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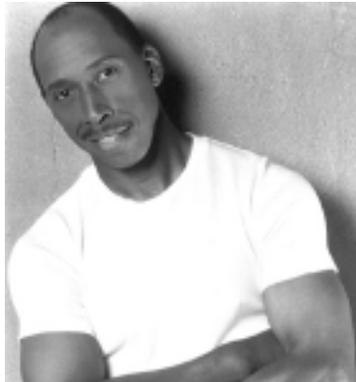
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Reichhold Center Unveils New Season Line-up With Performances to Make You Laugh and Dance

Comedy, dance, salsa and more are on the Reichhold Center season line-up for 2004! Although the season is shorter, Reichhold's scheduled performances promise to be big on fun.

After a four-month delay to renovate the seating area at the University of the Virgin Islands Reichhold Center for the Arts, the season opens on February 28 with a performance by legendary soul/R&B singer Jeffrey Osborne.



Jeffrey Osborne

The events continue on March 27 with the modern dance company Philadanco. On May 8-9 the center will showcase superb talent from across the Virgin Islands. Be sure to wear comfortable shoes for the Latin festival on June 19, because you are sure to be dancing in the aisles. On August 13 and 14 Oliver Samuels promises a comedic performance to make you laugh until you cry. Bring your handkerchiefs for this one.

For more information or to purchase season tickets call 693-



Oliver Samuels

- **Philadanco, March 27**

The city of Philadelphia's most renowned dance troupe brings its high-powered, non-stop, repertoire of ballet, modern and ethnic dance styles to the Virgin Islands. A troupe of about 20 will dance their way into the hearts of audience members.

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- **Jeffrey Osborne, February 28**

Since emerging on the soul/R&B scene with the group LTD (Love, Tenderness and Devotion), Osborne has enjoyed a long musical career. He is known for classics like "Back in Love Again" and "On the Wings of Love." With the release of his "Music is Life" CD in 2003, Osborne has shown his

staying power, having recorded numerous albums over the past 30 years.

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Campus Restructuring Raises Discussion, Questions at Convocation

The University of the Virgin Islands is about to take off—to "fly and float" as President LaVerne Ragster describes it. President Ragster outlined the University's "mechanism to continue to move forward . . . despite significant cuts" to its budget at the Spring Convocation held on January 20.

The announced goals include a leaner and more productive University that is financially sustainable and less dependent on government appropriations. President Ragster's vision of "flying and floating" involves adding collaborations, entrepreneurialism and partnership to the University's existing mandate to provide instruction, research and public service.

President Ragster elaborated on the Gap Funding Plan that was approved by the UVI Board of Trustees in December. The Gap Funding Plan was created to address an im-

pending \$2.7 million budget shortfall that is expected to develop between the V.I. government's \$27 million appropri-

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Events Calendar

Jan. 29	Career Workshop	STT
Jan. 30,31	NSF Workshops	STX, STT
Jan. 31	Welcome Back Bashment	STX
Jan. 31, Feb 1	"Me & Mrs. Jones" Film	STX
Feb. 2	AES Cassava Seminar	STX
Feb. 4	SBDC Tax Prep Seminar	STX
Feb. 6,7	Amiri Baraka Appearance	STT
Feb. 10	SBDC Credit Seminar	STX

UVI Lady Bucs Celebrate First Win Over NCAA Team



Rena Stephens

Greyhounds 83-82 during a Sunday, January 4, game at the

As if last season's 8-0 winning streak was all too easy, the UVI Lady Buccaneers are on their way to top that. The Lady Buccaneers recorded their first-ever win over an NCAA member college during holiday season play. The Buccaneers downed the Moravian College

UVI Sports and Fitness Center. Moravian College, which is located in Bethlehem, Pa., is a NCAA Division III school. UVI's leading scorers in the victory were Rena Stephens, Diana Palmer and LaToya Garvey.

The Lady Buccaneers had an impressive 2002-2003 season. In addition to being undefeated, the squad also claimed the Inter-University Sports Organization (ODI) Basketball Championship. It was the first time the Lady Buccaneers won that title.

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tion for 2003-2004 and \$25 million – the amount UVI received from the V.I. government for 2002-2003.

The Gap Funding Plan includes identifying sources of funds through the following avenues: tuition and fees, annual giving, workforce training, process redesign, campus restructuring, and reduction in subsidy.

Campus restructuring created the most discussion from faculty and staff. President Ragster explained that the plan for campus restructuring will create two schools – a school of professional, applied and technical studies and a school of arts and sciences. The campus restructuring is expected to be implemented by the Fall '04 semester.

The President also outlined strategic priorities for 2004 and 2005 and detailed her vision of UVI as a “university-college”. She called on the UVI family to work together toward the institution's goals. “I'm counting on all of you to help define the things that we can do best,” she said.

President Ragster assured those assembled that an improved UVI image, along with increased excellence in outputs and graduates, combined with increased public and private financial support, will lead to better compensation and enhanced working conditions for faculty and staff.

“In 2006 UVI will be someplace different than it is now and even more viable in the territory,” President Ragster said.

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- **STARfest 10, May 8-9**

Now in its 10th year, STARfest has retained its reputation as “the Virgin Islands' best show.” Song, dance and poetry are highlighted at this must-see event. The variety-styled show highlights talented locals. Expect a resounding performance as STARfest celebrates its 10th year.

- **Latin Festival, June 19**

Salsa's best and hottest artists spice up the Reichhold Center with a musical recipe that blends Afro-Caribbean and Cuban sounds with a dash of American Jazz. The performance will present various Latin styles in celebration of the musically prolific Hispanic heritage.

- **Oliver Samuels, August 13-14**

Get ready to “laugh 'till your belly burst.” This offering will feature popular Jamaican comedian Oliver Samuels, who needs no introduction in the Virgin Islands. He will perform his newly released “Christopher Cum-Buck-US,” with topics such as electioneering, Highway 2000 and the war in Iraq.

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