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A First: Frosh Pixler Voted SPU Top Athlete 7 Earn Award for Excellence; '101' Goes to Taylor, Bryant

Historical first. At barely 19 years of age, **Jessica Pixler's** best years lie ahead. Yet the eight months Pixler (Fr., Sammamish, Wa./Eastlake) just completed rival those of any Seattle Pacific University athlete over the last 50 years. A two-time NCAA track champion and driving force behind three teams which finished among the top seven in the nation, Pixler became the first freshman to be voted the Ron Grady Athlete of the Year, which recognized her accomplishments for 2006-07.

After beginning the year in a soccer uniform, she proceeded to run away from the competition in fall (cross country), winter (indoor) and spring (outdoor track). In autumn, Pixler won both the West Regional and the first of five Great Northwest Athletic Conference championships. On the track, she broke four GNAC and one school record en route to winning national titles in the indoor mile and outdoor 1500, and taking second in the 800. She was voted the West Region's runner of the year both indoors and outdoors, and GNAC indoor and outdoor athlete of the year. Through her contributions—conference victories in the indoor mile and outdoor 800, 1500 and 3000—each of her teams won a GNAC title.

Head coaches of the 14 varsity sports voted, choosing from , among others, two other GNAC players of the year and one national athlete of the year.

Top of their class. The Falcon Award for Excellence—the highest honor for career achievement in athletics, academics and leadership—was presented to seven seniors by President Philip W. Eaton. It was the largest FAE class in 12 years and matched the second-biggest in 20 years. Honored were basketball's **Dustin Bremerman** (Sr., Yakima, Wa./Eisenhower), rowing's **Megan Giske** (Sr., Gig Harbor, Wa./Gig Harbor), soccer's **Carolyn Nason** (Sr., Lafayette, Co./Broomfield), track & field's **Teona Perkins** (Sr., Kennewick, Wa.) and **Eddie Strickler** (Sr., Richland, Wa.), gymnast **Sarah Sullivan** (Sr., Salem, Or./Sprague) and volleyball's **Jenna Von Moos** (Sr., Stanwood, Wa.).

Bremerman was a prominent player for all four seasons, starting three and finishing as the school's No. 2 career scorer. Twice he made all-conference and during his senior campaign he was voted All-America and GNAC co-player of the year. A business administration major with a 3.33 GPA, he was selected academic all-district as a senior and academic all-conference three times. Bremerman served as team co-captain as a junior and senior.

Although she could've graduated in 2006, Giske opted to return for a third year as coxswain. Her dedication paid off as she helped steer the varsity eight to its first NCAA berth. In her first year she jockeyed the varsity four to second in the region. She was twice named all-conference and was all-WIRA as a senior. Giske, a sociology major with a 3.87 GPA, was voted academic all-district and all-conference in '07. She was co-captain for two years.

Nason's arrival in 2004 coincided with the Falcons' first playoff advancements as they reached the Far West Regional championship game in each of her three seasons. She helped make the defense among the nation's most formidable and was voted all-region three times and academic all-conference twice. The interior design major has a 3.42 GPA and was co-captain as senior.

In her two years Perkins made a big impact, winning the NCAA outdoor high jump as a senior and earning All-America honors three times. She won two conference championships

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Falcon Award for Excellence

Dustin Bremerman, Basketball
Megan Giske, Rowing
Carolyn Nason, Soccer
Teona Perkins, Track & Field
Eddie Strickler, Cross Country/Track & Field
Sarah Sullivan, Gymnastics
Jenna Von Moos, Volleyball

Athlete of the Year

Jessica Pixler, Track & Field/Cross Country

Team Honors

Basketball (m) – 18-10, NCAA tournament, GNAC Co-Champions
Basketball (w) – 20-9, NCAA tournament, GNAC Champions
Cross Country (m) – 3rd in GNAC, 9th in West
Cross Country (w) – 6th in NCAA, 2nd in West, GNAC Champions
Gymnastics – MPSF Champions, 2nd in USA Gymnastics Championships
Rowing (m) – Varsity four took 3rd in NCRC
Rowing (w) – Varsity eight took 3rd in region, NCAA berth
Soccer (m) – 12-7-0, NCAA tournament, GNAC Co-Champions
Soccer (w) – 17-5-0, NCAA tournament
Track & Field/Indoor (m) – 5th in GNAC, 40th in NCAA
Track & Field/Indoor (w) – 7th in NCAA, GNAC Champions
Track & Field/Outdoor (m) – 7th in GNAC
Track & Field/Outdoor (w) – 7th in NCAA, GNAC Champions
Volleyball – 22-6, GNAC Champions, NCAA tournament

