



The new UCC flag on the right, designed by Patricia Hort of the UCC Public Relations Department

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BEYOND OUR BORDERS

by Pat Lee



Alumni and students from every discipline at UCC are volunteering or working overseas to make a difference, and to learn and share experiences with people from different cultures.

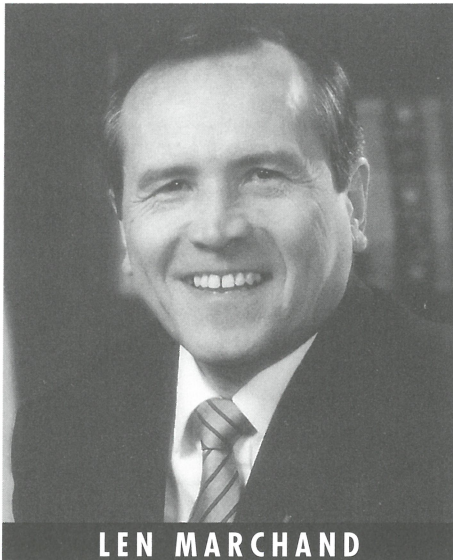
One UCC alumna who has an astonishing story of making a difference for people in need is Carrie Vossler (Coxson) BSN '92 who went to help Rwandan refugees in Goma, Zaire in August, 1994, as a volunteer with World Relief Canada. After three months of fighting between Rwandan Hutus and Tutsis, over 2 million people fled Rwanda, with an estimated 1.2 million descending on Goma in just a few weeks.

World Relief Canada phoned Carrie in Ashcroft and "eight days later I was on a plane heading for Africa." Being in Goma, and working with the refugees, was the "hardest thing I have ever done in my life," says Carrie.

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Carrie with children in Mugunga refugee camp



LEN MARCHAND

TWO PROMINENT CANADIANS TO RECEIVE HONORARY DEGREES FROM UCC



NANCY GREENE RAINE

Two prominent Canadians, Len Marchand and Nancy Greene Raine, both from British Columbia, were the first-ever recipients of Honorary Degrees awarded by The University College of the Cariboo (UCC) in Kamloops.

The Honourable Len Marchand, the first Status Indian to be elected to the House of Commons, and Nancy Greene Raine, Canada's World and Olympic ski champion, were awarded Honorary Doctor of Laws degrees at UCC's Convocation Ceremony on June 12th, in Kamloops.

Len Marchand was born in Vernon, and grew up on the Okanagan Indian Reserve, where he completed grades one through eight at the old, one-room school at Six Mile Creek. He attended Kamloops Indian Residential School for grade nine, and Vernon High School for grades ten through thirteen, and was the first aboriginal Canadian to graduate from that high school in 1955.

He went on to complete a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture at UBC, continued his studies in range management at the University of Idaho, and in 1964 completed a Master of Science Degree in Forestry.

Following several years as a research scientist at the Agriculture Research Station in Kamloops, he became the first Status Indian to work as a Special Assistant to a Cabinet Minister in 1965. Three years later, in the 1968 federal election, he again made history when he was elected Member of Parliament for Kamloops-Cariboo. Following three terms as an MP, and several years in private business, he was appointed to the Senate in June, 1984 and served Canada in that position until taking early retirement in March 1998.

Senator Marchand continues to work from his home in Kamloops on various projects, including the National

Aboriginal Veterans War Memorial. This will be the first time that his accomplishments and contributions to the country have been recognized by the awarding of an honorary degree.

Nancy Greene Raine grew up in Rossland, BC where she started her ski-racing career at an early age. By the age of 17, Nancy Greene was a member of the Canadian National ski team competing at the 1960 Olympics in Squaw Valley. It was to be the first of three Olympic Games for the Canadian star, who would lead Canada to the top of the ski world, winning seven Canadian Ski Championships, two World Team Championships, two Overall World Cup Championships and two Olympic medals in just eight years.

At the 1968 Olympics, Nancy Greene reached the pinnacle of her career when she captured Gold in the Giant Slalom and Silver in the Slalom. It was the same year that she won her second consecutive Overall World Cup Championship, and for the second time in as many years, was named the Canadian Athlete of the Year.

She announced her retirement at the end of the 1968 season, and her impressive list of accomplishments has earned her many forms of recognition since, including: Officer of the Order of Canada; Order of the Dogwood, the highest award in BC; and selection to the National Sports Hall of Fame, the BC Sports Hall of Fame and the U.S. Ski Hall of Fame.

