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Students discover 'common ground'

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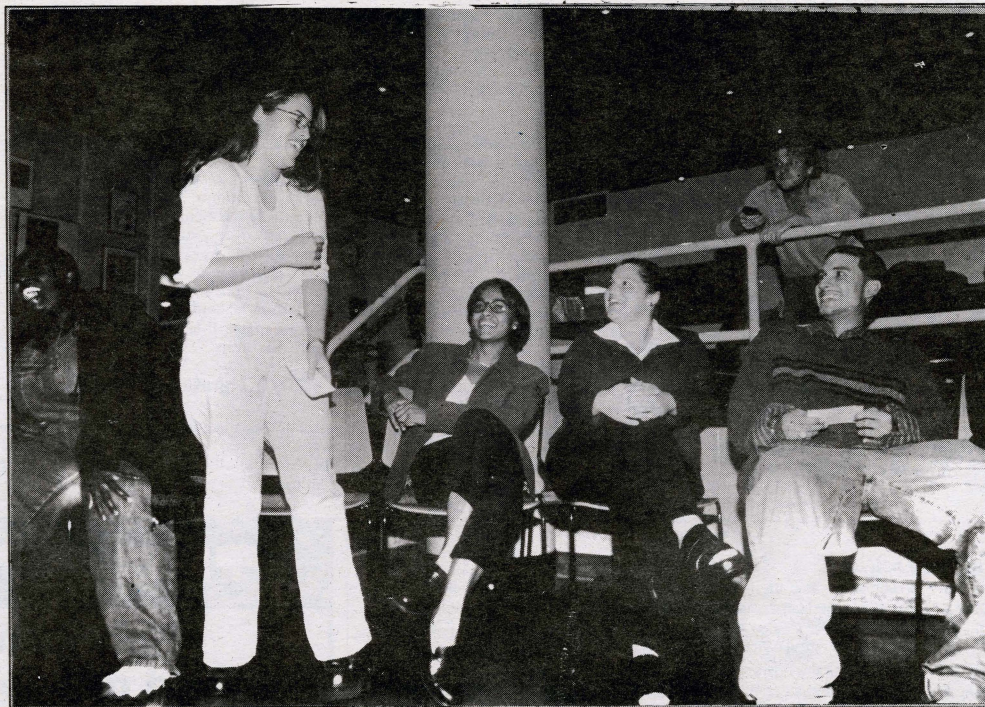
The Latino Student Alliance of VCU had their first official meeting Thursday — Latino Extravaganza — in the Common Ground of the Student Commons. The meeting was designed as a way for new students to be introduced to the LSA through a short history of the organization, an explanation of the group's initiatives, a pep talk of sorts and a few games aimed at teaching the LSA's goal of teamwork while getting to know each other and having fun.

A real sense of purpose was made apparent in the speech of the organization's president, Tina-Lynn Cortez, a senior in the department of Communication Arts.

"We just have so much stuff to get done and we need, like, everybody to put in all they can to do it."

She detailed the topics of their upcoming Latino Leadership Conference in November.

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Joshua Komarnicki / Commonwealth Times

All smiles. Tina Lyn Cortez, president of the Latino Student Alliance stands up to introduce herself at the first official meeting at the Common Ground.

Corazzini dies

A Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated for John G. "Jack" Corazzini Sunday at 3 p.m. Corazzini, director of VCU's University Counseling Center, died Thursday of complications following heart surgery.

"A lot of folks showed up at the church to show their respects," said Henry G. Rhone, VCU vice provost for student affairs.

William H. Duvall, associate vice-provost and dean for student affairs spoke about his colleague at the service. "I indicated three things about Jack...the first being his professionalism, the second his Italian heritage ... and the last his involvement in soccer."

"He would tease people with 'Uncle Guido,' the mythical Italian relation who would put cement blocks on the feet of those who crossed him, said Duvall.

Rhone said, "We are all going to miss him. He was well liked and loved. Jack had a strong personality. He enjoyed a good laugh."

The 60-year-old psychologist was director of VCU's University Counseling Center since 1980 and owner of a private practice in Chesterfield County. Corazzini also was an adjunct professor for graduate-level classes at VCU's psychology and psychiatry departments, according to the Richmond Times-Dispatch.

Corazzini came to VCU from Colorado State University at Fort Collins where he was assistant director of the University Counseling Center.

Survivors include his wife, Agnes Elizabeth Kilduff Corazzini; two sons; and two sisters. Burial will be in St. Patrick's Cemetery in Watertown, Mass.

Greeks strut stuff at step show

Jennifer Bowen
CT STAFF WRITER

The Siegel Center opened Friday to a stomping crowd of over 3,000 people for the 13th annual African-American Greek Step Show. Sponsored by the Black Caucus, the show included Ebony Quest, a hip-hop dance troop, and all nine African-American sororities and fraternities associated with VCU.

