

# Send in the Clowns

by Carole Dolin

**WARNING:** Be on the lookout for green-haired, baggy-clothed, creatures, wearing black and orange polka dots and stripes, roaming the streets of Greensboro.

No, these creatures are not from Jupiter or Mars. They are from the GYC newly formed Clown Club. Within the next few months, the clowns will soon be scattered around town, promoting the GYC Carnival which is April 26-April 30. The clowns visit day-care centers, nursery schools, shopping centers, birthday parties, and such, all for the sake of promoting the GYC Carnival.

The total number of clowns in this club from the city schools is 25. The following people are members of the Clown Club from Grimsley: Linda Wells (chairman), Chris Roulhac (assistant chairman), Carol Welker (staff head), Kathy Peterson, Scott Stanley, Michael Sherril, Kathy Kelley, Polly Sieber, and Jeff Darnell, who is not a member of the club, but still is a clown participant.

This club was formed in November of 1977. Its purpose is to offer an opportunity for interested high school students to learn the art of clowning and enable them to perform publicly.

The club meets monthly; however, from January 30-April 26, the club meets bi-monthly in order to prepare for their biggest project of the year, the GYC Carnival.

During these bi-monthly workshops, the clowns learn the "behind the scenes" part of performing. They encounter sessions on make-up, costumes, hand props, magic, mime, stunts and making an act.

Each of the members picks the type of clown he or she wants to be, and learns the different techniques of the particular

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Venice, Florida; and if he is good enough he may become a member of the Ringling Brothers, Barnum & Baily Circus.

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clown's make-up, costume, and act. Three main kinds of clowns are the Auguste Clown, who has a slapstick type of act, the White-face clown, who usually performs magic and is more "prissy" than the others, and the Hobo clown, which is just as its name implies.

The club hopes to be traveling to different states to perform their talents, and also hopes to perform in parades, nursing homes, business sales promotions, nursery schools, day-care centers, and even private parties. Advising this club is Mr. Jim Wigglesworth from Kernersville.

Contrary to what one may think, "clowning around" isn't all fun and games to everyone. In fact, Jeff Darnell, a drummer for the Grimsley Stage Band, is "very serious" about "not being serious." He is presently in the midst of auditioning and applying for a clown college in Venice, Florida. This college is the Winter

quarters of most circuses such as Ringling Brothers, Barnum Bailey Circus. "Ever since first grade, my dream has been to be a circus clown", says Jeff. To be accepted to this college, one must be excellent. Only one out of every one hundred applicants is accepted, and only two fifths out of all the accepted receive contracts with the circus. One of Jeff's last comments was, "I'd like to marry a showgirl and become the longest living circus clown ever to exist. If not, then I'll become a lawyer."

The rest of the clown club members haven't become quite as serious as Jeff yet, but still have the talent in them, just waiting at the chance to perform.

So don't be shocked if some odd-looking creature wearing polka dots and a sad frowning face, soon starts to roam the Grimsley campus. It just could be the next clown to enter the Ringling Brothers Barnum and Bailey Circus!!!

## GHS PERSONALS



"Wes Neal" -- "Trip City" -- -- Van Goeh  
 The Boys Mysoon -- Not too NORMAL --  
 W.K. is a wing man -- The Boys Mad Hatter  
 Carol Cousine lives on 50 Easy Street -- Experience it!  
 We gonna gitch you boys from Davie -- Brick, Slack, Trivial, Modest, and Tolkien  
 GHS High IQ -- 1095 Page 867 -- Face!!  
 I hate school, (but I love you cutie) -- Guess who?  
 Ruthie -- Did Fred get his tires dirty?  
 K.P. -- No more short cuts to The Place!!  
 Chris H. -- Having troubles with a slimey porch?  
 Doug B. -- Heard you had a good time...  
 Y.A. -- Phydeaux doesn't deserve him!  
 -C.J.W. -- If ya can't go to college go to State.  
 Steve -- How much do you owe on that album?  
 Pat -- LET'S EAT!! (Deutsches Donuts will do!!)  
 B.L. -- Leave me alone.  
 Kim -- What kind of earrings were you wearing?  
 Mr. Gwyn -- Have you ever tried candy STRIPPING?  
 Camus, Camus, belongs in a zoo! APES  
 We APERS hate primary papers.  
 T.W. "CHUMP -- how bouts that two dollars" -- The 8-Ball Kid  
 Pam-Ham-8:10 a.m. for TEA, HOT CAKES? - Morning Glory  
 Patty F. -- Such a beautiful face

-- Zur Holle fahren Carolina! -- Iron Dukes Forever Val -- Thanks for the fling -- J. Lil' Ms. Strange -- How dare you be so bold -- The Dead Cartoon  
 Johnny -- I'm slowly but surely changing. -- GO HEELS!!!  
 CLASS OF '78 WILL SOON GRADUATE!!!!  
 Herr Nich -- 3rd period Gerri-CDB? D B S A B - Z B!!  
 GRIMSLEY -- L.A.G.N.A.F. -- ORGY GEORGEY  
 K.F. -- The three B's are gonna be great! -- E.M.  
 Sheri -- I draw better than you -- Nay Nay  
 Goldman -- The radio tells no lies -- Walter Cronkite  
 Gallenger -- A-HEAD of his time.  
 J.B., T.F., and G.B. -- meet me in the woods again -- Hogan  
 Mr. Glen -- Thanks for the new Sex Pistols album -- Fellow Punk S.H. -- You're really weird!  
 Brian T. -- I smell HAM -- A Fan.  
 J.Z. -- GO RUNNING DOOKS!!!  
 D.D. -- Hey baby. Do you still crave his bod?  
 Mary Beth -- I'll teach you the 65 m.p.h. -- "Hail Mary"! Donna Bucky and Buddy -- From a weanie  
 Kevin M. -- Really!! -- K.M.  
 David M. -- How's Poochie? -- K.M.

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