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FIRST NTCA SWEET-16 OF 2006-07 SEASON HAS DEFENDING CHAMPS AT THE TOP

DOVER, DE – Fairleigh Dickinson University of Teaneck, NJ, the 2006 NCAA national champions, has been ranked as the number one team in the first 2006-07 national poll, conducted by the National Tenpins Coaches Association. This is the first of six national polls that the NTCA will release this season. The NTCA is the voice and leadership of NCAA bowling.

Fairleigh Dickinson received seven out of 12 first place votes. The Knights will begin the defense of its title this weekend when they open their season at a Northeast Women's Collegiate Bowling Conference meet in Wallington, NJ.

The University of Nebraska – Lincoln, winners of the 2004 and 2005 national championships, has been ranked second, receiving four first place votes. The Huskers, third place finishers in last year's NCAA national finals, launch their season at the Cheeseland Classic in Whitewater, WI on November 9, 2006.

Ranked third was the University of Central Missouri of Warrensburg, MO. The Jennies are a three-time NCAA national finalist, winning the second place trophy in 2004 and 2005. Central Missouri begins its season this weekend with road matches versus Arkansas State and Fontbonne University.

The fourth and fifth ranked teams are Vanderbilt University of Nashville, TN and Alabama A&M University of Normal, AL, respectively. Vanderbilt was a national finalist last season in only its second season of existence. Alabama A&M was the national runner-up last season. These two powerhouses will begin their 2006-07 campaigns with a head-to-head match, hosted by Alabama A&M in Huntsville, AL this weekend.

The balance of the top 10 is led by sixth ranked New Jersey City University of Jersey City, NJ, the 4th place finisher at NCAA nationals last season. The University of Maryland – Eastern Shore of Princess Ann, MD, a three-time national finalist, was seventh. Ranked eighth is Arkansas State University of Jonesboro, AR, and Bethune-Cookman College of Daytona Beach, FL, a three-time national finalist, was ninth. In tenth was Sacred Heart University of Fairfield, CT.

Rounding out the Sweet-16 were the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater in 11th; Southern University of Baton Rouge, LA in 12th; Morgan State University of Baltimore, MD in 13th; Fayetteville State University of NC was 14th; Texas Southern University of Houston, TX was 15th; and Delaware State University of Dover, DE was 16th.

NTCA members casting ballots for this poll were: Carol Andrejak, Delaware State; James Brown, Morgan State; Sharon Brummell, Maryland-Eastern Shore; Bob Cincotta, Adelphi; Ron Holmes, Central Missouri; Chris James, Arkansas State; John Koltz, Wisconsin-Whitewater; Becky Kregling, Sacred Heart; Mike LoPresti, Fairleigh Dickinson; Jeff McCorvey, Alabama A&M; Steve Wallace, St. Paul's College; and John Williamson, Vanderbilt.

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2006-07 FIRST NATIONAL POLL				
Rank	Institution	W-L	Ists	Pts
1.	Fairleigh Dickinson University, Teaneck, NJ	0 - 0	7	315
2.	University of Nebraska - Lincoln, NE	0 - 0	4	302
3.	University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg, MO	0 - 0	1	278
4.	Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN	0 - 0		246
5.	Alabama A&M University, Normal, AL	0 - 0		215
6.	New Jersey City University, Jersey City, NJ	0 - 0		206
7.	University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Princess Ann, MD	0 - 0		192
8.	Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, AR	0 - 0		142
9.	Bethune-Cookman College, Daytona Beach, FL	0 - 0		105
10.	Sacred Heart University, Fairfield, CT	0 - 0		84
11.	University of Wisconsin - Whitewater, WI	0 - 0		80
12.	Southern University, Baton Rouge, LA	0 - 0		59
13.	Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD	0 - 0		45
14.	Fayetteville State University, Raleigh, NC	35 - 4		44
15.	Texas Southern University, Houston, TX	5 - 0		43
16.	Delaware State University, Dover, DE	0 - 0		35
Also receiving votes: St. Paul's College, Lawrenceville, VA; University of North Carolina A&T, Greensboro, NC; Shaw University, Raleigh, NC; Virginia State University, Petersburg, VA; Minnesota State - Mankato, MN; St. Peter's College, Jersey City, NJ; Jackson State, Jackson, MI; Adelphi University, Garden City, NY; Howard University, Washington, DC.				

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