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EDITORIAL

In these times of economic stringency and forecasts of impending doom, it is always pleasant to leave something as a bright spot on the horizon to look forward to. We like to think that DATA 77 is such a bright spot, being as it is the highlight of the school's literary year, and presenting as it does the pupils' own often ignored views and feelings.

The magazine's format remains basically unaltered from last year, when inflation and rising costs forced the school to print the magazine itself. We should like nothing better than to have a bumper "Silver Jubilee" edition, but it is a financial impossibility. Instead, we can aim to present the best of our work in English and in our Scots tongue. After all, the strength of DATA has always lain, not in glossy covers of technical perfection but in the sincerity and originality of its contributions.

All the same, this is a Jubilee Year edition and the great topic in our minds as we go to press is the forthcoming visit to the school by H.R.H. The Prince of Wales, an event that will leave its mark on the school year of which this magazine is a record.

The most striking change in the school this year has been the lessening of corridor congestion which has been brought about by the long awaited opening of SPEYSIDE HIGH SCHOOL. Our final impression as we leave at the end of class VI is certainly of a much quieter and less crowded place than the school we entered all those years ago. We wish our new neighbours all good fortune in the years that lie ahead.

A school should always be an integral part of its community, and for this reason it is most gratifying to note the rapport that has grown up between K.G.S. and the newly constructed Senior Citizens' residence across the way. It is to be hoped that the two can remain closely linked, thus helping the school to realise the objective expressed in our motto in giving back to the community that supports us something in return for what has been received.

And now, on the theme of the link between Old and Young - which is after all what this magazine works for - we close with sincere thanks to our contributors and readers for supporting us in their different ways.

- Peter Cruickshank
EDITOR

Writing as I am on the Queen's Silver Jubilee day, for this excellent magazine which has every intention of appearing on the day her son is due to visit us here in Keith Grammar School, I am not surprised to find my thoughts turning to royalty and the celebrations that always greet the members of the Royal Family.

To those of you who spent any part of our Jubilee holiday watching on TV the scenes at St. Paul's and in the streets of London, at Guildhall and down the Mall to Buckingham Palace, it must have been quite clear that the Londoner's sense of occasion and readiness to celebrate in the streets is of quite a different order from ours in Scotland and perhaps particularly in the North East. The Queen has certainly been in Scotland recently, receiving warm welcomes both in Edinburgh and in Aberdeen in the course of her tour. Yet scenes of elaborate decoration and excitement and boisterous demonstration were clearly more characteristic of the south than the north. Perhaps the climate is involved, for I do not think we up here lack any loyalty to, or admiration of, Her Majesty. At Windsor the beacon bon-fire burned bright for all to see; on Ben Rinnas all was shrouded in mist and low cloud, but the fire burned loyally none the less.

Recently in Edinburgh at the time of the General Assembly (which I was attending as a commissioner) a measure of the state pageantry was to be seen when the Queen attended the service in St. Giles and the opening sessions of the Assembly, arriving from the Palace of Holyrood House with a full Sovereign's Escort, though not in the picturesque gold coach in evidence today. Edinburgh's Royal Mile resounded to the hooves of the noble mounts of the Household Cavalry and the spring sunshine flashed on the cuirasses of the Life Guardsmen, giving the lie to Auld Reekie's douce image.

Though the crowds were nothing like the size of the London ones, Edinburgh did give a rousing welcome in her own way; there was indeed some decoration in the High Street outside St. Giles, where a slightly off-beat note was struck by the presence of a party supporting Pastor Glass whose written slogans had been tied to the crowd barriers. His supporters' vocal slogans, however, were neatly parried by the crowd on the opposite side of the High Street who chanted a lusty "God Save the Queen" every time a partisan slogan was shouted out.

In the Assembly Hall itself, the Queen was received with pleasure and warmth of feeling by the commissioners who listened with interest to her meaningful address.

Such were formal occasions. Our own welcome to H.R.H. The Prince of Wales is already planned to be less formal and more an occasion on which he can see, in the Keith Grammar School campus, young people of the former Banffshire schools engaged in sport, gymnastic activities and swimming, and music making. As you read this page, you will be in a position to judge whether the proposed presentation has been successful. As always in Scotland, a major factor in that success will have been the weather. Writing now in advance and praying for a real summer's day, I can only hope that all the plans will not be curtailed by rain, wind or even snow!