Nancy and Al Raine made tourism their business in the 1970s, establishing themselves in Whistler, BC, and in 1994 brought their success and vision to the Sun Peaks Resort near Kamloops, where today she is the Director of Skiing, hotel owner, and still the foremost ambassador for the sport in Canada today. This will also be the first time that her achievements in Canada have been recognized by the awarding of an honorary degree.



"Every day, every hour what we did changed. There were 20,000 people an hour crossing the border from Rwanda. People were dying on the road," explains Carrie. "There was no water, no outhouses, no food, nowhere for them to die."

Prior to the summer of 1994, Goma had been a quiet town of 80,000 people surrounded by woodlands and banana plantations. That August, a sea of

camps, the cholera-laden human waste was everywhere.

Carrie went to work in Mugunga, a refugee camp of 300,000, just outside of Goma. "It was the world's largest refugee camp. There was no water, no outhouses, and there was a camp of 30,000 armed Hutu soldiers right next door who had nothing to do all day but play cards and go get food." The Hutu and Tutsi continued to kill each other in the camps, "and the Zairian troops, who didn't receive any pay, would rob refugees and relief workers to buy food for their families," said Carrie when describing how dangerous it was for the refugees and for the workers.

"Where I worked we took in adults and orphaned children and made up family units. We would

give a woman different aged children to look after like it was a real family unit." The children were orphaned, or lost their parents at the border, or were abandoned by starving, sick adults. "Most of these children were so traumatized they couldn't tell us anything about themselves," says Carrie.

"The hard part was at the end of the day when we had to leave Mugunga to go back to where we were staying. We had to drive 28 kilometres through the camp to get to Goma before curfew at nightfall. People were still coming to us for help and we had to leave them there, knowing in the morning some of

them would be dead. We had to choose who to help and always had to think about the greatest good for the greatest number."

"They picked up the bodies in dump trucks every morning," recalls Carrie. News reports at the time recorded deaths in the thousands every day from cholera, dysentery, meningitis and measles. "The UN finally brought in plastic shrouds so families could wrap their dead in something."

"Four weeks after arriving I was the most senior person with the World Relief group. Burnout time there was four to six weeks because it was so stressful," says Carrie. "I lasted seven weeks, then went out for one week to Kenya, then back for another seven weeks."

"I came back to Canada with four parasites and 18 pounds lighter." Carrie went back to nursing in Ashcroft that winter, and now works in Merritt at the Health Unit.

That was Carrie's second trip to Zaire. Her first trip was for three months in 1988 while a student nurse at UCC. She worked as a volunteer with a Canadian nurse at a hospital south of Goma. "I learned a lot from her and I want to go back and work with the same people."

