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MTU MEN AND B-W WOMEN CAPTURE 2006 OAC OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Marietta, OH— The Mount Union men captured their 25th overall Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC) championship, while the Baldwin-Wallace women took home their 16th OAC Title in the last 22 years at the 2006 OAC Outdoor Track and Field Championships last weekend. Marietta hosted the event at Don Drumm Stadium in Marietta.

The Purple Raiders had six individual champions in the two-day event, including a double winner in senior **John Biacofsky (Willoughby/South)**. For the second straight year, Biacofsky captured both the 100 (10.35) and 200 (21.18) meter events and was on the winning 4x100 squad en route to being named the 2006 *Jim Wuske Most Outstanding Track Athlete*. Biacofsky's times in both the 100 and 200 are OAC records. Biacofsky is just the third OAC track athlete to earn this award two times, joining Mount Union's Evgene Kornilov (1998, 1995) and Otterbein's Tom Schnurr (1988, 1987).

Purple Raider juniors **Jeremy Velliquette (Fremont/St. Joseph)**, **Eric Belancic (Wheeling, WV)**, **Justin Archer (Orrville)** and **Justin Rodhe (Burton/Kenston)** also won individual events. Velliquette won 1500-meter run (3:58.30), Belancic took home the high jump title (6-08), Archer won the shot put (55-01) and Rodhe was victorious in the discus (158-08). The 4x100 relay team of Biacofsky, juniors **Nic Saluppo (Wadsworth/Highland)** and **James Cunningham (Cleveland/St. Edwards)** and sophomore **Pierre Garcon (West Palm Beach, FL/John I. Leonard)** took home the title with an OAC record time of 40.64.

Heidelberg sophomore **Greg Tyson (Lima)** was awarded the *Sparky Adams Most Outstanding Field Athlete*. Tyson captured the 2006 triple jump title with a leap of 46-10.25. He was also runner-up in the long jump (23-05.25). Tyson was also on the winning 4x400 relay and won the 400-meter dash. Tyson was also the 2006 *Bud Yoest OAC Indoor Most Outstanding Field Athlete*.

Mount Union's coaching duo of Head Coach **John Homon** and assistant coach **Doug Brown** were named the 2006 Men's Coaching Staff-of-the-Year. Homon was awarded the OAC Coach-of-the-Year nine previous times. This is the first year the OAC is recognizing the Staff-of-the-Year.

For the women, Baldwin-Wallace won its League-leading 16th title, including seven straight championships on two separate occasions, 1988-1994 and 1996-2002. The Yellow Jackets had four individual event winners and a pair of winning relay squad. Individually, senior **Elizabeth Redd (North Canton/Glen Oak)** led the way with a first place finish in the 100-meter dash in an OAC record time of 12.16 seconds and a win in the 200-meter dash (25.24). Redd was also on both winning relays en route to being named the *Marcia French Co-Most Outstanding Track Athlete*. Freshman **Rebekah Paul (Gibsonburg)** won the 400-meter dash (57.63) and was on the winning 4x400 relay and senior **Megan McDannel (Berea)** was victorious in the discus (137-09).

Joining Redd and Paul on the winning 4x400 relay was sophomore **Courtney Smith (Mayfield)** and junior **Kim Johnson (Athens)** with a time of 3:58.86. Redd was joined on the winning 4x100 relay by senior **Mary Griglak (Cleveland/Lutheran West)**, junior **Kara Weaver (Myrtle Creek, OR/South Umpqua)** and sophomore **Jeanne Osborne (Oak Harbor)** with a winning time of 48.55 seconds.

John Carroll senior **Ellie Fernandez (Mayfield)** was selected as the *Marcia French Co-Most Outstanding Track Athlete* with Redd. Fernandez had a hand in four OAC titles, including three individual championships -- 1,500 meters (4:40.03 - OAC record), 3,000 steeplechase (10:46.75) and the 5,000 meters (17:45.45). She also ran the anchor leg on the winning 4x800 relay squad (9:29.92).

JCU senior **Gen Kahn (New Albany)** was chosen as the *Guido and JoAnn Ricevuto Most Outstanding Field Athlete*. Kahn won the long jump with a school record leap of 19-02 and captured the triple jump title with a season-best mark of 37-02.50.

Baldwin-Wallace's coaching staff took home OAC Staff-of-the-Year honors. B-W Head Coach **Bill Taraschke** is assisted by **Craig Braithwaite**, **Jeff Petersmeyer**, **Todd Swisher** and **Loren Crisler**. Taraschke had earned 13 Outdoor Women's Coach-of-the-Year awards, prior to this year. This is the first year the OAC is recognizing the Staff-of-the-Year.

