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Wet trap caused this motorist to come to grief in the notorious SE 59 and Santa Fe tracks underpass near

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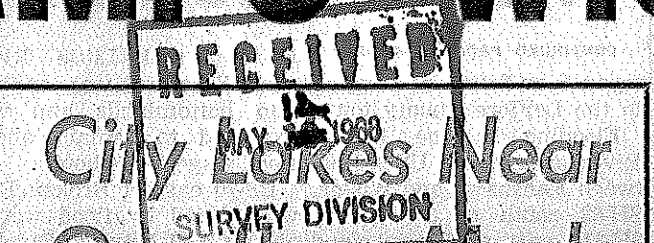
By Joseph J. Mays

The door was opened Monday night for five Oklahoma City University basketball players who were fired from the team Saturday to return to the team next fall. The agreement came following a 2½-hour meeting of the players, coaches and OCU president Dr. John F. Olson at the student-faculty center.



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Lonnie Teeter, 13, pulls at boards from tornado wreckage to rescue his friend's new bicycle, smashed under the porch roof from the Pete Thompson home near Pauls Valley. Bike belonged to Rusty Thompson.

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Twister Slams Homes, Church Near Konawa

Tornadoes skipped across south central Oklahoma Monday afternoon destroying a home and a church near Konawa, damaging two houses north of Pauls Valley and littering Wewoka with uprooted trees.

Three twisters were sighted Monday night in southern Marshall County. One of them destroyed a barn on the Dee Keeton farm southwest of Willis. Torrential rain and hail swept the area.

Wheat Damaged

No one was injured in any of the tornadoes.

The tornadoes climaxed a day of violent spring weather that saw heavy downpours in already waterlogged areas, pushed creeks and rivers out of their banks and closed several state roads.

Hail north of Willow, Greer County, was so heavy it blew into drifts. Wheat in the area was heavily damaged.

Cars Stranded

Thirty-one Oklahoma Counties were under tornado watch warning in central and eastern Oklahoma Monday night with hail, severe thunderstorms and damaging winds forecast.

Heaviest damage from the tornadoes apparently was in two areas around Konawa. A new frame house — built to replace one destroyed earlier by fire — was destroyed 2½ miles west of the Seminole County city. Bill Capps, the owner, his wife and two sons were away.

Nearby, the frame Antioch

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Overflow Mark

Nearly every available inch of Oklahoma City's water storage space was full Monday, with the likelihood growing that flood gates at the Lake Overholser dam will have to be opened to spill water downstream in the North Canadian River.

Frank S. Taylor, city water director, said an additional six inches of water still can be crammed into Lake Hefner, which is technically full.

Lake Overholser needed seven inches to fill. Draper Reservoir, which is filled by pipeline pumping from Lake Atoka in southeastern Oklahoma, stands six inches above officially full.

Upstream at Canton Dam, Oklahoma City's leased storage could still take another 20,000 acre feet of water.

Flash Flood Chases 600 From Homes

By Jim Jackson Of the State Staff

WISTER — A flash flood descended on Wister Monday night, deluging the town of 600 with up to nine feet of water in the downtown section.

The LeFlore County sheriff's staff said Wister residents were evacuated, many by boat. No injuries were reported.

The flooding followed four or five inches of rain in the Caston and Mountain Creeks watersheds. The two streams converge just north of Wister, before emptying into the Poteau River. Some flooding also occurred in Poteau, 14 miles downstream, as well as in Arkansas.

River Out of Banks

The Poteau River is expected to be four feet out of its banks at Poteau early Tuesday and possibly put eight to nine feet of flood water into Panama, a downstream community, later in the morning. Panama schools have been dismissed Tuesday in anticipation of the flood.

A number of Wister residents were evacuated before the flood struck. A warning was sounded when rampaging creeks were spotted upstream. Those not evacuated before water spread over the town were carried out in boats, manned by civil defense personnel, volunteers and sheriff's officers.

Wires Down

"A lot of electrical wires are down," a LeFlore County deputy sheriff reported Monday night of the flooding in Wister. "We're advising people to stay out of the whole city because of the possibility of running into electrical wires."

Police radio provided the only communications from Wister. Telephone lines were out.

The LeFlore County sheriff's office said two or three mobile homes were washed up on the railroad track and that water was "plumb over the top" of some homes.

"They had the same thing a few years ago," the spokesman said, "and they wised up. They knew to get out of there."

A crest on the Poteau River was expected to reach 32 or 33 feet at Panama Tuesday morning, which would

Teen Saves Child In Surging Creek

A 15-year-old Del City youth, delivering newspapers on his bicycle Monday afternoon, saved a 4-year-old girl from drowning in a rain-swollen creek.

Rick Olson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Inman, 2213 Doris, said three girls were playing on the bank of the creek, near SE 22 and June Lane, and he saw one of them fall from a bridge into the rushing water.

"A girl on the other side screamed and said, 'somebody get her,' so I got off my bike and jumped in and got her," Rick said.

Lori Smith, 4, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Smith, 2205 June Lane, was not hospitalized, and no respiration was required, Rick said.

The Kerr Junior High School eighthgrader is a carrier for the Oklahoma City Times.

"The water was only about four feet deep, but it was rushing so fast it almost knocked me over," the boy said. He said it had stopped raining only minutes before.

John Lung, Del City councilman, said after a conference with Del City Mayor Don Reynolds that some recognition of the feat would be made at the next council meeting.

"That was quite a thing the boy did," Lung said.

Both Sides Refuse To Budge in Talks

PARIS (AP) — In its turn, the American side, Thuy did not go on then to warn he will leave the conference if he does not get his way. He spoke instead of the "serious attitude and good will" with which his side intends seeking an end of American military action in order to be able to proceed "to other points of interest."

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Wister Reports 9-Foot Flood

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Monday, and Little River near Sasakwa was spilling into bottomlands and was expected to remain above flood stage for 24 hours.

US-70 east of Broken Bow was closed by flood waters as was S-71 between Quinton and Enterprise, S-12 between Ravia and Russett, S-93 between Rattan and Hugo and S-99 south of Seminole.

S-3 east of Tueplo was closed Monday afternoon but reopened Monday night when flood waters subsided there.

Flooding stretched over into neighboring Arkansas, where 148 families were evacuated from an addition in the north part of Fort Smith and six days of rain

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