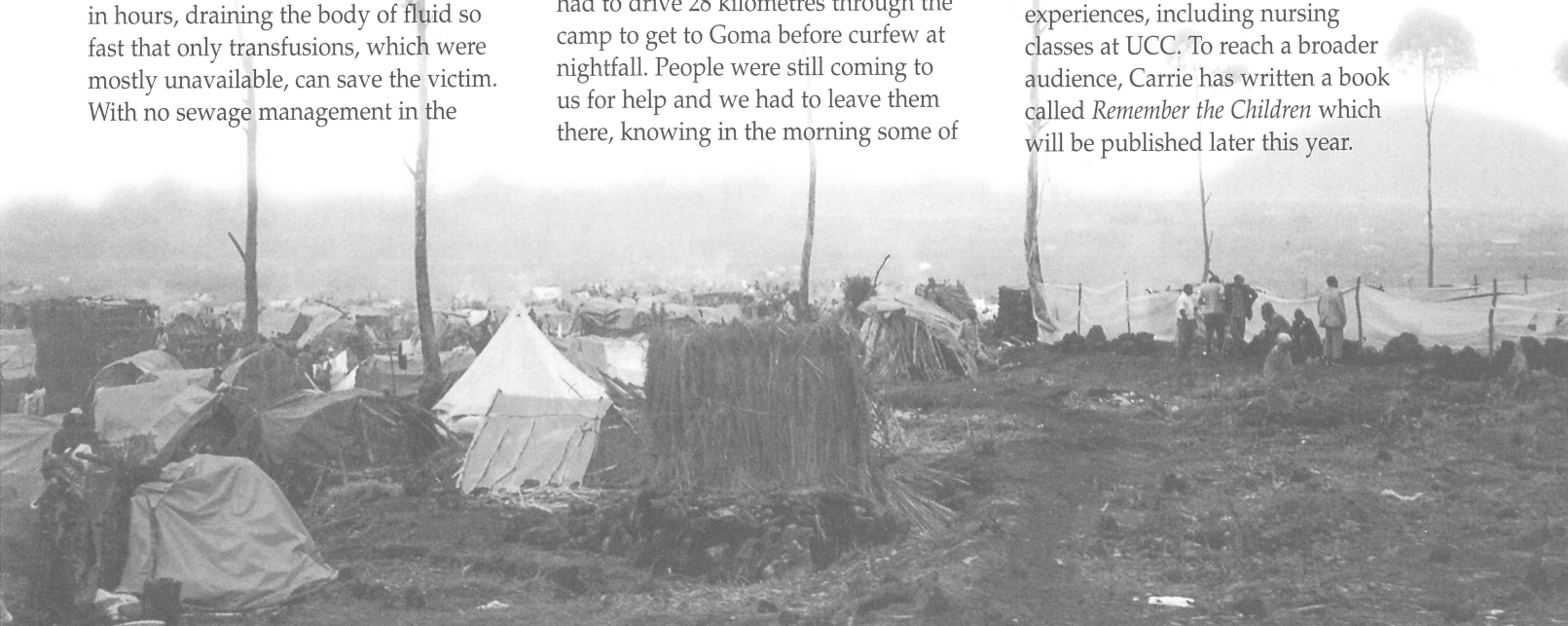
Carrie takes every opportunity now to speak to people about her experiences, including nursing classes at UCC. To reach a broader audience, Carrie has written a book called *Remember the Children* which will be published later this year.



Mugunga refugee camp.

suffering humanity were camping everywhere; destroying the forest for firewood, cutting down the plantations for food, and fouling the water with human waste.

"About 40,000 people died the first week I was there. It was very overwhelming," explains Carrie. "The flies carried the cholera on their feet and after I had been there a while I knew how sick someone was by the number of flies on them." Cholera kills in hours, draining the body of fluid so fast that only transfusions, which were mostly unavailable, can save the victim. With no sewage management in the



MULTINATIONAL PERSPECTIVE

UCC offers a multinational perspective through programs of study, opportunities for international experiences and through interactions with students who have come here from other countries. "We, the faculty, maximize our networks internationally to create opportunities for students to participate in overseas activities," says Kathie Bryenton, Chair of Co-operative and Career Education. "Students like Demian Pettman, who went to Honduras for a co-op work term, return with a broader view of issues in their field of study, which helps their education now, and improves their job prospects in the future."



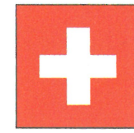
One alumnus who is using his education to great advantage internationally is Todd Armitage, BA '96, a full-time faculty member of the English Department at the University of Seoul in Korea. He teaches six English literature classes to English majors and six ESL classes. "I am also the co-chair of the theatre department and am a member of the Shakespeare Association of Korea. I provide historical background and simple cultural context to members who perform Shakespeare's work. We are doing a Korean translation of *The Merchant of Venice* in 32 locations in two months—it is very challenging."

Todd planned on going to Japan after graduating from UCC, but then he met a number of Korean students on campus, including Gija Lim, who is now his wife. "I left for Asia about five months after I graduated and it has been a wonderful learning experience." In addition to teaching at the university, Todd is completing his MA through the University of Birmingham.

"Living in a country with a 5000 year history is overwhelming. The more I encounter cultural differences the more I realize that we are all intrinsically the same. As I grow older my fear-based ethnocentrism wears away and I embrace as much experience as I can. To fling yourself into a totally different culture and wholly embrace it is to learn to trust yourself. It has been the greatest growing experience of my life."

Tourism students and alumni have many opportunities to work in diverse parts of the world. According to Lian Dumouchel, Chair of the Tourism Management Department, "the more international experience students have, the more attractive they are to employers. We work as facilitators to help students identify international volunteer and

work opportunities. We currently have students in Europe and the Caribbean doing practicums."



Candus Pelton, a Resort and Hotel Management student, arranged a four week volunteer practicum in Switzerland. "In our courses we learn different service styles and I wanted to experience offering European service. I worked in a restaurant in Wolfhassen for two weeks, then I worked at the front desk of the Hotel Europe in Zurich which caters to higher-end clientele." Candus works at the Wells Gray Guest Ranch in the summer with predominantly German speaking clients.