The event is something of a tradition at the university. "This is an event that people look forward to. We hold it every year on the last Friday in September. People anticipate the step show. Though it is not an official VCU tradition, it is one all the same. It is important to the Greek students," said Myra Anderson, vice president of the Black Caucus.

Victor Collins, director of Multicultural Student Affairs, agreed with Anderson on the importance of the Step Show.

"This single event is an African-American event that can enrich the experience of all VCU students. It shows the unity and history in the African-American Greek System," said Collins.

But what is stepping?

"Stepping is a form of expression. In it, dancers make beats and rhythms. It is a form of expression that all of the Black Greek Organizations use to inform people of their history and about their organization," said VCU senior Montana McElroy, of Delta Sigma Theta, who served as

mistress of ceremonies at the show.

The tradition has historical significance.

"Stepping dates back pretty far. It was used in Africa by tribes to settle disputes. All African-American Greek organizations, nationally and internationally, still practice this," said Alpha Phi Alpha alumnus Demertrious Obie.

This particular form of expression has many uses.

"In stepping we get to express ourselves. It is a great way to introduce our fraternity. People get to see what we're about. They hear some of our history and can see what type of brotherhood we have," said stepper Antoine King.

Others agreed that the show allows Greeks to highlight their group.

"Stepping is a way to exhibit your fraternity. Though this show isn't a contest, everyone puts their best into this," Obie added.

The steppers proved they believed in the philosophy of putting their best into their performances. In creative choreographed routines, participants awed and amazed the attendants.

"We have been practicing since August, five nights a week for two hours each day," said Alpha Kappa Alpha stepper Erica Sewell.

Others expressed similar devotion and hard work.

"Stepping is physically exhausting. It is very hard.

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College Briefs

• Student suffocates in cooler

A student at Michigan State University was found dead Wednesday in the basement of a housing unit after becoming trapped in an unused cooler unit, said law officials with the case.

An autopsy Thursday indicated that oxygen deprivation caused the death, said MSU Police Chief Bruce Benson. There were no signs of foul play, but officials are still awaiting toxicology reports to determine if any alcohol or drugs were in the student's body.

"There were no obvious signs of assault to the young man's body," Benson said. "It appears to be an accidental death."

The 23-year-old student was found by a hall assistant manager while searching an unused kitchen for the source of a strange odor that had students complaining for days.

The kitchen, used as a snack bar about eight years ago, is now used for storage and is adjacent to a 24-hour study lounge.

"It appears the young man gained access to that storage area normally kept locked," Benson said. "He may have then climbed into the cooler and the door closed after him."

• University church rejects same-sex marriage

Wake Forest sophomore Anne Kohlenberger, chairwoman for Student Association For Equality, and a member of the Gay-Straight Student Alliance, said she is frustrated with students' inability to contact members of the board of trustees after the board's recent recommendation that the Wake Forest Baptist Church not hold a same-sex ceremony.

But Kohlenberger, along with four different groups, is doing something about it.

The groups, SAFE, GSSA, Amnesty International and the Women Initiative for Support and Empowerment have joined together to circulate a petition to voice student opposition to the board's decision.

The couple, Wendy Scott and Susan Parker, were featured speakers at a meeting held by the four groups.

The couple, students and faculty all voiced public sentiment that the issue has become one of discrimination.

"This is about the ability of all students, all people on campus, to be treated the same," Parker said, and that all who are gay, lesbian or bisexual do not have the same rights as others. So far, efforts have gained between 600 and 800 signatures.

• Bombings follow TV station threats

Florida A&M University officials are on stand-by alert after two pipe bombs detonated on campus in the span of a month.

After a Tallahassee television station received bomb threats that included racial slurs, the traditionally-black university had two pipe bombs explode in restrooms, one in a classroom building and another in the main administration building.

"FAMU has seen the beginning of this...they got no business having a college where there ain't nobody...smart enough to get a degree...This is just the beginning, brother," the station is quoted the caller as saying.

FAMU spokesperson, Sharon Saunders, said 50 additional Tallahassee police officers patrolled the campus Thursday, and an undisclosed amount of hidden cameras have been added. Also, a temporary campus police station was added in the middle of campus with 24-hour access.

Saunders said these measures would remain in use until a suspect is arrested for both bombings.

• 20/20 ignites meningitis scare

The vaccination department at the University of Michigan Health Services has been unusually busy this week due to a sudden concern with Meningococcal Men-

ingitis, a contagious infectious disease.

UHS became bombarded with phone calls and visits after a special program aired on the newsmagazine show 20/20. The show focused on the susceptibility of college students contracting the disease. It said that students living in residence halls are 22 times more likely to become infected than students who live in other housing arrangements.

"There has not been an outbreak of the disease on this campus," said Robert Winfield, interim director of University Health Services. "People are very scared, but there is no reason to be frightened."

• Moose charges students on New England campus

A moose ran through Dartmouth College Thursday, charging several students before it ran through an academic building and disappeared into the woods.

"It was loose on the Green for about 20 seconds. Then it ran into the road and then it started chasing me on my bike," said Dartmouth student Hooman Poor.

