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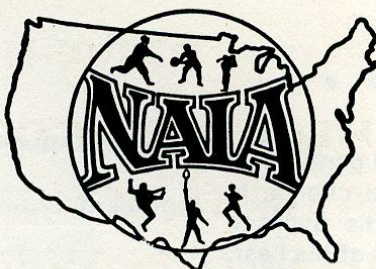
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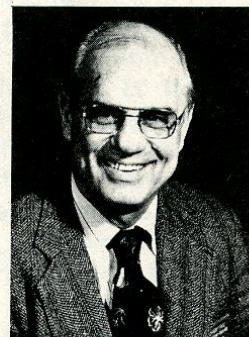
Dear Football Fan:

On behalf of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) I would like to take this opportunity to extend greetings and welcome you to today's game.

It is the strong feeling of the NAIA that intercollegiate athletics are an integral part of the total educational process. More than 65,000 athletes are annually involved in our organization's athletic program. Football is just one of 15 sports sponsored by the NAIA. The outstanding quality of NAIA Football is indicated by the large number of former NAIA athletes presently on National Football League rosters.

The culmination of our season is the Division I and II national championship games. The Division II national championship will be decided on Saturday, December 3, 1977 at a site of one of the participating teams. It gives me a great deal of pleasure to announce that our Division I national championship game will be played on Saturday, December 10, 1977 in the Kingdome in Seattle, Washington. The Division I championship game will now be known as The Apple Bowl. This year for the first time, a 14-week "NAIA Football Game of the Week" is being telecast via a syndicated network under the auspices of College Sports, Inc.

I echo the sentiment of our entire membership when I say thanks to you for your loyal support and dedication in making this football game an outstanding athletic competition in the best tradition of American higher education.



Dr. Harry Fritz

Sincerely,

Harry Fritz
Executive Director NAIA

THE LEGEND

STILL LIVES. . . .

Through the years legends have come and gone. Most of the time the average person never got a chance to meet the legend first hand. Contrary to the average person, people living in Ottawa saw a legend at his best. The man's name was Richard (Dick) Peters. Peters coached for 22 years at OU, 19 years of which he was the head coach of the football squad. As a head coach Peters compiled a 129-42-3 won, loss, tie record for a winning percentage of .750, a remarkable accomplishment. While an assistant to Wally Forsberg in 1946, 1947 and 1948 his squads ran up a 20-5-3 record. For the next four years, Peters was to be head coach at OU and compiled a 26-10-0 record finishing first in the conference twice and second twice. In 1953 Peters left OU and went to Southern Methodist University as an assistant coach. Following a four year stint at the Dallas, Texas school Peters came back to the head coaching duties he left, only to suffer two losing seasons in a row, the only two of his head coaching career. In 1957 his squad finished 4-5 overall and 3-4 in conference play for a fifth place finish in the conference, the worst of his career as a head coach. The following season the Braves slipped to 3-5-1 overall while 3-3-1 in conference play, good enough for a third place finish. For the next nine seasons Peters was to be the envy of the coaching world. During that span of time Peters' teams were to compile a record of 74-9-0, winning five conference championships, and finishing second the remaining four times. From 1960-1962 Peters' teams ran off 23 consecutive victories, and two years later the Braves, under Peters' direction, strung 19 consecutive victories together. During the first string the Braves scored 767 points or 35.5 a game and gave up 135 points or 5.9 a game. The second series of wins provided much of the same. The Braves tallied 705 points or 37.1 a game and yielded a mere 110 points or 5.7 a game. While the head football coach at OU, Peters totaled eight conference champions, six second place squads, three third place finishers, a fourth place stand and the fifth place finish in 1957. In addition to being an assistant football coach in 1946, Peters also coached on the track team. Peters went to high school in Valley Falls, Kansas and graduated from Kansas State University in 1946. He received his Master's Degree from Kansas University. Following the 1971 season Peters moved to Kansas State for an assistant coaching job. Peters died in 1972 of a heart attack, but as with many other legends, the name will always live.

Ottawa University honors Dick Peters, and it is because of his commitment to and enthusiasm for young people and their development, that we dedicate this program.



