Congratulations to Graduate Elisa Kruchowsky: May 23, 2003

The crew team would also like to add a congratulations to our only senior and captain, coxswain Elisa Kruchowsky on graduating. She will moving onto Seattle University to begin her masters education. So we wish her the best. Here is a highlight of some of her great rows over the years.

2002: Dad Vail- National Champion- MLt 4+

WIRA: Second Place- MLt 4+, Cascade Sprints- 1st Place- MLt 4+

2001: PCRC- Regional Champion- MLt 4+ and M4+, WIRA 2nd Place- MLt 4+, Head of the Lake 2nd Place-M4+, Portland LO/OP- 1st Place- M4+.

Good Luck.

Season Over: May 23, 2003

The Lutes ended the year with their conference and regional regattas. The highlight of Cascade Sprints was the .05 second win over UPS in the Women's Varsity 8+. This means PLU brought home that cup for the second year in a row. There were also some very good second place finishes in the Women's Novice 4+ and the Women's Varsity 4+. The Women's Second Novice 4+ received a 1st place finish with a 25 second victory. The Women's Novice Eight also received a third place finish. At that point these crews were hoping to continue their success the next week in Sacramento.

At the WIRA championships in Sacramento, CA, the Lutes ended the season on a solid note and results show that the next few years shall be some good years for PLU rowing. One of the highlight races was the Women's Novice 4+ rowing in the "Frog" placed second to Gonzaga University by only 1.2 seconds. The next closest crew was 15 seconds away. The Women's Varsity 4+ also raced a great race and almost came home with the cup for the second year in a row. SPU ended up pulling ahead in the last 50 meters to win by 2.8 seconds. The Women's Novice 8+ put together an inspiring row in their heat to advance to grand finals where they ended up placing 5th place. The Women's Varsity 8+ made it to petite finals and ended the season with a 4th place finish in that race. On the men's side, the Men's Novice 4+ rowing an angry race in their petite final after being snubbed for grand finals beat everyone else with the closest competition finishing 4 seconds behind them. The Men's Varsity 4+ ended the season on a solid note with a 3rd place finish in petite finals. With the crew of freshman coming up and the experience they gained by rowing in varsity boats this year, PLU should come back next year with a very solid crew.

Lutes Have Been Racing: April 19, 2003

The Lutes have gone through quite a few races since the last update. The women's V8 has traveled to Ithaca, NY and represented the team well. While the rest of the team headed
down to Portland to race in the Lewis and Clark Invite. The team also spent the second half of their spring break in Oakland, CA and rowed in the California Invite. The last regatta they participated in was the much anticipated Meyer/Lamberth regatta versus UPS. Links for all of these results can be found on the regatta page. Next up for the Lutes is the conference championships, Cascade Sprints which will for the second year take place on Lake Stevens in Lake Stevens, WA. A schedule for this regatta can also be found on the regatta page or click here. Also here is the link for the WIRA regatta in Sacramento, CA the next weekend.

Lutes Back On The Water: March 16, 2003

If you missed it, the Lutes had a very successful and exciting regatta on Saturday. This young group of Lute rowers showed many signs of being a very competitive team this spring. For results from the March 15th regatta at American Lake, click here. For women's DIII results click here.

First Spring Regatta and Open House: March 10, 2003

The week has finally come. Our first regatta on March 15th. There will be at least four teams at this regatta. So it should be very exciting. Along with the regatta, PLU will be holding an open house at the boathouse. There will be food with a $5 min. donation. This will be a great opportunity for parents, alumni, athletes and coaches to hang out and meet each other. The regatta will begin at 9am and if the regatta stays on schedule will end around 12pm. To see the schedule click here.

Spring Rowing Update: February 9, 2003

After a lot of hard work in the offseason, the men's and women's teams are back on the water. They are already looking forward to their first regatta on March 8th against UPS. More updates to come soon. Click here for results from Ergomania, that was held on Feb 1st at Pocock Rowing Center.

