

THE SALEMITE COURSE ON

HOW TO CLOWN!

(EARTH NEWS) — It's common knowledge that quite a few students spend the bulk of their campus years clowning around. But, now, at San Diego State University that's exactly what one group of students is supposed to do.

The university is offering what is thought to be the first credited class in "Clownology," and students are lining up to get in. The whole thing started as a non-credit experiment in the extension school last spring through the efforts of 23-year old Rich Wise, a consultant to the San Diego public school system who goes by the name Curly the Clown. Rich — or Curly — who have been teaching children about clowning, decided that adults should have the same opportunity to learn the art. So, he convinced his alma mater to allow him to offer an experimental non-credit course in this subject.

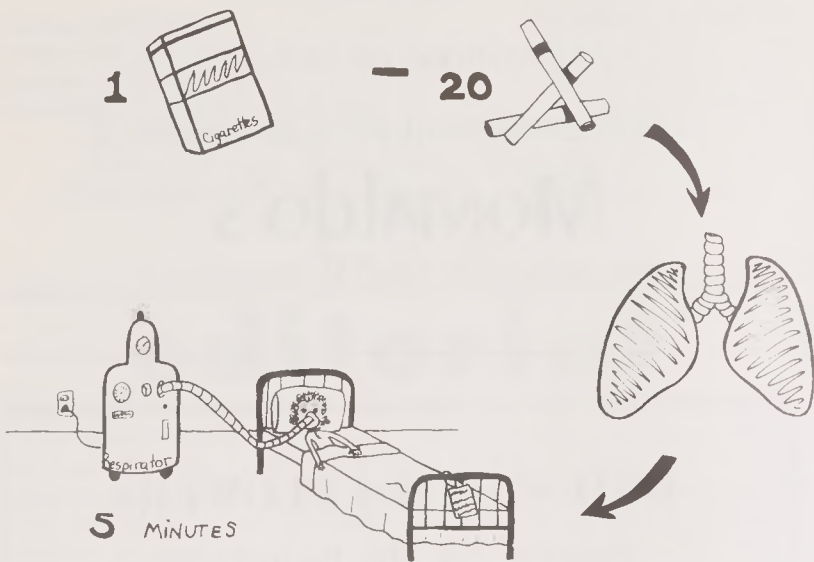
Curly's experimental class was so successful that the university decided to make it a permanent part of its curriculum and to offer two academic credits to students completing it. The current 15-week course includes instruction on techniques of costuming, make-up, pantomime, story telling, dancing, skits, magic, and party planning.

When the winter term begins this month, as many as 60 students are expected to pack two sections of "Clownology, Recreation X-99." Curly says the course is becoming so well-known that the university is receiving applications for it from as far away as Japan and Canada.

Meanwhile, the course's first graduating class of 31 students recently went through their own graduation ceremonies. Wearing home-made costumes and clown make-up beneath traditional mortarboards, the grads marched to "Pomp and Circumstance," feigned sleep while listening to a speech by a university dean, and then collectively launched into a big production number of Cole Porter's "Be A Clown."

While a few of the graduates say they hope to become professional clowns someday, most say they want to use their new-found talent performing for children's hospitals, old-folks homes, and the like.

Curly, who has done clown-work on local television programs says he knew the course was going to be a success when — last spring — he was named "official campus clown" by University President Brage Golding. Dr. Golding made the proclamation while hurling a pie in Curly's face.



SAVE A PACK — HELP A CHILD

Beginning after spring break, Lablings will be collecting empty cigarette packs to help provide free time on a respirator for children with lung diseases. Just one empty pack will entitle a child to five minutes on a respirator. Lablings would appreciate your help on the project and for your convenience, collection bags will be placed in the following areas:

- All Dorms
- Refectory
- Science Building
- Main Hall
- FAC
- History Building
- Day Student Center

There is no limit to the number of packs that can be used, so please start saving now, and look for the collection bags after Spring Break!

Communal Bathing Is Not Washed Up!

(EARTH NEWS) — If there is to be a fad to replace "streaking" as the national campus pastime for 1975, it just might be communal bathing. Already, group baths are becoming an integral part of after-class life for some students at the University of California at Berkeley.

