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Haitian Intern Spends a Week at UVI

Raynold Sime has had an internship like few others. Not only did the environmental sciences major get the typical hands-on experience that internships offer – he got to do it in another country. The senior at American University of the Caribbean in Haiti spent almost a month in the Virgin Islands learning bits and pieces about a wide range of issues.

“My coming here is really fantastic for me,” Sime said. He spent two weeks on St. Thomas working with Agriculture Department Veterinarian Dr. Bethany Bradford and two weeks on St. Croix working with Dr. Bob Godfrey of the UVI Agricultural Experiment Station.

His visit was initiated by contacts made through the Haiti-based Heifer Project International (HPI), which seeks to increase the number and quality of livestock in that nation. Dr. Bradford, some St. Thomas farmers and UVI donated sheep and goats to HPI in November 2003. Dr. Paul Rudenberg, dean of American University of the Caribbean and a coordinator of HPI, asked Drs. Bradford and Godfrey to host an intern.

While on St. Thomas, Sime spent most of his time at the Agriculture Department helping to care for animals. He also spent time at Bryan’s Plants and Imperial Animal Hospital.



Raynold Sime (right), an intern from the American University of the Caribbean in Haiti, records the weights of sheep with Adam Weis at the Agricultural Experiment Station on the UVI St. Croix campus.

On St. Croix, Sime helped to deworm and vaccinate sheep along with studying in the bio-tech lab and the agronomy program.

“I’m very glad to see a lot of trees here and how people take care of the land,” Sime said, noting that Haiti, in comparison, is suffering from deforestation since coal made from tree lumber is a major source of fuel.

“People would say (that) Haiti is a poor country, but we have a lot of resources,” he said. “In Haiti, people plant more vegetables than here,” a difference Sime said he noticed between the two places.

“Here I see more forest trees than fruit trees. In Haiti we have more fruit trees than forest trees,” said Sime, who teaches biology and history at high schools in Haiti.

Sime learned plenty, but one of his lessons took him outside of the realm of agriculture. At the landfill in St. Thomas he learned how trash is managed locally. It was the first time he ever heard about the concept of burying trash. He plans to share all of his lessons with the farmers in Haiti. Sime, who lives in Les Cayes, Haiti, returned to his home after the passing of Hurricane Jeanne.

On St. Thomas, Sime’s lodging was sponsored by Robelto Harrigan. Dr. Godfrey sponsored his lodging at the dorms on St. Croix.

Events Calendar

Sept. 29	Mary Zayac Memorial	STT/STX
Sept. 29-30	Bowling Green University’s Visit	STT/STX
Sept. 30	September Fest Activities Fair	STT
Oct. 1	Alumni Chapter Meeting	STX
Oct. 1	VI-EPSCoR Lecture	STT/STX
Oct. 5	VIMAS Lecture	STX
Oct. 9-10	Relay for Life	STX
Oct. 17	World Food Day	STX



The extensive rainfall caused by Hurricane Jeanne filled the ponds on the UVI St. Thomas campus golf course.

Reps from Big Ten Universities Impressed With UVI Students

Although the turnout was small, representatives from the Big Ten universities were pleased. Representatives said that they were impressed with the enthusiasm of the students who attended the Graduate Fair held on Sept. 10 in the Sports and Fitness Center on the St. Thomas campus. The University of Illinois, the University of Iowa, Purdue University and Penn State University were represented.

There were few participants “but the quality of the students was great,” said Dwight E. Lewis, director of Minority Programs for the Graduate School at Purdue Univer-



Joseph K. Henry, assistant to the dean for Recruitment and Minority Affairs at the University of Iowa, speaks with 2004 UVI Graduate Japhet Auguste at the Graduate Fair held at the Sports and Fitness Center.

sity. He spoke to students who majored in business, psychology and education. “It’s a good match for us,” Lewis said referring to the students’ background. “We have a really good business school.”

The Committee on Institutional Cooperation (CIC), a consortium of the Big Ten Universities and the University of Chicago, organized the visit. It was the first time they visited the territory and they are looking forward to returning next year. For further information, visit the CIC Web site at this direct link: <http://www.cic.uiuc.edu>.

September Fest to Attract Students, Staff and General Public

This year’s annual St. Thomas campus Activities Fair, set for Sept. 30, promises to bond the UVI family and the general public. Planned are informational displays from 16 student organizations and a variety of University offices, health screening and voter registration. The formal introduction of the six 2004 Miss UVI contestants will be the highlight of the day.

The fair, dubbed “UVI September Fest: Putting the Pieces Together,” will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 5 to 7 p.m. at the UVI Sports and Fitness Center. Activities include:

- Health Screening — Cholesterol, Blood/Sugar, HIV, Blood Pressure and Weight screening will be offered.
- Student Activities — Displays by Student Government Association, various clubs and student organizations. ID Photos will be taken.
- Staff — Staff from the Human Resources department

will be on hand to speak with UVI employees.

- Voter Registration and Voting Machine Demonstration — Individuals must bring passports, birth certificates or naturalization certificates and Social Security cards.
- Introduction of Miss UVI Contestants — The six Miss UVI contestants will be introduced at 12:15 p.m. They are: Jasmine Buttolph, Medina Colbert, Khalilah Gordon, Tamica Lawrence, Davina Martinez and Shakima Stoutt.
- Food and Drink — Food and drink will be offered for sale by various student clubs and organizations.

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