OUT. Larrie Maples prepares to reach greater lengths in the long jump. Field events were opportunities for winning points in track meets.

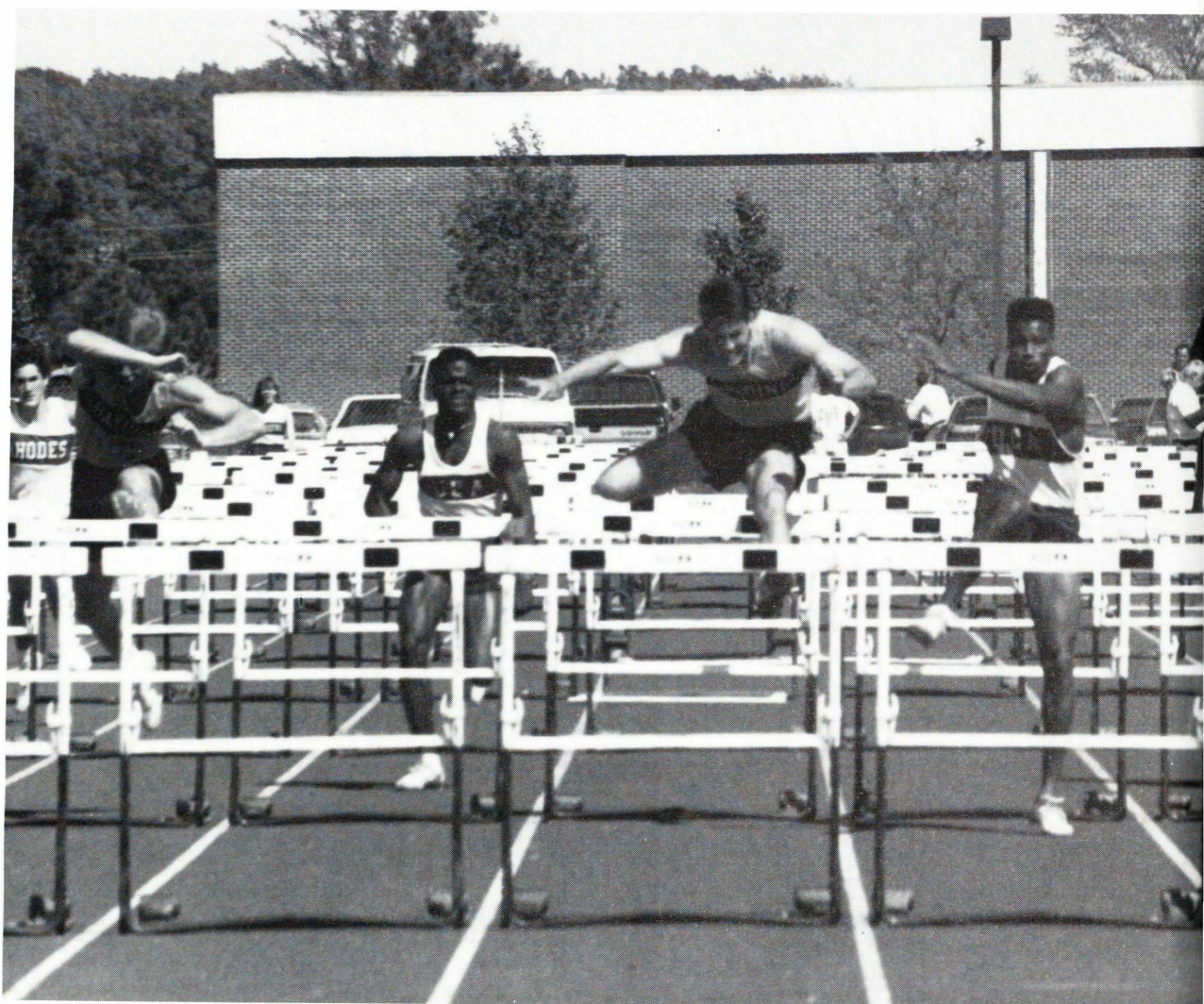
FAST AS BLUE BLAZES. Barry Bowens cruises past his competitors in this running event. The Bison tracksters finished 1st in the District 17 indoor conference.

