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NCAC Women's Soccer Special

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**DENISON PREDICTED TO REPEAT AS NCAC
PREPARES FOR 23RD WOMEN'S SOCCER SEASON**

CLEVELAND, Ohio -- Denison University is the preseason favorite in balloting by North Coast Athletic Conference women's soccer coaches conducted via email.

The Big Red, who won their sixth NCAC title and advanced to the NCAA quarterfinals last fall, earned seven of nine first-place votes from league coaches to compile 79 points, edging second-place Ohio Wesleyan (71) by eight points. The Battling Bishops, winners of the 2005 NCAC Tournament, claimed the other two first-place votes cast. Wittenberg (59) was third, followed by Kenyon (49) and Wooster (49) in a tie for fourth.

Denison is 133-34-10 (.780) during the nine-year tenure of head coach **Gail Murphy**. The Big Red return 16 letterwinners and seven starters from last year's 16-4-4 squad that was one win away from its first final four appearance in school history. Denison will be led by a trio of returning first-team All-NCAC performers: senior midfielder **Anne Young (Columbus, OH/Worthington Kilbourne)**, junior midfielder **Kim Cochran (Upper Arlington, OH/Upper Arlington)** and junior goalkeeper **Liz Gillette (Chardon, OH/Notre Dame Cathedral Latin)**.

Founded in 1983, the NCAC consists of 10 academically selective colleges and universities - Allegheny College, Denison University, Earlham College, Hiram College, Kenyon College, Oberlin College, Ohio Wesleyan University, Wabash College, Wittenberg University and the College of Wooster. The NCAC sponsors 22 championship sports, 11 for men and 11 for women.

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2006 NCAC Women's Soccer Poll

North Coast Athletic Conference 2006 preseason women's soccer poll
(first-place votes in parentheses, followed by total points):

- 1. Denison (7) 79
- 2. Ohio Wesleyan (2) 71
- 3. Wittenberg 59
- 4. Kenyon 49
- Wooster 49
- 6. Allegheny 40
- 7. Earlham 30
- 8. Oberlin 17
- 9. Hiram 11