The top three-relays and individual earn All-OAC honors for the 2006 season. The All-OAC winners and team scores can be found on the following two pages.

2006 SPECIAL AWARDS

MEN

Jim Wuske Most Outstanding Track Athlete

John Biacofsky, Mount Union

Sparky Adams Most Outstanding Field Athlete

Greg Tyson, Heidelberg

OAC Staff-of-the-Year - Mount Union

WOMEN

Marcia French Co-Most Outstanding Track Athlete

Elizabeth Redd, Baldwin-Wallace and Ellie Fernandez, John Carroll

Guido and JoAnn Ricevuto Most Outstanding Field Athlete

Gen Kahn, John Carroll

OAC Staff-of-the-Year - Baldwin-Wallace

2006 OAC OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Men's All-OAC Winners (top-three relays and individuals in each event)

2006 Men's Team Scores

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|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Mount Union — 212.00 | 6. Capital — 65.00 |
| 2. Ohio Northern — 114.00 | 7. John Carroll — 51.00 |
| 3. Wilmington — 89.00 | 8. Marietta — 44.00 |
| 4. Heidelberg — 88.00 | 9. Baldwin-Wallace — 26.00 |
| 5. Otterbein — 68.00 | 10. Muskingum — 22.00 |

2006 Special Awards

Coaching Staff-of-the-Year	Mount Union	
Jim Wuske Track Athlete	John Biacofsky	Mount Union
Sparky Adams Field Athlete	Greg Tyson	Heidelberg

2006 Men's All-OAC (*OAC Record)

	Name	School	Result
100 Meter Dash			
1	John Biacofsky	Sr. Mount Union	10.35 *
2	Nic Saluppo	Jr. Mount Union	10.64
3	Pierre Garcon	So. Mount Union	10.65
200 Meter Dash			
1	John Biacofsky	Sr. Mount Union	21.18 *
2	Pierre Garcon	So. Mount Union	21.83
3	Dean Thornton	So. Muskingum	21.94
400 Meter Dash			
1	Greg Tyson	So. Heidelberg	48.18
2	Brent Wilkerson	Sr. Wilmington	48.23
3	Cory Beebe	Fr. Heidelberg	48.53
800 Meter Run			
1	James O'Brien	Fr. Ohio Northern	1:51.79
2	Ryan Garro	Jr. Mount Union	1:52.55
3	Chris Hoban	Sr. John Carroll	1:53.39
1,500 Meter Run			
1	Jeremy Velliquette	Jr. Mount Union	3:58.30
2	Cyril Pinchak	Sr. John Carroll	3:59.04
3	Kyle Basista	Jr. Mount Union	4:01.48
3,000 Steeplechase			
1	Michael Sawicki	Sr. Otterbein	9:15.64
2	Eric Thatcher	Fr. Ohio Northern	9:44.54
3	Jeremy Wysocki	Jr. Heidelberg	9:45.60
5,000 Meter Run			
1	Brad Schroeder	Sr. Ohio Northern	15:04.10
2	Cyril Pinchak	Sr. John Carroll	15:07.83
3	Michael Sawicki	Sr. Otterbein	15:13.15
10,000 Meter Run			
1	Michael Sawicki	Sr. Otterbein	31:25.74
2	Jason Sigmund	So. Mount Union	32:08.03
3	Kevin Heckman	Jr. Ohio Northern	32:16.99
110 Meter Hurdles			
1	Nate Thornhill	Jr. Capital	14.94
2	Justin Rush	So. Otterbein	15.03
3	Cory Beebe	Fr. Heidelberg	15.28
400 Meter Hurdles			
1	Cory Beebe	Fr. Heidelberg	53.24
2	Matthew Cesaratto	Sr. Capital	55.29
3	Nick Cameron	So. Mount Union	55.74
4x100 Relay			
1	Mount Union		40.64 *
	Nic Saluppo (Jr.), Pierre Garcon (So.), James Cunningham (Jr.), John Biacofsky (Sr.)		
2	Ohio Northern		41.52
	Ryan Robertson (So.), Ryan Garry (Jr.), Jusitn Linzy (Fr.), Jon Graupmann (Jr.)		
3	Capital		41.81
	Desmond Taylor (So.), TJ Scott (Fr.), Trent Hinton (Jr.), Jeremy Mulkey (Jr.)		