AND THEY'RE OFF. Damon Work, Todd Farr, Nathan Mills, and Tim Seay begin the long haul to the finish line. Several new records were set by members of the Bison team during the season.



LET 'ER RIP. Mark Thomas hurls the discus for the Bison team. Thomas managed to represent Harding athletics in football as well as track.

ADVANCING BY LEAPS AND BOUNDS. Hurdlers Shawn Humphrey, Jon Newby, and Billy Edwards clear their obstacles as they intently press on to their finishes. Hurdling was an event that took much precision and skill.



Torrid Tracksters

Closest To Championship In Ten Years

The 1991-92 season proved to be one of broken records and well-deserved honors for the Bison men's track team.

Reaching new heights, the Bison track team received their first All-American in the 400 meter hurdles at the NAIA national outdoor track meet in Stephenville, Texas. While achieving this honor, sophomore, Jon Newby broke the school record of 53.0 with his time of 52.9. This double honor came as a shock to Newby whose mind was on the race and not on breaking new ground. "I was surprised when the coach told me. It wasn't a goal of mine to break the school record. That was the fastest I had ever run, and, being the last race I ran — it was a great way to end the season."

Other participants for the Bisons in the National Meet were senior Barry Bowens (long jump), junior Shawn Humphrey (110 M

HH), sophomore Allen Gill (marathon), freshman Billy Edwards (400 M IH) and senior Jimmy Sloan (pole vault). "The team put forth an excellent effort at the National meet," remarked Coach Bryan Phillips.

"This was the closest the men have come to winning a championship in 10 years."
—Coach Bryan Phillips

Sloan was named All-American in the pole vault. A highlight of the season, as Coach Phillips recalled, was Sloan's win at the indoor meet at University of Oklahoma in the pole vault which set a new school record of 16' 6".

Coach Phillips felt that the Bisons had a very good season, finishing first in indoor and second in outdoor of the District 17 conference. "It was the closest the men have come to winning a championship in ten years," commented Coach Phillips. ♦

— Vicki Jackson

final team standings

UCA
134

Harding
114

SAU
104

OBU
82

Henderson
56

UAM
27

Arkansas College
8

Hendrix
1



Men's Track Team. 1st row (l to r): David Rubio, Tquan Moore, Jason Koch, Nathan Mills. 2nd row: Damon Work, Allen Gill, Jimmy Sloan, Dave Hutson, Chris Hobby, Barry Bowens. 3rd row: Jon Murray, Shawn Hunphrey, Todd Farr, Tim Seay, Scott Field, Billy Edwards, and Coach Bryan Phillips.

Sparkling Spirit

Blending Skill With Spirit

The fans of the Bisons just expect to find cheerleaders rooting on the various teams, but sometimes the question of how the cheerleaders become a part of the squad arises. "I feel like the teams need the support of the cheerleaders," said cheerleading sponsor, Patty Barrett.

Before the actual tryouts, the women attended a clinic taught by other women. The clinic lasted for at least a week, and there the women were taught the fight song, cheers, chants, and were helped with their jumps and moves. During tryouts the women did group cheers and chants and then they did several individual cheers and jumps. They were judged on their individual ability as well as their ability to work and mesh with others in a group.

The judges were basically from around here and were composed of former cheerleaders, former students, staff, faculty and the women who ran the clinic. In addition,

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—Sponsor
Patty Barrett

the women who were trying out turned in a different type of ballot voting on the women they wanted to cheer and work with. Their votes were also considered. It is important that the women chosen can work with one another, and there not be any major conflicts.

