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NCAC Men's Lacrosse Special

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**DENISON TABBED PRESEASON FAVORITE IN 18TH
NORTH COAST MEN'S LACROSSE SEASON**

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CLEVELAND, Ohio -- 2001 North Coast runner-up Denison emerged as the preseason favorite in balloting by North Coast Athletic Conference men's lacrosse coaches in their first-ever preseason poll.

The Big Red, who rolled to a 5-1 conference record and earned their fifth straight trip to the NCAA Division III Tournament last spring, earned four of six available first-place votes from league coaches to total 34 points. Defending champion Ohio Wesleyan, who went undefeated last season, received two first-place and four second-place nods, finishing a close second with 32 points. Kenyon was picked third (22), while Wittenberg (18), Wooster (14) and Oberlin (6) fill places four through six, respectively.

Denison is 108-49 (.688) during the 12-year tenure of head coach **Mike Caravana**. The Big Red return 25 letterwinners and seven starters, including 2001 North Coast Newcomer of the Year, sophomore midfielder **Tom Moschos (Worcester, MA/St. Marks)** and 2000 Player of the Year, senior goalkeeper **Peter Royer (Avon, CT/Westminster)**.

Founded in 1983, the North Coast Athletic Conference consists of 10 academically selective colleges and universities - Allegheny College, Denison University, Earlham College, Hiram College, Kenyon College, Oberlin College, Ohio Wesleyan University, Wabash College, Wittenberg University and the College of Wooster. The NCAC sponsors 22 championship sports, 11 for men and 11 for women.

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2002 NCAC Preseason Men's Lacrosse Poll	
First-place votes in parentheses, followed by total points:	
1. Denison (4)	34
2. Ohio Wesleyan (2)	32
3. Kenyon	22
4. Wittenberg	18
5. Wooster	14
6. Oberlin	6