Safety and Security Officer Rebel Roberts said that there are periodic reports of moose on the campus. Usually when Safety and Security responds to a moose incident, they just keep people away from the animal and it finds its way back to its natural habitat.

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LSA begins a new year

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It will touch on education, identity, media, public policy and health and how these areas affect the Latino community. Along with the specifics on the conference she told new and old members that they would be helping to build houses for the needy in the community, raising funds through car washes and dances and be participating in the Office of Multicultural Affairs' Intercultural Festival held in the spring.

"People who attended the conference last year are already asking [about this year's conference], so I'm expecting a really large turnout from other schools," said Cortez.

Schools ranging from North Carolina to New York will be represented at the conference this year, while speakers from the Washington D.C. and Northern Virginia areas will discuss the topics mentioned above, she said. The group's efforts have brought noteworthy personalities to the conference this fall, such as the comedian Richie Ramirez and the keynote speaker Jaime Escalante — an actor and activist whose efforts in the Latino community inspired the film, "Stand and Deliver."

Rebecca Riofrio, currently a VCU alumna, founded the Latino Student Alliance in 1994 to 'promote, explore, and share Latino issues, experiences and cultures with the VCU community,' according to the group's official history.

At the outset the group could count its members on one hand, but in 1998 the group had grown to 85 students and Cortez said the numbers are climbing quickly. In October of 1996 they traveled to Washington D.C., for La Gran Marcha, which inspired them to keep struggling to raise the volume on Latino concerns and issues, according to the group's history. They followed this initiative in 1997 with the first Latino Leadership Conference on the VCU campus, which each year attracts more attention nationwide.

New students seem to have different expectations of the group.

While some see it as a family away from home, others, like freshman Chris Martinez, a mathematical science major, see it as a way to "learn more about your culture."

As the new members stood at their chairs in the circle laid out on the floor of the Common Ground, and introduced themselves and their ethnic backgrounds, it was evident there was a range of cultures and nationalities represented, including foreign and American-born Mexicans, Dominicans, Cubans and other Latino groups as well as people from outside of the Latino culture.

Cortez seems to feel that this is one of the group's strengths.

"There are 19 Latin American countries and there are so many different cultures within the Latino culture ... there's so much stuff that I don't know that people teach me."

She makes it clear, however, that the group is not just open to Latinos, but to all those with an interest in learning about the culture.

Greeks showcase talents at fall step show

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We practice about two hours a night," said Naeem Coleman, an Iota Phi Theta stepper. "But it pays off in the end. In our dance, people can see brotherhood and how it can make men close."

All of the work did pay off for the dancers.

"I am very impressed with the show," said Doris Cheeks, mother of a Delta Sigma Theta stepper, Shameka Cheeks. "Everyone did a great job. It shows that we all can pull together and do something great."

Governor cracks down on drug pushers, users

Governor Jim Gilmore, upset by President Bill Clinton's national war on drugs, declared his own program to fight the problem last week by revealing a new program called the Substance Abuse Reduction Effort (SABRE) Project.

Gilmore's agenda targets drug lords and dealers, particularly those who deal to children, through cash bounties, increased penalties, a new State Police special operations department and mandatory treatment, a press release stated.

"Since the drug war is failing on the national level," Gilmore said, "I am proposing this program in order to protect our children, rid our streets and neighborhoods of illegal drugs, help those caught in the downward spiral of abuse and dependence and prevent others from becoming drug-involved."

A sample of the highlights of Gilmore's SABRE Project, according to the press release, and legislation going to the 2000 General Assembly, include:

- * Up to \$10,000 bounty for information leading to arrest and conviction for selling drugs to children, possessing or dealing in large amounts of drugs, or operation of methamphetamine labs

- * Increased minimum and mandatory penalties for selling drugs in a drug-free school zone, selling steroids, chronic drug possession or drug sales to support drug addiction

- * New five-year minimum or mandatory prison term for selling or furnishing firearms to a child; up to five years in prison for a minor who possesses or transports a handgun or assault firearm

- * A new statewide rapid-response unit available to assist sheriffs, police chiefs and regional grand juries, to be phased in over the next two years

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The Shafer Court Compass

Pointer shows lack of direction

This past summer, the Shafer Court area received the final portion of a major facelift. Work crews and brickmasons toiled through the stifling summer heat to convert the old roadbed into a brick and concrete-paved walkway for students. The finished product looks very nice.

But there's one small question: Where did the concrete compass come from?

Any student that's walked between the library and Hibbs has probably stepped on this rather large directional pointer but may not have noticed it. It consists of a large circle of cement with the four points of the compass etched in it.

Fortunately for VCU, the points appear to point in the correct directions.

Still, why is it there? Who came up with this idea?

The idea of a giant directional pointer carved in cement on the ground just doesn't make a lot of sense. True, it could be a great help to a lost freshman trying

to find the VCU bookstore, but only if that freshman happened to notice it as he wanders across it.

Perhaps it's designed to help lost aviators as they fly campus. Or migrating birds.