There were seven cheerleaders for basketball and eight for football, plus the mascot. "I enjoyed my time with the girls," Barrett said, "I only wish I could spend more time with them." As sponsor, Barrett traveled with the squad and attended every game.

The traveling was exhausting at times, especially in basketball season when the cheerleaders followed the team to different colleges 2 or 3 nights in a row. Barrett added that Harding was trying to work out a way to have

cheerleaders for the women's athletic teams. Both cheerleading squads worked hard and gave of their time to make sure the teams had their support. ♦

— Vicki Jackson



FOOTBALL CHEERLEADERS. 1st row (l to r): Lori Adkins, Lori Griffin, Monica Kimbrell, Jennifer Fly. 2nd row: Kelly Cooper, Ashley House, Laura Cobb and Sandy McGee.

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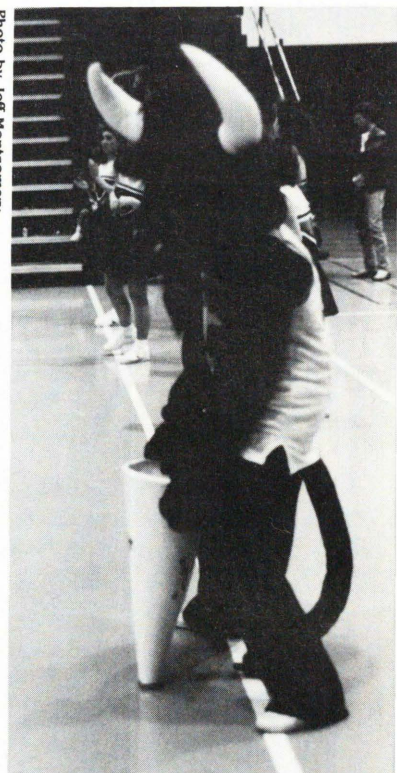
GO, FIGHT, WIN. Cindi Downum, along with the other cheerleaders, stirs up the crowd at a home basketball game. The cheerleaders traveled continuously throughout the year.

BASKETBALL CHEERLEADERS. 1st row (l to r): Kelly Cooper, Laura Cobb, Tracie West. 2nd row: Connie Newell, Cindi Downum, Monica Kimbrell and Jill Wood.

Photo by Jeff Montgomery.



Photo by Jeff Montgomery.



WORKS BEST THE OTHER WAY. The Bison mascot works at adding Bison-powered spirit to the game. The mascot was different for the football and basketball squad.

SPIRIT-LET'S HEAR IT. The Bison cheerleaders make sure the crowd participates in the game. Both were important to the success of the football team.

GETTING WARMED UP. Shauna Queen and Andrea Robertson take their warm-up run in preparation for their conference run. Queen finished first in the race while Robertson finished eighth.

