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Women's swim team earns NIC title

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Rounding out the top three behind OU on the women's side was Northern Arizona with 715 points and Florida Atlantic with 667.50. For the men, Southern Methodist was first with 923 points, Hawaii came in second with 567, followed by OU.

OU's women's team sealed it's first NIC title as the 400 freestyle relay team of Oksana Strelets, Holly Miller, Tamara Swaby and Danielle Ward broke both the pool and NIC records with a time of 3:24.19.

Also, collecting top finishes for the women were Tara Berringer in the 200 backstroke with a time of 2:03.22, Shelley Aurit in the 200 breaststroke with a time of 2:17.67 and Tanya Korniyenko in the 200 butterfly with a time of 2:02.20.

Leading OU on the men's side was the 400 freestyle relay team of Chris Sullivan, Dave Hartzel, Tim Johnson and Sean Broadbent who tuned in a time of 2:57.88 to place second behind pool-record-breaking SMU.

This closes out the 2002 season for the Golden Grizzlies, however, a select few individuals may be chosen to represent OU in the NCAA Championships.

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