While undoubtedly the visit of H.R.H. The Prince of Wales is a major turning point in this summer term, it will in fact have been preceded by another departure from routine, in that the school has embarked upon an experiment this June which may have far-reaching effects in future sessions. It has been decided to bring into operation from 11 o'clock on Friday, 10th June, the full timetable planned for next session. Pupils will have gone up to their new classes and work will have begun on the courses to be followed next session. The only absentees will be the new First Year, who will be visiting us on particular days, but will not take their full part in the new timetable until 24th August. We hope to prove that this move will ease a lot of the administrative difficulties at the start of a new session and that we shall find the resumption of work then will be very much easier and quicker than in the past. The decision to take this step has been supported by the fact that so many S.C.E. candidates now leave school as soon as their particular examinations are over and also by the fact that, by the new leaving regulations, 31st May becomes the leaving date for a considerable number of pupils in the 15-16 year age group.

Again, as you read this page, you will be in a position to judge the value of this experiment and, particularly if you are a pupil, parent or teacher, to assess its influence on the future of the school. Is the aim of improving the effectiveness of the school's educational effort being fulfilled? Will K.G.S. be advancing into the future with confident and progressive step? I personally hope that this will be so and that the experiment will be worth repeating and developing in future years, so that Keith Grammar School may truly live up to its motto of *Do ut des*: 'I give that you may give'. I trust it is not presumptuous to recall that our royal visitor proudly inherits, as Prince of Wales, a motto not unlike ours - *Ich Dien*: 'I serve'.

Yours sincerely,

ROBIN WINCHESTER

Rector

KEITH GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Joy Stuart

Class VI

Hazel Edward
Margaret Johnston
Aileen McLennan
Hellen McLeod
Judith Milne
Jean Morrison
Karin Paterson
Grace Sheed
Jill Sutherland

Class V(1)

Judith Doyle

Class V(2)

Shelley Jamieson

Class V(4)

Lesley Beasley
Carol Howells
Pheresa MacDonald
Patricia McNeill
Kirsten Smith
Ruth Strathdee

BOYS

SCHOOL CAPTAIN

David Legg

VICE-CAPTAIN

D. Stuart Andrew

Class VI

Peter Cruickshank
Gerard Doyle
Peter Watson

Class V(1)

Iain Adam
Stephen Glennie

Class V(2)

Walter Leith
Gordon MacLure
Don Mair
Alan Milne

Class V(3)

Bernard Smith
R. Dale Winchester

Class V(4)

Brian Allan
Leslie Marley
Michael McDonald
Stewart Morrison
Gordon Williams

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COUNCILLORS

1976-77

V(1)	Robert Gray
V(2)	Anne P. Meldrum
V(3)	Charles Taylor
V(4)	Graeme Innes
IV(1)	Whairi Bruce
IV(2)	Jill Cartly
IV(3)	Gillian Kynoch
IV(4)	Ian Morrison
IV(5)	Barbara Sims
IV(6)	Allison Thompson
IVJ	Gillian Shanks
IWK	Gladys Hogg
IVL	William Wright
III(1)	Kevin Cameron
III(2)	Karen Mann
III(3)	Robert Milton
III(4)	Ian Stuart
IIIJ	Frances Shand
IIIK	Joan Simpson
IIIB	Keith Gray
IIIG	Jennifer Reid
IIIR	Jennifer Cartly
IIY	Maureen Robertson
IIO	Pauline Robertson
IB	May Stephen
IG	Stanley Arnaud
IR	Elaine McRitchie
IY	Maurice Whittley
IO	Graham Mackay

SCHOOL NOTES

It is in the nature of the life of a school that the years follow an established and predictable pattern, so that the School Notes for any one session must take the form of "Variations on a Theme". It is the variations that provide the interest, giving each year, for all the general sameness, a character of its own. The session that is now closing has given us plenty to remember it by.

STAFF CHANGES: The session began with an infusion of new blood for the Staff. Miss Barclay and Miss Farquhar joined the Music and Business Studies Departments respectively and Mrs Liddle took over as Principal Remedial Teacher. The Science Department was strengthened by the arrival of Mr Mackie.

As the year progressed, Mr Sheed, an old friend of the school, and Mr Kirkpatrick, a welcome newcomer, both joined the Technical Department. The departure of Miss Cadenhead after a lengthy period of service to the school left us without a Principal Teacher of Music, and this vacancy has now been filled by the arrival of Mr Beattie. Another departure was that of Mrs Sutherland from the Home Economics Department, while the school also lost the valued services of Mrs Morrison, the Librarian.

