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UVI Remembers 9/11

The University of the Virgin Islands joined schools and organizations throughout the territory and the world in recognizing the first anniversary of the September 11th terrorist attacks on the United States.

Events were held on both campuses where students, faculty, staff and administrators remembered the attacks and paid homage to the thousands of people who lost their lives.

On the St. Croix campus the theme for the day's events was, "UVI Remembers 9/11." The blowing of the conch shell announced the commencement of a minute of silence at the exact times of the four attacks one year ago (8:45, 9:03, 9:43 and 10:10 a.m.) in remembrance of the victims and the attacks' global impact.

The 4th Annual Installation of the Student Government Association Officers Ceremony coincided with the remembrances and was held in the courtyard of the Melvin H. Evans Center. About 75 people gathered in the courtyard to participate in the ceremony. Sophomore Senator Christine Holmes delivered the introductory remarks.

"Today is a day for us to bow our heads and honor and remember the thousands of our fellow citizens who innocently lost their lives because they lived in a system in which we all believe. Today is a day for us to bow our heads and honor and remember the hundreds of our fellow citizens who lost their lives because they, with utmost courage and without delay, fled to the aid of their fellow citizens who had befallen such misfortune. Today is a day for us to continue to think about, give thanks to and pay tribute to our thousands of men and women in uniform sacrificing and risking their lives this very second, in order to maintain our national liberty, independence and sovereignty... because they too believe passionately in the system in which we all live," Holmes said.

Gerard Emanuel, the keynote speaker, told the students that they have a civic responsibility as leaders. He said that while they take on local leadership roles, they must also think



Student Government Association (SGA) members are solemn as they remember the first anniversary of the September 11th terrorist attacks on the United States. New SGA members were also installed in a special ceremony on September 11.

of their roles in a global perspective.

A student activities fair also took place in the courtyard, with the flags of the United States and the U.S. Virgin Islands displayed at each table.

Throughout the day, members of the Golden Key International Honor Society distributed red, white, blue and gold lapel "peace" pins and bookmarks with inspirational sentiments of unity.

The theme for the events on the St. Thomas campus was, "We Remember 9/11 . . . A Tree Planting for Peace." The tree planting and commemorative ceremony began at 8:30 a.m., with a moment of silence at 8:45 a.m., the time when the first of four hijacked planes crashed into the World Trade Center. The *lignum vitae*, which produces one of the densest woods in the region, was planted on the hillside below the Chancellor's Office on the St. Thomas campus. It was surrounded with red and

white bougainvilleas and several small American flags. UVI's President Dr. LaVerne Ragster, Chancellor Dr. John Leipzig and student representatives made remarks.

President Ragster in her address to the entire UVI community said, "Even though millions of people are mourning the deaths of thousands and the loss of a way of living, it's important for all of us to understand that we are privileged to be alive. We need to take the time to work out the lessons that have been forced on us as a country and as a people. . . I ask that you treasure the privilege of life and share the best of your humanity with the world as we go forward. Please remember the lessons of history. Cleave to the positive side of your humanity and walk in peace."

Events Calendar

Sept. 24,25	VIUCEDD Conference	STX
Sept. 26	Voter Registration	STT
Sept. 28	Roast and Toast Gala	STT

Roast and Toast Gala to Celebrate UVI's 40th Anniversary, Honor Dr. Kean



*UVI President Emeritus
Orville Kean*

The Board of Trustees of the University of the Virgin Islands and the Foundation for the University of the Virgin Islands invite you to a 40th Anniversary Roast and Toast Gala in honor of UVI President Emeritus Orville Kean.

The Roast and Toast Gala will be held on Saturday, September 28, at the Wyndham Sugar Bay Resort.

Cocktails will be served at 7 p.m. and dinner at 7:30 p.m.

Dr. Kean has been a member of the UVI family for more than 35 years and served 12 years as president. The color scheme for the gala is ruby and gold.

Tickets are \$100 per person and are available at Modern Music (Havensight and Nisky), Parrot Fish Music (Backstreet), Krystal and Gifts Galore (Tutu Park Mall), UVI Bookstore, St. John Drug Center and UVI's Reichhold Center Box Office. For ticket information call the Reichhold Center Box Office at **693-1559**.

School Spirit Soars at Activities Fair



UVI Cheerleaders attempt to recruit new members at a Student Activities Fair on the St. Thomas campus. An interested student signs up as she watches cheerleading routines on the television. The UVI Cheerleaders Club was one of the several student groups at the fair.

Members of student clubs and organizations displayed their goods and services while lobbying for new members at the Student Activities Fair held on the St. Thomas campus' cafeteria porch on September 12. Clubs and organizations represented included the Golden Key International Honor Society, St. Kitts and Nevis Association, UVI Mentorship Program, the Student Government Association, Sigma Gamma Rho sorority, the Debate Club, the Cheerleaders Club and Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority. Mervin Taylor, supervisor of the St. Thomas campus branch of UVI Bookstore, was on hand giving out free gift packs.

. . . Fresh Off the Tree

A student drinks coconut water from a coconut at Happy Hour held on the St. Croix campus. The St. Croix campus chapter of the Student Government Association held the Happy Hour on September 6. Students, faculty and staff came out for the Friday afternoon party held in the Student Activity Lounge and nearby courtyard. Activities included games, music and movies.



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