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Men's All-OAC Winners (top-three relays and individuals in each event)

4x400 Relay

1	Heidelberg Cory Beebe (Fr.), Steven Malone (Jr.), Justin Zuchowski (So.), Greg Tyson (So.)	3:17.21
2	Ohio Northern Chris Schmauder (Sr.), Matt Tompany (Sr.), Mark Bierkan (Sr.), James O'Brien (Fr.)	3:18.73
3	Capital Charlie Smith (Jr.), Brian Pelanda (Sr.), Desmond Taylor (So.), Matt Cesaratto (Sr.)	3:21.23

4x800 Relay

1	Ohio Northern Eric Porter (Fr.), Mark Bierkan (Jr.), Sean Koran (Sr.), James O'Brien (Fr.)	7:41.12
2	Mount Union Jeremy Velliquette (Jr.), Ryan Garro (Jr.), Kyle Basista (Jr.), Lance Murphy (Fr.)	7:43.43
3	John Carroll Cyril Pinchak (Sr.), Daniel DiRuzza (So.), Chris Hoban (Sr.), Mike Juker (So.)	7:43.48

High Jump

1	Eric Belancic Jr. Mount Union	6-08.00
2	Bruce Cotton Fr. Wilmington	6-06.25
3	Chris Sprowl So. Wilmington	6-06.25

Pole Vault

1	Doug Gibbons Fr. Capital	15-05.00
2	Chad Eagy Jr. Ohio Northern	15-05.00
3	Chris Schmauder Sr. Ohio Northern	15-01.00

Long Jump

1	Ryan Robertson So. Ohio Northern	23-06.00
2	Greg Tyson So. Heidelberg	23-05.25
3	Marque Jones So. Wilmington	23-05.25

Triple Jump

1	Greg Tyson So. Heidelberg	46-10.25
2	Marque Jones So. Wilmington	43-11.25
3	Syl Eddy Jr. Capital	43-09.00

Shot Put

1	Justin Archer Jr. Mount Union	55-01.00
2	Dan Gund So. Mount Union	51-08.50
3	Justin Rodhe Jr. Mount Union	49-09.25

Discus

1	Justin Rodhe Jr. Mount Union	158-08.00
2	Dan DeZordo So. Marietta	152-09.00
3	Jaime Simpson Jr. Mount Union	151-11.00

Javelin

1	Larmont Lawson Fr. Wilmington	204-10.00
2	Matt Espanola Jr. Mount Union	186-06.00
3	Michael Pankowski Fr. Marietta	171-09.00

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Women's All-OAC Winners (top-three relays and individuals in each event)

2006 Women's Team Scores

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|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Baldwin-Wallace — 197.50 | 6. Capital — 56.00 |
| 2. Otterbein — 152.00 | 7. Marietta — 44.50 |
| 3. John Carroll — 99.00 | 8. Wilmington — 35.00 |
| 4. Ohio Northern — 91.00 | 9. Muskingum — 15.00 |
| 5. Mount Union — 76.00 | 10. Heidelberg — 13.00 |

2006 Special Awards

Coaching Staff-of-the-Year	Baldwin-Wallace	Elizabeth Redd, B-W
Marcia French Track Athlete	Ellie Fernandez, JCU	Gen Kahn, JCU
Most Outstanding Field Athlete		

