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

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**2002 NCAC Cross Country Polls**

North Coast Athletic Conference 2002 preseason cross country polls (first-place votes in parentheses, followed by total points):

<b>WOMEN</b>	<b>MEN</b>
1. Allegheny (8) ..... 72	1. Kenyon (7) ..... 88
2. Kenyon ..... 62	2. Allegheny (2) ..... 81
3. Denison ..... 54	3. Wooster ..... 69
4. Oberlin ..... 49	4. Wabash ..... 65
5. Wooster ..... 36	5. Denison ..... 55
6. Wittenberg ..... 35	6. Oberlin ..... 44
7. Earlham ..... 28	7. Ohio Wesleyan ..... 30
8. Ohio Wesleyan ..... 15	8. Earlham ..... 24
9. Hiram ..... 9	Wittenberg ..... 24
	10. Hiram ..... 15

\* 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.