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NCAC Cross Country Special

**ALLEGHENY AND KENYON TOP PRESEASON PICKS
AS NORTH COAST READIES FOR RUNNING OF 18TH SEASON**

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CLEVELAND, Ohio -- The Allegheny women and the Kenyon men emerged as the preseason favorites in balloting by North Coast Athletic Conference cross country coaches.

Allegheny, runners-up at last fall's NCAC Championships, earned five of eight* first-place votes from the coaches to edge defending champion Denison. Kenyon and Wooster were picked third and fourth, respectively. In total, the Gators have claimed nine NCAC crowns: 1985, '86 and 1988-'94. Wooster has won four and Denison has earned three.

Defending men's champion Kenyon earned eight of nine* first-place votes from the coaches to top Wooster and Wabash. Denison and Allegheny were picked fourth and fifth, respectively. The Lords picked up their second consecutive title last fall; Denison tops current NCAC teams^ with four men's championships.

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2001 NCAC Cross Country Polls

North Coast Athletic Conference 2001 preseason cross country polls (first-place votes in parentheses, followed by total points):

WOMEN	MEN
1. Allegheny (5) 68	1. Kenyon (8) 89
2. Denison (3) 66	2. Wooster (1) 80
3. Kenyon 55	3. Wabash 69
4. Wooster 43	4. Denison 60
5. Oberlin 40	5. Allegheny 57
6. Wittenberg 39	6. Wittenberg 38
7. Earlham 24	7. Earlham 37
8. Ohio Wesleyan 17	Oberlin 37
9. Hiram 8	9. Ohio Wesleyan 18
	10. Hiram 10

* Eight of nine women's coaches and nine of 10 men's coaches voted.
^ Former NCAC member Case Western Reserve University holds five men's titles.