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NCAC Cross Country Championships

For Immediate Release

**ALLEGHENY MEN, OBERLIN WOMEN CLAIM NCAC TITLES;
DOZZI, WIEFERICH TAKE INDIVIDUAL HONORS**

Oct. 29, 2006

RICHMOND, Indiana -- Allegheny claimed the men's title while Oberlin took the women's at the 23rd annual North Coast Athletic Conference Championships, held at Earlham Oct. 28. The Gators captured their sixth men's title and fourth in the past five years, while the Yeowomen took their second and first since 1984.

On the men's side, 26th-ranked (Oct. 24) Allegheny successfully defended its title. The Gators defeated second-place Ohio Wesleyan by 54 points as the Gators took four of the top seven places and had all five scorers finish in the top 15. Gator senior **Marco Dozzi (Pittsburgh, PA/Chartiers Valley)** won the race in 27:01, one second ahead of teammate **Ryan Place (Meshoppen, PA/Elk Lake)**. It marks the fourth straight year a runner from Allegheny won the men's race. Earlham senior **Walker Yane (Oldenburg, IN/St. Xavier)** and Oberlin senior **Travis Grout (Jefferson, OH/Jefferson Area)** were third and fourth, respectively, both within six seconds of Dozzi.

Juniors **Chris Corkins (Horseheads, NY/Horseheads)** of Allegheny and **Joel Bendtsen (Chillicothe, OH/chillicothe)** wound up sixth and seventh, respectively. Rounding out the first team was Gator senior **Ben Mourer (Chicora, PA/Karns City)** in seventh. Newcomer of the Year honors went to Wabash freshman **Micah Milliman (Fort Wayne, IN/Carroll)**, who was the top freshman finisher, in 22nd place.

In the women's race, 24th-ranked (Oct. 24) Oberlin edged second-place Allegheny by two points and a combined six seconds to claim their first women's title since the first North Coast championship contested 22 years ago. Wooster senior **Katie Wieferich (Marietta, OH/Senior)** became the fourth runner in NCAC history, and first at Wooster, to repeat as the individual champion at the North Coast Championships. She finished the six-kilometer course in 24:11, 35 seconds ahead of the runner-up, **Scarlett Graham (Farmington, PA/Uniontown)**, a senior from Allegheny and 45 seconds ahead of third-place finisher **Elaine Binkley (Columbus, OH/Bishop Watterson)**, a senior from Denison. All three runners earned their fourth All-NCAC recognition, Binkley earns first-team honors for the fourth time.

Ohio Wesleyan sophomore **Catie Coleman (Medina, OH/Lodi Cloverleaf)** and Oberlin junior **Marie Barnett (Acton, MA/Acton-Boxboro)** moved up to the first team from the second team last season, finishing in fourth and fifth, respectively. Freshman **Mia Symoniak (East Snyder, NY/Amherst Central)** finished sixth and earned NCAC Newcomer of the Year honors as the top newcomer to finish the race. Sophomore **Maddy Davis-Hayes (Philadelphia, PA/Germantown Friends)** rounds out the first team, earning her first all-NCAC recognition with a seventh-place finish.

Bill Ross of Allegheny earned Men's Coach of the Year honors, while **Ray Appenheimer** of Oberlin was voted Women's Coach of the Year. Ross was recognized for the fourth time in five years. Appenheimer becomes the first Oberlin cross country coach of the year since **Dick Michaels** earned the honor in 1984.

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2006 ALL-NCAC WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

CLEVELAND -- The following performers earned All-North Coast Athletic Conference honors at the 2006 NCAC Cross Country Championships on Saturday, Oct. 28 at Earlham College.

FIRST TEAM

Name	School	Yr.	PL	TIME	Hometown/High School
Katie Wieferich +\$*	Wooster	Sr.	1	24:11	Marietta, OH/Senior
Scarlett Graham +%*	Allegheny	Sr.	2	24:46	Farmington, PA/Uniontown
Elaine Binkley #%*	Denison	Sr.	3	24:56	Columbus, OH/Bishop Watterson
Catie Coleman @	Ohio Wesleyan	So.	4	25:02	Medina, OH/Lodi Cloverleaf
Marie Barnett @	Oberlin	Jr.	5	25:10	Acton, MA/Acton-Boxborough
Mia Symoniak	Allegheny	Fr.	6	25:12	East Snyder, NY/Amherst Central
Maddy Davis-Hayes	Oberlin	So.	7	25:15	Philadelphia, PA/Germantown Friends