Spring Regatta Schedule Updated: November 26, 2002

The Spring 2003 regatta schedule has been updated. There appears to be plenty of local regattas so we are looking forward to plenty of fan and alumni support. Click here to go to the regatta schedule

More Results Updated: November 16, 2002

The varsity men raced up in Seattle last weekend at the Head of the Lake regatta. The fours had some solid races finishing 5th and 8th. Meanwhile the 8+ came home with a 10th place finish. This marks the end of the fall season for the Lutes and the start of a busy offseason. But everyone is looking forward to the spring. Click here for results

New Results Posted: November 9, 2002
The links on the regatta page have been updated. You can now see the results from all of our regattas this fall and the starting times for the men at Head of the Lake on November 10, 2002.

Alumni News: Katie Davis Named Bucknell Assistant Crew Coach -- October 30, 2002

From Row2k.com:

September 18, 2002
thanks to Niki DeSantis

LEWISBURG, Pa. Katie Davis, past novice women’s crew coach at Pacific Lutheran University, has joined the Bucknell women’s crew staff as an assistant coach, head coach Steve Kish recently announced.

“I think her experiences as a competitive rower will be a valuable asset to our women’s crew,” stated Kish.

Davis, a 2001 Pacific Lutheran graduate, continued working in the crew department at her alma mater. She was responsible for training 20 athletes and coordinating regattas with the head coaches. While at Pacific Lutheran, Davis also participated as the New Zealand Trekking assistant. Her duties during the month on the south island included organizing food and accommodations for 20 students, as well as guiding various treks.

While an athlete at Pacific Lutheran, Davis was captain of her crew team. She also held the position of Student-Athlete Advisory Committee President (SAAC), and was also All-Conference sports representative for Pacific Lutheran. Davis was also named Senior Athlete of the Year her senior year.

The Bucknell women’s crew team starts its 2002-03 season with the King’s Head Regatta in King of Prussia, Pa. on Sunday, September 29.

Lewis & Clark Invitational results -- October 27, 2002

The Lutes enjoyed a great day of racing Saturday on the Willamette River in Portland, Oregon. Racing conditions were ideal for the 5K race which featured 8s and 4s from varsity and novice men's and women's crews. The top finishers for the Lutes were the varsity 4s which both finished in first place, well ahead of the competition. The Lutes finished within seconds of their competitors in many other races, showing that many of these crews are well matched against eachother. Find the final results here.

Varsity Lutes enjoy their first racing -- October 12, 2002
The varsity men and women enjoyed their first races of the season on the Spokane River against Gonzaga and Washington State. Two heats of 3,500 meters were rowed to get combined times for a result. Get full coverage and results here.

Crews feel the water under them -- September 24, 2002

Both varsity and novices have begun practices for the fall season. Varsity are working on coming together in new lineups and adjusting to the loss of core rowers who graduated. The coaching staff is pleased to bring Bjorn Larsen and Tone Lawver onboard as novice coaches. Both are previous rowers of PLU and are very excited for their first season at PLU. Bjorn will be coaching the novice men while Tone will have the novice women.

Fall 2002 Update -- August 4, 2002

Quick update: The first day of practice will be Monday, September 16th for both varsity men and women. During the first week of school it is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to be cleared at the training room so you can row. No clearance = no rowing. For those coming early, there will probably be a work party on the 7th or 8th to wash and rig boats plus clean the boathouse. If you know (or think) you will be around for this, or have any questions, please email crew@plu.edu.

Are YOU interested in crew?? -- July 12, 2002

If you are interested in finding out more information about the crew team, please fill out our registration form. The crew team is open to ALL interested people. There are no cuts and there is no need to have rowed before coming to PLU. If you are looking for something new and exciting, please check us out!

End of the Year -- June 29, 2002

Though the school year ended over a month ago, the Varsity Women continued their practices and rowed in Indianapolis at the first annual Division III National Championships. This was a special honor for all those who participated. The team finished fifth overall in the country among small schools. Check out their pictures.

Overall the team ended the year on a strong up-note and all are encouraged for next year. Many are sad to see our seniors (Bjorn Larsen, Brian Grant, Cameron McVay, Ryan Baker, Sarah Saverud, Celina Tamayo, Laura Peterson, Kristin Hovenkotter, Lauren Pawlawski, Anna Goodsell, Kristin Shay and Lindsay Kucimba) leaving the team. Ten of these twelve spent all 4 years of their collegiate career with the team. They have helped to strengthen the team through their leadership and have helped to mold the team into something better. Though they leave with heavy hearts for a team they spent so much time and energy with, they are confident that the strong Lute tradition of rowing and excellence will persevere. EAT'EM UP LUTES!

