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NCAC Indoor Track & Field Relays

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**DENISON WOMEN CLAIM FOURTH STRAIGHT TITLE AT NORTH COAST RELAYS; January 27, 2002
OHIO WESLEYAN RECLAIMS MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP**

GRANVILLE, Ohio -- Denison claimed the women's team championship at the 18th North Coast Athletic Conference Indoor Track & Field Relays, held Jan. 26 at Denison's Mitchell Recreation and Athletics Center. The Big Red women successfully defended their place on the throne for the fourth consecutive year while Ohio Wesleyan reclaimed the men's title, which they'd taken two of the previous three years.

In the women's relays, Denison won three of 12 events and totaled 93 points. Runner-up Allegheny compiled 88 points with four wins, followed by Oberlin (55) in third, Wittenberg (49) in fourth and Wooster (42) 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.

Nine different individuals were part of winning relays to lead the Big Red. Denison won the 55 meter hurdles, 1600 meter and 3200 meter relays. Sophomore **Melanie Cluss (Uniontown, PA/Laurel Highlands)** was a double winner, competing with the winning 55 hurdles and 1600 meter relays. She was the top individual finisher in the hurdles (8.89) as well as the triple jump (33-4 1/4). Four meet records were set, two by Allegheny (5000 meters & distance medley), and one each by Denison (55 hurdles) and Oberlin (800 meters).

The Ohio Wesleyan men won four of 12 events and placed second in five others to total 86 points. Allegheny won one event and totaled 73 points, followed by Wabash (69), Denison (49) and Wooster (44) in fifth.

Five different performers had a role in Ohio Wesleyan's wins in the long jump, triple jump, high jump, and pole vault relays. Senior **Craig Neeley (Columbus, OH/Bexley)** was part of the winning long-, triple- and high-jump relays, winning all three events individually and meeting the NCAA provisional qualifying standard in the long and high jumps.

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3. Wabash College	69
4. Denison University	49
5. College of Wooster	44
6. Wittenberg University	43
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