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Bethany Men, Washington & Jefferson Women Picked to Capture 2005-06 PAC Basketball Titles

PITTSBURGH, Pa. - The Bethany College men and Washington & Jefferson College women were picked to capture the 2005-06 championship in the Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC), according to the preseason poll released at the 2005-06 PAC Basketball Media Day at Mellon Arena in Pittsburgh today. Voters in the polls included conference head coaches, sports information directors, and members of the media present at the conference media day.

The defending PAC champion Bison of fourth-year head coach **Aaron Huffman** earned 22 of 23 first-place votes to lead the preseason poll, followed by Westminster (122), Washington & Jefferson (110), Grove City (81), Thiel (64), Thomas More (61) and Waynesburg (46). Bethany posted a 24-4 record in 2004-05, capturing the PAC Championship with a win over W&J in the title game and advancing to the NCAA Division III Tournament.

"It's an honor to be picked at the top of such a competitive and balanced league as the PAC," said Huffman. Being selected to win the conference just means everyone will be gunning for us, so this will be a challenge to us to stay focused and be ready to play every night."

The President women, led by second-year head coach **Jina DeRubbo**, earned all 23 first place votes to finish with 161 points, followed by defending PAC champion Westminster (126), Thomas More (114), Grove City (94), Bethany (73), Thomas More (47) and Thiel (34). Both Westminster and W&J were NCAA Tournament teams in 2004-05, while Grove City was selected for the ECAC South Region Tournament.

"It's an honor to be thought of as the preseason favorite," said DeRubbo. "We have a lot of experience returning and we just hope we can be as competitive as we have been the past few years."

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Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) 2005-06 Preseason Men's Basketball Poll

	Points	2004-05 Record
1. Bethany (22)	160	24-4 (9-1)
2. Westminster	122	15-11 (5-5)
3. Washington & Jefferson (1)	110	10-18 (5-5)
4. Grove City	81	13-12 (6-4)
5. Thiel	64	8-19 (3-7)
6. Thomas More	61	8-17 (n/a)
7. Waynesburg	46	8-18 (2-8)

(xx) - first place votes

Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) 2005-06 Preseason Women's Basketball Poll

	Points	2004-05 Record
1. Washington & Jefferson (23)	161	21-7 (8-2)
2. Westminster	126	21-8 (7-3)
3. Thomas More	114	16-9 (n/a)
4. Grove City	94	16-10 (8-2)
5. Bethany	73	9-16 (4-6)
6. Waynesburg	47	10-14 (1-9)
7. Thiel	34	7-20 (2-8)

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