DICK PETERS COACHING CAREER

HIGH SCHOOL: Valley Falls, Kansas

COLLEGE: Kansas State University 1946

Master's Degree - Kansas University

Came to Ottawa University in 1946 as Assistant Football Coach and Track Coach.

Became Head Football Coach in 1949 after Wally Forsberg.

Record:

RECORD:

Year	All Games	Conference Games	Conference
	Win-Loss-Tie	Win-Loss-Tie	Standing
1946	7-1-1	6-1-1	2
1947	6-2-1	6-0-1	1
1948	7-3	6-0	1
1949	5-4	4-2	2
1950	7-2	6-0	1
1951	6-3	4-2	1
1952	8-1	5-1	2

1953-57: Assistant to Chalmer Woodard at Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas.

1957	4-5	3-4	5
1958	3-5-1	3-3-1	3
1959	6-3-0	6-1	2
1960	9-0	9-0	1
1961	9-0	9-0	1
1962	8-2-0	7-2	2
1963	9-1	8-1	2
1964	8-1	8-1	1
1965	9-0	9-0	1
1966	8-1	8-1	1
1967	8-1	8-1	2
1968	5-4	5-4	4
1969	5-4	3-2	3
1970	7-1-2	6-0	1
1971	5-4	4-3	3
Total	149-48-5	133-29-3	
Total as Head Coach:	129-42-3	115-21-1	

Dick was coaching at Ottawa when they had a 23-game winning streak from 1960 to the fall of 1962.

While he was Head Football Coach in 19 seasons at Ottawa, there were 8 championship teams, 6 second place teams, 3 third place teams and a fifth.



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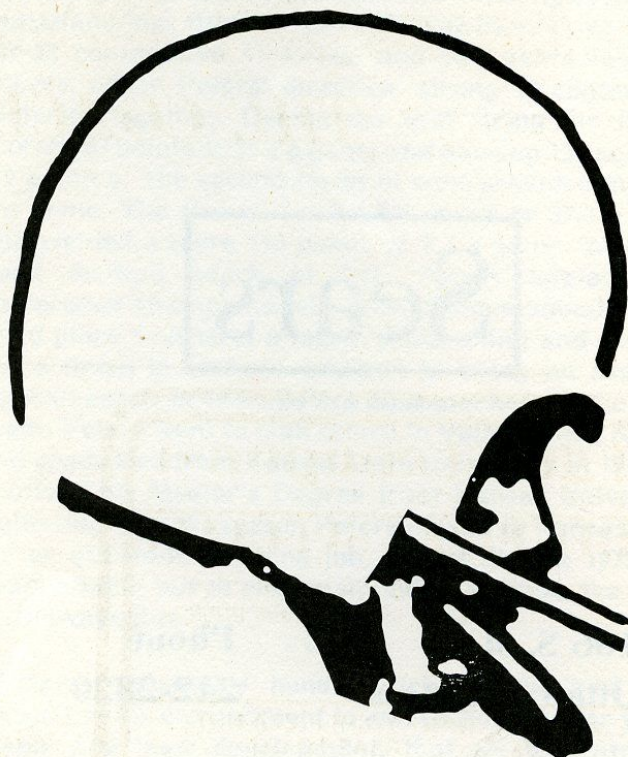
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ABOUT THE STAFF



Ottawa University is pleased to have representing it this year in the Sports Information Office, Mike Custer (Director), a sophomore from Overland Park, Kansas, and Mitch Barnhart (Assistant Director), a freshman from Mission, Kansas. Both of these young men are enthusiastic participants and followers of a wide range of sports, and have energetically committed themselves to publicizing the Braves.

Though an accomplished soccer player - having spent three summers playing in England, Mike is dedicated to seeing that all athletic teams and events will receive the best media coverage possible. Having formerly done sports information publicity for his high school alma mater, Shawnee Mission North, he is currently the Sports Director of the University's FM radio station, KTJO, and president of the Inter-Club Council.

Though just a freshman, Mitch has also served as a sports publicist for Shawnee Mission North, and he brings to the staff a willingness for hard work and dedication to his new assignment. Ottawa University is grateful to these two young men for their many hours of commitment.

