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*Fifth and sixth graders attend a mock class session at "SOS: Planting the Seed," on UVI's Albert A. Sheen Campus on St. Croix.*

## UVI Plants Early Seeds

For several years the Student Government Associations (SGAs) on both UVI campuses have held Shadow Our Students (SOS) days when high school students spend a day on each campus to experience student life. This year the SGA on the Albert A. Sheen Campus on St. Croix invited elementary school students to experience the campus in the first-ever "SOS: Planting the Seed" program.

On Nov. 15, about 100 fifth and sixth graders spent the day on the campus learning about the various degrees offered at UVI, the application process and funding options. They also participated in a campus tour, mock classes and group discussions. The keynote speaker was Derval Prince, an Information Technology Specialist III at UVI. Prince earned degrees from UVI in 2002, 2009 and 2010, and is working on a Master of Arts in Education degree – with a concentration in technology.

"We're trying to plant the seed of higher education

*See SOS on next page*

## **Happy Holidays**

*UVI will be closed for the holidays from Dec. 19, 2011 to Jan. 2, 2012. Offices will re-open on Jan. 3, 2012, at regularly scheduled times. UVI will also be closed on Jan. 6, 2012, in observance of Three Kings Day.*

## Prof. Emanuel Remembered



*Khenna Emanuel, center, son of the late UVI Professor Gene Emanuel, accepts a plaque in honor of his father's memory at the St. Thomas/St. John Agriculture and Food Fair in November. Gene Emanuel, a long-time professor at UVI died in July. He was a culture bearer, farmer, radio personality, historian and scholar. Prof. Emanuel served as the master of ceremony for the fair for at least the past 10 years. Khenna Emanuel is joined by, from left to right, UVI President Dr. David Hall, V.I. Department of Agriculture Commissioner Dr. Louis Petersen, and UVI's Vice President for Institutional Advancement Dionne Jackson, Associate Director of the Cooperative Extension Service (CES) Kofi Boateng and State Director of CES Kwame Garcia. The theme of the fair was "Farm Today for a Healthier Tomorrow." It offered local produce, nursery plants and culinary delights. There were also many hands-on demonstrations on topics including container gardening, composting and tree grafting.*

## Theme Suggestions Sought

Planning has begun for Afternoon on the Green 2012. The annual event, held on UVI's St. Thomas campus Herman E. Moore Golf Course, is scheduled for March 11, 2012. It has grown into a one-of-a-kind outdoor family event featuring, food, entertainment and children's games.

The Afternoon on the Green Committee is seeking theme suggestions. This year's event will celebrate UVI's 50th Anniversary. Theme suggestions should be short, catchy and lend themselves to efficient marketing. UVI students, faculty, alumni and staff are invited to submit theme ideas.

The person who comes up with the winning theme will receive an Afternoon on the Green event tee shirt, an Afternoon on the Green poster suitable for framing and \$10 worth of Afternoon on the Green taste tickets. Theme suggestions should be sent to Liza Margolis at [lmargol@uvi.edu](mailto:lmargol@uvi.edu).

## UVI Men's Basketball Team is Undefeated in Paradise Jam Exhibitions

The UVI men's basketball team has a perfect record in Paradise Jam exhibition game play. On Nov. 19, the UVI Bucs defeated Metropolitan University of Puerto Rico 84-76. The victory marked a third consecutive win for the Bucs in the annual exhibition games, played after Paradise Jam regular tournament play.

"We were really excited in the manner in which we won," said UVI Head Coach Sean Georges. "We won convincingly." The Bucs maintained a lead throughout the first two quarters and headed into halftime with a 45-34 lead.

In the third quarter the Bucs lost the lead, which Georges explained was because he rotated in new players. The team has six new



*Top: Ricky Mabry of the UVI Bucs men's basketball team drives past a Metropolitan University player at the Bucs' exhibition game at Paradise Jam. Bottom: the Bucs huddle during the game.*



players and the exhibition game was a chance for Georges to see the cohesion of his new team. To regain the lead, Georges let the veteran players back into the game.

In past season play, one of the team's weaknesses has been losing footing in the second half, especially in the fourth quarter.

"We can compete, but we haven't finished in the way we would like," Georges admits of past seasons. "We are learning to finish strong."

The Bucs' season officially begins in February, but Georges will get another chance to watch his team in action at an exhibition game in January in Puerto Rico. For right now, Georges said, he is focused on having players maintain academic excellence.

## SOS Continued

in younger students," said SOS Committee Chairperson Kevin Dixon, a junior with a double major in business and computer information systems.

"It was great," Dixon said of the experience. "At the end of the day a lot of the students were saying, 'I'm coming to UVI,'" he said. "We showed them the importance of education, and all the degrees and extracurricular activities offered here at UVI," he added.

SOS: Planting the Seed is a pilot program, Dixon said. Based on feedback from the evaluations, the committee will determine if it should be made an annual event. The original SOS is scheduled for the Spring semester.

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