Dad Vail pics added -- May 19, 2002
Pictures from the Lighties trip to Philadelphia for the Dad Vail Regatta and National Championship are now posted. Check them out!

WIRA Championship info and pictures posted -- May 22, 2002

Thanks to Bjorn Larsen Sr. for the digital pictures that now make up the WIRA 2002 photo gallery.

The Lutes finished a strong weekend of racing at the WIRA championships with the following results

Men's Varsity Eight - 3rd (petite final)         Men's Novice Eight - 5th (petite)
Men's Lightweight Four - 2nd (grand)         Men's Novice Lightweight Four - 5th (grand)
Men's Varsity Four 1st (third final)         Men's Novice Four - 1st (petite)

Women's Varsity Eight - 1st (petite)         Women's Novice Eight - 2nd (petite)
Women's Second Varsity Eight - 1st (petite)         Women's Novice Four - 6th (grand)
Women's Varsity Four - 1st (grand)

Women accept National bid -- May 20, 2002

The Lute woman have been granted (and accepted) a bid to participate in the first ever NCAA Division III national championships for rowing in Indianapolis, Indiana. After a week long break, the woman are ready to row hard to follow in the footsteps of the Lightweight men and work to bring a second national championship back to PLU. The regatta will be held May 30th through June 1st. For all the current information, check out the Rowing Championships website.

LUTE VICTORY -- May 19, 2002

The varsity men's lightweight 4+ took first place finish at the Dad Vail's regatta held in Philadelphia, PA on the 17th and 18th. This regatta is composed of roughly 3,000 athletes from small schools around the country, and the Lutes were helping to represent the west coast in the heavily dominant east coast races. Coming in first place in their heat, their semi-final race and in the final, the Lutes swept the competition of 31 crews from the west coast, mid-west and east coast. The boat consisted of senior Cameron McVay, senior Bjorn Larsen, sophomore Brian Paulson, senior Brian Grant and coxswain junior Elisa Kruchousky. When asked if she was surprised that her crew had won, coach Sarah Halsted replied with, "I knew that if anyone could do it, they could." And they did. Their winning final time was 6:33.6

Meyer/Lamberth Pictures -- April 24, 2002
Thanks to Sandy Stoken, pictures for Meyer/Lamberth Day have been added to the website. Thanks Sandy!

Meyer/Lamberth Day -- April 20, 2002

Another successful day brought out the best in racing from both UPS and PLU crews. The Lutes held onto the women's Lamberth Cup for another year, while the Loggers defended their hold on the Meyer Cup. The Loggers also held onto the Neils Cup, finishing first in the Alumni race.

A new tradition for the Lutes was started with the first annual running of the Class Races. Men's and women's 4s, composed of rowers from specific classes rowed a 1000 meter course. The Seniors prevailed for both the men and women.

Meyer/Lamberth Schedule -- April 18, 2002

Here is the tentative schedule for Meyer/Lamberth Day. Please note that changes may be made on the day of races.

Governor's Cup Results -- April 18, 2002

Results have been (finally) posted for last weekend's regatta in Salem, Oregon. Sorry for the delay.

Meyer/Lamberth times-- April 16, 2002

The regatta this Saturday will begin at 9 AM with the women's 2 varsity 8, then followed by the two cup races. Directions to the boathouse can be found here. Please email with any questions.

Results -- April 8, 2002

Race results have been added for the California Invitational which the Lutes participated in after their week in San Francisco, California for Spring Break, and for the Husky Invitational. All crews did extremely well, setting themselves up for future races and always working hard to go faster.

Meyer/Lamberth Clarification -- April 1, 2002

April 20th is the correct date for Meyer/Lamberth Day. There had been some confusion because of the previously given date for the Governor's Cup in Oregon. That race is on the 13th, and the crew WILL be attending it. Hope this clears up any and all confusion.

