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UVI Moves Forward with Building Projects

Motorist traversing the Queen Mary Highway on St. Croix may have noticed signs of construction on UVI's Albert A. Sheen Campus. The cordoned off area and mesh fencing signal the start of construction of the Research and Technology Park's (RTP) building. The RTP Board of Directors recently approved construction of the \$13 million building project.

Funding for the project includes a \$5.5 million grant from U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration. The two-story, 18,000 square-foot building is expected to be completed within 18 months. AR-AMARK was selected as the project management firm. The building is not intended to be solely devoted to the RTP and its tenants.

Meanwhile, grounds on the St. Thomas campus



Heavy equipment prepare the grounds of the former overflow parking lot near the Social Sciences building on UVI's St. Thomas campus where a new 100-bed student residence facility will be built.

have been cleared for the construction of a new student residence facility. The 100-person residence hall has a scheduled opening of August 2012. It will be constructed on the western side of the campus overlooking Brewers Bay and the Reichhold Center for the Arts. In March 2010, the UVI Board of Trustees authorized UVI President Dr. David Hall to retain

an architect to develop plans for the construction of the residence hall. This June, the board approved a proposal for UVI to borrow \$60 million from the Historical Black Colleges and Universities Capital Financing Program. A portion of that loan will be used to fund the residence hall construction.

For more information on the Research and Technology Park, visit the website at www.uvirtpark.com.

St. Thomas/St. John Ag Fair Set for Nov. 5-6

Everyone is invited to the St. Thomas/St. John Agriculture and Food Fair, scheduled for 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Nov. 5 and 6, at the grounds of UVI's Reichhold Center for the Arts on St. Thomas. The theme for this year's fair is "Farm Today for a Healthier Tomorrow."

The opening ceremony of the fair, scheduled for 2 p.m. on Nov. 5, is dedicated to the memory of Gene Emanuel, the University of the Virgin Islands long-time professor who died in July. Prof. Emanuel was a staunch supporter of agriculture and served as the fair's master of ceremony for at least the past 10 years. During the ceremony, members of the Agriculture and Food Fair Planning Committee will make a check presentation to the Emanuel family to support the Gene Emanuel Scholarship at UVI.

The Agriculture Fair will have the usual delights of fresh produce, plants, arts and crafts, and food on sale.

This year will feature the "Quick Tank" Aquaculture Systems, developed at UVI, that grow tilapia fish while producing plants. There will also be displays about container gardening. A livestock area will feature some of the territory's prized and unique animals.

Entrance fees are \$3 for adults and \$1 for children under 12 years.

Events Calendar

Oct. 29	Board of Trustees Meeting	STX
Oct. 29	Bucs Soccer Game	PR
Nov. 1	VIWP Literacy Conference	STX
Nov. 5-6	St. Thomas/St. John Ag Fair	STT
Nov. 11	Concert Choir Performance	STT
Nov. 13	Reef Fest	STT

Former President Visits UVI

Photo by Kevin Dixon



Dr. Jamil Mahuad

Dr. Jamil Mahuad, the former president of Ecuador, was a guest on UVI's Albert A. Sheen Campus on Oct. 14, for Hispanic Heritage Month activities. He spoke on the topic "Hispanic Challenges and Successes." Dr. Mahuad, a Nobel Peace Prize nominee, was also the mayor of Ecuador's capital for six years. He served as Ecuador's president from 1998 to 2000. During his presidency, Dr. Mahuad presided over a historic peace agreement with the neighboring country of Peru, resolving a longstanding border dispute. This was his first visit to the territory.

In addition to Dr. Mahuad's presentation, UVI celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month with an Open House at the Pedro Cruz Park on St. Croix and an event with the Guateque Ballet Folklorico de Puerto Rico on the St. Thomas campus.

Hoops at Half Court

UVI's Office of Student Affairs on the Albert A. Sheen Campus on St. Croix sponsored two fun days. One day featured "Hoops @ Half Court" where faculty and staff competed against students. Left: a student guards President David Hall in a three-on-three game.



Right: Pictured in the bottom row are Photos by Kevin Dixon players from the student team, with the faculty and staff team in the second row. Students and staff cheer in the rows above. The students won all games. "It was really fun," said St. Thomas campus Student Housing Supervisor Sean Georges, who participated in the games.



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