Runner of the Year: Katie Wieferich, Wooster

Newcomer of the Year: Mia Symoniak, Allegheny

Coach of the Year: Ray Appenheimer, Oberlin

SECOND TEAM

Name	School	Yr.	PL	TIME	Hometown/High School
Michelle Corkum &	Allegheny	Sr.	8	25:27	McMurray, PA/Peters Township
Jess Francois &	Kenyon	So.	9	25:29	Yorktown Hts., NY/Yorktown
Eva Weyers &	Allegheny	Jr.	10	25:43	Delanson, NY/Duanesburg
Ariane Burwell \$@	Oberlin	Sr.	11	25:48	San Francisco, CA/Urban School
Flannery Cerbin &	Oberlin	So.	12	25:57	LaCrosse, WI/LaCrosse Central
Alison Doniger %*	Oberlin	Jr.	13	25:57	Atherton, CA/Menlo Atherton
Leah Schmelzer	Ohio Wesleyan	So.	14	26:00	Marion, OH/Pleasant

HONORABLE MENTION

Name	School	Yr.	PL	TIME	Hometown/High School
Sarah Shinn	Ohio Wesleyan	Fr.	15	26:01	Edinboro, PA/General McLane
Laura Binkley	Ohio Wesleyan	So.	16	26:03	Columbus, OH/Bishop Watterson
Barrie Newberger	Oberlin	Sr.	17	26:04	Scott Depot, WV/Winfield
Brittany Cerankosky	Denison	Jr.	18	26:05	Kirtland, OH/Kirtland
Emma Reidy	Kenyon	Jr.	19	26:09	Crawfordsville, IN/Crawfordsville
Ashley Albrecht <~@	Denison	Sr.	20	26:12	MGettysburg, MD/Magruder
Kelsey Pence	Denison	Fr.	21	26:16	Columbus, OH/North

Key: * 1st team 2005; @ 2nd team 2005; & honorable mention 2005; % 1st team 2004, \$ 2nd team 2004,

~ honorable mention 2004, # 1st team 2003, + 2nd team 2003, < honorable mention 2003.

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Walker Yane #+	Earlham	Sr.	3	27:04	Oldenburg, IN/St. Xavier
Travis Grout <*&	Oberlin	Sr.	4	27:07	Jefferson, OH/Jefferson Area
Chris Corkins +	Allegheny	Jr.	5	27:14	Horseheads, NY/Horseheads
Joel Bendtsen	Denison	Jr.	6	27:32	Chillicothe, OH/Chillicothe
Ben Mourer %	Allegheny	Sr.	7	27:42	Chicora, PA/Karns City

Runner of the Year: Marco Dozzi, Allegheny

Newcomer of the Year: Micah Milliman, Wabash

Coach of the Year: Bill Ross, Allegheny

SECOND TEAM

Name	School	Yr.	PL	TIME	Hometown/High School
Sam Compton-Craig	Wabash	So.	8	27:46	Tipton, IN/Tipton
Jim Boston %	Kenyon	So.	9	27:46	Brookfield, WI/Marquette
Matt Hoy &	Allegheny	So.	10	27:49	Moon Twp, PA/Moon
Brian Gilson @+	Denison	Sr.	11	27:56	Cordland, OH/John F. Kennedy
Matt Kempton <#&	Ohio Wesleyan	Sr.	12	27:59	Fredericktown, OH/Fredericktown
Will Crabtree	Ohio Wesleyan	Sr.	13	28:01	Winchester, MA/Winchester
David Stefanik	Ohio Wesleyan	So.	14	28:10	Wooster, OH/Wooster

HONORABLE MENTION

Name	School	Yr.	PL	TIME	Hometown/High School
Matt Smith	Allegheny	Jr.	15	28:11	Sayville, NY/Sayville
Craig Ball	Allegheny	Jr.	16	28:13	Pittsburgh, PA/Penn Hills
Peter MacLeod	Ohio Wesleyan	Jr.	17	28:16	Hudson, OH/Hudson
Grant Russo &	Denison	So.	18	28:23	Medina, OH/Medina
Rudy Gilman	Wooster	Jr.	19	28:26	Silverton, OR/Silverton Union
Clark Paciorek <@%	Denison	Sr.	20	28:28	Novi, MI/Northville
Dan Mahle +	Earlham	Jr.	21	28:29	Boulder, CO/Shining Mountain Waldorf

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