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NCAC Indoor Track & Field Relays

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DENISON SWEEPS NORTH COAST RELAYS

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BIG RED WOMEN CLAIM THIRD CONSECUTIVE CHAMPIONSHIP

GRANVILLE, Ohio -- Denison claimed both the men's and women's team championships at the 17th North Coast Athletic Conference Indoor Track & Field Relays, held Jan. 27 at Denison's Mitchell Recreation and Athletics Center. The Big Red women successfully defended their place on the throne for the third consecutive year while the men unseated Ohio Wesleyan, the second-place team which had won this event the previous two years.

In the women's relays, Denison won four of 12 events and totaled 89 points. Runner-up Allegheny compiled 69 points with one win and three seconds, followed by Wittenberg (61) in third, Ohio Wesleyan (52) in fourth and Oberlin (49) in fifth. Team scores are compiled using the results of five running relays and the combined time/length of the top two performances in each of the seven remaining events.

Eight different individuals were part of winning relays to lead the Big Red. Denison won the high jump, pole vault, 55 meter hurdles and 1600 meter relays. Senior **Amanda Weiland** (Wexford, PA/North Allegheny) and freshman **Melanie Cluss** (Uniontown, PA/Laurel Highlands) were double winners. Together, Weiland and Cluss partnered to set a conference record in the 55 meter hurdles relays. Individually, they contributed to two additional meet records: Cluss in the 1600 relay and Weiland in the pole vault relay. Denison's winning pole vault duo shared the event title with a pair of Ohio Wesleyan seniors: **Amy Stafford** (New Carlisle, OH/Tecumseh) and **Jill Winner** (Wooster, OH/Triway). Overall, five meet records were set.

The Big Red men won four of 12 events and placed second in three others to total 84 points on the way to edge runner-up Ohio Wesleyan in this season-opening event. The Bishops won five events and totaled 81 points, followed by Allegheny (62.5), Wittenberg (50.5) and Wooster (48) in fifth.

Eight different performers had a role in Ohio Wesleyan's wins in the long jump, triple jump, high jump, 800 meters and sprint medley relays. Junior **Craig Neeley** (Columbus, OH/Bexley) was part of the winning triple jump relay, as well as part of the record-setting long- and high-jump relays. In all, three meet records were set, all by Ohio Wesleyan.

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Team	Points
1. Denison University	84
2. Ohio Wesleyan University	81
3. Allegheny College	62.5
4. Wittenberg University	50.5
5. College of Wooster	48
6. Wabash College	46
7. Kenyon College	34
8. Hiram College	23
9. Earlham College	14
10. Oberlin College	13

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8. Earlham College	32
9. Hiram College	8