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NCAC Men's Swimming & Diving Championships
KENYON CLAIMS 17TH NORTH COAST CROWN;
LORDS' VEGA NAMED SWIMMER OF THE YEAR

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CANTON, Ohio -- Kenyon won 12 events and recorded nine second-place finishes to successfully defend its team title at the North Coast Athletic Conference Swimming & Diving Championships, which were held Feb. 13-16 at C.T. Branin Natatorium in Canton, Ohio. The Lords, who have claimed 22 consecutive NCAA Division III titles, have won 17 of 18 NCAC crowns and 48 of their last 49 conference championship meets.

Kenyon totaled 1,565.5 points to edge perennial runner-up Denison, which recorded five first-place finishes to go with 10 second-place finishes on the way to 1,513.5 points and its 16th second-place finish. Wabash placed third for the third consecutive season with 825 points. Wittenberg compiled 720 points to place fourth for the second straight year, followed by Wooster (666), Allegheny (634), Hiram (498), Ohio Wesleyan (493) and Oberlin (385) in positions five through nine, respectively.

Six different swimmers won eight individual events for the champions. The Lords were led by senior **Carlos Vega (Strongsville, OH/St. Ignatius)**, who won three events en route to earning Swimmer of the Year honors. Vega won the 100- and 200-yard butterfly, and the 100-yard backstroke. Senior **Michael Bonomo (University Heights, OH/St. Ignatius)** won the 1650 free for the third consecutive season.

Allegheny junior **John Hreha (Pittsburgh, PA/Chartiers Valley)** earned Diver of the Year honors for the third time after he dominated the 1- and 3-meter diving for the third straight year. Hreha set a conference record in the 1-meter (590.35) and met the NCAA qualifying standard in both events.

Hiram's **Jack Groselle** was voted Coach of the Year after he guided the Terriers to a seventh-place finish, up from ninth last year. Hiram nearly doubled its point total from a year ago, scoring 235 more points this year than last. **Tom Erdos** of Allegheny was voted Diving Coach of the Year, the fourth straight year a coach from Allegheny took this award.

NORTH COAST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE
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Team	Points
1. Kenyon College	1565.5
2. Denison University	1513.5
3. Wabash College	825.0
4. Wittenberg University	720.0
5. College of Wooster	666.0
6. Allegheny College	634.0
7. Hiram College	498.0
8. Ohio Wesleyan University	493.0
9. Oberlin College	385.0