How can you stay in the same place and yet feature dramatically in 'Staff Changes'? Do not apply to Miss Coggs or Mrs Cotton for the answer, for these ladies are no longer to be found. We wish their successors, Mrs Rennie and Mrs Cruickshank every happiness, and congratulate the gentlemen concerned on their enterprise and discrimination.

A useful subheading would be Alarms and Excursions. Under 'Alarms' we should mention a number of successful Fire Drill practices. The school empties on these occasions with a speed (well under two minutes) that might cause one to doubt their impromptu nature, were it not for the agonised cries that arise over fish pies spoiled and intricate pottery processes put in jeopardy.

Another cause for alarm was the exceptionally severe winter which led to several "Snow Warnings" for bus pupils. The excellent playground skating conditions in the first hard snap led to Mr Arnaud's imprompt "Break" - which was extended to the middle of March!

Now for Excursions: Pupils sallied out into the world on many occasions this year. There were visits to both Germany (Kronach) and France (Rémiremont) to reciprocate visits to Keith from these two places. For reports see elsewhere in "Data 1977".

In spite of difficulties in financing travel, there were several outings to plays and concerts - to "The Tempest" at Haddo House in September, to Aberdeen College of Education in November for "A Midsummer Night's Dream", to the Ballet in February, and to Fochabers in March to "Charlie's Aunt". watch our talented neighbours in a lively production of "Charlie's Aunt". Seniors of V and VI also saw a production of the famous Laurence Olivier film version of "Hamlet", but this was a "Home Fixture", kindly arranged for us by the Regional English Adviser.

The same official brought a new experience to pupils and staff alike by enabling K.C.S. to participate in the scheme called "Writers in Schools". Under this scheme, school pupils have the privilege of meeting living writers of distinction, and hearing them talk about their work. During this session we have been visited by two of Scotland's outstanding living poets, Mr Robert Garrioch and Mr Norman McCaig. A poetess from South of the Border, Mrs. Jane Wilson, also visited the school.

An event of major importance for the school in this session was the setting up of the new School Council. This statutory local body, on which every interest involved in the school and its feeder Primary Schools is represented - parents, staff and pupils, industry and the churches - is there to ensure that the community has a real and powerful voice in the administration of education.

Many Keith pupils will remember the year for their involvement in the two striking television programmes of "Scotspraise" from St. Thomas' Church. The quality of the singing and instrumental music was high, and viewers were given an impression of a vigorous and resourceful community at worship. The linked commentaries read by Mr Forsyth and Mr Ettles must have given the viewing public a fine picture of our town.

Undoubtedly, however, the climax of the school's year will be when His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales steps from his helicopter on to the turf of K.C.S. Playing field on Friday 24th June. Everyone connected with the school is looking forward with interest and excitement to this unique occasion, which will make the session 1976-77 one to be remembered as long as the school has annals.

The Magazine Committee hopes to have this issue ready in time for the royal visit, so that its issue to our school public may give expression in print to the welcome that will be given by a thousand hearts and voices.



PREFECTS 1976-77

1st row (l to r) — Alan Milne, Walter Leith, Dale Winchester, Gordon McCune, Leslie Baxter, Stephen Glennie, Ian Adam, Peter Watson, Michael McDonald, Brian Allan, Gordon Williams, Bernard Smith.
2nd row (l to r) — Jean Morrison, Hazel Edward, Judith Milne, Shelley Jamieson, Judy Doyin, Grace Shaw, Karen Fairbrother, Pat McNicol, Carol Howells, Jill Sutcliffe, Theresa McDonald, Margaret Johnston, Lesley Beasley, Ruth Strathairn.
3rd row — Don Hair, Gerard Doyin, Stewart Andrew, David Legg, Miss Steele, Mr Scott, Mr Winchester, Mr Wilson, Mr McLauchlan, Kay Jackson, Joy Stuart, Helen McLeod, Alison McLennan.