In addition, we take this opportunity to also express our appreciation to Randy Gibson, Robin Pratt and Mike Gullett, Photographs; Glen Duderstadt and Randy Sievers, advertising; Ron Yingling and Bob Buchanan, Advisors.

RUSS RAKER
Executive Director
Of University Development

FOOTBALL

With the first winning season since 1972, the 1976 Braves, under the direction of first year coach, Don McLeary, showed possibilities of bringing a successful program back to OU. Coming back from the '76 squad will be two HAAC All-Conference selections, Kim Hendrix, junior wide receiver, and Greg Schultz, a senior linebacker, who hopes to solidify the defense. A good number of lettermen will return to assist the OU cause along with many new recruits from Colorado and Kansas.

Despite the numerous returners the squad will be a young one. Three freshman starters will return. John Sherman, quarterback, hopes to provide the good ground game which will compliment the passing game of last year. The other sophomores that saw a good amount of action as freshmen were Barney Barnett at defensive tackle and Alan Cunningham at tight end.

With all of this youth there will be players to give the leadership necessary to the young squad. Tom Jones, a senior guard and Rusty Wrinkle, a junior tackle, will attempt to provide that leadership on the front line while two junior college transfers will try to strengthen the defensive backfield. Jon Maupin, a junior, and Mark Thorson, a senior, will be called upon to hold off the opposing receivers while Doug Ball, a junior juco transfer, will try to solidify the defensive line corps.

The Braves suffered four major losses, three of those four players from the defensive squad. Scott Grogan, an All-Conference, All-District 10, and honorable mention on the All-American team at linebacker, will be missing from the '77 version of the Braves. Achieving the same honors only at the offensive tackle position was Jack Taylor. Two other All-Conference selections, Lee Schmeer, a defensive back, and Joe Higgs, a defensive tackle, were also lost to graduation.

The Braves opened camp on August 21 in hopes of returning the winning tradition to OU. Ottawa squads have been crowned HAAC champions 10 times while compiling a 333-275-47 won-lost-tie record. In 1972 the Mineral Water Bowl Championship was added to the list of OU successes.

From the looks of early season workouts, the Braves could surprise quite a few people, and hopefully their opponents will be the most surprised of all.



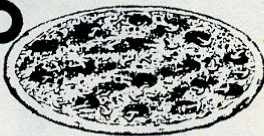
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THE OUTLOOK

ABOUT THE COACH

In one season Don McLeary, head football coach at OU, turned a losing program into a winner. But what can you expect from a man whose list of successes is only surpassed by the winning attitude he displays on and off the field.

McLeary, a native of Humboldt, Tenn., who is married with three children, took the reigns of the OU football program in March of 1976 and the Braves quickly went from a sub .500 year to 5-4 and a top finish in the HAC. But his success did not start in 1976. McLeary was tabbed All-West Tennessee in 1964 and 1965, All-State, and All-American in 1965, at Jackson North High School. He then proceeded to the University of Tennessee in Knoxville where he played in three bowl games - the Cotton Bowl, 1969, Gator Bowl, 1969, and Sugar Bowl, 1971 in which he tied the Sugar Bowl record for most touchdowns in one game.

After receiving his B.S. degree majoring in Health and Physical Education in 1970 and an M.S. majoring in Educational Administration in 1973, McLeary began the climb up the college coaching ladder. Following a one year stint at his alma-mater, McLeary accepted the position of assistant coach at Morehead State University in June of 1973. McLeary remained there until his move to OU.

McLeary hopes to improve on last year's turnaround and OU fans can already see even brighter days around the corner. The program is off to a good start. The coach is a winner.

THE COACHES



JIM NICHOLSON, DAN GUNKEL, DON McLEARY, BILL BOUCEK, JIM GROGAN.