Or intelligence personnel analyzing satellites imagery of our campus.

In all seriousness, a directional pointer seems to be a waste of precious university funds. Funds that could have gone toward computers or student scholarships.

And even if the university insisted on spending money on something to etch in concrete, it have made more sense to place the university seal there. The seal is circular, and the design would work well there.

The seal would have looked better and made more sense than a compass.

Unless, of course, the directional pointer is a signal from the administration that it needs a constant reminder of where it's going.

Dancing dirty with trombones

Much ado about nothing

The headline on a recent Associated Press report caused a double-take, then disbelief.

"High school bands chastised for dirty dancing"

Dirty dancing by high school bands? How do you dirty dance and play an instrument. Read on.

"Complaints from some parents about sexually explicit dancing will require four marching bands at Vigor, LeFlore, Williamson and Blount (Alabama) to change their acts," the AP story reported.

Apparently, the dance routines by these bands were too sexy, racy or suggestive. Also apparently, parents in Ala-

bama live their lives with their heads buried in the sand.

Want to know where the bands got their moves? Turn on MTV sometime and watch the dance shows and videos. And surprise, surprise, the moves the bands were probably using are also considered normal by today's standards.

Standards in Alabama obviously haven't progressed past "Leave It to Beaver."

Said school board member Hazel Fournier, "We don't need our children gyrating, that's not about education."

Neither is football nor the marching band.

Daily Oracle (U. South Florida)

Students deserve privacy

Presidential hopeful Elizabeth Dole chose the school where she taught history 40 years ago to announce her views on educational reform last Wednesday. While she should be applauded for encouraging eased federal regulations, Dole shocked students by suggesting school officials feel free to search student lockers and backpacks for drugs and weapons.

Both of these suggestions violate students' privacy and shouldn't be allowed as they will create an environment of mistrust and friction between students and school officials.

Dole's controversial remarks brought protests from students about respecting their privacy. If such a policy was instituted in the workplace, workers wouldn't stand for their briefcases and desks being rooted through by their bosses.

Students shouldn't be expected to stand by as their own belongings are similarly ransacked. Teen-agers and adults have always been suspicious of one another, and Dole's plan will only worsen those tensions if students feel they aren't being trusted to act responsibly in their schools.

No doubt, Dole was considering the recent school shootings across the country, but searching students' things isn't the answer. Schools already have the right to search students with reasonable suspicion.

Many schools have installed metal detectors to ensure weapons aren't brought into classrooms which is more acceptable than the unwarranted searching of students' lockers and backpacks. Random searches may seem to target certain people.

Dole should reconsider her suggestion of searching students' belongings because such a policy could cause students to retaliate their loss of privacy. Less offensive alternatives should be considered instead of making students feel like unwelcome suspects in their own schools.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Is this a fair democracy?

Virginia Governor Jim Gilmore recently announced that state university boards are accountable to him, and not the respective schools' presidents.

College presidents argue it is in the best interest of the institutions at-large that they are delegated certain responsibilities. This allows them to act, not just at the behest of Gilmore, but for Virginians.

Wait a minute! Where is the accountability to us, the students. The sole reason of existence of these institutions belongs to us. This equation is simple: no us, no school. Maybe, we should be included (seriously) in the decision-making process of our respective schools. Will we ever?

*Antione Green
VCU Student*

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4 pm - 10 pm - Floor Hockey Target Shoot & Pick-up play, Activity Center
4 pm - 5 pm - Stress Reduction Class, Conference Room
5 pm - Rowing Regatta Begins, Fitness Center
6 pm - 8 pm - Fitness Center Orientation
Free Aerobics Classes:
11:30 am - 12:30 pm - Power Yoga
4 pm - 5 pm - Tai Chi
6 pm - 7 pm - STEP
7 pm - 7:30 pm - ABS Class
7:30 pm - 8:30 pm - Capoeira
8:30 - 9:30 pm - Ballroom Dance (Need a Partner)

Wednesday, September 29

10 am - Noon - Blood Pressure Screening, Wellness Center
11:30 am - 2 pm - Floor Hockey Target Shoot & Pick-up play, Activity Center
3:30 pm - 5 pm - Bench Press Competition
2 pm - 4 pm - Fitness Center Orientation
4 pm - 9:30 pm - Indoor Soccer Penalty Shootout & Pick-up Play, Activity Center
6 pm - 10 pm - Hoops Night in the Arena, 3 pt Shootout Competition & Pick-up Play
6 pm - 8 pm - Wellness Center Open House
Free Aerobics Classes:
11:30 am - 12:30 pm - Power Yoga
1 pm - 2 pm Taekwondo
4:30 pm - 5:30 pm - Yoga
7:00 pm - 7:30 pm - ABS Class
7:30 pm - 8:30 pm - Swing Dance (Need a Partner)

