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NASA Awareness Days at UVI Inspire Thousands

Thousands of Virgin Islands students got the chance to see a real astronaut, not on television, but live - at the University of the Virgin Islands NASA Awareness Days. The three-day event, held November 17 to 20 on UVI's St. Thomas and St. Croix campuses, was designed to bring an awareness of space administration to the community. It featured astronaut Stephanie Wilson and astrophysicist Dr. Beth Brown.

Wilson and Dr. Brown are both African-American women who have set records in their fields.

Wilson was the first woman and first African-American at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory to be selected for mission specialist training. Dr. Brown was the first African-American woman to obtain a doctorate in astronomy from the University of Michigan department of astronomy.

Wilson is a mission specialist at the Johnson Space Center in Texas. As a mission specialist Wilson, an astronaut who has qualified for flight assignment, is in charge of operating experiments, deploying satellites and handling many other as-



NASA astronaut Stephanie Wilson (center), poses with students from the Addelita Cancryn Jr. High School on St. Thomas. (Bottom) Carolyn Knowles of the United Negro College Fund Special Programs awards Fall Symposium third place winner Okeshia Isles, from UVI's St. Croix campus.



pects of Space Shuttle missions.

Dr. Brown is the National Space Science Data Center (NSSDC) principal astrophysics acquisition scientist. She works at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Maryland where she conducts research on the hot interstellar medium in elliptical galaxies and mechanisms for X-ray emission from faint elliptical galaxies.

The women were shining examples to students of what can be accomplished through education and determination.

NASA Awareness Days also celebrated UVI's partnership with NASA and the United Negro College Fund's Office of Special Programs. It included exhibits, panel discussions, workshops and speeches by Wilson and Dr. Brown and other NASA scientists and administrators.

On display were NASA exhibits from the Ames Research Center, Kennedy Space Flight Center, Glenn Research Center, Goddard Space Flight Center and the Langley Research Center. UVI student research posters and science fair projects also were on display.

Join the UVI Troupe for Crucian Festival 2003

The general public and the entire UVI community is invited to join the UVI Crucian Festival troupe. The theme is "From the School House to the Technology Park, Educating Our Community Through Time for a Golden Future." The Crucian Festival Parade is scheduled for Saturday, January 4, 2003. Five costume designs have been created by Wayne James.

Early-bird sign-up fees are \$50 for UVI students, and \$80 for staff, faculty and the general public. The early bird special is available until December 6. The fees cover the cost of a costume and refreshments during the parade.

For more information or to join, call Joyce Hobson at 692-4110, Dr. Aletha Baumann at 692-4117 or Nereida Washington at 692-4183.

Events Calendar

Nov. 27-30	Paradise Jams	STT
Nov. 30	St. Kitts/Nevis Association Forum	STT
Dec. 7	Christmas Concert	STT
Dec. 14, 15	Folk Nativity	STT



(Left) The starting five of UVI men's basketball team - Travis Hart, Dashelle Freeman, Torian Henry, Curtis Maduro and Julien Baa. (Right) The UVI women's basketball team huddles with coach Curtis Gilpin. Both teams made a sweep at the "Ferry Boat Series" which featured games between the UVI Bucs and Tortola's H. Lavity Stoutt Community College Stingrays.

UVI Bucs Make a Sweep at Ferry Boat Series

The University of the Virgin Islands Buccaneers mens's basketball team and women's volleyball squad swept the opposing Stingrays from Tortola's H. Lavity Stoutt Community College in the first of a series of games dubbed the "Ferry Boat Series." The games were held on November 15 and 16 in UVI's Sports and Fitness Center on the St. Thomas Campus.

UVI's men's basketball team won the opening game with a score of 116-60. In the second game the Bucs beat the Stingrays with a score of 103-54. New men's head coach Sean Georges made his Bucs coaching debut at the games.

The women's volleyball team was equally impressive, winning the opener 25-7, 25-5, 21-25, 25-14. In the second match the Lady Bucs cleaned up 25-11, 25-21, 25-16.

More "Ferry Boat Series" games are scheduled for the Spring semester.



UVI students make a splash at the Baths in Virgin Gorda. The Student Activities Office on the St. Thomas campus organized the Veteran's Day excursion. It included an island tour and swimming at the Baths. Ninety-six students, faculty, staff, and administrators attended.

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