1976 ALL-CONFERENCE BRAVES

THE COACHING STAFF



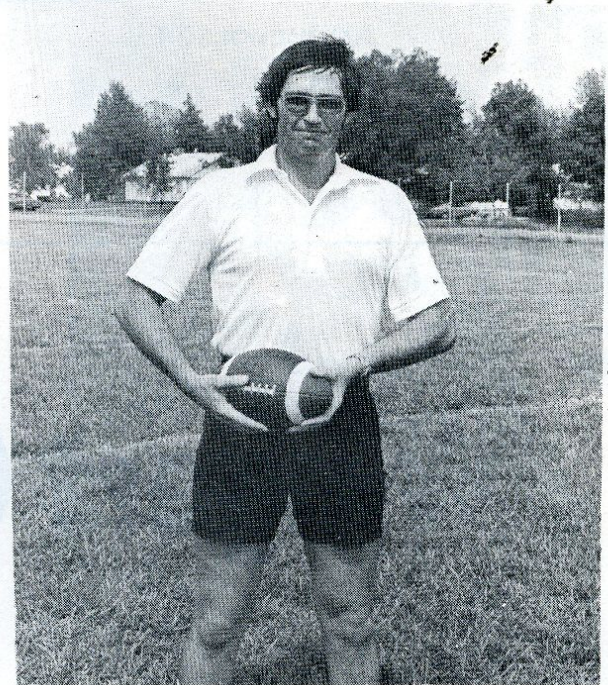
JIM GROGAN

WIFE: Doris

CHILDREN: Steve - New England Patriots Quarterback
Scott - O.U. graduate, football All-American, now coaching in Topeka.

COLLEGE: Ottawa University, Graduate 1957, four-year football letterman.

COACHING EXPERIENCE: Coaching in Ottawa Public Schools since 1966. Assistant football coach at OU past three years.



DAN GUNKEL

WIFE: Sandra. CHILDREN: Ryan, Drew

COLLEGE: West Texas State - B.S., Fort Hays State - M.S.

COACHING EXPERIENCE: Head football and track coach at Wiley High School, Wiley, Co. 1971-73 and Fowler High School, Fowler, Ks. 1973-76. Offensive Line Coach at OU - 1976. Offensive Coordinator, offensive backs at OU - 1977.

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JIM NICHOLSON

HOME: Fremont, Nebraska

HIGH SCHOOL: Fremont Senior High School

COLLEGE: University of Nebraska, Ottawa University -
Received B.A. in Health and Physical Education in
January of 1977. Three year football letterman.

COACHING EXPERIENCE: None.

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FRANK CROSSON

HOMETOWN: Phoenix, Arizona
 HIGH SCHOOL: Westwood High School, Mesa, Arizona
 COLLEGE: Ottawa University - B.A. in Health, Physical Education, and Recreation.
 HONORS: HAAC All-Conference Defensive Tackle
 COACHING EXPERIENCE: Defensive Line Coach at OU - 1976.



BILL BOUCEK

HIGH SCHOOL: Lansing, Ks. - graduated 1941
 COLLEGE: Ottawa University - 1947, Kansas University - summer 1948, University of Colorado - summer 1949, University of Michigan - summer 1951, Emporia State - summer 1953, Honorary Degree Ottawa University - 1967.
 COACHING: High school football coach 1949-1952, High school basketball coach 1953, Ottawa University - 1954 to present - track coach, 12 conference champions, and 14 NAIA All-Americans. Ottawa University - Assistant football coach, assistant basketball coach (12 yrs.)
 DUTIES AT PRESENT: Head of Physical Education Department, Assistant football coach, Head coach women's basketball, Head coach men's and women's track.

