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BET's Reality Series Comes to UVI

UVI students this is your chance. Your chance for national exposure. Your chance to show the world what being a UVI student is all about. And your chance to represent the Caribbean to the fullest. "College Hill," BET's acclaimed reality series, will base its fourth season at the University of the Virgin Islands. Produced in collaboration with Edmonds Entertainment, "College Hill" captures the essence of a select group of multicultural students attending a Historically Black College or University (HBCU) and documents their lifestyle as they interact on and off campus.



"College Hill" is looking for UVI students 18 years of age and older who have distinct personalities, are expressive and who stand out in social settings to be part of the season's eight-person cast. The selected cast will live together in an

off-campus location on St. Thomas. Two, four-person film crews will shoot the day-to-day interactions of the students at the home, on campus and during extra curricular activities. The program is unscripted.

Open casting calls will be held on the St. Thomas campus in the Sports and Fitness Center from 1 to 9 p.m. on Aug. 30 and 31; and on the St. Croix campus in the Student Center from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sept. 4. In order to audition, individuals must be at least 18 years of age and enrolled as full-time or part-time UVI students for the Fall 2006 semester.

The fourth season of "College Hill," featuring UVI students, will air on BET in the spring of 2007. The BET Network reaches more than 80 million households, according to Nielsen media research, and can be seen in the United States, Canada and the Caribbean.

For more information, contact the UVI Public Relations Office at (340) 693-1058.

New Students Bond at Orientation

It didn't take long for the 175 new students at the St. Thomas campus orientation to get to know each other. At Day Two of the Orientation Activities, the students were separated into groups and had to work together to devise solutions for various scenarios. The scenarios ranged from budgeting \$300 for the semester, to presenting the UVI "Alma Matter By the Sea" in a different format, to developing a motto for the Class of 2010. The bonding exercise was followed by presenters who briefed the new students on the do's and don'ts of college life.



A new student, left, is pinned with a UVI pin by her mother at an orientation welcome ceremony on the St. Thomas campus. Fall semester classes began on Aug. 17.

"Put education first," said UVI Social Sciences Professor Dr. Malik Sekou, who served as a motivational speaker at orientation. "Treat this as a special time to make friendships,"

he said, encouraging Crucians to meet St. Thomians and vice versa. "Do not isolate yourselves into these little groups or posses. Those of you who are from here, reach out to those who are not," Dr. Sekou said. "Become involved with UVI activities. Do not come to class, get an A, and then go home." Dr. Sekou said his most important words of advice are "protect yourselves at all times."

At a welcome ceremony later that day the new students received UVI pins from administrators, officially marking them as part of the UVI class of 2010.

Although admission and enrollment statistics are not yet available, Director of Enrollment Management and Admissions Carolyn Cook-Roberts said she expects to see an increase. "The number of newly enrolled students has increased over the last year," she said.

Events Calendar

Aug. 30-31	College Hill Casting Call	STT
Sept. 1-3	Volleyball Tournament	STT
Sept. 4	College Hill Casting Call	STX
Sept. 4	Labor Day - UVI Closed	

Reichhold's New Season Lineup to Include Family Shows

Amidst the flurry of dance, conversation and food, the Reichhold Center for the Arts unveiled its 2006-2007 season line up at a Business After Hours event at the center.

The season officially begins on Sept. 30, with a performance by the Puerto Rico Symphony Orchestra, but to end the summer, the center hosted a Summer Soca Splash on Aug. 19 that featured Trinidad's Soca King Machel Montano and the Xtatik Band. Other performers included the Xtashaun Band, Patrice Roberts and Rodney "Benjai" Le Blanc.



Russian American Kids Circus

At the July 27 unveiling, Co-interim Directors Pamela Sanes and Denise Humphrey said that the center is also expanding its offerings by hosting more family performances. One of those performances is the Russian American Kids Circus, which will perform at the arts center on Oct. 14. Step Afrika!, the other family event, will be held on May 25, on St. Croix and on May 26, on St. Thomas.

With its diverse offerings and new additions the Reichhold Center is poised to give audiences a whole new experience in the arts.

Upcoming Reichhold Center Events

Puerto Rico Symphony Orchestra – Sept. 30, 2006	Playing Ring: A Journey Into Quadrille – Jan. 27, 2006
Russian American Kids Circus – Oct. 14, 2006	Morgan Heritage – Feb. 17, 2007
Kool & The Gang – Oct. 28, 2006	Savion Glover – March 10, 2007
McCoy Tyner – Nov. 10, 2006	Ailey II – May 12, 2007
Angelique Kidjo – Jan. 13, 2007	Step Afrika! – St. Croix: May 25, 2007; St. Thomas: May 26, 2007

All events are on St. Thomas and begin at 8 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

Technology and Agriculture: More than 70 Farmers Complete Computer Course

Graduates of the UVI Cooperative Extension Service computer short course for farmers (right) pose at a certificate ceremony in July. The final training session in a series of four, ten-week short courses designed to assist farmers in developing their computer literacy and recordkeeping skills ended in July. A total of 72 farmers territory-wide have benefited from the courses, which were funded by a grant from the Southern Region Risk Management Agency.



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