



# SPORTS NEWS

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## **Thiel's Nichols, Westminster's Trunk Named PAC SAAC Scholar-Athletes of the Month**

WEXFORD, PA. – The Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) has selected **Amber Nichols** of Thiel College and **Ryan Trunk** of Westminster College as the PAC Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) Scholar-Athletes of the Month for March, 2007.

Nichols, a senior outfielder on the Thiel College softball team, finished the month leading the PAC in batting average (.500), and ranking third in the league in hits (28) and fourth in stolen bases (7). During March, she had a 12-game hit streak. She was named PAC Hitter of the Week for the week ending March 11. In the classroom, she maintains a 3.61 cumulative grade-point average as an English major. Nichols has interned in the athletic department and the sports information office at Thiel. She is also a member of the Alpha Xi Delta sorority and works as a writer for the *Thilensian*, the Thiel student newspaper.

Trunk, a senior on the Westminster College men's swimming team, finished his career in March by swimming to All-American honors in three events at the 2007 NCAA Division III Swimming and Diving Championships. His national second place finish in the 100 freestyle gave him All-American honors for the second year in a row in the event. Trunk also picked up honors in the 50 freestyle and as anchor on the 400 medley relay that finished eighth nationally. In the classroom, he maintains a 3.406 cumulative grade-point-average majoring in sociology and criminal justice. Trunk has been named to the CSCAA Academic All-American team and the Dean's List, and has been the Vice President of SGA. He has worked as a camp counselor at Camp Quality Ohio, and completed an internship with the Lawrence County adult probation office.

Other female nominees included track and field athlete **Mary Majchrowicz** of Grove City, softball player **Stacie Bugle** of Washington & Jefferson, track & field athlete **Ashley Dodd** of Waynesburg, and softball player **Heather Gurgio** of Westminster. Other male nominees were baseball player **Chris Schwamberger** of Grove City, baseball player **Ben Cobler** of Thiel, track and field athlete **Virgil Marshall** of Washington & Jefferson and tennis player **Bryan McAnulty** of Waynesburg.

Each month, SAAC members from each PAC institution are eligible to nominate two junior or senior varsity student athletes (one male, one female) from their school. All PAC Scholar-Athlete nominations must be in season, have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher, and be actively involved in their campus community.

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). In 2005-06, the conference had 17 teams represent the conference in postseason play, including 15 in NCAA championship events. The PAC is scheduled to receive automatic qualification (AQ) status for NCAA team championships in the 2007-08 academic year.

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