



Professor Gene Emanuel

The University community is saddened to learn of the sudden passing of Mr. Gene Emanuel, Associate Professor of English. Across both campuses throughout the day today, members of the University community remembered Professor Emanuel, and spoke of the loss to the University community of this native son, who touched the lives of so many, both within and outside the University and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

An esteemed member of the UVI faculty since 1981, the iconic Prof. Emanuel was an important force not only on the campus, but throughout the community. He hosted a weekly radio show, "On Air University" and directed the VI Folk Life Festival in 1991. Prof. Emanuel was also the inspirational force in the formation of the Debate Society in 2005 and chaired the Young Men United Organization at the University.

For his stellar contributions, Mr. Emanuel received numerous recognitions and honors, from such organizations as the Phi Beta Lambda Business and Professional Society in 1994; the Virgin Voice publication in 2006; and UVI's chapter of the Golden Key Honour Society in March, 2011.

A gifted and caring teacher, Prof. Emanuel was beloved by his students for his knowledge and his passion. To his peers on the faculty, he was a colleague whose intellect and scholarship were widely acknowledged.

The Administration will advise the University Family in the near future of plans to recognize and celebrate the magnificent contributions Prof. Emanuel made to this historic institution.

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David Hall
President

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Karl S. Wright
Provost

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