YEAR COUNCILS 1976-77

1st row (l to r) — Kevin Cameron, William Wright, Ian Stuart, Robert Milne, Charles Taylor, Robert Gray, Alison Thomson, Barbara Sims.
2nd row (l to r) — Elaine McIlkenny, Mary Stephen, Maureen Robertson, Jennifer Garry, Pauline Johnston, Jennifer Reid, Frances Shand, Karen Mann, Gwendy Hogg, Gillian Shanks, Sylvia Ritchie, Gillian Kennedy.
3rd row (l to r) — Stanley Arnold, Maureen Whitley, Keith Gray, Stewart Andrew, Kay Jackson, Mr Scott, David Legg, Joy Stuart, Joyce Thomson, Anne F. McEldrum, Jill Garry.



SENIOR FOOTBALL

Back row (l to r) — Alan Legge, Alan Milne, David Legge, John Sheehan, Peter Cruickshank, Gordon Williams, James McInnis.
Front row (l to r) — Brian Allan, Stewart Andrew, Graeme Scott, Gordon McLaren, Kenneth Caldwell, Alastair Taylor.



SENIOR HOCKEY

Back row (l to r) — Ronda McConville, Yvonne Farquhar, Barbara Sims, Ruth Strathdee, Elizabeth Johnston, Lesley Bready.
Front row (l to r) — Helion McLeod, Pat McNicol (capt.), Carol Howell, Wendy Bentley.

YEAR COUNCILS

I attended more Year Council meetings than usual this session and wish that I could have attended more. Why?

I liked the way in which the Captains and Vice-Captains conducted the meetings. They were quietly in command, and were very good at encouraging the younger pupils to speak.

I liked the way in which very many of the pupils responded to this encouragement, and I can recall that at some meetings every pupil had something to say, and said it clearly, briefly, and on occasion, forcefully.

I liked the way in which the Year Teachers, who act as Assessors, were obviously interested in what was being said, and were unobtrusively ready to provide information when required.

Our first pupil representatives on the School Council, Kay Jackson and Bernard Smith, were of very high quality. Along with Gerard Doyle, both were members of the school team which took part in the Keith Rotary Club Inter-School Public Speaking contest. Their performance was highly commended. Kay Jackson, in fact, won the award for the best Chairman outwith the winning team (Banff Academy, again). The adjudicator was, naturally, taken with her charming smile, and by the fact that the merest shadow of a frown was enough to quell some unruly muttering in the audience. He predicted a brilliant future for her - as a school teacher.

- E. Scott

DEPUTY RECTOR

KEITH GRAMMAR SCHOOL

REPORT OF THE SERVICE COMMITTEE

This has been another busy but enjoyable year for the members of the Service Committee, who co-ordinate the school's work for charity.

Parents and friends have given generously to our collections for the National Institute for the Blind, for Dr. Barnardo's and for the S.S.P.C.A. We were delighted to have a visit from Mr. Flett, the Area Secretary for the R.N.I.B. His film and talk showed the pupils how the school collection of £78 would be used to help the blind and partially-sighted people in the North-East.

Besides collecting for specific charities, the Committee held three fund-raising events for the charity fund. These were a toffee sale in October, a carol singing evening in December, and a "Bouncing Baby" photograph competition in March. These were a great success and we were pleased to be able to send away three substantial cheques, to "Shelter", to the Lifeboat Fund and to the Goodwill Children's Village in India.

During January and February 25,000 stamps were collected and sent to the "Blue Peter" Appeal. Thanks are due to the pupils in IIX who patiently sorted the stamps into "British" and "foreign" as the organisers required.

Our kitty is now empty, but we have enjoyed sending your money to worth-while causes. Over to the next Committee!

N.S.

INTER-HOUSE COMPETITIONS

During the course of the session, various competitions took place involving the four K.G.S. Houses - Grant, Mair, Ogilvie and Smith. Unfortunately, because of adverse weather and pitch conditions, football and hockey competitions were not completed, but the results of all the other competitions are as follows:-

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
SWIMMING	MAIR	GRANT	SMITH	OGILVIE
GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUIZ	OGILVIE	SMITH =	GRANT	MAIR
CHESS	GRANT	MAIR	SMITH	OGILVIE
LIFESAVING	GRANT	MAIR	SMITH	OGILVIE
CROSS COUNTRY	OGILVIE	GRANT	SMITH	MAIR
ATHLETICS	MAIR	GRANT	OGILVIE	SMITH

A new inter-house trophy is being constructed by the Art and Technical Departments and this year the overall result for the session is:-

1st	GRANT	20 points
2nd	MAIR	16 points
3rd	OGILVIE	13 points
4th	SMITH	12 points

Congratulations to Grant House on their success, and to the other three Houses for providing excellent opposition.