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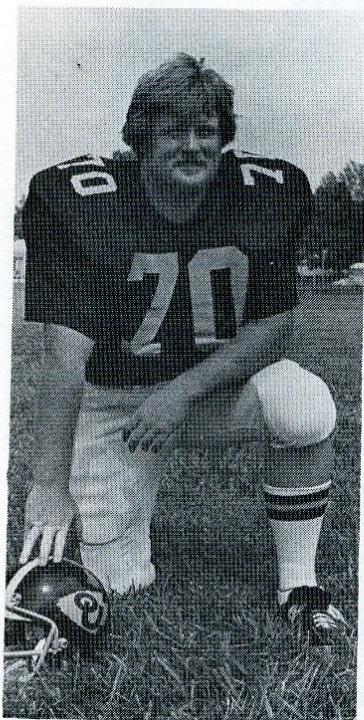
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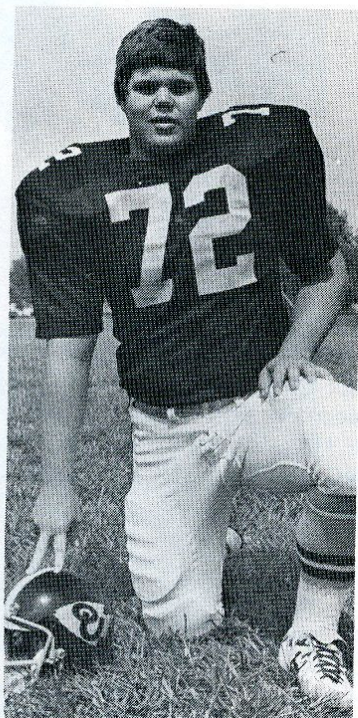
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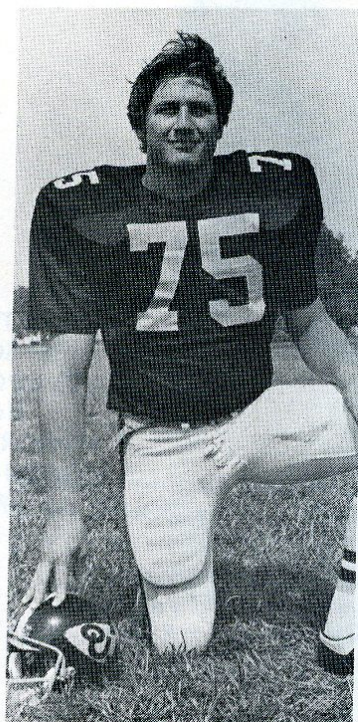
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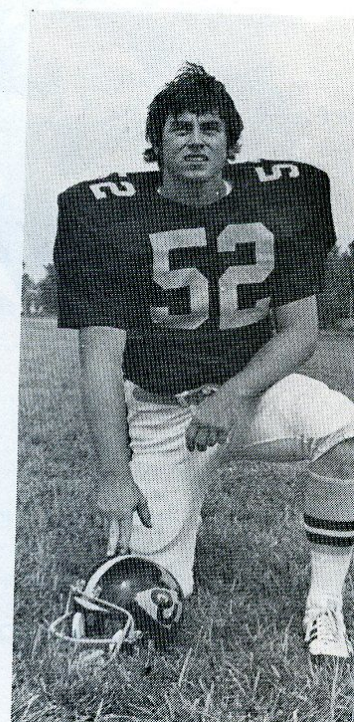
TOM JONES
Senior - Offensive Guard. Always a leader, "T.J." should be a solid force on the offensive line.
Hometown: Pueblo, Colo.



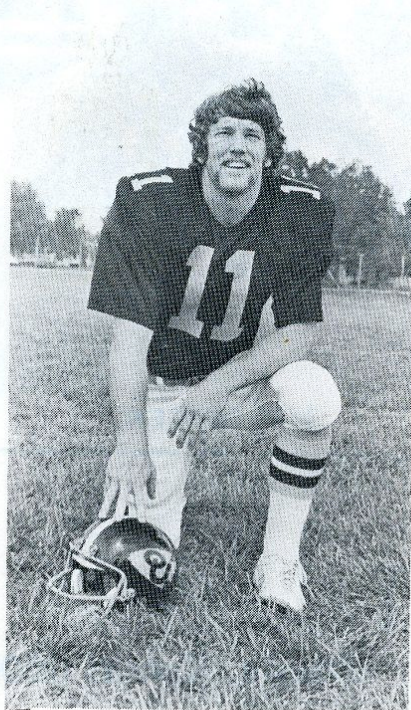
RUSTY WRINKLE
Junior - Started last season after playing defense as a freshman. 1 of 2 returning starters on line.
Hometown: Widefield, Co.



