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NEBRASKA JUMPS TO NO. 2 RANKING AFTER CONVINCING VICTORY

DOVER, DE – A NCAA bowling record of 24 competing teams assembled in Baltimore, MD for the Morgan State Invitational, and the tournament champions, the **University of Nebraska – Lincoln**, was rewarded, proven by the **Huskers** climb to a No. 2 ranking in the latest National Tenpins Coaches Association national poll. This is the fifth of six monthly polls scheduled for the 2006-2007 season by the NTCA.

The **Huskers** (51-12-0) won all of their head-to-head matches during the event and ran away from the field during the second day of competition, distancing their nearest competitor by 322 pins. It is the second title of the season for **Nebraska-Lincoln**, which is 10-0-0 since the last poll.

Maintaining the top spot for the fifth consecutive poll was **Fairleigh Dickinson University** of Teaneck, NJ. The **Knights** (71-14-0) were extremely busy during February, winning the title at the Capital Classic in Dover, DE and their fourth consecutive Northeast Women's Collegiate Bowling Conference championship, as well as the runner-up trophy at the Morgan State Invitational. **FDU** went 22-3-0 in matches last month.

Vanderbilt University of Nashville, TN dropped a place in the poll, despite capturing the tournament championship at the AAMU Holiday Classic in Bessemer, AL. The **Commodores** (62-13-0) finished fourth in Baltimore, MD, as well. **VU's** match record for February was 16-3-0.

Slipping one position to No. 4 was **New Jersey City University** of Jersey City, NJ. The **Gothic Knights** (62-20-1) had a trio of bronze medal finishes during this past month. **NJCU** landed in third place at the Capital Classic, ended in third at the Morgan State Invitational, and finished third in the NEWCBC final standings. During February, **NJCU** had a match record of 16-8-1.

The **University of Central Missouri** of Warrensburg, MO held onto the No. 5 ranking after a fifth place finish in Baltimore, MD and a third place finish in Bessemer, AL. The **Jennies** (64-21-1) are 15-4-0 since the last poll.

The **University of Maryland – Eastern Shore** of Princess Ann, MD remained as the sixth ranked team. The **Hawks** (75-18-0) finished second at the Capital Classic and sixth at the Morgan State Invitational. Moving up a place to No. 7 was **Sacred Heart University** of Fairfield, CT. The **Pioneers** (52-20-0) rallied during the last meet of the NEWCBC season to finish second in the final standings. **SHU** also finished fourth at the AAMU Holiday Classic. **Arkansas State University** of Jonesboro, AR continued its ascent in the poll to eighth place. The **Indians** took home the silver medal in Bessemer, AL. **Alabama A&M University** of Huntsville, AL (59-24-0) slipped to No. 9, despite winning their first South West Athletic Conference title this past month. Capping the top 10 was **Texas Southern University** of Houston, TX. The **Tigers** (56-17-0) finished third in the SWAC.

NTCA members casting ballots for this poll were: Carol Andrejak, **Delaware State**; James Brown, **Morgan State**; Bob Cincotta, **Adelphi**; 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**; Glen White, **Prairie View A&M**; Steve Wallace, **St. Paul's College**; Bud Whitman, **St. Peter's College**; and John Williamson, **Vanderbilt**.

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2006-07 FEBRUARY NATIONAL POLL

Rank	Institution, City, State	Season Record	1st Place	Total	Previously
		W - L - T	Votes	Points	Ranked
1.	Fairleigh Dickinson University, Teaneck, NJ	71 - 14 - 0	13	489	1
2.	University of Nebraska - Lincoln, NE	51 - 12 - 0	4	434	4
3.	Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN	62 - 13 - 0	1	433	2
4.	New Jersey City University, Jersey City, NJ	62 - 20 - 1		372	3
5.	University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg, MO	64 - 21 - 1		340	5
6.	Univ. of Maryland - Eastern Shore, Princess Ann, MD	75 - 18 - 0		302	6
7.	Sacred Heart University, Fairfield, CT	52 - 20 - 0		234	8
8.	Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, AR	57 - 39 - 2		224	10
9.	Alabama A&M University, Huntsville, AL	59 - 24 - 0		215	7
10.	Texas Southern University, Houston, TX	56 - 17 - 0		149	9
11.	Minnesota State University - Mankato, MN	36 - 22 - 0		119	11
12.	Southern University, Baton Rouge, LA	53 - 39 - 0		96	12
13.	University of Wisconsin - Whitewater, WI	43 - 33 - 0		79	13
14.	Bethune-Cookman College, Daytona Beach, FL	60 - 19 - 0		64	15
15.	Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD	47 - 32 - 0		53	14
16T.	Fayetteville State University, Raleigh, NC	74 - 20 - 0		12	16
16T.	Adelphi University, Garden City, NY	29 - 38 - 0		12	NR

Also receiving votes:

St. Paul's College, Lawrenceville, VA; Jackson State University, Jackson, MS; Delaware State University, Dover, DE; University of North Carolina A&T, Greensboro, NC; St. Peter's College, Jersey City, NJ; Shaw University, Raleigh, NC; Prairie View A&M University, Prairie View, TX.

Point system:

NTCA voters rank the top 16 teams on their ballot. Each position has an assigned point value, ranging from 28 points for first place and one point for sixteenth place. After the total points for every team is calculated, the totals are sorted in descending order. The specific point values follow:

1st place = 28 points	6th = 17	12th = 5
2nd = 25	7th = 15	13th = 4
3rd = 23	8th = 13	14th = 3
4th = 21	9th = 11	15th = 2
5th = 19	10th = 9	16th = 1
	11th = 7	