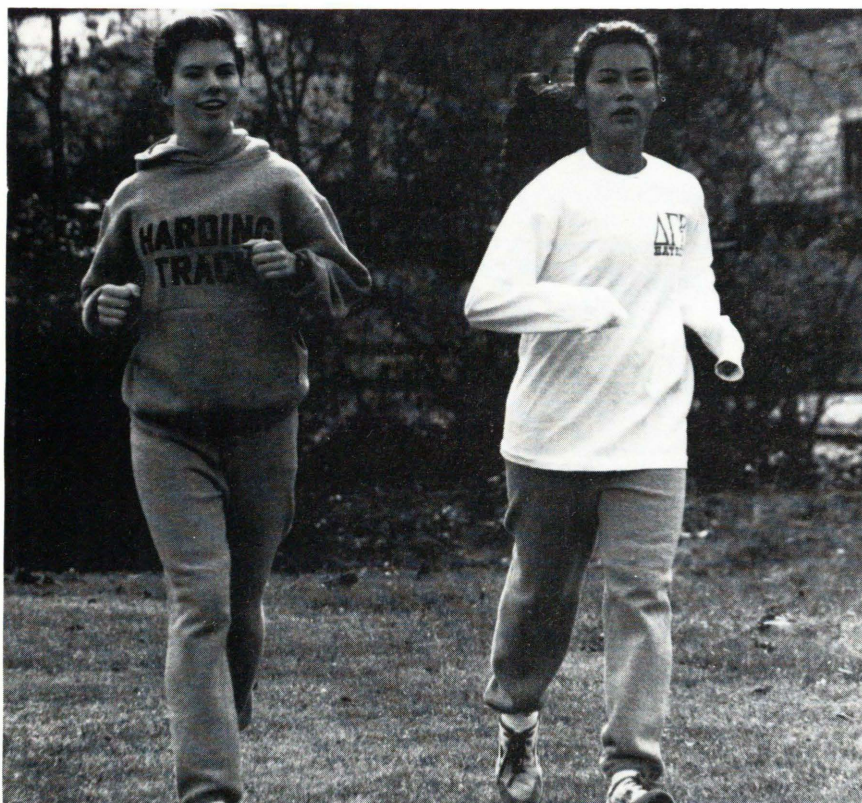


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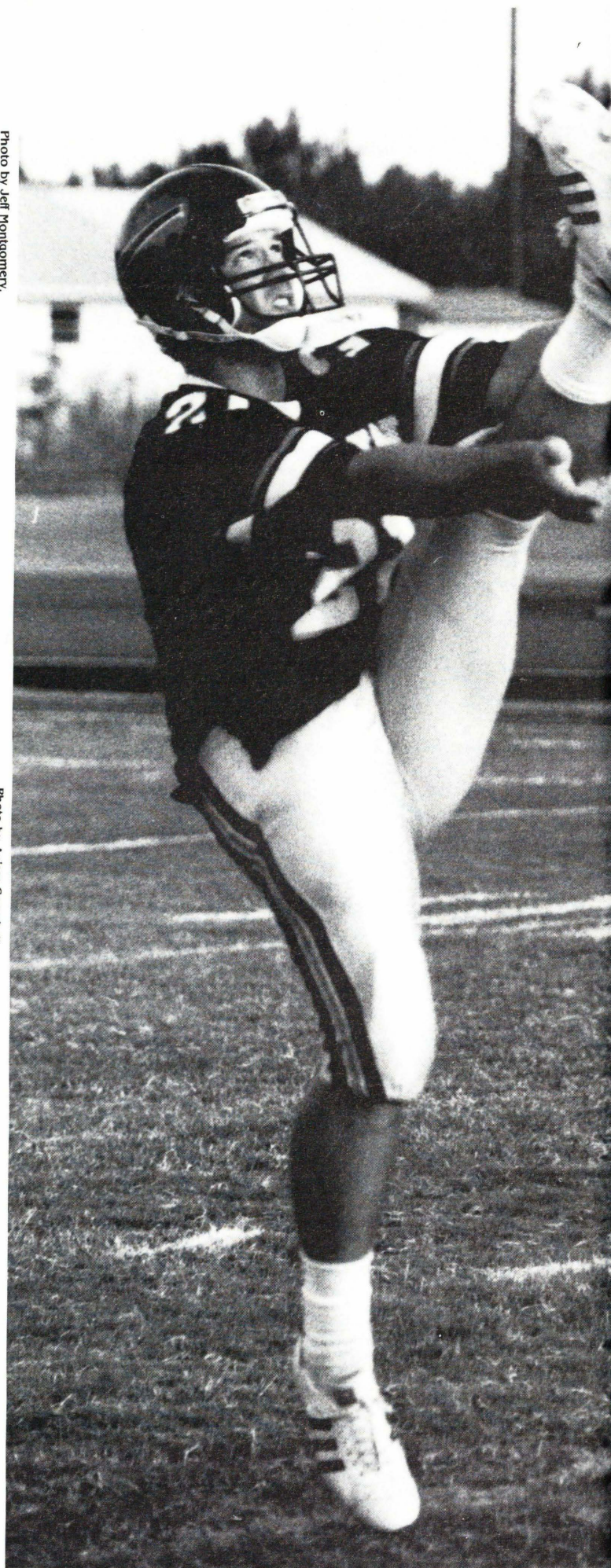


Photo by Anissa Campbell.