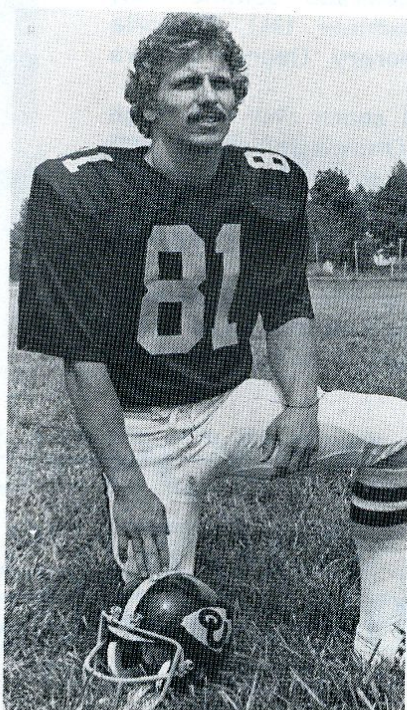
TOM PRATT
- Center. Dependable; has enthusiasm to give leadership.
Hometown: Plainfield, N.J.



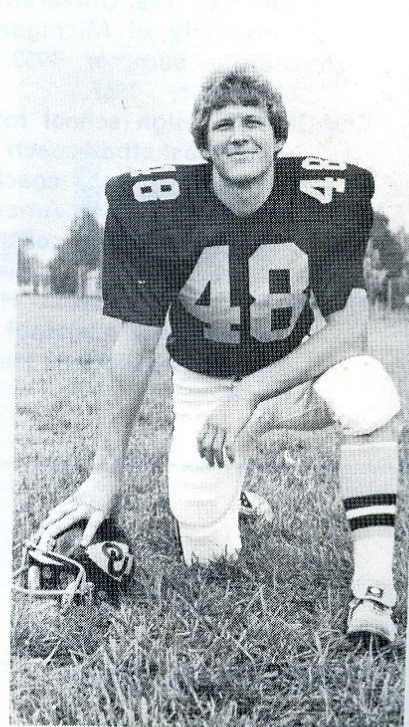
GREG SCHULTZ
Senior - Linebacker. All-Conference in 1976. Great desire and a real hitter.
Hometown: Pomona, Ks.



JOHN SHERMAN
Sophomore - Quarterback. Smart quarterback. Proved good field general in 1976.
Hometown: Colorado Springs, Co.



KIM HENDRIX
Junior - Wide Receiver. All-Conference 1976. Great hands and excellent deep threat.
Hometown: Chanute, Ks.

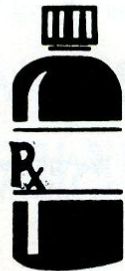


MARK THORSON
Senior - Defensive Back. Independence JUCO transfer. Has ability to be a great player.
Hometown: Horton, Ks.

1977 SCHEDULE

Braves' Football Schedule

Date	Opponent, Where	Time
Sept. 10	Bethany at Ottawa	1:30
Sept. 17	Southwestern at Winfield	7:30
Sept. 24	McPherson at McPherson	7:30
Oct. 1	Central Methodist at Ottawa	1:30
Oct. 8	Missouri Valley at Marshall, Mo.	7:30
Oct. 15	William Jewell at Liberty, Mo.	3:00
Oct. 22	Graceland at Ottawa	1:30
Oct. 29	Open	
Nov. 5	Tarkio at Tarkio, Mo.	1:30
Nov. 12	Baker at Ottawa	1:30



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[18-1976]

OPPONENT	WON	LOST	TIED				
Alumni	1	0	0	Kansas City Dentals	1	0	0
Baker	32	35	2	Kansas City Law School	1	0	0
Bethany	37	13	2	Kansas City Medics	9	5	1
Bethel	31	3	2	Kansas City University	1	1	0
Burlington	2	0	0	Kansas City Vets	3	0	0
Campbell	1	0	0	Ks. State Teachers (Emp.)	6	6	1
Central	5	1	0	Kansas University (KU)	1	5	1
Central Methodist	2	4	0	Kansas Wesleyan	23	15	4
College of Emporia	34	26	1	Kirksville	0	1	0
Colorado Springs	0	1	0	Manhattan	1	0	0
Creighton	0	1	0	Marysville	0	2	0
Denver Athletic Club	0	2	0	McPherson	27	14	0
Doane	1	0	0	Midland	3	0	0
Evansville	0	1	0	Missouri Normal	2	0	0
Fairmount	1	7	2	Missouri University (MU)	1	0	1
Fort Scott	1	1	0	Missouri Valley	2	14	0
Friends	16	11	1	Nebraska Teachers	0	2	0
Glasco	0	1	1	Nebraska University (NU)	1	1	0
Graceland	1	5	0	Olathe Mutes	3	0	0
Grinnell	1	0	0	Omaha University	0	3	0
Haskell	6	13	3	Ottawa Town Team	1	0	0
Hays Normal	0	1	0	Panhandle A & M	1	0	0
Iola	0	1	0	Pitt Normal	1	6	6
Kansas City Agricultural	2	3	0	Rolla	0	1	0
Kansas City Athletic Club	0	1	0	St. Benedict's	2	2	2
				St. Mary's	11	12	4
				Shurtleff	1	1	0