"Students, like Candus, understand that they need international exposure to help tourists coming here have a positive experience," says Lian.

International students come to UCC to gain that international exposure and a more global perspective. UCC has international students in a variety of degree, diploma and certificate programs including tourism where they have the opportunity to learn about North American culture while improving their English. JinSook Sung, Events and Convention Management Diploma '98, who is working with the 2002 FIFA World Cup Soccer organizing committee in Seoul, says "I liked the unique Events and Convention program in Tourism. There are many people who can speak English fluently in Korea, but I don't think many are familiar with event management and this helped me get my job with the World Cup." JinSook is using her education to plan and coordinate transportation for the 2002 World Cup. While in Canada, JinSook had the opportunity to travel and learn more about Canadian people and culture.





Tanya Cherriman, BSN '98, was working in London, England at the Charing Cross Hospital, until last month. "The best thing about working overseas is getting experience in the different roles nurses play in foreign hospitals. It has also been amazing working with so many people from different countries and I have learned a great deal about health care around the world." Tanya's experiences working in a different health care system have allowed her to "see and define what working in Canada is like.

Unless you remove yourself in some way and look from an outside perspective on your situation, it is very difficult to see what you have sometimes."

Graduates and students working and volunteering in health care, education, environmental research, tourism, and other disciplines provides opportunities for the UCC community, and the communities where alumni live, to benefit from this global perspective on people and cultures in our world.



IN THE YEGUARE VALLEY OF HONDURAS

by Demian Pettman,
BNRS Co-op student

I hoped, but did not expect, to spend my co-op work term in the Yeguaré Valley of Honduras, but my luck held and last fall I was accepted as a participant on a work-abroad program with AFS Interculture Canada.

I was placed at an international agricultural school called Zamorano in the department of Conservation Biology and Natural Resources. This school teaches approximately 1,000 students from Central and South America. The students are instructed in classrooms, on the 7,000 hectares that the school owns, and in the surrounding communities. As Zamorano is a private institution, it helps to support itself through commercial agricultural production and forestry activities. Zamorano also works closely with international development agencies (such as CIDA) on projects that focus on educating local farmers about conservation of forests and watersheds, encouraging sustainable farming practices and developing strategies to alleviate the economic and social problems facing them. The students have opportunities to experience all facets of community-based agriculture including field labour, personnel management, community development and marketing strategies.

My volunteer work consisted of setting up a database and associated map of the local fire history. The database provided a baseline to increase the efficiency of future firefighting initiatives. Fires are a problem in Honduras since they are generally human-caused, either by accident or on purpose. They are often set in order to clear land for planting crops. This hillside deforestation is followed by roadbuilding and this can result in serious soil erosion.

I was also involved in a plantation management project. Seedlings are being planted for future quality lumber, fuelwood, and to control erosion. This was especially interesting for me since I have been treeplanting in BC. Treeplanting in Honduras was different, but the goal was the same – to produce a healthy plantation. While Canada shares many environmental issues with Honduras, there are very different constraints facing each country. I realized that cultural values play a large part in the way a resource is managed; and this gave me insight into the issues facing resource management not only in Honduras, but also in Canada.

I will not soon forget my Honduran friends and experiences. I suspect that they will continue to affect the way I see the world. It was difficult at times, not only because of language barriers but also cultural barriers. In the end though, all my experiences contributed to make my journey immensely rewarding.



THE ALUMNI

VALERIE HARRISON (BAIN) UT '71, received her BA in Sociology from UBC in '74. Val is a police sergeant with the Vancouver Police Department in the Human Resources section. When Val was a student at Cariboo College, she played on the first women's basketball team.

KEN KOBAYASHI, UT '77 AND CSOM '99
After 1977 Ken worked in Kamloops for his family landscaping business, then worked for Lafarge for a number of years before deciding to return to UCC and pursue the Computer Systems Operation Management Co-op diploma program. Ken worked with the Ministry of Forests last summer on his co-op work term where it was very hectic due to the bad fire season, and he has just completed a work term with the Ministry of Transportation and Highways.

RICK RAKE, COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA CERTIFICATE '79, is the editor of the Abbotsford News in Abbotsford, BC. Rick has worked for the Mission City Record newspaper, and as a reporter and photographer for the Langley Advance newspaper. Rick returned to campus this year and says he was pleasantly surprised by the growth in student services and facilities from the "good old days".