Spring Break & California Invitational -- March 31, 2002
The entire crew enjoyed a terrific week in San Francisco, rowing twice a day, and culminating on Saturday with the California Invitational. Highlights included running across the Golden Gate Bridge, navigating the big city traffic, learning (the hard way) about tides, and growing together as a team. All boats brought together their intense training to show these California crews that we know how to row in Washington. There were many first place finishes, with the closest race being the MV8 which was decided by 1/10th of a second (Cal lwt 1st, PLU 2nd). Official results and times will be posted when they are available.

Snowy Photos -- March 18, 2002

Thanks to Julie Johnson ('01) some pictures from the snowy regatta have been added. If you have any to add, please let us know.

Way to go Lutes! -- March 16, 2002

Check out the results.

Making history for most Lutes, crews raced for the first time through heavy snow and cold temperatures to achieve great results. It will long be remembered as the "White American Lake Jamboree." Visibility for the early races was only about 1000 meters, but this did not hamper PLU's varsity 8's from winning both of their races. Novice men's 8 placed second to UPS, while the novice women's 8 achieved a first place finish. Varsity men's pair pulled through to first and third place finishes and the varsity men's Light 4 took second to SPU. The Heavy men's varsity 4 was 3rd in their race. The varsity women's 4 pulled to a second place finish and the women's JV 4 took first place. Official results and times will be posted when they become available.

NEW Regatta Schedule -- March 15, 2002

The NEW regatta schedule for the American Lake Jamboree this coming weekend has been released.

New Pictures -- March 9, 2002

Thanks to Katie Alexander ('04) many new pictures have been added to the site. Events such as the Humboldt Regatta, PCRC 2001, Portland Loop and the fall retreat at Fort Warden all have photos now. Check them out!

Alumni List Updated -- March 8, 2002

The Alumni List has been updated, adding Tyler Long ('00) and Aiko Montgomery (Soltow) ('94).

Roster Updated -- February 24, 2002
The roster has been updated, reflecting this season's novice men and women. Come check out the team!

Regatta Announcements -- February 11, 2002

A few changes in regattas: The team will not be attending the San Diego Crew Classic. Spring break will be spent in California and conclude on March 30th at the California Invite Regatta. Watch for an update about Cascade Sprints as it will not be at American Lake this year.

Spring Season -- February 4, 2002

To alleviate any confusion, spring season starts Wednesday, February 6th, at the regular practice times. 5:15 AM for varsity and 3 PM meeting at the reader board for the novices. See everyone on the water!

Website revamp -- December 20, 2001

The website has been given a revised look, hopefully for the better. Newest addition is the Fleet page, giving a brief history of our boats. If you have any info to add, please let us know!

Head of the Lake Results -- November 10, 2001

The men's crew team traveled to Seattle this weekend for the Head of the Lake regatta and rowed two fours and an eight. They competed well in all of the races and even brought home a second place ribbon in the mens open 4. Click here for results. This is the last regatta for PLU this fall but we are looking forward to spring racing and hope you are too.

Head of the Silcox, Portland Loop Results and Head of the Lake Info -- November 6, 2001

Over the last two weekends the men and women's crew team have had a regatta at home and this last weekend the men competed in Portland at the Portland Loop. The next regatta for the crew team will be this weekend at the Montlake Cut in Seattle. For more info about this weekend at Head of the Lake, click here. For Portland Loop results click here and for results from Head of the Silcox click here.

Head of the Silcox Schedule -- October 26, 2001

The Head of the Silcox regatta will begin at 9am on Saturday the 27th. We will be racing at American Lake in Tilicum, WA. Click here for directions to the boathouse. Click here for the schedule of events and teams that will be racing.

Names added -- October 24, 2001
There are have been a couple more names added to the Alumni List today. Those included were: Barb Tyler (Furnure) ('87), Brandy Hedger ('01), Colleen Chase-Weatherby ('86), Jason Durand and Michael Hagmann ('98). Welcome to all these alumni, hope some of you are able to make contact with your past boatmates.

Lutes make a great showing in first trip to Portland -- October 21, 2001

The Men and Women's varsity boats traveled to Portland, Oregon to race Lewis and Clark, Willamette, and UPS. The Lutes won all events they entered. Official results are posted here. This next week on Saturday the 27, PLU will have their only home regatta at American Lake this fall. Click here for direction to the boathouse.

