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MID-WINTER CLASSIC HEAVILY INFLUENCES LATEST NTCA SWEET-16

DOVER, DE – Following their second team championship of the season, **Fairleigh Dickinson University** of Teaneck, NJ, was ranked as the No. 1 NCAA bowling team in the country for the fourth consecutive poll conducted by the National Tenpins Coaches Association. The NTCA is the voice and leadership of NCAA women's bowling. This is the fourth of six monthly polls scheduled for the 2006-2007 season.

Fairleigh Dickinson (49-11-0) needed every frame to capture the Mid-Winter Classic, hosted by **Arkansas State University** in Jonesboro, AR. The event drew arguably the most competitive field of the season, when 13 of the top 16 nationally ranked teams competed. The **Knights** overcame a 96 pin deficit during the final Quad-Baker Series match and edged **NJCU** at the wire by eight pins.

Vanderbilt University of Nashville, TN was ranked second by the NTCA membership for the third straight poll. The **Commodores** (46-10-0) finished in fifth place in Jonesboro, but had a tournament best 8-1 head-to-head match record during the event, including victories over **FDU** and **NJCU**.

Moving up a notch to No. 3 was **New Jersey City**. The **Gothic Knights** (46-12-0) have had strong performance during their last three tournaments with two second place finishes, including the Mid-Winter Classic and UMES Hawk Classic, and a first place finish at the FDU Holiday Jamboree.

The **University of Nebraska – Lincoln** slipped down a slot to the No. 4 ranking in the poll. Most recently, the **Huskers** (41-12-0) won the bronze medal at the Mid-Winter Classic, where they put together a second-day rally that fell just 42 pins shy of the tournament title.

Central Missouri University of Warrensburg, MO improved to a No. 5 ranking after a solid performance at the Mid-Winter Classic. The **Jennies** now own a 49-17-1 season match record.

The **University of Maryland – Eastern Shore** of Princess Ann, MD dropped to a sixth place ranking. The **Hawks** (62-13-0) have won the second most matches and own the second highest winning percentage (.827) in the nation. Holding onto the seventh, eighth, and ninth place rankings were **Alabama A&M University** of Normal, AL (46-21-0); **Sacred Heart University** of Fairfield, CT (28-10-0); and **Texas Southern University** of Houston, TX (55-16-0), respectively. Climbing back into the top ten was **Arkansas State University**. The **Indians** (43-35-1) won the Greater Ozarks Invitational in mid-January and ended in sixth place at the Mid-Winter Classic.

NTCA members casting ballots for this poll were: Carol Andrejak, **Delaware State**; James Brown, **Morgan State**; Sharon Brummell, **Maryland-Eastern Shore**; Bob Cincotta, **Adelphi**; Karen Couvillon, **Southern**; Dawn Gugliaro, **St. Francis College**; 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**; Jerry Norris, **Bethune-Cookman**; Chad Oachs, **Minnesota State-Mankato**; Frank Parisi, **New Jersey City**; Bill Straub, **Nebraska-Lincoln**; Steve Wallace, **St. Paul's College**; Bud Whitman, **St. Peter's College**; and John Williamson, **Vanderbilt**.

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2006-07 JANUARY NATIONAL POLL

Rank	Institution, City, State	Season Record W - L - T	1st Place Votes	Total Points	Previously Ranked
1.	Fairleigh Dickinson University, Teaneck, NJ	49 - 11 - 0	13	536	1
2.	Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN	46 - 10 - 0	4	461	2
3.	New Jersey City University, Jersey City, NJ	46 - 12 - 0		448	4
4.	University of Nebraska - Lincoln, NE	41 - 12 - 0	1	430	3
5.	University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg, MO	49 - 17 - 1		368	6
6.	Univ. of Maryland - Eastern Shore, Princess Ann, MD	62 - 13 - 0	1	349	5
7.	Alabama A&M University, Normal, AL	46 - 21 - 0		259	7
8.	Sacred Heart University, Fairfield, CT	28 - 10 - 0		244	8
9.	Texas Southern University, Houston, TX	55 - 16 - 0		193	9
10.	Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, AR	43 - 35 - 1		169	14
11.	Minnesota State University - Mankato, MN	36 - 22 - 0		148	10
12.	Southern University, Baton Rouge, LA	44 - 30 - 0		108	12
13.	University of Wisconsin - Whitewater, WI	31 - 26 - 0		86	13
14.	Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD	41 - 28 - 0		82	11
15.	Bethune-Cookman College, Daytona Beach, FL	41 - 14 - 0		55	15
16.	Fayetteville State University, Raleigh, NC	63 - 6 - 0		28	NR

Also receiving votes:

St. Paul's College, Lawrenceville, VA; Delaware State University, Dover, DE; Bowie State University, Bowie, MD; Virginia State University, Petersburg, VA; Louisiana Tech, Ruston, LA; Shaw University, Raleigh, NC; Jackson State University, Jackson, MS; University of North Carolina A&T, Greensboro, NC; St. Peter's College, Jersey City, NJ; Adelphi University, Garden City, NY.

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