RICK BREWSTER, ASSOCIATE DIPLOMA OF SCIENCE '84, transferred to the University of Victoria where he completed his BSc '87 in mathematics and computer science. He received his Masters in mathematics from UVic in '88 and went to SFU for his PhD '93 in math studying Computational Complexity of Edge-Coloured Graph Homomorphisms. Rick teaches full time at Capilano College in Vancouver and is an adjunct professor at SFU's Department of Mathematics and Statistics.



ROLAND COBB, BSC, MA (UBC) PHD (ROCHESTER) retired this year after teaching in the Physics department since 1970. Roland, and a group of students, built the UCC Observatory, which is in front of the Arts and Education building, in 1971. Roland says he stayed for 28 years because he enjoyed teaching the students.

DEAN NELSON, TOURISM SUPERVISORY CERTIFICATE '90 AND RESORT AND HOTEL MANAGEMENT DIPLOMA '92, works in Whistler at the Delta Whistler Village Suites. Dean has been working in hotels at Whistler since he returned from studying for a year in Japan at the Nagasaki Wesleyan Jr. College. When he's not working, Dean is outside snowboarding and mountain biking.

LINDSAY CURRY, BA '94 and LLB '97 from the University of Victoria, is working for the law firm of Bulmer and Company in Victoria. Lindsay was called to the Bar this May and practices in family and civil law. Lindsay volunteers with youth groups in Victoria and says she loves living at the coast.

SUSIE RUSSO, BBA '97 works at UCC in the Finance Department as an Accounting Analyst. Susie volunteers her time as a Board member with the Alumni Association helping with fundraising and special events and also volunteers with the UCC Foundation for special events.

RICK RAKE, COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA '79 is interested in a class, or Communications Media, reunion and is looking for alumni from the 70's who are interested in getting together. If you are interested, please contact the Alumni office at (250) 828-5267 or email us at alumni@cariboo.bc.ca

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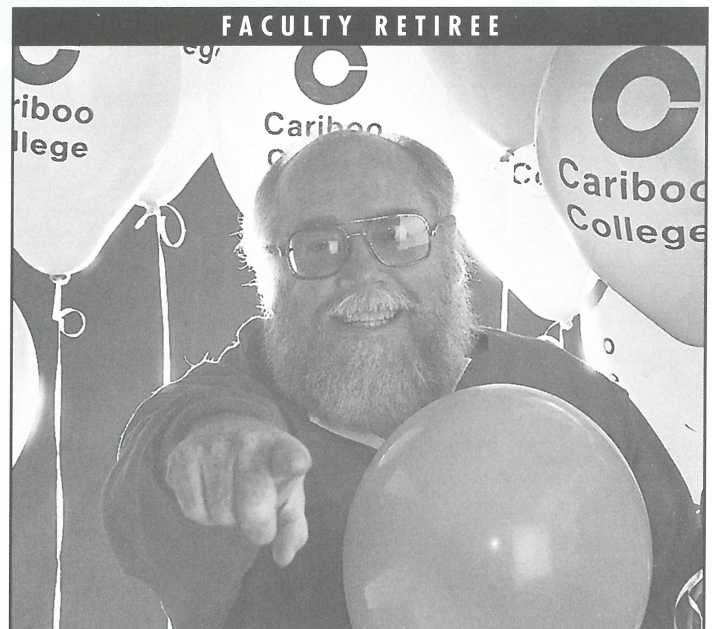
PATHFINDER

KEEPING IT IN THE FAMILY...

KUNDAN BUBBAR, JOURNEYMAN CARPENTRY '80, SUPERVISORY SKILLS CERTIFICATE '86, is the Chief Building Inspector for the City of Kamloops, and says he continues to take upgrading courses at UCC which he finds challenging and beneficial for his work. Kundan's wife, **GURPAUL BUBBAR (SINGH), SECRETARIAL SKILLS CERTIFICATE '72** has worked at BC Tel since 1973, and their son **NARINDER BUBBAR, ENGINEERING UT '95**, has just completed his third year of Civil Engineering at UBC.

DAVID BURKHOLDER, TCOM '85, has been working for UCC in the Computer Services Department for 10 years. **MELANIE BURKHOLDER, BSCNURSING '93**, worked for four years in Kamloops before staying home with their daughter and remains at home with their baby twin boys.

