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- 2004—Andrew Lee Feight, Shawnee State University, and Richard Taylor, Kentucky State University (tie)
- 2005—John David Smith, University of North Carolina at Charlotte
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