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Uranker, Simpson Named PAC SAAC Scholar-Athletes of the Month for November, 2007

WEXFORD, Pa. - The Presidents' Athletic Conference has named **Lauren Uranker (McDonald, Pa./South Fayette H.S.)** of Geneva College and **Conor Simpson (Monroeville, Pa./Gateway H.S.)** of Westminster College as PAC Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) Scholar-Athletes of the Month for November, 2007.

Uranker, a senior guard for the Golden Tornado basketball team, has helped Geneva to its best start in school history at 7-0 while averaging 9.4 points per game and 4.1 rebounds per game. Off the court, Uranker maintains a 3.8 cumulative grade-point average (GPA) as business finance major. She has also volunteered her time as a mission trip member to Jamaica the past two summers, where she helped build houses and minister to those less fortunate.

A junior on the Titan swimming team, Simpson won multiple events in helping the Titans to a 2-1 record in November. He was also won the 500 freestyle and was a key point scorer for the team's first place finish at the Wooster Invitational. Outside of the pool, Simpson is a political science major and carries a 3.8 cumulative GPA. He volunteers as a community swimming lesson instructor and serves as a student volunteer for the Titan Sports Hall of Fame Committee. He is also a SAAC team representative and is a member of the Lambda Sigma Honor Society.

Other female nominees include Bethany swimmer **Erin Staniech**, Chatham basketball player **Allason Holt**, Grove City basketball player **Brittany Anderson**, Thiel basketball player **Amber Bodrick** and Westminster basketball player **Emilee Ackerman**. Other male nominees include Grove City basketball player **Shawn Carr**, Thiel basketball player **Brandon Mirizio**, and Waynesburg basketball player **Jason Clark**.

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 2006-07, the conference had 24 teams represent the conference in postseason play, including 14 in NCAA championship events.

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