

The rumors upset Dave and Nutrines

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WHEN Dave LaBarre gets a frown, Town knows he either one of two things can be happening. He's either dreaming up new ideas for his steelband. Or, something's ailing with his band to cause the worried look.

Dave has a series of new ideas for Carnival '69. So something's wrong. "Rumours, ugly rumours about the Nutrine Playboys, that's what has me worried," he said.

Every bandleader should be in sympathy with Dave. They should know that wild rumours, with Carnival weeks off can be a terrible blow to a band.

"I don't know who has started this, but people are telling me they heard Nutrine Playboys will not be on the streets for Carnival. I am now placed in the childish position of walking around and telling people my band will be playing mas." Dave said.



DAVE LA BARRE (right) explains the fine points of one of his costumes.

"The whistling pans of the Nutrine Playboys will be backing Afromania '69 on Carnival Monday and "A Psychedelic Fantasy" on Carnival Tuesday. We will be leaving from our same headquarters on Duke Street, Port-of-Spain, on both days," added Dave.

Dave believed the rumours came about when they started handing out tickets bearing incredible low band fees.

To play mas' with Nutrine Playboys on Carnival Monday is \$1.00. And on Carnival Tuesday it's \$2.00. Costumes are from \$15 to \$35. Why are prices so low? "Because we cater to a teenaged crowd," says Dave.

"Afromania '69" is a Carnival story of what's happening today with Trinidad's "Afro crowd." From beads to robes will be the "scene" on Monday.

"A Psychedelic Fantasy" is a 15-section band of squares, glowing stripes and eye-burning colour.

Last year, the Nutrine pans were a hit with their "Bomb." "Theme for a Few Dollars More." This year there will be more amplified pans, a bigger steelband and more passengers, three to be exact—Dave, Tommy Critchlow and Titmus Thomas.