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NCAC Basketball Special

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**WOOSTER MEN, OHIO WESLEYAN WOMEN FAVORED;
AS NCAC PREPS FOR 18TH BASKETBALL CAMPAIGN**

DUBLIN, Ohio — Wooster's men and Ohio Wesleyan's women were tabbed as the favorites in voting by coaches and media at the North Coast Athletic Conference's 18th annual Basketball Media Luncheon, which was held today at the Granville Inn.

Wooster dominated the men's balloting with 32 first-place votes, 23 of 30 from the media and eight of 10 from the coaches. Wittenberg was second in both polls, receiving five first-place nods from the media and two from NCAC coaches. The Scots return seven letterwinners and three starters from last year's 24-4 squad which earned its fourth NCAC Tournament title and its seventh consecutive bid to the NCAA Division III Tournament.

Ohio Wesleyan topped both the media and coaches polls, picking up 16 of 33 first-place votes from the media and seven of nine from the coaches. The Bishops outdistanced Allegheny and Wittenberg in the women's polls. The coaches predicted the Gators would finish second, while the media tabbed the Tigers for the same spot. Ohio Wesleyan, who have claimed five North Coast titles, return two starters and 10 letterwinners from a team that went 26-7 and advanced to the national semifinals a year ago. The 2001-02 season opens on Friday, Nov. 16. The NCAC Tournament will be held over the final week of February, with the men's and women's semifinals and finals at the site of the respective high seeds on Feb. 22-23.

2001 Women's Coaches Poll

1. Ohio Wesleyan	77 (7)
2. Allegheny	70 (1)
3. Wittenberg	67 (1)
4. Earlham	48
5. Denison	45
6. Kenyon	34
7. Wooster	26
8. Oberlin	25
9. Hiram	13

2001 Men's Coaches Poll

1. Wooster	98 (8)
2. Wittenberg	89 (2)
3. Ohio Wesleyan	82
4. Wabash	70
5. Earlham	59
6. Allegheny	50
7. Kenyon	34
8. Hiram	23
Oberlin	23
10. Denison	22

2001 Women's Media Poll

1. Ohio Wesleyan	272 (16)
2. Wittenberg	254 (9)
3. Allegheny	224 (5)
4. Earlham	198 (1)
5. Denison	147
6. Kenyon	118
7. Wooster	116 (1)
8. Oberlin	111 (1)
9. Hiram	42

2001 Men's Media Poll

1. Wooster	293 (23)
2. Wittenberg	268 (5)
3. Ohio Wesleyan	232 (1)
4. Wabash	200
5. Earlham	187 (1)
6. Kenyon	129
7. Allegheny	123
8. Oberlin	80
9. Denison	78
10. Hiram	60

Note: First-place votes in parentheses