I am sure that all K.G.S. pupils would like to express their thanks to the P.E. Staff, and to all members of the House Staff for their untiring help and guidance during the session.

- N.W.

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LIBRARY REPORT

The transformation of the Library into a Resource Centre, predicted in last year's magazine, although in progress, is still far from complete. Whether Room 30 becomes a fully fitted depot for audio-visual materials in the school depends upon the liberality of the controllers of public finance.

Meanwhile, however, a stock of sound and video-cassettes, records, film strips, slides and tapes is stored in the Library and available for borrowing by members of staff. The School Library has contact with, and has the catalogues of, the Teachers' Resource Centre in Aberdeen, which has a wealth of material available to schools for up to three weeks, and which provides a recording service for schools' broadcasts.

Among the 500 books which have been added to the traditional stock of the library during the year is a complete set of Encyclopaedia Britannica. Borrowers may have noticed that many of what look like colourful paperbacks are no longer paperbacks. This is because we have taken advantage of a service whereby paperbacks can be bound at a reasonable cost, and so be given a longer life.

At Easter the Library lost the services of Mrs Morrison, our first full-time librarian, and both staff and pupils miss being able to draw upon her extensive knowledge of the book world. In this time of cut-backs in staffing we are fortunate to have the services of Miss Benzie in her place.

The occasion of a change in Librarian seems an appropriate time for me to express my gratitude for the continuing help of the Pupil Librarians who have done so much over the years to keep the Library functioning. As Senior Librarians move on others are needed to take their places, and no year has yet failed to produce the required number of volunteers, although boys seem to have disappeared from among them in recent years. The help of these pupils is much appreciated.

- M.G.

SCHOOLS' COUNCIL

This year has seen the introduction of a new Schools' Council which meets once a term in order to discuss a wide range of aspects of education, for example truancy, employment of children, travelling facilities, school zoning and many others.

The Council is made up of teachers from all the schools in the district, non-teaching staff, parents, a local minister, a councillor, a representative from amnagement, two assessors and last, but not least, two pupil representatives. Bernard Smith and I were elected by the pupils of K.G.S. and were very proud to accept these responsible positions on the Council.

At the first meeting on 28th October 1976 in K.G.S., the agenda consisted mainly of the different functions of the Schools' Council and also gave the members a picture of the Educational Authorities network and how it works. At this meeting Mr R. Harley was nominated Chairman.

The following meeting on 9th February 1977 in Keith Primary School brought more fruitful discussion about truancy, the proposed bye-laws of Employment of Children, local holidays and the Queen's Jubilee, and the future of the Old Grammar School. At this meeting Bernard and I felt that we could take an active part in the discussion as the questions of Employment of Young People and the future of the Old Grammar School directly involve us, as well as our fellow-pupils. These considerations are of great importance to pupils and we examined the proposals very carefully, suggesting amendments and giving additional suggestions.

The third and final meeting of this session 76-77 was on May 10th in St. Thomas' Primary School. The agenda was small and of little interest to myself or Bernard.

I think that the Schools' Council is a good idea, but from the pupil representatives' point of view it would be of greater consequence if one subject was to be put on the agenda which directly involved pupils or which the pupil representatives themselves, had chosen to be discussed. After all, we represent all the pupils and were elected by them in order to give light to their problems and ideas. The pupil representatives are in the position of sharing predicaments and attitudes of pupils as we are directly involved and not indirectly, like the other members of the Council.

In my opinion, therefore, the idea of the Schools' Council could lead to be of enormous value and although I enjoyed my term of office as a pupil representative I would like to see future colleagues being able to take a more active part.

- Kay P. Jackson VI

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CROSS COUNTRY

Back row (l to r) — Michael Law, George Cruickshank, Ian Stuart.
Front row (l to r) — Gordon Wilson, Ross Arbuckle, Neil Macriann.



SENIOR BASKETBALL (League and Tournament Champions)

Back row (l to r) — Helen McLeod, Carol McPherson, Irene Bell, Barbara Even, Wendy Bentley, Audrey Adam.
Front row (l to r) — Maureen Gray, Joyce Howells, Lesley Harper, Barbara Sims, Margaret Shaw.



GYMNASTICS

Back row (l to r) — Ann Mark, Yvonne Wray, Lesley Markie, Alison Marshall, Shona Black, Jacqueline Geddes, Jane Andrew.
Front row (l to r) — Susan Giles, Mary Mark, Helena Harens, Cairiona Arbuckle.