Friday, October 1

1:30 am - 2 pm - Pick-up Basketball
3 pm - 5 pm - Self-Defense Class
5 pm - 7 pm - Make Stress Balloons & Body Fat Assessments
4 pm - 8:30 pm - Pick-up Volleyball
7 - 9 pm - Fitness Center Orientation

Tuesday, September 28

9 am - 11 am - Blood Pressure Screening & Body Fat Assessment, Wellness Center & Commuter Coffee Break
11:30 am - 2 pm - Indoor Soccer Penalty Shootout & Pick-up Play, Activity Center
Noon - 2 pm - Body Fat Assessment, Wellness Center
4 pm - 6 pm - Body Fat Assessment, Wellness Center
4 pm - 10 pm - Indoor Soccer Penalty Shootout & Pick-up Play, Activity Center
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm - Treadmill Trek Challenge
6 pm - 10 pm - Net Night in the Arena, Serve Contest & Pick-up Play, Arena
7 pm - 9 pm - Fitness Center Orientation
10 pm - Rowing Regatta Ends
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Long-awaited Reagan biography excerpted

CP Wire

NEW YORK — "Dutch: A Memoir of Ronald Reagan" is one of the most eagerly awaited biographies in years.

In 1985, Edmund Morris, who won the Pulitzer Prize in 1980 for "The Rise of Theodore Roosevelt," was given total access to President Reagan, his papers, aides, friends, and family and a \$3 million contract from Random House to write an authorized biography of the 40th president.

No other biographer has ever been given that kind of access to a sitting president. The Reagans did not demand any editorial control. Indeed, Mrs. Reagan was scheduled to receive her first copy of the book today, Saturday, Sept. 25.

Morris spent 14 years working on the book, which is being excerpted in the Oct. 4 issue of Newsweek (on newsstands Monday, Sept. 27).

The book is being published amid a storm of controversy. The *New York Times* and *Washington Post* have reported that Morris used a novel and risky technique for a biographer: he invented a fictional character to act as a narrator through more than half of the book.

Only when Reagan becomes president does the real Edmund Morris enter the narrative. The fictional narrator has an invented family and friends who also play roles in the book.

Historians and critics are already attacking Morris for the use of this fictional device in a serious presidential biography. Stanford University historian David Kennedy told Newsweek that word of Morris's technique has "all my claxons and alarms . . . going off."

In a lengthy interview with *Newsweek*,

Morris explains why he used this technique. In 1992, seven years into the project, he says he was "desperate." Reagan "was eluding me even as he eluded everyone else."

Morris, who interviewed Reagan about once a month as president and visited with him several times thereafter, told Newsweek, "After three or four meetings, I realized that culturally he was a yahoo and extremely unresponsive in conversation. When you asked him a question about himself, it was like dropping a stone into a well and not hearing a splash."

Yet Morris admired Reagan's achievement as president and found his private diaries to be impressive. "They were unemotional, pragmatic, thoughtful not analytical, but cool and collected."

Suffering from writer's block, Morris suddenly had an inspiration as he walked the campus of Reagan's alma mater, Eureka College, one day in 1992.

"I literally got the taste of electricity in my mouth," Morris recalls. "I thought of Reagan. If only I could have been there in the fall of 1928! I could describe him as vividly as I could describe him as president."

Morris began to think that, in a sense, he had been there. "All biographers make an intense imaginative leap into the reality of the past. I knew literally what it was like at Eureka. I had studied old photographs, put them up close to my nose. My idea was to give physical form to the biographer's mind. It was already there. I just gave it flesh."

In the attached interview, Morris elaborates to Newsweek on his thinking behind the use of the fictional device, and his reason for not alerting the reader to it in the book itself.

A separate story by Managing Editor Jon Meacham and Assistant Managing Editor Evan Thomas tells the story behind Morris's tortured 14-year effort to produce "Dutch" and provides the magazine's critical analysis of Morris's biographical approach.

Newsweek's 10,000-word excerpt of "Dutch" offers a sampler of Reagan's early years, as seen through the eyes of the fictional narrator; Reagan's time in Hollywood courting and marrying his first wife, actress Jane Wyman; his relationships with his second wife, Nancy Davis Reagan, and his children; a stunning narrative of the assassination attempt that came closer than we realize to killing Reagan in March 1981; the Iran-contra scandal that almost sunk his presidency; an interview with then-Vice President Bush and his wife Barbara, who were perplexed by the Reagans' seeming ingratitude; and affecting scenes of the aging Reagan stricken with Alzheimer's disease.

Some noteworthy moments:

— Morris saw no signs that Reagan suffered from Alzheimer's while president. In Morris' view, however, the president's delayed but certain decline in his capacities began with the trauma of the shooting. Morris reports that Reagan lost well over half his blood and adds the "literally chilling detail" that some of the replacement blood pumped into him had not been warmed enough after refrigeration. "Ultimately," writes Morris, "he traded half his own fresh blood for the staler, cooler contribution of strangers a major physiological insult from which he would never entirely recover."

