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OAC Announces Football Special Awards

Cleveland, OH -- The 2001 Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC) football special awards, as voted on by the league coaches, are listed below.

OAC Coach of the Year

Jim Collins of Capital was selected as the 2001 OAC Coach of the Year.

Collins led the Crusaders to their most wins since 1987 (7) and their first winning season since 1991 (7-3 overall). Capital's third place finish was its best since 1987 when it captured the OAC title and advanced to the NCAA Division III Playoffs. The Crusaders finished tied for third in the Conference this season.

OAC Assistant Coach of the Year

Don Montgomery of Mount Union was selected as the 2001 OAC Assistant Coach of the Year.

Montgomery, in his 24th year as an assistant coach for the Raiders and 16th season as defensive coordinator, helped guide the defensive unit to the Conference lead in defensive scoring and defensive rushing. The Raider defense is ranked second in the nation in scoring defense (8.6 ppg).

Mike Gregory Awards

Mount Union senior running back **Chuck Moore (Mogadore)** was chosen as the Mike Gregory most outstanding offensive back in the Conference.

Moore led the Conference and ranks 12th in the nation in rushing (181 attempts/1,351 yards). Moore's 24 touchdowns this season set the school single-season record and leads the nation. Moore set both the school and OAC record for career points (462) and ranks 11th all-time on the NCAA scoring list, including all divisions. Moore also became the Raiders first three-time 1,000-yard back. Moore is a three-time All-OAC First-Team selection.

Senior **Ed Malone (North Canton/St. Thomas)** of Mount Union received the Mike Gregory Award as the most outstanding offensive lineman in the Conference. Malone, a 2001 All-OAC First-Team choice, has led an offensive line that leads the Conference in both scoring offense and total offense. The Purple Raiders are second in the nation in total offense.

Ed Sherman Award

Senior wide receiver **Jeff Gibbs (Columbus/East)** of Otterbein was named the Ed Sherman Award winner as the OAC's most

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outstanding receiver. Gibbs, a three-time All-OAC selection, was second in the league in kick returns (28.8 ypr), third in receptions per game (6.30) and fourth in receiving yards (858). Gibbs became the school record holder in touchdown receptions (29) and receiving yards (2,476).

Paul Hoernemann Award

Senior **Matt Campbell (Massillon/Perry)** of Mount Union was named the Paul Hoernemann Award winner as the most outstanding defensive lineman in the OAC. Campbell totaled 50 tackles on the season, including 18 tackles for loss. Campbell also tallied five sacks, an interception and a fumble recovery. Campbell helped the Purple Raiders to their seventh straight undefeated regular season.

Bill Edwards Award

Mount Union senior **Jason Perkins (Wakeman/Firelands)** has received the Bill Edwards Award as the most outstanding linebacker in the OAC. Perkins, a two-time All-OAC selection, totaled 58 tackles in 2001, including 33 solo takedowns. He also had two sacks. Pearson helped the Purple Raiders to their seventh straight undefeated regular season.

Lee J. Tressel Award

Receiving the Lee J. Tressel Award as the OAC's most outstanding defensive back is Mount Union junior **Chris Kern (Faribault, MN/Senior)**. Kern earned All-OAC First-Team honors in 2001. He totaled 19 tackles, four interceptions for 67 yards and seven pass breakups.

The Gregory Awards are presented annually by the Gregory family in memory of Mike Gregory, who was one of the finest all-around athletes in Ohio Athletic Conference history at Denison University in the late 1920s.

The Hoernemann and Tressel Awards are presented for the 13th time this year. Heidelberg College presents the Hoernemann Award in memory of its most successful football coach, Paul Hoernemann, who directed the Student Princes to a 102-18-4 record from 1946-59. Hoernemann was inducted in 1997 to the College Football Hall of Fame.

Baldwin-Wallace presents the Tressel Award in memory of coach Lee J. Tressel, who guided the Yellow Jackets to four OAC championships, one national title and a 154-52-6 record from 1958-80. Tressel was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 1996.

The Ed Sherman and Bill Edwards Awards are presented for the ninth time in 2000. The Sherman Award is presented by Muskingum College in honor of the winningest coach in school history. Sherman guided the Muskies to a 141-43-8 record from 1945-66. Wittenberg University presents the Edwards Award in memory of one of the most successful coaches in OAC history. Edwards guided the Tigers to a 98-20-4 record from 1955-68.