Individual Awards

- 1 National athlete of the year
- 17 All-America
- 3 Academic All-America
- 17 All-Region/District
- 8 Academic All-Region/District
- 5 Conference players of the year
- 49 All-Conference
- 76 Academic All-Conference
- 6 Conference coaches of the year

Notable News Items

• SPU won the GNAC All-Sports AND Academic All-Sports awards
• Falcon Legends Hall of Fame inductees included Orville Anderson, Anita Sartin Behrbaum, Linda Johnson Cooper, Frank Furtado

and was voted regional indoor field athlete of the year as a senior and conference indoor track & field athlete of the year as a junior. A European studies major with a 3.70 GPA, she was academic all-conference as senior and is a NCAA Postgraduate Scholar nominee.

Sullivan was a key contributor for four seasons, coming back from an injury to finish her season strong and lead SPU to second at nationals. She was named the Division II Gymnast of the Year after taking third nationally on floor, winning the conference beam title and qualifying for the NCAA regional. The art major (3.63 GPA) earned an NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship and was voted academic all-district. She was co-captain three years.

A key component in the men's track and cross country resurgence of late, Strickler shone individually and as a member of the first cross country team to win a conference title and qualify for nationals in 43 years. He was a three-time conference 800-meter champion and was All-America indoors as a senior. The computer science major with a 3.62 GPA was academic all-conference three times, co-captain and is an NCAA Postgraduate nominee.

Von Moos was the catalyst for two conference championships and NCAA tournament berths in her final two years, and was voted All-America, all-region and GNAC player of the year as senior. She broke school assists records for season average and career total and was all-conference for her final three seasons. Von Moos is an interior design major with 3.23 GPA and was co-captain as junior and senior.

101 Scholars. Rowing's **Jeremy Bryant** (Sr., Gig Harbor, Wa./Gig Harbor) and soccer's **Mollie Taylor** (Sr., Westlake Village, Ca./Oaks Christian) received the Clifford McCrath 101 Scholar Athlete Award, presented by the Washington Athletic Club's 101 Club. Bryant, an accounting major with a 3.66, and Taylor, a theology major with a 3.83, owned the highest GPAs among graduating four-year lettermen.

Our Dean's List. A total of 28 scholar athletes were recognized for maintaining a GPA of 3.50 or higher over the past three quarters, dating back to the spring of 2006. The complete list: Justin Abel, soccer; Monica Anderson, track & field; Molly Barnes, track & field; Kim Beaman, cross country/track; Christie Chinaka, gymnastics; James Coggan, soccer; Ashley Domres, gymnastics; Nate Elmenhurst, soccer; Autumn Fielding, basketball; Nikki Finley, volleyball; Megan Giske, rowing; Alyssa Given, volleyball; Claire Grubbs, soccer; Jeff Hal-lenbeck, soccer; Amber Lundgren, gymnastics; Drew Macha, soccer; Jennifer Marsh, cross country/track; Jared Moultrie, basketball; Victoria Perkins, track/cross country; Ben Pliskin, soccer; Kaitlin Rohde, track/cross country; Karin Rohde, track/cross country; Rachel Savage, rowing; Zeke Schellberg, rowing; Suzie Strickler, cross country/track; Sarah Sullivan, gymnastics; Mollie Taylor, soccer; Megan Wrightman, track/cross country.

