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Mitchell, Whitbeck Named PAC SAAC Scholar-Athletes of the Month for December, 2007

WEXFORD, Pa. - The Presidents' Athletic Conference has named Bethany College's **Lisa Mitchell (Burgettstown, Pa./Avella H.S.)** and Grove City College's **Tim Whitbeck (Saegertown, Pa./Saegertown H.S.)** PAC Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) Scholar-Athletes of the Month for December, 2007.

Mitchell, a senior guard for the Bison basketball team, scored 10 or more points in six of Bethany's first eight games, including a season-high 28 against #14 Thomas More on December 1. She was also named to the all-tournament teams at the Penn State-Behrend Tip-Off and the Wilmington Fred Raizk Thanksgiving tournaments. In the classroom, Mitchell maintains a 3.8 cumulative grade point average (GPA) as an elementary education major. She has earned Dean's List honors six times and has twice been named to the PAC Academic Honor Roll.

Whitbeck, a junior on the Wolverine swimming team, helped Grove City to the team title at the James E. Longnecker Invitational with wins in the 50 and 100 freestyle. He also qualified for the NCAA Championship in the 50 freestyle with a time of 20.46 seconds. He also earned CollegeSwimming.com Division III Men's Swimmer of the Week honors on December 13. Outside of the pool, Whitbeck carries a 3.39 cumulative GPA as a computer science major. He also is the director of "New Grace", a touring chapel choir.

Other nominees include Grove City swimmer **Ellen Keefer**, Thiel basketball player **Amber Bodrick**, Westminster basketball player **Emilee Ackerman** and Bethany basketball player **Brody Jackson**.

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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