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Midnight Madness hits OU Oct. 12

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Midnight Madness, the highlight of the Week of Champions at Oakland University (WOCOU), comes to OU's **Recreation and Athletics Center** on Friday, Oct. 12.

The event is a pep rally for OU's **men's and women's basketball teams**. Midnight Madness is a tradition on many college campuses nationwide allowing basketball fans to greet their collegiate teams in a high-spirited fashion. NCAA rules prohibit collegiate basketball teams from practicing before Oct. 13.

This year, OU's **women's team** will be defending the Mid-Continent regular season championship title and the **men's team** will be eligible for March Madness this year for the first time since OU moved to Division I athletics.

OU's Midnight Madness is free and open to all OU students, faculty and staff.

"We've tried to make it a lively and fast-paced party for students," said Mark Doman, assistant athletic director. "We have lots of contests and giveaways and everyone should come prepared to have a good time. I know the basketball teams also are looking forward to coming out and greeting their fans."

The event begins at 10:30 p.m. with free face paint, Gameworks t-shirts and other giveaways from Detroit rock radio station WRIF. Attendees will be greeted with music and marching from the Pontiac Northern High School Pep Band. The **OU Cheer** and Dance teams will perform routines, along with step shows by the Sigma Gamma Rho sorority and Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity. OU student Carissa Nauszelski will sing the "Star Spangled Banner."

Among the prizes to be won are Pepsi prize packs, Gameworks gamecards, Pic-a-Deli gift certificates, OU basketball season tickets and luxury suite tickets to a Detroit Pistons game at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

After the men's and women's basketball teams are introduced, they will have a scrimmage and three-point shooting contest. To close the event, there will be a free tuition drawing for one male and one female student for the winter 2002 semester. Students must be present to win.

For more information on **WOCOU events** and Midnight Madness, contact the **Center for Student Activities**, 49 Oakland Center, at (248) 370-2400 or csa@oakland.edu.

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