— Over lunch at the Bel-Air Hotel in Los Angeles, Nancy Reagan told Morris that Jane Wyman had threatened to kill herself

if Reagan did not marry her. Morris repeats their conversation verbatim: "FFL (Former First Lady, Mrs. Reagan):... That's just what Jane did to Ronnie.

EM (Edmund Morris): Excuse me?

FFL: Said she would kill herself if he didn't marry her.

EM: (reaching furtively for his notebook): You've got to be kidding. (She stares at him) No you're not.

FFL: Ronnie, of course, didn't . . . uh . . . want to marry, he was too . . . much too young, he was, uh, just playing around. So she sent him a suicide note and swallowed a whole, uh, lot of pills, and got herself taken to the hospital.

EM: Good God."

(Jane Wyman declined to be interviewed by Morris.)

— In an interview with Morris, George and Barbara Bush talk about the Reagans' apparent ingratitude. In this passage, taken from Morris's diary, Bush is talking to Morris about Reagan:

"Listen, he was a prince of a feller, I'd never say anything against him. Nancy neither..." There is a pause as the Bushes exchange glances. "Well, sometimes," he says reluctantly, "I kinda wished they'd shown y'know, a little appreciation. Didn't seem to want us upstairs in the White House."

"We would always thank them for their gifts," Barbara says pointedly. "Guess they didn't always thank us," he goes on... Bush shakes his head and says in the same hurt voice, "Not a word of thanks."

— Morris movingly describes Reagan in twilight, able to recognize only his beloved Nancy. "He will rake leaves from the pool for hours, not understanding that they are being surreptitiously replenished by his Secret Service men."

Kravitz's show promotes positive feeling in Va. Beach

Raven Miller
CT STAFF WRITER

VIRGINIA BEACH — Had you taken the two-hour or so drive down to Virginia Beach on a recent Saturday and caught Lenny Kravitz and Smash Mouth's performances, you would have been mightily rewarded.

The post-Hurricane Floyd show at the GTE Virginia Beach Amphitheater featured good vibrations under a blanket of nice weather.

Soon after he took to the stage, Kravitz thanked the audience for having shown up. He suggested that the concert would help those who came to forget about nature's temper tantrum by focusing on celebrating "life, sweet life."

His show superbly mixed old and new songs with his goal of uniting his "brothers and sisters" through music.

An extended "Let Love Rule" offered Kravitz the opportunity to gallop into the crowd and encourage them to sing as long as they swayed their arms. All gladly obliged. Perhaps dazed by his colorful attire — which included skin-tight black and white pants and a red and black fake-fur scarf — the crowd of beer drinkers and

smokers made the most of the cool night as they joined the sometimes retro-rocker in celebration.

Flashing purple, red and white lights all but transported the crowd on a journey through the past few decades or so, musically, as Kravitz played music rife with funk, soul and blues sounds from the past.

Yet his cover of The Guess Who's 1970s hit "American Woman" seemed like one of his own creations. He closed the riff-heavy tune by crooning the lines, "girl, I gotta go, I wanna fly away," a segue into his catchy hit "Fly Away."

Kravitz performed with verve such tunes as "Supersoulfighter," the funky hit "Mama Said," retro-happy "It Ain't Over 'Til It's Over," and a bass-booming "Rock and Roll is Dead."

Kravitz implored the crowd of couples, teens and twenty-somethings to share "positive vibrations" with one another. They obliged as he skipped, bounced and smiled. He closed the evening by erupting into his 1993 smash, "Are You Gonna Go My Way."

Pop-ska stars Smash Mouth opened the show with a bunch of mostly new, unfamiliar songs. Yet, the band woke the crowd with its cutesy radio-friendly hits "All Star" and "Walking on the Sun" and a lively cover of House of Pain's "Jump Around."

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Rams find rhythm, knock off Tribe

Dionne Waugh

CT SPORTS WRITER

VCU's men's soccer team butted heads against William and Mary for 73 minutes before Emmanuel Tetiot snuck in a goal off a cross from Roman Otten to give VCU a 1-0 victory.

The match started with a shot for shot mentality, one for the Tribe, one for the Rams. The teams played a game of cat and mouse with one another, both teams coming dangerously close to scoring several times.

VCU outshot W&M 12-8. The Rams had a tough game even when they found their rhythm and dominated the second half.

The Tribe's goal keeper Adin Brown, one of the top goalkeepers in the nation, didn't make it easy on the Rams with four saves.

"We were better at getting numbers forward, but we had a few dangerous moments, especially in the final third [of the game]," said VCU coach Tim O'Sullivan. "It was a good step forward in getting [a lot of players forward], but at the same time the next step was picking the right moments. We created chances, we just needed

to find the moments."

Roughhousing and offside fouls plagued both teams and defender Guillermo Henriques left the game early in the second half with a head injury. He reentered the game ten minutes later only to be taken out again, due to his head injury. Henriques was later found to have a Grade 1 concussion.

"We made it rough. We had to find a good balance between going forward and defense," Tetiot said.

Forward Kevin Jeffrey entered the game early in the second half. He did not start due to "disciplinary actions."