RIGHT THERE. Tammy Kodatt concentrates hard for perfect precision. Kodatt's skill helped the team reach nationals for the first time ever.

JUST FOR KICKS. Punter Mark Thomas is frozen in high kick position as he watches to see how far the ball will travel. Thomas was the Bison's prominent punter.

All-Stars Ablaze

Athletes Gain Due Recognition

FOOTBALL ALL-STARS

Darrell Biggers: ALL-AIC, 2nd team-slot back.
Kyle City: ALL-AMERICAN Scholar Athlete.
Chico Ford: ALL-AIC, 2nd team-offensive line.
Pat Gill: ALL-AMERICAN, 1st team; ALL-AIC, 1st team-linebacker.
Jon Newby: ALL-AMERICAN Honorable Mention; ALL-AIC, 1st team-defensive back.
Tad Niblett: ALL-AIC, 2nd team-quarterback.
Lance Proctor: ALL-AIC, 2nd team-offensive line.
Denairius Robinson: ALL-AIC, 2nd team-punt returner.
Ron Sparkman: ALL-AIC, 2nd team-receiver.
Wayne Shorter: ALL-AIC, 2nd team-fullback.
Mark Thomas: ALL-AMERICAN Honorable Mention; ALL-AIC, 2nd team-pun
Matt Thompson: ALL-AMERICAN Honorable Mention; ALL-AIC, 1st team-defensive end; ALL-AMERICAN Scholar Athlete.

VOLLEYBALL ALL-STARS

Susan Humphry: ALL-AIC, ALL-DISTRICT.
Tammy Kodatt: ALL-AIC; ALL-DISTRICT.

CROSS COUNTRY ALL STARS

Allen Gill: ALL-AIC.
Nathan Mills: ALL-AIC.
Kelsie Hutchison: ALL-AIC.
Dave Hutson: ALL-AIC.

Andrea Robertson: ALL-AIC.
Shauna Queen: ALL-AIC.

TRACK ALL-STARS

Nathan Mills: ALL-AIC.
Jon Newby: ALL-AIC; ALL-AMERICAN, Men's Outdoor Track.
Tim Seay: ALL-AIC.
Jim Sloan: ALL-AIC; ALL-AMERICAN, Men's Outdoor Track.
Carrie Blodgett: ALL-AIC.
Kara Hutchison: ALL-AIC.
Kelsie Hutchison: ALL-AIC; ALL-AMERICAN, Women's Indoor Track.
Shauna Queen: ALL-AIC; ALL-AMERICAN, Women's Indoor Track.
Lori Wright: ALL-AIC.

GOLF ALL-STARS

Mark Burt: ALL-AIC.

TENNIS ALL-STARS

Leo Bravo: ALL-AIC; ALL-DISTRICT.
Luis Garcia: ALL-AMERICAN; ALL-AIC; ALL-DISTRICT.
Octavio Rivas: ALL-AIC; ALL-DISTRICT.
Ritchie Roberts: ALL-AIC; ALL-DISTRICT.
Rigo Rosales: ALL-AIC; ALL-DISTRICT.
Ernesto Tovar: ALL-AIC; ALL-DISTRICT.
David Webb: ALL-AIC; ALL-DISTRICT. ♦



FOOTBALL ALL-STARS. 1st row (l to r): Jon Newby, Matt Thompson, Tad Biblett, Ron Sparkman. 2nd row: Denairius Robinson, Lance Proctor, Chico Ford, and Darrell Biggers.