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Tom Hill Named Athlete of the Year

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For immediate release:

CEDARVILLE, OHIO -- Tom Hill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hill, Sr. of St. Marys, was recently named the 1985-86 male "Athlete of the Year" at Cedarville College in Ohio. The announcement was made by the school's Yellow Jacket Club committee following Hill's superb senior season in both track and cross country.

Hill had been riddled with injuries during his career before putting it all together this year. In the fall, he placed second in the NCCAA (National Christian College Athletic Association) cross country meet to make the All-America unit. His efforts paced Cedarville to its first national cross country title since 1979. Tom made the NAIA All-District 22 team and placed tenth overall in the big All-Ohio Meet. The Yellow Jackets were ranked as high as 16th in the NAIA cross country poll.

Tom finished second in the two-mile run at the NAIA national indoor track meet in Kansas City in February to earn a spot on the All-America team. He had a time of 9:05.5 and that second-place showing is the highest-ever finish by a Cedarville male athlete in NAIA competition, indoor or outdoor.

In the outdoor spring season, Hill won the 1500 meter run at the NCCAA championships in a meet record time of 3:51.16. He also won the same event in the NAIA District 22 meet in 3:55.9, also a meet record.

The Yellow Jacket Club committee voted on the basis of nominations made by each coach at the school. The criteria considered by the committee included athletic ability, interest

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in the team concept, citizenship, spiritual influence and leadership. Hill is a math major at Cedarville with a 2.90 grade point average.

Hill is a member of this summer's Athletes in Action European running team. The squad will be gone for five to six weeks after leaving the United States on July 12. Tom will compete in the 1500 and 5000 meter runs.

Cedarville is a Baptist liberal arts college located in southwestern Ohio, 25 miles east of Dayton. The school has an enrollment of approximately 1800 students.