Woolly award. Presented with an embroidered personalized blanket for earning four-year letters were 26 seniors: Molly Barnes, track & field; Bjorn Bostrom, cross country; Dustin Bremerman, basketball; Jeremy Bryant, rowing; Kristin Bryant, rowing; Tiffany Butac, volleyball; Whitney Dibble, volleyball; Michael Gavareski, cross country/track; Shelby Gihring, volleyball; Debra Huss, gymnastics; Nikki Jensen, cross country/track; Haley Krommenhoek, gymnastics; Jennifer Marsh, track & field; Drew Matzen, basketball; Michael Morris, soccer; Victoria Perkins, track & field; Ryan Phillips, cross country/track; James Rosser, cross country/track; Katie Ruggles, soccer; Rachel Strand, basketball; Eddie Strickler, cross country/track; Sarah Sullivan, gymnastics; Mollie Taylor, soccer; Jenna Von Moos, volleyball; Andy Willis, soccer; Austin Yuen, basketball.

Tale of the tape. Featured speakers at the banquet were outgoing seniors Shelby Gihring (volleyball) and Austin Yuen...SPU won the 2006-07 GNAC All-Sports championship for the second year in a row and the '05-06 academic all-sports title as well (the '06-07 academic has yet to be determined). The women were No. 1 in the GNAC all-sports standings for the fourth year in a row. Overall, the Falcons finished with eight (men's soccer, women's cross country, volleyball, men's basketball, women's basketball, women's indoor track, women's outdoor track, gymnastics) team conference champions and six among the nation's top 20...Seattle Pacific entered the spring ranked No. 11 in the NACDA Director's Cup standings. Their highest finish was 14th in 2005-06...Individually, there were 17 All-Americans, 17 all-region and 49 all-conference. There were Academic All-Americans (with spring teams still to be announced), eight academic all-region and 76 academic all-conference...The Falcon Legends Hall of Fame grew to 24 members with the January induction of the late Orville Anderson (basketball), Frank Furtado (wrestling coach), Linda Johnson Cooper (basketball) and Anita Sartin Behrbaum (track & field).

2006-07 Team Awards

Men's Basketball

Most Valuable—Dustin Bremerman
Captain—Bremerman, Jared Moultrie, Drew Matzen
Most Inspirational—Austin Yuen
Most Improved—Casey Reed
Coaches Award—Brian Lynch

Women's Basketball

Most Valuable—Kelsey Hill
Captain—Rachel Strand, Jessie Menkens, Beth Christensen,
Autumn Fielding
Most Inspirational—Beth Christensen
Most Improved—Jessie Christensen
Coaches Award—Libby Magnuson

Men's Cross Country

Most Valuable—Bjorn Bostrom, Brian Cronrath
Captain—Eddie Strickler, James Rosser
Most Inspirational—Eddie Strickler
Most Improved—Ryan Phillips

Women's Cross Country

Most Valuable—Jessica Pixler
Captain—Karin Rohde
Most Inspirational—Karin Rohde
Most Improved—Suzie Strickler, Megan Wrightman

Gymnastics

Most Valuable—Debra Huss
Captain—Sarah Sullivan
Most Inspirational—Sarah Sullivan
Most Improved—Brianna Schwartz

Men's Rowing

Oarsman of Year—Jeremy Bryant
Captain—Jeremy Bryant, Ben Zupke
Most Inspirational—Justin Rowley
Coaches Award—John Chevigny

Women's Rowing

Oarsman of Year—Megan Giske
Captain—Megan Giske, Katie Wolff
Coaches Award—Denise Filley
Most Inspirational—Karene Takamura

Men's Soccer

Most Valuable—David Reuhl
Captain—Andy Willis, Michael Morris
Most Inspirational—Ben Lovelace
Most Improved—Jordan Dettmer
Coaches Award—Colin Rigby

Women's Soccer

Most Valuable—Kara Hamby
Captain—Carolyn Nason, Kara Hamby
Most Inspirational—Mollie Taylor
Most Improved—Janae Godoy
Coaches Award—Meredith Teague

Men's Track & Field

Most Valuable/Outdoor—Eddie Strickler
Most Valuable/Indoor—Eddie Strickler
Captain—Eddie Strickler
Most Inspirational—Brian Cronrath
Most Improved—Ben Climer