2006 Women's All-OAC (*OAC Record)

	Name	School	Result
	100 Meter Dash		
1	Elizabeth Redd	Sr. Baldwin-Wallace	12.16 *
2	Erica Basinger	Sr. Capital	12.48
3	Abby Schulte	Fr. Ohio Northern	12.54
	200 Meter Dash		
1	Elizabeth Redd	Sr. Baldwin-Wallace	25.24
2	Mary Griglak	Sr. Baldwin-Wallace	25.79
3	Rebekah Paul	Fr. Baldwin-Wallace	25.92
	400 Meter Dash		
1	Rebekah Paul	Fr. Baldwin-Wallace	57.63
2	Anna Yonker	Fr. Otterbein	57.88
3	Casey Adams	Jr. Heidelberg	59.12
	800 Meter Run		
1	Jessi Larrison	Fr. Marietta	2:18.68
2	Joy Kessler	Fr. Ohio Northern	2:19.86
3	Mary Gilloon	Jr. John Carroll	2:21.12
	1,500 Meter Run		
1	Ellie Fernandez	Sr. John Carroll	4:40.03 *
2	Mary Gilloon	Jr. John Carroll	4:48.21
3	Ashley Scullion	Fr. Baldwin-Wallace	4:45.18
	3,000 Steeplechase		
1	Ellie Fernandez	Sr. John Carroll	10:46.75
2	Melinda Keesee	Jr. Otterbein	11:08.52
3	Darci Walthew	Jr. Ohio Northern	11:16.79
	5,000 Meter Run		
1	Ellie Fernandez	Sr. John Carroll	17:45.45
2	Melinda Keesee	Jr. Otterbein	18:19.11
3	Darci Walthew	Jr. Ohio Northern	18:45.59
	10,000 Meter Run		
1	Melinda Keesee	Jr. Otterbein	38:36.40
2	Elizabeth DiNino	Jr. Ohio Northern	39:35.37
3	Melissa Burgei	Jr. Capital	39:49.09
	100 Meter Hurdles		
1	Elizabeth Hoffman	Jr. Otterbein	15.01
2	Kristen Paulsen	So. Baldwin-Wallace	15.07
3	Kelli Peirano	Jr. Otterbein	15.25
	400 Meter Hurdles		
1	Lauren Ernst	Jr. Ohio Northern	1:03.79
2	Erica Basinger	Sr. Capital	1:03.95
3	Megan Sutherland	So. Wilmington	1:04.49
	4x100 Relay		
1	Baldwin-Wallace		48.55
	Mary Griglak (Sr.), Elizabeth Redd (Sr.), Jeanne Osborne (So.), Kara Weaver (Jr.)		
2	Otterbein		48.61
	Kelli Peirano (Jr.), Anna Yonker (Fr.), Amanda Fugate (Jr.), Elizabeth Hoffman (Jr.)		
3	Capital		49.50
	Abby Skoda (So.), Erica Basinger (Sr.), Amanda Damsel (Fr.), Lizzy Stanton (Fr.)		

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4x400 Relay			
1	Baldwin-Wallace		3:58.86
	Courtney Smith (So.), Kim Johnson (Jr.), Rebekah Paul (Fr.), Elizabeth Redd (Sr.)		
2	Ohio Northern		3:59.84
	Lauren Ernst (Jr.), Amanda Dittmar (Sr.), Danielle Noe (Fr.), Joy Kessler (Fr.)		
3	Mount Union		4:04.70
	Jen Farrell (Sr.), Brittany Morr (So.), Janelle Rothacker (Fr.), Raina Keppler (Jr.)		
4x800 Relay			
1	John Carroll		9:29.92
	Gen Kahn (Sr.), Tara Ford (Fr.), Mary Gilloon (Jr.), Ellie Fernandez (Sr.)		
2	Mount Union		9:33.13
	Jen Farrell (Sr.), Brittany Morr (So.), Julie Bitzel (Jr.), Raina Keppler (Jr.)		
3	Ohio Northern		9:33.77
	Lauren Crook (Jr.), Karen Miller (Jr.), Jaclyn Kessler (Jr.), Joy Kessler (Fr.)		
High Jump			
1	Amanda Kolanz	So. Mount Union	5-03.00
2	Sara McGinnis	Jr. Ohio Northern	5-03.00
	Kim Johnson	Jr. Baldwin-Wallace	5-03.00
Pole Vault			
1	Ashley C. Johnson	Jr. Wilmington	12-04.50
2	Alysha Gossel	Jr. Otterbein	11-03.75
3	Brittany Morr	So. Mount Union	10-08.00
Long Jump			
1	Gen Kahn	Sr. John Carroll	19-02.00
2	Kara Weaver	Jr. Baldwin-Wallace	18-08.00
3	Amanda Kolanz	So. Mount Union	18-02.25
Triple Jump			
1	Gen Kahn	Sr. John Carroll	37-02.50
2	Kathleen Winings	So. John Carroll	37-01.75
3	Amanda Kolanz	So. Mount Union	35.10.00
Shot Put			
1	Allyson Tobin	Fr. Otterbein	42-09.75
2	Amy Mauceri	Sr. Baldwin-Wallace	40-11.75
3	Tiffany Kovacevich	Fr. Marietta	38-03.50
Discus			
1	Megan McDannel	Sr. Baldwin-Wallace	137-09.00
2	Katie Homan	Jr. Otterbein	128-09.00
3	Allyson Tobin	Fr. Otterbein	124-10.00
Javelin			
1	Krysta Douds	Jr. Otterbein	129-05.00
2	Theresa Carona	Fr. Baldwin-Wallace	123-06.00
3	Kristen Paulsen	So. Baldwin-Wallace	116-11.00