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Ferris State's Mike Klobucher & Mercyhurst's Julie Anderson Voted 2006-07 GLIAC Scholar-Athletes of the Year

BAY CITY, Mich. — Ferris State University football player **Mike Klobucher** (Grand Haven, Mich. /North Muskegon), and Mercyhurst College women's basketball player **Julie Anderson** (Verona, Ontario/Sydenham) were named the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference's (GLIAC) 2006-07 male and female "Scholar-Athletes of the Year" as voted by the league's faculty-athletic representatives.

Klobucher has been highly decorated throughout his career, though especially for his 2006 accomplishments. Last season he recorded five double-digit single-game tackle performances in his role as team Defensive Co-Captain. Averaging 9.2 tackles per game tied Klobucher for fifth place on the final GLIAC tackles leaders' list in 2006. That was good for a 26th place finish among all NCAA D-II defenders in total tackles per game and ranked 31st in solo tackles (4.7 avg.). He was voted FSU's "Most Valuable Player" last season and earned First-Team All-GLIAC honors.

Mike was the recipient of the GLIAC's 2006 McAvoy Award for outstanding character and leadership on the field, in the classroom, and in the community. Klobucher was named to ESPN The Magazine's Academic All-America first team and was a finalist for the National Football Foundation's (NFF) Draddy Trophy. Mike earned a cumulative grade point average of 4.0 (4.0 scale) while majoring in Applied Biology. Because of his outstanding work, Klobucher made the 2006 GLIAC All-Academic team, and received the FSU Dean's Academic Award. Mike was named to the NFF National Honor Society in April of 2007, one of 345 individuals from 195 schools in all divisions to earn the honor in the inaugural year.

Anderson is one of the most highly decorated players in Mercyhurst basketball history. She started all 27 games last season and scored a career high 29 points against Ashland (Jan. 6, 2007). In 2006-07 Anderson scored 20 or more points in five consecutive games, the longest streak by a Mercyhurst player since the 1993-94 season. She led the GLIAC in steals last season and ranked in the top five in scoring, rebounding and free-throw shooting. Anderson is a fixture in the Mercyhurst record books, ranking fifth in career scoring, fourth in career rebounding, third in career steals and free-throws made. Anderson was named GLIAC player of the week twice last season for her efforts.

In the classroom she has earned impressive numbers as well. Anderson graduated with a 3.985 GPA while majoring in Sports Medicine, and garnered ESPN The Magazine First-Team Academic All-American accolades.

"We are pleased with the balance between academics and athletics in the GLIAC," stated Commissioner Tom Brown. "These two student-athletes epitomize that balance. Good students, good athletes."

Both Klobucher and Anderson will be entered in the Division II Scholar Awards regional ballot cosponsored by Disney's Wide World of Sports Complex (TM) and the Division II Conference Commissioners Association.