Women's Track & Field

Most Valuable/Outdoor—Jessica Pixler
Most Valuable/Indoor—Jessica Pixler
Captains—Kelsey Cooley, Teona Perkins, Karin Rohde
Most Inspirational—Teona Perkins
Most Improved—Katie Hart

Volleyball

Most Valuable—Jenna VonMoos
Captain—Jenna Von Moos, Shelby Gihring
Most Inspirational—Rachel Biornstad
Most Improved—Jessica Bettencourt, Alexa Vondrak
JAS Ambassador Award—Shelby Gihring

	Athlete of the Year	
1959	Orville Anderson, Basketball	
1960	Richard Mogg, Basketball	
1961	James Douglas, Basketball/Track	
1962	Bob Bartlett, Basketball/Track	
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	Bruce Langley, Basketball	
1964	Dave Moffitt, Basketball/Track	
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1966	Howard Heppner, Basketball	
1967	Jerry Bamburg, Track & Field	
1968	Bill Yeager, Basketball	
1969	Steve Gough, Track & Field	
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1971	Ken Hagen, Wrestling	
1972	John Borton, Basketball	
1973	Bill Spaet, Track & Field	
1974	Steve Sooter, Track & Field	
1975	Mark Stream, Track & Field	
1976	Kit Zell, Soccer	
1977	Pam Spencer, Track & Field	
1978	Kit Zell, Soccer	
1979	Jamie Deming, Soccer	
1980	Robert Jumonville, Soccer	
	Janice George, Gymnastics	
1981	Terry McGill, Soccer	
	Shannon Holland, Basketball	
1982	Dan Cedarborg, Crew	
	Mariannah Stehmann, Gymnastics	
1983	Rob Marshall, Basketball	
	Connie Benson, Track/Cross Country	
1984	Doug Backous, Soccer	
	Fernell Collins, Gymnastics	
1985	Sandy Gabelein, Track/Cross Country	
	Tim Hanstad, Tennis	
1986	Diane Black, Basketball	
	Ritchie McKay, Basketball	
1987	Bente Moe, Track/Cross Country	
	Barbara Elliott, Gymnastics	
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1990	Michelle DeVries, Track & Field	
1991	Shawna Van Haveren, Gymnastics	
1992	Kathie Craddock, Gymnastics	
	Jason Farrell, Soccer	
	Karin Grelsson, Track & Field	
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	Tosca Lindberg, Volleyball/Basketball	
1994	Marcus Hahnemann, Soccer	
1995	Jon Swanson, Track & Field/Cross Country	
1996	Shavonne Colebrooke, Track & Field	
1997	Mindy Lee Ferguson, Gymnastics	
	Linnea Jarvits, Basketball/Track & Field	
1998	Deni Boswell, Gymnastics	
	Debbie Miller, Basketball	
1999	Stephanie Huffman, Volleyball/Track & Field	
	Jeff McBroom, Basketball	
2000	Laura Widman, Track & Field	
2001	Stephanie Huffman, Volleyball/Track & Field	
	Rachel Ross, Cross Country/Track & Field	
2002	Stephanie Huffman, Track & Field	
	Nick Johnson, Basketball	

2003	Trisha Sawatzky, Crew	
	Kerie Hughes, Basketball	
2004	Valerie Gustafson, Basketball	
2005	Danielle Ayers-Stamper, Track & Field	
	Chris Randolph, Track & Field	
2006	Chris Randolph, Track & Field	
2007	Jessica Pixler, Cross Country/Track & Field	

