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## Afternoon on the Green Turns 18

Afternoon on the Green, UVI's annual food, family and fun event, will be held from noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday, March 4, at the St. Thomas campus' Herman E. Moore Golf Course. This year's theme is "It's Celebration Time, Afternoon on the Green has Officially Turned 18." Afternoon on the Green will feature dishes prepared by some of the territory's best cooks, along with live entertainment and children's activities. Music will be provided by Spectrum Band. There will be live candy and ice cream making demonstrations. As usual there will be a kids' corner. New to this year is the Instrument Zoo, where UVI's Music Division will display and demonstrate various instruments. Blood pressure screenings will also be available. While the event is mainly food driven - there will also be display tables from UVI's academic divisions along with representatives from UVI's recruitment office.

Food is the key for Afternoon on the Green and more cooks are needed. To donate a dish call the UVI Institutional Advancement Office at 693-1040.



### Ag Fair Heart Health . . .

*Top, produce from the BVI on display at the VI. Agriculture and Food Fair held Feb. 17-19 on St. Croix. Bottom, Gov. John P. deJongh, Jr. gets his blood pressure checked at the fair by UVI nursing student Angela Martinez .*



*Photos by Dale Morton*



*Cast members of Black Entertainment Television's College Hill 4, pose at the house they shared during the filming of the series.*

## College Hill V.I. to Premiere March 6

The highly anticipated premiere of BET's College Hill 4, which was filmed in the Virgin Islands, will air at 10 p.m. EST on Tuesday, March 6. The University of the Virgin Islands was the location of the college-based reality series that captures the essence of a select group of multicultural students attending a Historically Black College or University. Four students from Los

Angeles – Willie McMiller, Jaron Thompson, Krystal Lee and Fallon Favors – joined four students already attending UVI – Idesha Browne, Devon Luis, Andres St. Kitts and Vanessa Hamilton – for the sizzling season which was taped mostly at an off-campus location where the students were housed.

The BET network airs on Innovative Cable TV channels 35 and 45 on St. Thomas/St. John and St. Croix respectively, and on Choice Communications channel 10 in both districts. BET reaches more than 80 million households, according to Nielsen media research, and can be seen in the United States, Canada and the Caribbean.

### *Events Calendar*

Feb. 28	SBDC Tax Seminar	STJ
March 4	Afternoon on the Green	STT
March 7	SBDC Tax Seminar	STT
March 9	Queen Mary Walk/Run	STX
March 10	Savion Glover at Reichhold	STT
March 9	Nutrition Month Lecture	STT/STX
March 11-16	Charter Week	STT/STX
March 24	Miss UVI Competition	STT



## A Yard of Fun . . .

*Left, students from the Ulla Muller Elementary School demonstrate playing the tailpipes they made at "In De Yard," a cultural fun day hosted by the Reichhold Center on Jan. 26. Right, calypsonian Camille "King Derby" Macedon congratulates a student for a job well done on the homemade banjo.*



## Administrators Commit to Hearing Students' Concerns via New E-mail

The transfer of credits between campuses, alternative testing times for the English Proficiency Exam, the possibility of two graduations per year, school spirit and even the temperature of classrooms were some of the topics that students raised at a Student Forum held in January on the St. Thomas campus. Designed as a form of open communication between students and administration, the forum urged students to speak their minds. John D'Orazio, campus executive administrator, hosted the St. Thomas campus forum. President LaVerne E. Ragster hosted the St. Croix campus forum.

D'Orazio touted the newly created e-mail [studentsfirst@uvi.edu](mailto:studentsfirst@uvi.edu), designed to accept questions, comments and concerns from students on both campuses. According to an article published in the February issue of the student newspaper "UVI Voice," the newly launched [studentsfirst@uvi.edu](mailto:studentsfirst@uvi.edu) campaign is designed to "underscore the institution's commitment to recognize students' needs as our top priority." The message, written jointly by D'Orazio and St. Croix Campus Executive Administrator Dr. Monique Guillory, continues, "this e-mail address sends messages directly to the CEAs where we will provide you with a response to your query by the next business day."

At the St. Thomas campus forum D'Orazio told students

that they should always ask for the information they need. Students on both campuses are urged to utilize the service. "You should all feel empowered to seek out answers to any questions that you may have," D'Orazio said. "Don't wait. If you have a question, please seek out the answer."

At the St. Thomas campus forum staff members were on hand to further answer questions. Registrar Robert Fontaine tackled the question of two graduations per year, saying that while there is no December graduation, students who are finished with classes at the end of the Fall semester can receive an official letter from his offices stating that all degree requirements were met. Eric Pattison of Information Technology Services told students how to access their UVI e-mail accounts. Counseling Supervisor Verna Rivers answered the question of having a greater variety of career options at the annual career fair.

"If some of you are bashful, remember [studentsfirst@uvi.edu](mailto:studentsfirst@uvi.edu)," D'Orazio repeated throughout the forum. "I want everyone to please use that e-mail address."

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