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NCAC Football Special
WABASH EMERGES AS PRESEASON FAVORITE
AS NCAC PREPS FOR 24TH FOOTBALL SEASON

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GRANVILLE, Ohio -- Wabash College emerged as the preseason favorite in balloting by North Coast Athletic Conference coaches and media at the NCAC's 24th annual Football Media Day, held today at Granville Golf Course in Granville, OH.

The Little Giants, who compiled an 8-2 overall regular season record and shared the conference championship with Wittenberg last season, earned seven of ten first-place votes from the coaches to total 97 points. They picked up 29 of 32 first-place nods from the members of the media to total 317 points. The Tigers (91) claimed the remaining three first-place votes from around the league, as well as from the media (281 total), to finish second in each poll. The coaches tabbed Allegheny (76), third, followed by Wooster (66) in fourth and Ohio Wesleyan (60) in fifth. The media sees a slightly different future, slotting Wooster (228) third, followed by the Gators (222) in fourth and the Battling Bishops (185) in fifth.

Wabash is 52-13 (.800) during the six-year tenure of head coach Chris Creighton. Creighton has led the Little Giants to three league titles and a 34-7 (.829) conference record over that span. Wabash returns 32 letterwinners and 18 starters from last year's squad, including NCAC Defensive Player of the Year, linebacker **Adrian Pynenburg (Montgomery, IL/Oswego Community)**. The senior has led the Little Giants in tackles each of his three seasons in at Wabash. The 2007-08 season opens on Saturday, September 1. NCAC play begins Saturday, Sept. 22.

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2007 NCAC Preseason Polls

North Coast Athletic Conference 2007 preseason football coaches' and media polls
(first-place votes in parentheses, followed by total points):

COACHES	MEDIA
1. Wabash (7).....97	1. Wabash (29).....317
2. Wittenberg (3)91	2. Wittenberg (3)281
3. Allegheny76	3. Wooster228
4. Wooster66	4. Allegheny222
5. Ohio Wesleyan60	5. Ohio Wesleyan185
6. Oberlin49	6. Oberlin154
7. Kenyon41	7. Kenyon141
8. Denison40	8. Denison125
9. Earlham18	9. Earlham69
10. Hiram12	10. Hiram38