Philadelphia University to Honor Top Basketball Coaches,
Celebrate Last Game Played in Althouse Hall

Men’s Coach Herb Magee and Women’s Coach Tom Shirley are fourth most-winning coaching team in NCAA

Philadelphia, February 18, 2006 – Philadelphia University’s legendary Men’s Basketball Coach Herb Magee won his 800th game in December. Four weeks later, Women’s Basketball coach Tom Shirley notched his 500th career win.

Together, with 1,324 wins between them, the Philadelphia University coaches are the fourth most-winning basketball coaching team in the country, behind only Texas Tech, Northern State and Arizona, and ahead of such hoops powerhouses as UConn, the University of Texas and Duke.

On Saturday, Feb. 18, Philadelphia University will celebrate the recent milestones and successes of coaches Magee and Shirley during a home game double header against Nyack College. Harry Kalas, the voice of the Phillies, will host the ceremony before the 5 p.m. start of the men’s game. The women’s game will start at 3 p.m.

“Philadelphia University is proud to have two of the top basketball coaches in the nation on our home team,” said Philadelphia University President James P. Gallagher, who will make a presentation to Coach Magee and Coach Shirley on Saturday.

Other speakers will include Theresa Carroll, ’00, who posted 2,000 points and 1,000 rebounds during her playing career and who was inducted this fall into Philadelphia University’s Athletic Hall of Fame, and assistant men’s coach Andy Jones, a leading player in Philadelphia University basketball history with more than 1,600 points and who ranks in the top ten of careers assists and steals.

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That night the University also will celebrate the end of an era, as the Rams play
their last home game of the season and their final game ever in Althouse Hall, which has
housed their home court for 46 years. The Lady Rams will finish their home season the
following Monday. During the years they played in Althouse Hall, the men’s basketball
team garnered the Division II record for consecutive home victories at 80 wins and won
the national championship in 1970. They also won three NCAA Regional
Championships and three Mid-East Collegiate Conference Championships. While
playing in Althouse Hall, the Women’s basketball team took two New York Collegiate
Athletic Conference Championships and two Eastern College Athletic Conference
Championships.

One of the many banners hanging in Althouse Hall commemorates the 2,000th
point of a skinny kid from West Catholic High School named Herb Magee, who remains
one of the leading scorers in the school’s basketball history. Five other men and women
have reached the 2,000 point milestone while playing in Althouse Hall.

By the time 2006-2007 basketball season gets underway, the Philadelphia
University teams will be shooting baskets in a new athletic and recreational facility,
which will house two regulation-size basketball and volleyball courts, a state-of-the-art
fitness and training facility and an aerobics room.

With their recent milestone wins, coaches Magee and Shirley have cemented their
stellar reputations in NCAA basketball coaching ranks. Magee is now the eighth all-time
winning coach in men’s basketball, and is poised to move higher up the list. Shirley is
the ninth most-winning women’s coach in Division II.

Together, the Philadelphia University coaching team is behind only Bob Knight
and Marsha Sharp at Texas Tech, Northern State’s Don Meyer and Curt Frederickson and
Arizona’s Lute Olsen and Joan Bonvicini in total wins.

As part of Saturday’s celebration, a reception will be held after the men’s game
and t-shirts commemorating coaches Magee and Shirley will be given out at the games.

Philadelphia University, founded in 1884, is a private university with 3,200 full-
and part-time students enrolled in more than 40 undergraduate and graduate programs.
The University includes Schools of Architecture, Business Administration, Design and
Media, Engineering and Textiles, Liberal Arts and Science and Health.