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Waynesburg Men, Thomas More Women Picked to Capture 2006-07 PAC Basketball Titles

PITTSBURGH, Pa. - The Waynesburg College men and Thomas More College women were picked to capture 2006-07 basketball championships in the Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC), according to the preseason poll released at the 2006-07 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 Yellow Jackets, who return four starters from last year's team which finished 16-11 and second in the PAC, earned just eight of 28 first place votes, but still edged Washington & Jefferson (160 points, 12 first place votes) in a close ballot. Other teams in the poll included two-time defending PAC champion Bethany (145), Westminster (132), Grove City (83), Thiel (62) and Thomas More (47).

"It's an honor that the coaches think so highly of us, but as last season showed polls are just that - preseason polls," said fourth-year Waynesburg head coach **Frank Ferraro**. "We feel the PAC is competitive from top to bottom and any team could emerge as the eventual champion. Our success last year was a reflection of our players really buying into what we were teaching them, and being picked first in the PAC this year is a result of their hard work."

On the women's side, the Saints return four starters from a squad that finished 20-8 and in second place in the conference in 2005-06. Thomas More finished with 23 of 31 first place votes and 208 total points, followed by defending PAC champion Washington & Jefferson (151), Westminster (146), Waynesburg (109), Bethany (95), Thiel (89) and Grove City (70).

"It's nice to receive the recognition for our program, and I just hope the voters are as accurate as last year (when preseason favorite Washington & Jefferson won the title). We have a pretty experienced returning core and those players are looking forward to the challenge ahead," said third-year Thomas More women's head coach **Brian Neal**.

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Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) 2006-07 Preseason Men's Basketball Poll

		2005-06
	Points	Record
1. Waynesburg (8)	171	16-11 (7-5)
2. Washington & Jefferson (12)	160	10-16 (8-4)
3. Bethany (5)	145	23-5 (12-0)
4. Westminster (3)	132	11-16 (7-5)
5. Grove City	83	9-17 (5-7)
6. Thiel	62	5-22 (1-11)
7. Thomas More	47	2-24 (2-10)

(xx) - first place votes

Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) 2006-07 Preseason Women's Basketball Poll

		2005-06
	Points	Record
1. Thomas More (23)	208	20-8 (10-2)
2. Washington & Jefferson (3)	151	22-5 (10-2)
3. Westminster (3)	146	8-19 (4-8)
4. Waynesburg (1)	109	14-13 (5-7)
5. Bethany	95	9-17 (5-7)
6. Thiel (1)	89	7-19 (5-7)
7. Grove City	70	7-19 (3-9)

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