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Chatham's Hicks, Waynesburg's Canning named PAC SAAC Scholar-Athletes of the Month for May 2010

WEXFORD, Pa. – The Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) announced today that **Carly Hicks (Westchester, Pa./Henderson)** of Chatham University and **Jeff Canning (Cambridge, Ohio/Cambridge)** of Waynesburg University have been named PAC Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) Scholar-Athletes of the Month for May 2010.

Hicks is a junior member of the Cougar swimming team and has made the most of her time in the pool. She was a PAC championship finalist for at least three individual events and four relays in three years and has earned her place as captain of the team. Additionally, Hicks currently holds the school record for the 200, 400 and 800 medley relays. She also has been a member of the College Swimming Coaches Association of America (CSCAA) Academic All-American Team for the past three seasons.

In the classroom, Hicks is a cultural studies major with minors in biology and psychology with a 3.83 GPA. Her campus involvement includes being a resident assistant, a member of the Mortor Board and Blue Key Honor Societies, as well as a member of the Chatham Christian Fellowship club.

Canning is a senior member of the Yellow Jacket men's tennis team. His athletic accolades include being named a scholar athlete by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) the past four years, as well as being named second-team All-PAC in 2008 and 2010.

Canning is a journalism/communications major with a 3.7 GPA. In addition to his duties as a men's tennis player, he is also the editor for the Waynesburg student newspaper, *The Yellow Jacket*.

Each month, SAAC members at a PAC school nominate a student-athlete to highlight based on academic and athletic accomplishments. Honorees must be a varsity member in their respective sport(s) and in their junior or senior year. Scholar-Athletes of the Month must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher and be actively involved on his or her 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 2008-09, the PAC had 41 teams represent the conference in postseason play, including 23 in NCAA championship events. PAC championship teams receive automatic qualification (AQ) status for most NCAA Division III national championship events.

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