BADMINTON

Back row (l to r) — Gerald Stomach, Edward Beatty, Walter Leith.
Front row (l to r) — Christine Shaw, Jane Morgan, Judy Doyle.

SENIOR FOOTBALL TEAM

The Senior Football Team put up a very creditable performance throughout the season, mainly thanks to the tremendous amount of hard work put in by the large squad of players.

We finished well up the league table, only a poor lapse of form in the final matches prevented the team from finishing higher. The final total of games played was 6 wins, 3 draws and 3 losses.

We were put out in the first round of the Grampian Regional Trophy but had much greater success in the North of Scotland Cup, where we reached the quarter-finals, only to lose to Mackie Academy after a replay and extra time.

Members of the team fared well in trials for the North of Scotland team, with midfield player Kenny Caldwell proceeding to gain further distinction by being picked for the Scottish Under 18 International Squad.

We must thank Drew Baillie, Dennis Cameron and the supporters for the encouragement and time devoted to the squad throughout the season. Their help was invaluable.

- J.K.F.

FOOTBALL

The Under 15s have enjoyed a fairly successful season this year, finishing second to Elgin in the Moray League.

In the North of Scotland Cup, the boys were unfortunate after a replay in the second round to lose to Peterhead Academy, who went on to finish finalists in the competition.

League Matches

	Played	Won	Draw	Lost
	12	4	1	3

The Under 13s played well but enjoyed mixed fortunes during the season.

The boys are indebted to the members of staff who gave them their time and support, and to Mr Watt and Mr Kennedy who assisted by refereeing.

- J.K.F.

HOCKEY REPORT

This year has proved to be a reasonably successful one for all four hockey teams. The senior XI were runners-up in the Moray District League and the under-15 XI won their league. The 1st and 2nd year teams also proved successful in the majority of their games.

The senior XI travelled to Inverness to take part in the Highland District Trial. The majority of the team were selected to return for further trials but played below their usual standard and failed to be selected, unfortunately.

The usual end of term match between staff and pupils was cancelled as:-

The day was dull, the morning cold,
But the 1st XI team were bold,
Turned out in their strips of lace!
Ready to meet the teachers' pace.

But all too soon the news was told,
The opposition found the weather too cold,
Lucky for them they backed out in time,
Before being thrashed fifty-eight goals to nine!

Senior XI Team:- B. Sims, R. McCombie, Y. Farquhar,
L. Beasley, H. MacLeod, W. Bentley,
E. Johnston, P. McNicol, K. Smith,
C. Howells.

Thanks must go to the following girls who helped out
to complete the team:- R. Strathdee, J. Sutherland,
M. Shaw, K. Arbuckle,
A. Mitchell.

Under-15 team:-

Thanks also goes to our "careful and cautious"!! mini-bus driver. It only remains for us to thank Miss Taylor and Mrs Stronach who coached all the teams throughout the season and gave up their free time.

In conclusion, we note with pleasure that a former star of school hockey, Judith McVean, has been awarded the distinction of a Half-Blue in Hockey at Aberdeen University.

- P. McNicol (Capt.)
- C. Howells (Vice-Capt.)
- H. MacLeod (Secy.)

GYMNASTICS CLUB

This year the girls' Gymnastic Club worked hard and enthusiastically throughout the year even though competitions were extremely hard to arrange. The first event of the season turned out to be the opening of the Community Centre, when twelve girls gave a demonstration of a gymnastic competition. The Moray District Gymnastics Championships in March showed us to have improved greatly, with our junior "B" team coming in second. For the first time one Championship title was taken from Elgin Academy, being won by Mary Mark from Keith.

SWIMMING

This season's swimming was severely curtailed by lack of funds for practice buses and was hence effectively curtailed to one gala against Inverurie which Keith won handsomely. The School gala was won this year by Mair, 168 points; 2nd Grant, 166 points; 3rd Smith, 122 points; 4th Ogilvie, 121 points. The individual champions:-

Junior Girls:	Shona Black
Intermediate Girls:	Kirsten Theodoreson
Senior Girls:	Carol Howells
Junior Boys:	Andrew McSeverney
Intermediate Boys:	Stuart Finlayson
Senior Boys:	Don Mair

The Lifesaving Gala was won by the Mair House (girls) and Grant House (boys).

