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Above is a preview of the costumes for the UVI 2005 Carnival Troupe, which depict schools of tropical fish. The costumes are: (left to right) Doctor, Grouper, Parrot and Trigger Fish. A men's costume and an additional women's costume will also be available.

UVI is 'Schooling' for Carnival 2005

It's the time of the year for fish fries, calypso and fun. It's Carnival! And UVI plans to make a splash with its entries in the Adults's and Children's Parades.

The theme for this year's Adult's Parade entry is "Schooling for the Future." The troupe will feature varieties of tropical fish. The Ah We Band will provide music along the parade route. Faculty, staff, students, alumni and friends are encouraged to join.

The Community Engagement Committee, which organizes the Adult's Parade troupe, expects 100 participants for the April 30 parade. It is a bargain, with costumes at \$55 for students and \$110 for all others. On-line sign-up is available from the UVI web page - www.uvi.edu.

Members from UVI's 4-H Program will participate in the Children's Parade on April 29. The theme for the 4-H troupe is "Marine Life is Alive for Carnival 2005."

Tee shirts depicting the adult's troupe are on sale as a fundraiser. The cotton tee shirts are being sold for \$10 (2X and 3X are \$12). The shirts can be purchased in the Public Relations Office in Room 301 of the CA Building, the Student Activities Office, the Paiewonsky Library, the UVI Bookstores and from any Community Engagement Committee member.

During the week leading up to the parades, adult troupe members will participate in the ongoing Saturday morning Carnival "Big Jog, Shape Up Walk-A-Thon" on Saturday, April 23. The Walk-A-Thon includes members from several troupes who will participate in Carnival 2005 Parades. UVI participants will wear the UVI "Schooling for the Future" tee shirts.

For more information, or to sign up in person for the adult's troupe, contact the UVI Public Relations Office at 693-1059, Jay Wiltshire on the St. Croix campus at 692-4238, or the Student Activities Office at 693-1110. For more information about the 4-H troupe call Cooperative Extension Service at 693-1080.

Events Calendar

April 15	Carnival Troupe Practice	STT
April 15	Graduate Open House	STT/STX
April 16-17	Science & Math Mini Course	STT/STX
April 16	Class of 2005 Class Meeting	STT
April 18	Service Awards	STX
April 20	Student Conference	STT
April 20	SGA Elections	STT/STX
April 20	Freshman Expose	STT
April 21-22	Professional Development	STT
April 21	Career Fair	STT
April 21	Health Fair	STT
April 23	"Big Jog Shape Up" Walk	STT
April 26	VIERS CZM Public Hearing	STJ
April 29	Carnival Children's Parade	STT
April 30	Carnival Adults' Parade	STT
May 14	Upward Bound Meeting	STT/STX
May 14	Commencement	STT
May 14	Science & Math Mini Course	STX
May 15	Science & Math Mini Course	STT
May 15	Commencement	STX



The Art of Dance. . .

Middle Eastern dancers, led by UVI Professor Janzie Allmacher, perform at the Humanities Festival Cultural Extravaganza and Opening Ceremonies on the St. Croix campus.

Career Fair Attracts Hundreds on St. Croix



A UVI Student speaks with Majorie Emanuel, director of the VI Planning and Natural Resources' Comprehensive and Coastal Zone Planning Division at the Annual Career Fair held on the St. Croix campus.

Representatives from businesses and government agencies lined the hallways of the Melvin Evans Center on UVI's St. Croix campus for the Annual Career Fair held on April 6. Just a few feet from the classrooms where college instruction was taking place, students were able to network with potential employers. The students came prepared with resumes and questions.

Hedda Finch-Simpson, the campus' student employment coordinator who organized the event, said there was a constant flow of students throughout the event.

"The fair was very successful," Finch-Simpson said. "There was a lot of student participation and they asked a lot of questions," she said.

About 25 public and private agencies, businesses and hotels were represented.

UVI Students Help With Dreaded Tax Preparation

April 15 is one of the least anticipated times of the year for most people – but UVI students helped to make the impending tax-filing deadline less stressful. For one month, approximately 25 UVI St. Thomas campus students volunteered at the Internal Revenue Bureau for the Virgin Islands Tax Assistance Program (VITA). The volunteers were business students enrolled in UVI's Tax Accounting course and members of the Business Association.

The UVI students volunteered from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Saturday over the four-week period, helping individuals to prepare income tax returns. The students served more than 50 people.

"It was great that the students gave up their Saturdays to

volunteer," said Business Professor Sharon Simmons, who spearheaded the effort. "It helped them to really understand what they were doing in the classroom and understand the practical aspect of it," said Simmons, who also organized last year's effort.

"I want to thank Mr. Alonzo Brady (from the IRB) for allowing the students to come in and work with the agency," Simmons said.

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