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Alumni Picnic Serves Up Fun VI Style

The day was hot, the entertainment was fun, the barbeque was aromatic, and everyone had a good time at the Alumni Picnic in Lithonia, Ga., held on July 27. Hosted by the University of the Virgin Islands South Atlantic Region Alumni Association, the event drew alumni from near and far.

“The real treat for me was the arrival of Pearl Boynes (class of ’73) who is the oldest alum in our chapter,” said Association President Imani Marley-Husbands. “She and her niece made a four-hour drive to participate. She is a wealth of knowledge on CVI.”

The day included music by a DJ and mocko jumbies. Children enjoyed flying



Mocko jumbies dance above UVI President Dr. LaVerne E. Ragster while attendees look on at the Alumni Picnic held in Lithonia, Ga.

kites, hoola hoop games, traditional sack races and running relay races. Goodie bags and ribbon trophies were given to each child that participated.

UVI President Dr. LaVerne E. Ragster, Interim Vice President for Institutional Advancement Dr. Henry Smith and Director of Annual Giving Mitchell Neaves were on hand to greet and speak with alumni. Information about UVI’s degree programs was also on display.

Marley-Husbands said that attendees were asking about the next event and with continued support from UVI and a different venue, the 2009 event will be held during the third week of July

UVI to get New Look and Feel

Website Redesign

The University of the Virgin Islands website is undergoing a complete redesign. For months now a committee made up of individuals on both campuses has been reviewing various aspects of a draft of the new site. The recommendations made by members of the committee have been forwarded to Omnisystems, the firm tasked with creating the site. The new UVI site is scheduled to be activated by Sept. 30, 2008.

With this deadline in mind, it is imperative that all University areas that are represented by a page or pages on the current UVI website be given an opportunity to update the material on their page(s).

From Aug. 4-14 Dean Wallace of Omnisystems will be on campus working with representatives of various UVI departments to determine the information they would like to have appear on the website. Most have already scheduled a time to meet with Wallace.

To schedule a meeting or for more information about the process contact Gary Metz at 693-1057 or Moneca Pinkett at 693-1249.

Service Charters

UVI will soon feel and sound a little different as employees are hard at work preparing service charters for their respective

components. A service charter generally tells of an organization’s service commitment to those it serves. Earlier this year, UVI employees were introduced to the concept. Since then components have been embroiled in creating their own.

“This service charter outlines the position of the University with regard to service standards and what the public, clients, patrons and employees of UVI should expect while interacting with the University,” according to a document distributed to the UVI community that lists the purpose of the venture. “The UVI Service Charter tells you about: Who we are, our values, what we do, our services, our commitment and service guarantee, our service standards, how we will be accountable, how you can help us, information about the University and how to contact us,” the document states. The service charters are expected to be implemented later this year

Events Calendar

July 31	Security Promotions	STT
Aug. 7	Business After Hours	STT
Aug. 15	Faculty Convocation	STT/STX
Aug. 18	Fall Semester Begins	STT/STX
Aug. 29-31	Volleyball Tournament	STT

Students Get Hands-On Experience at Youth Movie Making Workshop

Film to Premiere on Aug. 9

It was a long morning for the students of UVI's Reichhold Center for the Arts Youth Movie Making Workshop. Eight of the students were producing a classroom scene for their upcoming project. The students were involved in every aspect of the production – from acting, to filming, to directing.

Even though the production was rigorous, it was also fun for most of the students. The atmosphere on the set was dynamic as the students were enjoying themselves while doing their work. They laughed when they forgot lines and did the wrong things. But they knew they still had to get their work done.

Blunders during the first few takes were okay. But by take 19, most of the students were getting weary. "My hands are hurting," Wynisha Fredericks said to no one in particular, as she suspended a microphone over head. It was a typical day of making movies, here or anywhere else. That is exactly the type of experience the Youth Movie Making Workshop hopes to create.

The intense, seven week, hands-on training experience is designed to motivate, educate, and build practical skills in the field of digital film production. The program is divided into two segments – basic skills and film production. For the film production segment the students are required to produce a 15 to 20-minute short film



Top: Richard Norman, center, and Hannah Carty, right, students of the Reichhold Center's Youth Movie Making Workshop act in a scene of their productions. Bottom: Alexandra Crawford, left operates the microphone lift while JoAnn Thomas-Lewis operates the camera.



that tells a story which they script, or a documentary on specific issues occurring in the community

"I like it. We get to learn different aspects like writing, cameras, editing, and lighting," said 17-year-old Arielle Jennings, the film's director. She joined the program because of her interest in film making. Another student, 18-year-old Richard Norman, joined the program because of his love of acting. "It is fun making movies," he said. "It's a lot of fun if you don't get too frustrated. You have to relax and take it easy."

Instructor Crystal Miles said the students are great. Each had some experience with film or in the arts before being selected for the program. "We expose them in how to put together a story – using their vision to put a story together," Miles said.

Their assignments teach as well as reinforce the following: operating a digital camera, learning the language of film, developing a script, building team skills, acting, using production equipment and using computers to edit.

On Aug. 9 the students will present their film to the public at a "Red Carpet Premiere" at the Reichhold Center.

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