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## OU swimmer competes at NCAA meet

Oakland University swimmer Oksana Strelets broke an OU school record at the Women's NCAA Swimming and Diving Championship at the University of Texas in Austin, Texas.

Strelets, a sophomore from Kazakhstan, came in 32nd place in the 100-yard freestyle and broke Nancy Schermer's 14-year-old record in that event with a time of 50.35. The previous record was 50.37.

Strelets also finished 19th in the preliminaries of the 50-yard freestyle at the NCAA Championship with a time of 23.07.

Strelets is the second woman from OU to ever qualify for the NCAA Swimming and Diving Championship since the Golden Grizzlies began competing at the Division I level three years ago.

Competing this week at the Men's NCAA Swimming and Diving Championship is OU freshman Chris Sullivan (Rockford). He is the first man from OU to ever qualify for the NCAA Championship meet.

Sullivan will swim the 50- and 100-yard freestyles at the national competition, which is March 28-30 in Athens, Georgia.

He recorded his best times of the year in the 50 and 100 free at the National Independent Conference Championship, where he became the first OU male swimmer to brake the 20 second barrier in the 50 free, finishing first with a time of 19.96. He also qualified for the 100-yard freestyle at the NIC Championship, posting a time of 44.44.

For more information on OU's men's and women's swimming and diving teams, visit the [OU Athletics](#) Web site.

### SUMMARY

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