

EDUCATION

UNLV student to present research in D.C.

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Vanessa Harvey, a senior majoring in physics at UNLV, will be traveling to Washington, D.C., next month to present her astronomy research at a conference on Capitol Hill.

Sponsored by the Council for Undergraduate Research, the event will involve 100 students from 38 states. Harvey, 25, is one of only two students from Nevada invited to participate in the event.

On April 21, Harvey will present a poster on the research she has been doing in conjunction with UNLV physics professor Donna Weistrop. The research concerns the structure of galaxies in some of the lower density regions of the universe.

"This research will help those astronomers who are developing a model of the evolution of the universe," Harvey said. "It's a piece of the larger puzzle of how the universe came to be."

"I'm excited," she said. "I'd very much like to go to talk to



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Physics major Vanessa Harvey prepares her presentation for Capitol Hill at her keyboard at UNLV.

Congress about the importance of undergraduate research opportunities and how such opportunities have helped me develop as a future scientist."

Having the chance to talk to members of Congress is not out of the realm of possibility. In fact, encouraging members of Congress to support various programs that provide money for undergraduate participation in scientific research is one of the purposes of the conference. Last year, many members of Congress and their

staff representatives attended.

"Having the chance to do research alongside such established astronomers as Dr. Weistrop helped me to decide that I want a career in research," Harvey said. "I know other students would become interested in research if they had the same kind of opportunities."

Harvey, who plans to graduate from UNLV in May 1999 and then pursue a doctoral degree in astronomy, hasn't always wanted to be a scientist.

For years, she planned to be a dancer and perhaps an actress as well.

But then, when studying at Connecticut College, Harvey took an astronomy course and began helping a professor with public astronomy nights. She found astronomy fascinating.

"That's when it hit me that I was supposed to be an astronomer," she said.

She enrolled at UNLV in 1995 and by the following year was working with Weistrop, an astronomer investigating galaxies with NASA's Hubble Telescope.

Weistrop said, "I'm so pleased that Vanessa has been chosen to participate in the conference in Washington. She's a talented student who deserves recognition for her work. And I know she will be a persuasive voice in encouraging members of Congress to continue funding for undergraduate scientific research."

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HILTON HIGHER EDUCATION

By Dr. Kelth Orlando Hilton

Black press: Continue to stress education

I am hard pressed to think of any issue or study that cannot be featured in the Black press.

In any living, functioning organization, there is re-positioning and the Black press is no exception. But, through it all, this press has remained a crusading, protesting press which has also been used for advocacy, education and agenda setting.

Next to the Black church, the African-American press is perhaps the second most influential institution in this community.

I agree with the importance of this press and of the church, however, there is a crucial third institution — academia, and in particular, students, scholars and activists affiliated with Black culture centers. You see, John Russwurm, co-founder of the nation's first Black newspaper, *Freedom's Journal*, was also the nation's first African-American college graduate from Bowdoin College in 1826.

Throughout the years since, the Black press has consistently placed education high on its list of priorities. In fact, one of the very first editorials in *Freedom's Journal* focused on scholastic achievement when it stated that, "Education being an object of the highest importance to the welfare of society, we shall endeavour to present just and adequate views of it, and to urge upon our brethren the necessity and expediency of training their children, while young, to habits of industry."

Black culture centers are valued, however, it is also important that we disperse the information gathered in them to students on campus and also to those in the greater African community.

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