In the 70th minute of play, Tetiot scored a goal, but it did not count due to an offside foul. A few minutes later, he scored the game winning goal.

In a box full of players, there was nothing the Tribe's Brown could do.

"Jeffrey flicked the ball [to me] and I passed it [in]. I was lucky," Tetiot said.

From there on, the Tribe continued to push the Rams for a goal, but VCU was in a rhythm that wasn't broken. Both teams kept trading shots, including one by W&M that goal keeper Adam Mead barely blocked in the last 20 seconds of the game.



photo by Joshua Komarnicki/Commonwealth Times

IT'S MINE. VCU's Matt O'Connor (left) tries to run around William and Mary's Caleb Hoddart (center) as Andrew Pillari pursues Saturday night. The Rams prevailed 1-0 in the CAA contest.

Andersson triumphs in battle of Rams

PIKESVILLE, Md. — Two VCU men's tennis players squared off in the final at the T. Rowe Price National Intercollegiate Clay Court Championships.

Daniel Andersson brushed off teammate Frank Moser 6-2, 6-2, to win the tournament, the first leg of the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's grand slam.

Mississippi State is the only other school to have two players reach the finals in the same year, accomplishing the feat in 1996.

"Having two players in the final was great exposure for the Virginia Commonwealth men's tennis program," Kostin said. "It just shows what a quality program Virginia Commonwealth has. Both Daniel and Frank had a great tournament."

Andersson, ranked 16th and seeded eighth in the tournament, blasted No. 35 Oscar Johansson of Arkansas 6-2, 6-3 in the quarterfinals.

In the semifinals Andersson bounced back from a first-set tiebreak defeat to knock off Matt Amgwerd of New Mexico 6-7, (1-7), 6-4, 6-1.

Moser, No. 92 in the ITA, advanced to the final in stunning fashion, registering two upsets, Moser swept aside 30th-ranked Leif Meineke of Boise State 6-3, 6-3 in the quarterfinal.

"That is the best that I have ever seen Frank play," Moser said.

The shocker came when Moser whipped Notre Dame's Ryan Sachire, the top seed and No. 2 in the ITA, 6-2, 6-0.

— compiled from news sources

Rams swept

HARRISONBURG — VCU's volleyball team opened up its Colonial Athletic Association season by losing at James Madison 15-2, 15-6, 15-12.

The Dukes (2-0, 10-2), last season's regular season CAA co-champions, were led by Lindsay Collingwood, who had 17 kills and 11 digs.

Jennifer West led the Rams (0-1, 9-6) with 11 kills while Lauren Nussman recorded 22 assists and a team-high four blocks.

— compiled from news sources

Women's soccer drops to 0-2 in CAA contests

WILMINGTON, N.C. — Despite scoring first and goalie Lindy Brown's 11 saves, the VCU women's soccer team was nipped 2-1 Friday by UNC Wilmington in a Colonial Athletic Association match.

UNCW outshot VCU (0-2, 1-6) 21-4, but the Rams drew first blood in the 37th minute when Christine Koussis scored in a mad scramble in front of the net. Annie Sullivan picked up an assist on the play.

The Seahawks (2-0, 6-1-1) squared the match at three minutes later.

Christy Timbers took a pass at the right post from Rachel Urban and Timbers fired in a goal from 10 yards out to tie the game up.

Denise Schromm netted the game-winner at the 63 minute mark by chipping a shot into the right corner of the net. Substitute Christie Thrush assisted on the goal.

— compiled from news sources

UPCOMING EVENTS

MEN'S SOCCER

(6-1-1, 1-0-0)

Sept. 29 GMU	Oct. 2 MARYLAND	Oct. 6 AU
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MARYLAND WILL BE THE SECOND RANKED TEAM THAT VCU HAS FACED THIS SEASON. THE OTHER WAS JACKSONVILLE.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

(1-6-0, 0-2-0)

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VOLLEYBALL

(9-6, 0-1)

Oct. 1 AU	Oct. 2 GMU	Oct. 6 W&M
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VCU STARTED THEIR CONFERENCE SEASON BY PLAYING THE TOP TWO TEAMS FROM LAST YEAR (JMU AND AU).

FIELD HOCKEY

(1-6, 0-3)

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Sparrow's goals not enough for VCU

Jennifer Walker

CT ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

VCU's field hockey team didn't fare well this weekend, dropping a pair of games.

On Saturday Old Dominion thumped VCU 6-0. Sunday, VCU dropped its second game of the weekend, 5-4 to Davidson.

"The (Davidson) game shouldn't have been so close," said VCU coach Dawn Hill. "It took us way too long to get going and we started out in a panic."

—Although the Rams looked better then their opening game against the Lady Monarchs, Davidson's Lisa Holthaus scored two goals of its three goals in the first half.

The first goal was unassisted with 26:17.2 left in the half. The second goal was scored at the 12:30 mark with an assist from Alex Rogers.

VCU's Lauren Sparrow came back with three goals in a six-minute first-half span to put VCU on top 3-2.