Falcon Award for Excellence

1987	Bonnie Bomber, Gymnastics	
	Jack Hoyt, Track & Field	
	Leslie Ramstad, Track/Cross Country	
1988	Anita Sartin, Track & Field	
	George Solovjev, Tennis	
	Mark Faller, Soccer	
	Craig Kispert, Basketball	
	Darrin Levy, Basketball	
	Nancy Mitten, Tennis	
1989	Traci Baker, Track & Field	
	Chris McDonald, Soccer	
	Bente Moe, Track/Cross Country	
	Scott Rolfness, Basketball	
	Juli Van Pelt, Track & Field	
1990	Nancy Best, Volleyball	
	Michelle DeVries, Track/Volleyball	
	Steve McCrath, Soccer	
	Corey Murphy, Crew	
	Deri Paulson, Volleyball	
	Becky Wiersma, Basketball	
1991	Cathy Baribeau, Crew	
	Todd Hanson, Crew	
	Shawna Van Haveren, Gymnastics	
1992	Monique Blott, Basketball	
	Jan Bolton, Basketball	
	Ed Davies, Basketball	
	Erin Gluth, Gymnastics	
1993	Todd Haley, Soccer	
	Ted Hamlin, Track/Cross Country	
	Karen Lauve, Track & Field	
	Sarah Bean, Crew	
	Scott Campbell, Basketball	
	Kathie Craddock, Gymnastics	
	Karin Grelsson, Track & Field	
	Eden Judd, Track & Field	
	Tricia Larson, Volleyball	
	Tosca Lindberg, Volleyball/Basketball	
	Jennifer Vale, Track & Field	
1994	Barb Caley, Crew	
	Lorinda Flikkema, Basketball	
	Heidi Hamlin, Track/Cross Country	
	Carl Johnson, Basketball	
	Doug Miller, Crew	
	Mike Olson, Track & Field	
	David Swanson, Soccer	
1995	Pat Berschauer, Crew	
	Jennifer Casto, Track & Field	
	Elizabeth Fenner, Basketball	
	Elisabeth Ford, Basketball	
	Ali Lindberg, Volleyball	
	Anna Sandberg, Gymnastics	

1996	Jon Swanson, Track/Cross Country/Soccer	
	Shavonne Colebrooke, Track & Field	
	Beth Kice, Crew	
	Warren King, Basketball	
1997	Gina Bolenbaugh, Gymnastics	
	Ronelle Lamkin, Track & Field	
	Erica Lindberg, Basketball	
	Sarah Oltmans, Volleyball	
	Beth Palmer, Volleyball	
	Geoff Ping, Basketball	
1998	Stephanie Andrews, Gymnastics	
	Rachel DeVine, Track/Cross Country	
	Lisa Malmin, Track & Field	
	Ben Scheffler, Basketball	
	Mick Zapata, Crew	
1999	Matt Cooper, Cross Country/Track & Field	
	Georgianne Smith, Gymnastics	
	Lisa Smith, Gymnastics	
	Kip Wassink, Crew	
2000	Josh Adam, Crew	
	Danielle Dettorre, Volleyball	
	Amy LeCount, Crew	
	Barth Riedel, Soccer	
	Heather Wallace, Cross Country/Track & Field	
2001	Gyongyver "Gus" Balogh	
	Robbie Berg	
	Erin Kawasaki	
	Karen Summers	
2002	Stephanie Huffman, Volleyball/Track & Field	
	Nick Johnson, Basketball	
	Mike Lucero, Crew	
	Erik Skipper, Soccer	
	Brannon Stone, Basketball	
2003	Rachael Anderson, Gymnastics	
	Kerie Hughes, Basketball	
	Sarah Kraybill, Cross Country/Track & Field	
	Laura Widman, Track & Field	
2004	Joel Braman, Rowing	
	Valerie Gustafson, Basketball	
	Joanna Hodgkiss, Rowing	
	Kristin Poe, Basketball	
	Jamie Witt, Cross Country/Track & Field	
2005	Jason Chivers, Basketball	
	Jessica Henson, Soccer	
	Jennifer Hull, Soccer	
	Tim LeCount, Cross Country/Track & Field	
	Paul Mach, Cross Country/Track & Field	
	Andrea Martineau, Rowing	
	Corrie McDaniel, Gymnastics	
2006	Tony Binetti, Basketball	
	Jessica Henson, Soccer	
	Katie Ralph, Volleyball	
	Chris Randolph, Track & Field	
	Allison Teague, Soccer	
	Mandy Wood, Basketball	
2007	Dustin Bremerman, Basketball	
	Megan Giske, Rowing	
	Carolyn Nason, Soccer	
	Teona Perkins, Track & Field	
	Eddie Strickler, Track & Field/X-Country	
	Katie Ralph, Volleyball	
	Sarah Sullivam Gymnastics	
	Jenna Von Moos, Volleyball	