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Two female swimmers invited to NCAA Championships

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Korniyenko and Strelets will travel to Texas A&M on Wednesday, March 17, with the competition taking place March 18-20.

Korniyenko was invited in both the 100 (54.28) and 200 fly (1:59.03), in which she ranks in the top 20 in the country. In addition to those two events, she will be swimming the 200 IM, in which she made the NCAA 'B' qualifying cut of 2:03.82.

This is the second time Strelets has qualified for the championship meet after initially competing as a sophomore in 2002. She will again compete in the 50 free, in which she was invited with a time of 23.04. She also will swim the 100 free after making the NCAA 'B' cut with a time of 50.14. Strelets only missed the invite time in the 100 free of 50.13, by one one-hundredth of a second.

"I'm elated," said head coach Pete Hovland of the NCAA invites. "It couldn't have happened to two more outstanding individuals. From a coaching perspective, this is the ultimate reward for these two who have been working as hard as they have over the past four years. I couldn't be happier for these two young ladies."

Both swimmers have completed successful seasons and careers with Oakland. Just recently, the two helped the Golden Grizzlies women's swimming and diving team to their third consecutive National Independent Conference (NIC) Championship, with Korniyenko being named NIC Women's Swimmer of the Year for the second straight year.

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

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