HEART OF AMERICA CONFERENCE SEASON SERIES [1972-76]

OPPONENT	WON	LOST	TIED
Baker	32	35	2
Central Methodist	2	4	0
*College of Emporia	34	26	1
Graceland College	1	5	0
Missouri Valley	2	14	0
Tarkio College	4	3	0
William Jewell	20	16	3
TOTALS	95	93	6

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W-L-T

1946	7-1-1
1947	6-1-2
1948	7-3-0

20-5-3

DICK PETERS

1949	5-4-0
1950	7-2-0
1951	6-3-0
1952	8-1-0

26-10-0

PAUL J. ANDREE

1953	3-6-0
1954	6-2-1
1955	3-6-0

12-14-1

GROVER NUTT

1956	0-9-0
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DICK PETERS

1957	4-5-0
1958	3-5-1
1959	6-3-0
1960	9-0-0
1961	9-0-0
1962	8-2-0
1963	9-1-0
1964	8-1-0
1965	9-0-0
1966	8-1-0
1967	8-1-0
1968	5-4-0
1969	5-4-0
1970	7-1-2
1971	5-4-0

103-32-3

BEN MOOR

1972	9-1-0
1973	3-6-0
1974	4-5-0
1975	2-7-0

18-19-0

DON McLEARY

1976	5-4-0
1977	

5-4-0

(COACHES RECORDS)

DATES	COACH	W-L-T	Pct.
1946-1948	W.A. Forsberg	20-5-3	.722
1949-1952	Dick Peters	26-10-0	.722
1953-1955	Paul J. Andree	12-14-1	.462
1956	Grover Nutt	0-9-0	.000
1957-1971	Dick Peters	103-32-3	.757
1972-1975	Ben Moor	18-19-0	.486
1976	Don McLeary	5-4-0	.555
1946-1976	TOTAL	184-93-7	.660

Most Consecutive Wins: Dick Peters - 1960-62

23 Consecutive Wins, 12 Shutouts.

The Winningest Coach: Dick Peters - 1949-1952, 1957-1971

129 Wins - 42 Losses - 3 Ties

Winning Percentage - .750

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SOCCER

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Returning to the OU roster will be three, three-year lettermen, Mark McLoughlin, Danny Soman and Uchi Nwanzi. Joining them will be three, two-year lettermen, Jerry Osborne, a senior; Kelvin Reece, a junior and Bill Slade, a senior. Another letterman will be returning following a one-year lay off. Mike Custer, a sophomore, will return to attempt to help the OU offense. A new face in the Braves line-up might be Al Peterson, an All-State goalie from the New York area. Ron Dear, in his 1st year as coach, hopes to be able to fill the squad with an aggressive type of play. A firm believer in conditioning, Dear has had his players running throughout the summer in hopes that OU will be ready for the Rockhurst Hawks on September 13.



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HIGH SCHOOL: S.H. Calhoun Sr. High School, Merrick, N.Y.

COLLEGE: Graduated from Ottawa University in 1973.

HONORS: OU Team Captain - 1972. Voted most valuable defenseman for three years as an undergraduate. All-Conference, All-District and All-Area at OU - 1971-72.

COACHING EXPERIENCE: Assistant soccer coach at OU 1976

Soccer Results

OU		OPP.
3	Tabor	0
0	Rockhurst	10
1	William Jewell	0
4	Central Methodist	3
0	Tabor	3
0	Southwest Mo. State	2
1	Benedictine	6
1	Southwest Mo. State	0
1	Benedictine	8
2	Kansas University	1
13	Totals	33

Lettermen

Name	Yr.	Letters
Mark McLouglin	Sr.	3
Danny Soman	Sr.	3
Uchi Nwanzi	Sr.	3
Bill Salde	Sr.	2
Kelvin Reece	Jr.	2
Jerry Osborne	Sr.	2
Mike Custer	Soph.	1



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MIKE CUSTER returns to lead OU offense.

