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Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) Announces New Conference Officers for 2010-11 Academic Year

WEXFORD, Pa. – **Dr. Kenneth Smith**, president of Geneva College, will serve as the chair of the Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) Presidents' Council in the 2010-2011 academic year. Smith replaces **Dr. Esther Barazzone**, president at Chatham University, who served as the chair of the PAC Presidents' Council in 2009-2010.

Dr. Smith became President of Geneva College in 2004 after a career as a tenured faculty member in the Whitman School of Management at Syracuse University in New York and as an international development management consultant for the University of Maryland. He holds a Ph. D. in Business Administration (Strategic Management), from the College of Business and Management at the University of Maryland at College Park and an M.P.I.A. in Economic and Social Development from the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs at the University of Pittsburgh. Dr. Smith is an alumnus of Geneva College where he earned his B.S.B.A. in Business Administration and B.A. in Political Science.

Dr. Smith is charged with leading and raising support for Geneva College as a whole. He has general supervision and control over the entire college, and serves as the official connector between the board of trustees and the faculty, students and staff. He also has the responsibility of raising awareness and support for the college and building relationships with alumni and the community.

With Dr. Smith assuming the chair of the Presidents' Council, the other standing PAC councils will also be chaired by Geneva College representatives in the upcoming academic year. Geneva AD **Kim Gall** will serve as chair of the PAC Athletic Directors Council and the PAC Senior Woman Administrators Council (SWAC) in 2010-2011, while the PAC Faculty Athletic Representatives Association (PAC FARA) will be chaired by Geneva FAR **Denise Murphy-Gerber**.

The PAC Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) has elected senior basketball player **Brittany Brown** of Chatham University as President for 2010-2011. Washington & Jefferson College soccer player **Hannah Shaner**, a junior, will serve as PAC SAAC Vice President in 2010-2011.

Joe Onderko will continue to serve as PAC executive director in 2010-2011. Onderko, a member of the NCAA Division III Financial Aid Committee, begins his fifth year as executive director and tenth year overall with the conference this fall.

Founded in 1955, the Presidents' Athletic Conference continues its mission of promoting intercollegiate athletics and the pursuit of academic excellence. Consisting of 10 select private institutions in Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Kentucky, the PAC remains a unique organization in this day of high pressure intercollegiate athletics. With academics at the center of each member's philosophy, the PAC is built on the principle that an athletic program is a part of college life, but not an entity in itself. The PAC annually crowns champions in 19 sports (10 men, nine women).

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