SUSAN MOON, OFFICE ADMINISTRATION '89, works at the UCC Williams Lake campus in Administrative support. Son **BRAD MOON, UT '93** and BCIT Mechanical Technology Diploma grad, is now in Vancouver working for Westmar Consultants, daughter **CAREY CORBIERE, MICROCOMPUTER CERTIFICATE '94**, is working for the Township of Georgian Bay north of Toronto and daughter **CHRISTIE CORBIERE, UT '94**, UNBC BSc '98 is in Williams Lake working for Riverside Forest Products in Mapping Technician/Silviculture support. Susan's husband **ROB MOON** has taken various courses and recently completed his Occupational First Aid Level 1 certificate.



REG MCNAMARA, BA, CERT. ED. (UBC), retired last fall from teaching in the College Access department. Reg started at Cariboo College in 1972 when the Adult Basic Education department expanded to 5 faculty. Upon his retirement the Division of Student Development had expanded to over 100 faculty and staff including Co-op Education, College Access, College Preparation, ESL, and Counselling. Reg is fondly remembered by students, staff and faculty as Santa at the UCC Children's Christmas parties.

An endowment in Reg's name has been established with the UCC Foundation. If you would like to donate, contact the Foundation at (250)828-5264 or email: foundation@cariboo.bc.ca

SUN DEMONS WIN SOCCER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

"Last November UCC hosted the Canadian College Athletic Association men's and women's national soccer championships and we played the role of poor hosts by beating everyone except one team," says UCC Athletic Director, Tracey Bilsky.

The men's team, coached by alumnus Ralph Tedder, won the first-ever national gold medal and banner for UCC, or Cariboo College, in its 28 year history. The men took the gold in the final game against the Malaspina Mariners by playing two 15 minute overtime halves to win 2 to 0.

The women's team, coached by Mike Bartram, earned a national silver, losing to Capilano College 3 to 1 in the final game. The women's team has won silver three times in four years.

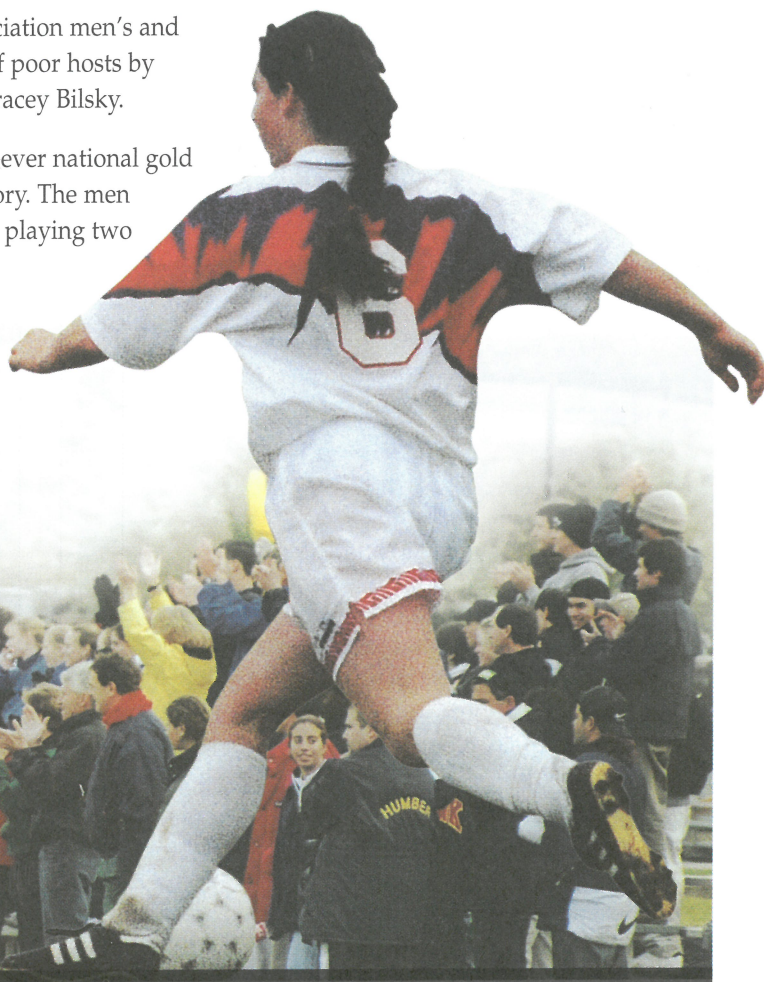


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