Following a hard day of classes, students neighbors here now take to big back-yard tubs to sip wine, exchange tales of the day's woes, read poetry, and soak their troubles away.

"I'm sure there's going to be a big hot-baths phenomenon pretty soon," says Clive Scullion, a self-described leader of what's becoming known as the "community tub" movement. But, says Scullion, group bathing is a far healthier form of tension-release than simply running across campus nude.

"Whatever your troubles may be — if school is getting you down or your old lady is giving you a hard time — popping into a hot bath with your friends will make you feel better," he says.

Scullion, a major in conservation and natural resources at the University of California, became a "hot bath fanatic" after trying a dip in a friend's backyard tub. He decided immediately that he wanted a tub of his own. But, after some research, he discovered that he couldn't afford one. Most commercial models, built of redwood for Japanese hot bath enthusiasts, cost at least \$1,600.

Then, a few months back, Scullion stumbled onto a proverbial gold mine — 13 huge industrial containers made of concrete and wasting away in a vacant lot. He purchased the unwanted tubs from the land's owner and went to work.

By smoothing and painting the concrete and drilling holes for water pipes, Scullion built his first tub which is capable of seating up to eight people comfortably. Now, he's in the process of turning out additional tubs for other Berkeleyites at a total cost of only \$250.

Scullion is also planning to "make forms" from his original containers so that he can continue to produce inexpensive tubs after his original supply is sold-out.

Although Scullion isn't sure just how many, quite a few outdoor tubs are springing up in the Berkeley area these days. And they are put to use even when the weather is at its winter ugliest, as most have small gas heaters to maintain a water temperature slightly beneath scalding.

For many of the participants, communal bathing has become a vital part of their social schedule. Odgen Williams of The Daily Californian, student newspaper at the University of California at Berkeley, recently interviewed a group of communal bathers.

"Your body just sort of melts away," reports one bather who believes that group baths "release harmful toxins" from the body.

Another participant, Jennifer Bayless, adds, "It's not really sexual. It's a mental and physical bond experience, a social activity. I've taken baths alone and with other people, and I definitely prefer bathing with others."

Scullion himself adds that the community tub is a great way to get to know your neighbors. "I've had some of the best conversations sitting in the bath naked with my neighbors," he says. "It is a totally honest, totally relaxed experience. . . . People just start to say exactly what they feel."

(Note: Students desiring information as to how to build or buy a hot-tub can contact Clive Scullion at 2222 Parker St., Berkeley, California 94704.)

LETTER TO EDITOR

(Continued from Page Two)

Finally, we must have more respect for each other's ideas and life-styles and challenge them only when we mean to offer constructive alternatives and answers. We must not criticize merely for the sake of criticism.

Sincerely,
Peggy Erickson

STUDY ABROAD THIS SUMMER!

UNC-A Study Abroad Program offers 4-week sessions at Oxford, England; Montpellier, France; and University College, Galway, Ireland. Six hours credit available in each session. Literature, philosophy art, French and Irish language and culture.

Room, board, and all fees for 4 weeks, \$525. Write UNC-A Abroad Program, University of North Carolina at Asheville, Asheville, North Carolina 28804.

JEWEL BOX

DIAMOND SPECIALISTS FOR OVER 50 YEARS

Thruway Shopping Center
722-3211

Five convenient ways to buy:
Revolving Charge • Custom Charge • BankAmericard Master Charge
• Layaway

Zinzendorf Laundry & Dry Cleaning

DRY CLEANING — STORAGE

1000 SOUTH MAIN ST.

DIAL 722-5178

It's been

Reznick's for Records

For Years

TAPES — SHEET MUSIC — RECORDS

DOWNTOWN
440 N. LIBERTY

THRUWAY SHOPPING CENTER
OPEN NITES 'TIL 9:00

OUR THRUWAY STORE HAS A COMPLETE STOCK OF
TAPE CASES and MUSIC BOOKS

Thalhimers

The Fashion Stores

DOWNTOWN — THRUWAY — PARKWAY PLAZA

724-1551

WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA

THE CRAFT SHOP

of Piedmont Craftsmen

936 W. 4TH ST. — MON. - SAT. 10 - 5

