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Plant Backyard Gardens, Help End World Hunger

The next time you take a bite to eat, remember that there are more than eight million people starving throughout the world – then try to do something to end world hunger. That was the constant message at the World Food Day observance held on Oct. 17 at the University of the Virgin Islands St. Croix campus.

While daily news reports show the number of lives that are lost to terrorism, few show the plight of those affected by starvation, said Dr. James Rakocy, who gave remarks at the event. Rakocy, the di-



Veronica Gordon sells kenips and other fruits at the World Food Day activities held on the UVI St. Croix campus.

rector of UVI's Agricultural Experiment Station (AES), said that more than 10 million people died from starvation in 2003. He noted that the AES is conducting research that is "vital to ensure the challenge of future food security."

A few hundred people turned out for the annual fair-styled event that featured food and produce vendors, workshops, demonstrations, a food drive, seedling distribution and tours of the research facilities.

When faced with the enormity

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Brains Over Beauty, Three to Compete for Miss UVI Title

They are definitely beauties, but on Saturday, Nov. 6 the three young ladies competing in the Miss University of the Virgin Islands Ambassadorial Pageant will display their talent and intellect as



Miss UVI contestants, left to right: Tamica Lawrence, Khalilah Gordon and Shakima Stoutt.

they compete for one of the school's most prestigious titles. The show themed, "Caribbean Queens – Beyond Beauty," will be held at 8 p.m. at the Reichhold Center for the Arts on the St. Thomas campus.

Vying for the coveted title are Shakima Stoutt, Khalilah Gordon and Tamica Lawrence.

Stoutt, the 2000-2001 Miss British Virgin Islands, is a junior enrolled in the Pre-Medical Technology Program. She plans to become a gynecologist and open a women's health facility in the BVI.

Gordon is a senior pursuing a bachelor's degree in Speech,

Communications and Theatre. She plans to become a television personality and actress.

Lawrence is a sophomore pursuing a double major in Business Management and Hotel/Restaurant Management. A former Miss Nevis, her career goal is to open the hotel chain "Caribbean Emeralds Inns and Suites."

All of the contestants are enrolled on the UVI's St. Thomas campus.

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Events Calendar

Oct. 23	PR Symphony Orchestra	STT
Oct. 23-31	Red Ribbon Week	STT/STX
Oct. 25	First Response Course	STT
Oct. 28-29	GIA Jewelry Course	STT
Oct. 26	Farming Seminar	STT
Oct. 28	Business Guest Lecture	STT
Oct. 28	Freshmen Meeting	STT
Oct. 28	Fishing Seminar	STT
Oct. 31	Senior Class Meeting	STX



September Fest Success

Optician Ralph Taylor (left) examines the eyes of a student at the annual Activities Fair held on the St. Thomas campus. Dubbed September Fest – the fair drew hundreds of UVI students, faculty and staff, as well as members of the community to the Sports and Fitness Center. Decorative blue and white balloons welcomed people into the center where display tables lined the foyer and hallway. Many activities and clubs were represented at the fair, which included a voter registration and health screening. At the fair members of the Student Government Association gave out copies of its inaugural newsletter “UVI Become Enlightened.” Special cuisine by the St. Lucia & Dominica Association and the St. Kitts and Nevis Association were on sale.

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of preparing for the six-hour activity, Vice Provost for Research and Public Services Dr. Henry Smith is often faced with the question, “is it worth it” from his staff. His answer: “It’s worth it if because of this activity a consciousness of the plight of eight million people suffering (from starvation) is realized.”

“Take the significance of this activity beyond the campus to the point that it makes a difference in your life and the lives of others,” Smith said.

V.I. Agriculture Commissioner Lawrence Lewis urged attendees to start growing backyard gardens as their fore

parents did. The more food people produce to feed themselves puts an ease on the world supply, he said.

Lewis stressed that world hunger is closer to home than we may realize. “There are those even in the Caribbean who don’t have food today,” Lewis said, noting the people of Haiti, whose food supply has become increasingly limited because of the destruction caused by Hurricane Jeanne.

Campus Chancellor Jennifer Jackson agreed with Lewis, urging attendees to take some free seedlings home with them. “Be sure to plant them and nurture them,” Jackson said. “Think of the fact that we are eating and others are not.”

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The contestants will be judged on introduction, business wear, ambassadorial presentation, talent, evening wear, question and answer, and personal interview. The personal interview will be conducted prior to the competition.

UVI student tickets are \$12 for the covered section and \$10 for uncovered. Tickets for the general public are \$15 for the covered section and \$12 for uncovered. Tickets are available at Parrot Fish (Back Street), Krystal Gifts Galore (Tutu Park Mall), at all Modern Music Stores, the UVI Bookstore and the Reichhold Center Ticketing Office. UVI student tick-

ets will be available only at the UVI Bookstore and Reichhold Center. For ticketing information call the Reichhold Center Ticketing Office at 693-1559.

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