Gonzaga Regatta Results -- October 21th, 2001

Last week the PLU Varsity Crew team traveled to Gonzaga University for a 5K race, click here for the results.

Welcome Back!!! -- September 4, 2001

There are just a couple of announcements to be made to the current rowers before our fall season begins. There is the Mandatory Eligibility Meeting on Wednesday, September 11th at 5pm. Meet in the lobby of Olson. On Monday, September 10th, there is the annual Interest Fair, now moved to Red Square. This will begin at about 10:30am and last til 1am. We need volunteers to setup and work our table. Please contact one of your captains to sign up for a time. Last but not least we have the much anticipated Interest Meeting on Wednesday, September 12th at 7pm. Your help and attendance will go a long way to helping the crew get off to a great start this fall.

Pages Revamped -- December 11, 2000

The fundraising page has been updated, telling of some news and still constant need of money. The photo pages have been modified, getting rid of some old pics and adding new ones. They have been separated by year to make it easier to manage and view. Let me know if there are any problems.

Spring Schedule Announced -- December 7, 2000

The final spring racing schedule has been released by the coaching staff. You can check it out on the regattas page.

Alumni Story -- November 20, 2000

Tone Lawver has written about his first experiences with crew and an infamous ride in the wooden Marge 4+. It can be found posted on the history page.
Gardiner Cup Results -- November 16, 2000

Results from last weekend's Gardiner Cup Regatta are now posted. Check out the results here.

Head of the Lake Results -- November 12, 2000

The Lutes had a great weekend traveling to the Gardiner Cup and Head of the Lake. Check back here for more details about the races. Results for the Gardiner Cup will be posted when available. Check here for results from the 2000 Head of the Lake Regatta.

Gardiner Cup and Head of the Lake info -- November 10, 2000

Anyone looking for information about the Gardiner Cup race in Everett on Saturday November 11th can look here. Driving instructions and some race times are listed there. Information about Head of the Lake on Sunday the 12th can be found here.

Portland LO/OP -- November 4, 2000

The Lutes enjoyed their first showing at the Portland LO/OP regatta in many years. The varsity men and women fought valiantly through a long 7,000 meter course. The women's open four had an unfortunate row after some complications in the boat. Both varsity open eights brought in fourth place finishes behind Washington and Oregon. The men were within 3 tenths of a second of a third place finish. The men's open four finished second after UPS, losing only by 6.7 seconds. For complete results and time calculations, click here.

Head of the Silcox Results -- October 28, 2000

The Lutes and Loggers had a wet and windy day on Saturday, resulting in many boats filling 1 - 3 inches with water. The course was changed after the first flight because of hydroplane boats in the south end of the lake. The first flight fought against a head wind, then turned and received help with a tail wind on the last leg. The second flight fought against white-cap size waves pummeling their boats, but all rowers made it safely to the course finish. Results will be posted when available.

Head of the Spokane Results -- October 21, 2000

The Lutes, Loggers and Zags competed in the Head of the Spokane this weekend. See the results posted here. Please let me know if you like the new information with the final times. I thought it might help in being able to interpret the placings.

Alumni at the Charles -- October 16, 2000

Though PLU will not be attending the Head of the Charles in Boston this year (October 21-22), we have received information that Jim Schacht ('83), Tim Anderson ('77), Stan
Olsen ('73) and Dave "Smedley" Peterson ('74) will be rowing a master's 4 with Gail Rice as cox. Denise (Stelling) Bettinger ('86) will be racing with the Annapolis Rowing Club also. It is great to see PLU alumni still rowing and hope for the best in their race. Check back here for results.

Roster Updated -- October 16, 2000

Thanks to the hard work of Bjorn Larsen, both the Varsity Men's and Varsity Women's 2000-2001 season roster has been updated. Check it out here.

Alumni List Updated -- September 27, 2000

The Alumni List has been updated, adding three names.

Newest News -- September 25, 2000

Brian Grant has taken over as webmaster for Brian Johnson. The crew would like to thank Brian for all the work he put into keeping the website working and updated. The coaches page has been updated to reflect new hirings and the regatta page now has the Fall 2000 schedule. Results were posted for the PAC-10 Rowing Championships and a few more links were added to the links page. Anyone with other news, updates or suggestions please feel free to contact me at crew@plu.edu.