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(left to right) Students from UVI Family Life Center Summer Enrichment Program play soccer. Summer Science Enrichment Academy students sit in front of their Internet-accessed laptop computers made possible by a grant from NASA.

Youth Retreat to UVI for the Summer

A \$150,000 NASA grant to support the Saturday and Summer Science Academies on both campuses facilitated the purchase of 40 laptop computers and support equipment and technology that links the computers to the Internet via satellite, among other things. The laptops were divided equally between the SSEA programs on the St. Croix and St. Thomas campus. SSEA is designed to retain and rekindle students' interest in science and mathematics and to encourage minority students to pursue career goals in these areas.

On the St. Croix campus, which hosted the Junior SSEA for seventh and eight-graders, each of the program's 20 students was assigned his or her own computer.

Forty-four high school students participated in the SSEA program on the St. Thomas campus.

Several other youth programs were held on UVI's campuses, including the Upward Bound Summer Program, Cooperative Extension Service's 4-H Camp and the Family Life Center Summer Enrichment Program.

The Family Life Center (FLC) Summer Enrichment Program is held for five weeks on the St. Thomas campus. The program caters to students from the nearby Kirwan Terrace community who are in the FLC after-school program held during the academic year. In addition to academics, 36 students participated in cultural and recreational activities, including arts and crafts and soccer.

The youngsters, ages 9-12, went on several field trips, including the Fort Christian Museum, the Baths in Virgin Gorda, Water Island, and to the movies. One special trip was an overnight stay at the Virgin Islands Environmental Resource Station on St. John. In addition, representatives from community

organizations made presentations to the students.

While traditional UVI students were away on vacation, the campuses were buzzing with activity from prospective UVI students!

Register for Classes Online

Returning UVI students can beat the long lines at registration by registering via the Internet. Links to the secure web site that students are using for the registration process are available on the UVI home page - <http://www.uvi.edu>. Students must obtain personal identification numbers from their faculty advisors in order to log on to the registration page.

UVI Registrar Robert Fontaine stresses that enrollment in classes is not guaranteed until payment is made. After registering, students must visit the Cashier's Offices on the St. Thomas campus or the St. Croix campus to pay tuition and fees.

August 11 is the deadline for returning students to pay tuition and fees. Failure to do so will result in the cancellation of classes. For more information call 693-1160 on St. Thomas or 692-4158 on St. Croix.

Events Calendar

July 30	SBDC Seminar, STT
July 31	SBDC Seminar, STX
July 31	SVIH Lecture, STX
August 6	Seminar on STX Salt Pond, STX

UVI Increases Tuition and Fees, Improves Quality of Services

In an effort to maintain the quality of its programs and services, the cost of attending the University of the Virgin Islands has increased. At its June 21 quarterly meeting the UVI Board of Trustees unanimously approved tuition, room and board, and fee increases.

A 10 percent increase in room rates and a 20 percent increase in the cost of meal plans for students on both campuses will be in effect by the fall 2003 semester. Tuition will increase by 10 percent as of the spring 2004 semester and University fees, some of which had not been raised in 10 years, will increase to varying degrees.

UVI President Dr. LaVerne Ragster said the increase in tuition and fees comes at a time when UVI is enhancing the quality of its programs and services.

“In order for UVI to remain competitive in the quality of its programs, the quality of its dormitories and food, and the quality of its faculty and facilities, the institution is now forced to implement increases for the first time in four years,” President Ragster said in a letter to students, parents and friends of UVI. Enhancements include renovations in the dormitories, a new cafeteria and a new food vendor on the St. Thomas campus, along with cable-ready rooms in the dorms on the St. Croix campus. Web registration has also been expanded to reduce registration lines on both campuses.

“When you calculate the overall increases, however, UVI is still seen as a great bargain in terms of the cost for the high quality provided,” President Ragster said.

Even with the increases, the tuition and fees that UVI students pay will account for only 33% of the actual cost of the education they receive.

Students who need financial assistance are asked to contact their respective financial aid office. For a complete list of the tuition, room and board, and fee increases visit the UVI homepage at www.uvi.edu and click on the “UVI Rates” icon in the lower right corner.

New Tuition Costs at UVI

Full-time Resident - \$3,000.00 per year
Full-time Non-Resident - \$9,000.00 per year
Part-time Undergraduate Resident - \$100.00 per credit
Part-time Undergraduate Non-Resident - \$300.00 per credit
Part-time Graduate Resident - \$250.00 per credit
Part-time Graduate Non-Resident - \$500.00 per credit

Mango Melee and More!

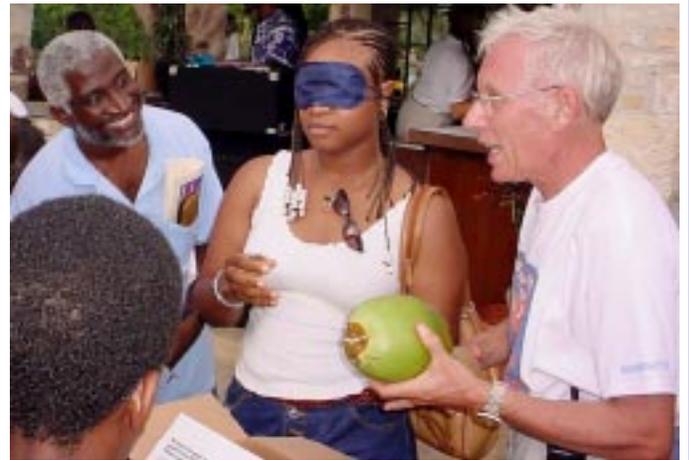


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A blindfolded woman attempts to identify a fruit at the Mango Melee and Tropical Fruit Festival held on July 6 at the St. George Botanical Gardens on St. Croix.

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