1977 SOCCER SCHEDULE

SOCCER GAMES

Sept. 13	Rockhurst Col. - Ottawa - 4:00
Sept. 17	Tabor Col. - Hillsboro - 7:30
Sept. 24	Park Col. - Parkville, Mo. - 2:00
Oct. 1	Central Methodist - Ottawa - 10:00 (Homecoming)
Oct. 8	Avila Col. - K.C., Mo. - 2:00
Oct. 15	William Jewell - Liberty, Mo. - 10:00
Oct. 19	Benedictine - Ottawa - 4:00
Oct. 25	Tabor Col. - Ottawa - 4:00
Oct. 29	Avila Col. - Ottawa - 2:00
Nov. 5	Park Col. - Ottawa - 2:00



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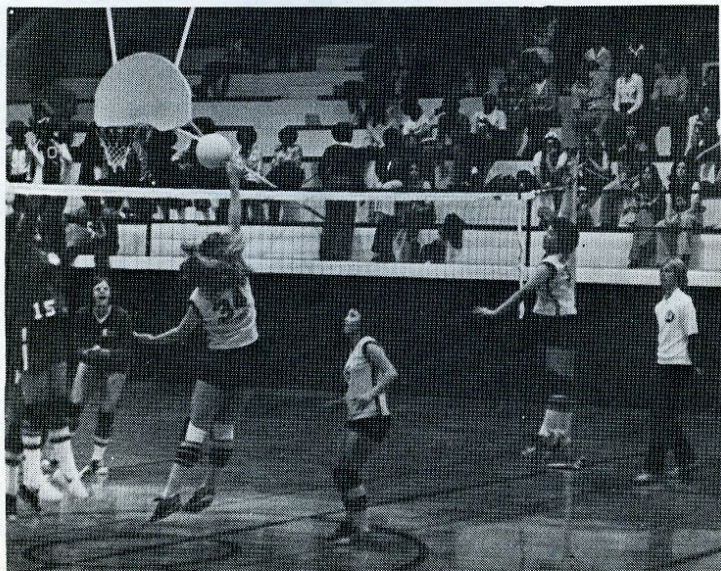
As the saying goes, "That will be a tough act to follow." So it will be as Debbie Johnston will have her hands full trying to fill the shoes of Genell Benjamin when she takes control of the 1977 OU volleyball squad.

All Benjamin did was lead her 1976 squad to a 25-11 record, win the HAAC Tournament, finish second in the state tournament and win the HAAC Coach of the Year award.

Despite it being her first coaching job Johnston does not come without her list of credentials. She earned a bachelor's degree from Northwest Missouri State University in Physical Education, Recreation, and Coaching. She is in the process of attaining a Master's Degree in Biodynamics and Kinesiology at Kansas University.

A tough act to follow, true, but Johnston will not be without excellent help. Johnston will welcome back eight letterwomen including juniors-to-be Jody Sigwardt and Anna Carlos, both HAAC All-Conference first team players. Also returning will be Julia Edelen, a freshman last year, and an HAAC All-Conference second team player. Johnston will also return one senior, three juniors and a sophomore to the Braves roster.

The Braves' schedule includes three meetings with Benedictine, a squad that beat OU two of three times in 1976.



Women's Volleyball Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	WHERE
Sept. 21	Friends-Rockhurst	Ottawa
Sept. 24	Benedictine-Ks. Newman-Marymount	Salina
Sept. 29	Baker-Mid America-Pittsburg	Ottawa
Oct. 1	Benedictine-Ks. Newman-Marymount	Atchison
Oct. 5	Emporia St.-Wichita St.	Emporia
Oct. 11	Benedictine-Ks. Newman-Marymount	Ottawa
Oct. 13	Rockhurst-Mid-America	Kansas City
Oct. 17	Divisional Play-off	
Oct. 20	Friends-Marymount-Baker	Wichita
Oct. 28-29	HAAC Tournament	