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PAC to Provide Free Video Webcasts of 2007 Basketball Championship Games Through TRZ

WEXFORD, Pa. – The Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) will provide free video webcasts of its 2007 men's & women's basketball championship games through TRZ Communication Services via the conference website: www.pacathletics.org. The games will be produced by local/campus television stations from PAC member institutions Thomas More, Waynesburg, and/or Westminster, depending on the championship sites.

The PAC basketball title games will take place at 1 p.m. (women) and 7:30 p.m. (men) on Saturday, February 24, 2007. The women's game will be at the site of the highest seed entering the conference tournament, while the men's contest will be held at the top remaining seed following the semifinal round of the tournament. In addition, depending on the tournament venue, the PAC may also webcast both women's basketball tournament semifinal contests on Friday, February 23 at 6 p.m. & 8 p.m.

"The Presidents' Athletic Conference prides itself on being on the cutting edge of technological advances. By producing live video webcasts of our 2007 basketball championship games, we are putting the PAC ahead of the curve in relation to other NCAA Division III conferences," said **Joe Onderko**, executive director of the PAC. "These video webcasts will give fans and alumni of PAC schools, especially those living in other parts of the country, the chance to experience the thrill and excitement of our basketball championship games. I want to express my sincere gratitude to our campus television stations for their assistance in making this project a reality."

The video webcasting agreement is the first in the history of the PAC. Founded in 1982 and located in Kent, Ohio, TRZ Communication Services is a recognized industry leader in video webcasting of live sporting events. TRZ provides a host of services for hundreds of clients from throughout North America, providing over 40,000 live events annually.

"This relationship marks the beginning of a new and exciting level of added-value media services being offered by Division III athletic programs. The Presidents' Athletic Conference becomes one of the only conferences, nationally, to provide their post-season tournaments to viewers worldwide via the Internet.," said **Tom Zawistowski**, chief executive officer (CEO) of TRZ. "TRZ is extremely proud of the leadership role that the PAC is taking with implementing this technology."

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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