"I told myself I had to pick it up," said Sparrow. "I know what a privilege it is to play for a Division I team, and I wanted to play up to my potential."

Sparrow's last trick was the first since 1993 when All-American Alycia Yoder scored three times in a row in the final game of the season.

"Lauren really stepped it up for us and showed a huge amount of team effort," Hill said.

Davidson, down by one came back with another goal when Junior Jim Ceci assisted Jennie Gold to tie VCU.

Just over a minute later, Senior forward Colleen Engelhard scored to put the Rams ahead 4-3. Sparrow assisted Engelhard after her three goals.

The Rams' lead didn't stand for long. Holthaus and Agnes Bateman scored one goal a piece, and the Wildcats snuck away with a road win.

"We were walking, which is completely unacceptable," said Coach Hill. "They (VCU players) wore themselves out too soon and no improvements were made since yesterday. We should have won that game."

Davidson improved to 6-2 this season.

VCU had 18 shots on goal, to Davidson's nine. VCU ended up with five penalty corners and Davidson had three.

Davidson's goalkeeper, Nancy Livingston had seven saves, and VCU's Jennifer Burroughs had two.

"We did finally find a place to put the ball, but we needed to do a lot more to win that game," Hill said.

VCU (0-3, 1-7) started their weekend with ODU for their third Colonial Athletic Association game of the season.

The 7th-ranked Lady Monarchs came ready to play with a current record of 5-3 and defeated the Rams to top their record 6-3, 4-0 in the CAA.

The Rams kept the Lady Monarchs close in the first half

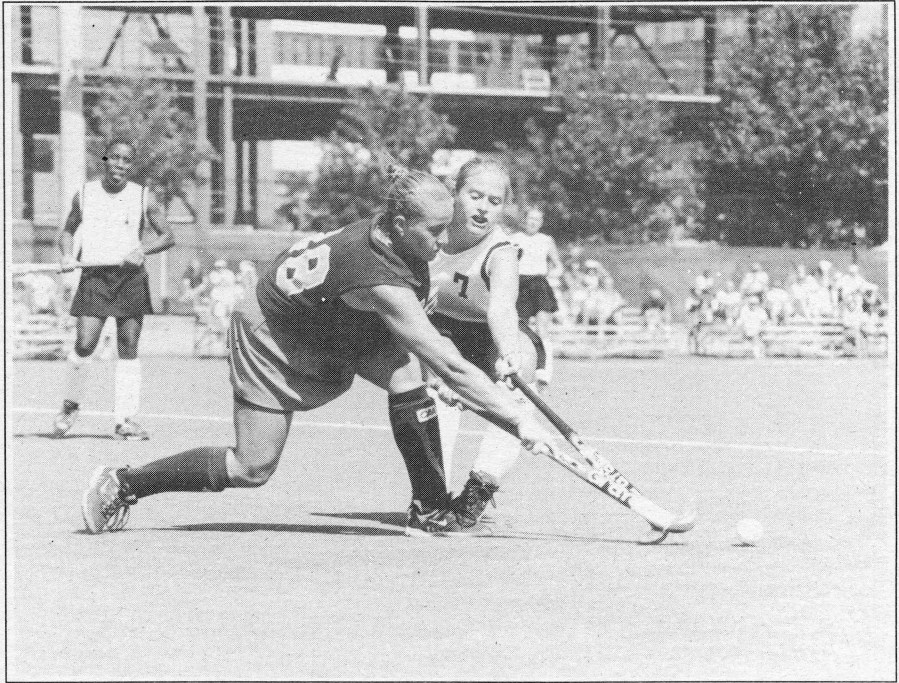


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STICK TO STICK. VCU'S Christine DeFebo (right) reaches out to stop an Old Dominion attacker's lunge at a loose ball.

defensively and had the first penalty corner at the beginning of the game. ODU's Kim Miller scored the only goal of the half with 22:53 remaining.

VCU prepared in the seven minutes of half time for the final period against the defending national champion ODU.

"We all have to stay motivated," said Coach Hill. "That's the best way to stay in the game."

In the first 15 minutes of the second half, ODU scored four times and pulled away with a 5-0 lead.

Junior captain Marina DiGiacomo scored her first goal out of two with 33:36 left in the game. Tiffany Snow contributed with an assist.

With 30:33 remaining, DiGiacomo scored her second

goal unassisted at the 23rd minute mark.

Miller received an assist from teammate Tara Herrmann and scored the teams fourth goal.

Snow added another goal to the scoreboard with 22:17 left in the game.

Herrmann, assisted by Snow, scored the final goal.

ODU posted 34 shots on goal and VCU had a total of four. The Monarchs outnumbered the Rams with 17-3 in penalty corners.

The Lady Monarchs goalkeeper Mary Beth Freeman saved two shots and the Rams goalkeeper Jennifer Burroughs finished with 15 saves. "Except for coming out too far and some charging, Jennifer had a good game," concluded Hill.

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