We also took part in the Moray District Gala.

GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL

The volleyball club was formed during the second term of this session. There is no volleyball league as yet, so matches played were "friendlies". These matches were against BUCKIE and HUNTLY.

A tournament held at BANFF gave an opportunity for real competition against other teams from the area that we had never played. We did well, winning four out of five games, gaining 8 points and coming first equal with HUNTLY. The team that represented K.G.S. at Banff was:-

Y. Farquhar, M. Gray, W. Bentley, H. MacLeod, B. Ewan, B. Hay,
A. Adam, and A. Robertson. Those not present were:- E. Smith,
J. Howells, and A. Adam.

Keith Grammar School ChampionshipsBOYS

Junior Champion - Ian Morrison
 Intermediate Champion - George Cruickshank
 Senior Champion - Ross Arbuckle

GIRLS

Junior Champion - Shona Black
 Intermediate Champion - Lesley Innes
 Senior Champion - Lesley Harper

In February girls travelled to Aberdeen to compete against clubs from Inverness to Glasgow. They enjoyed several good runs, winning seventh place on two age groups.

In the Moray District Cross Country Championships held at Aberlour, the junior girls' team was placed third with Shona Black finishing third. At Intermediate level Lesley Innes came first. The senior girls' team gained second place with Pat McNicol and Lesley Harper taking 3rd and 4th places respectively.

Intermediate boys won their class for the second year running, their team being - Ross Arbuckle, Ian Stuart, George Cruickshank, Neil Morrison, Michael Law and Gordon Winton.

- L.T.

THE CRICKET CLUB

Once the heavily weeping willows stopped and the weather got 'bat' to normal, cricket practice started again on the usual lines (50 for a dropped catch and 100 if out for a duck). The problem this year will be to put an old head on very young shoulders, since almost half of the school XI will be from the first and second years.

However, enthusiasm is high, and the youngsters - fresh from their North Junior League victory - are showing unusual promise. The school league and cup competitions are being run on the usual lines, while a one day 7-a-side competition should go on at Fochabers.

There will be the usual Inter-House 7-a-side Senior and Junior competitions and these, if past competitions are anything to go by, should be keenly contested among the rival houses.

- A. T. Smith

UNDER 15 HOCKEY (League Champions)

Back row (l to r) — Angela Michie, Jane Menzies, Carol Petrie, Hazel Bell, Angela Ralstonford, Elaine Wright, Ann Robertson.
 Front row (l to r) — Carol Meggach, Ann Adam, Ann Mitchell (capt), Gwen Duncan.

UNDER 15 FOOTBALL

Back row (l to r) — Neil Morrison, George Cruickshank, Kenny Stables, Andrew Logan, Alan Bell, Ian Rodger, Ross Arbuckle, Gordon Winton.
 Front row (l to r) — Alex Duncan, Steven Donald, Ian Stewart, Ronald Taylor, David White.



UNDER 14 FOOTBALL

Back row (l to r) — Lanchlan McLean, Brian Clark, Stephen Mann, Stanley Armand, Neil Wilson, Michael Green, Alan Reid, William Dinnie.
Front row (l to r) — William Dunbar, Paul Geddes, Ian McCarthy, Ian Bruce, Derek Johnston, Michael Dunbar.



UNDER 15 BASKETBALL (League Champions)

Back row (l to r) — Ann Adam, Susan Milne, Jennifer Reid, Pearl Cranna, Ann Mitchell, Louise McVinnie, Gladys Johnston, Lorna Adam, Ann Robertson.
Front row (l to r) — Louise Forbes, Angela Mose, Wilma Ritchie (capt.), Sheila Eadie, Catherine Arbuckle.

BASKETBALL CLUB

The year's basketball season was once again successful for both basketball teams. The juniors won their league undefeated while the seniors won more narrowly.

The following were the senior scores:-

Keith 40	Elgin 32
Keith 19	Lossiemouth 4
Keith 26	Gordonstoun 17
Keith 29	Milne's 23
Keith 24	Forres 13
Keith 30	Buckie 10
Keith 24	Elgin 30
Keith 10	Lossiemouth 5
Keith 37	Gordonstoun 24
Keith 26	Forres 18
Keith 24	Milne's 12
Keith 18	Buckie 19

Not only did the seniors win the League but also the Tournament with the help of Anne Mitchell. The tournament was held at Keith this year. After a series of trials four girls, B. Sims, M. Gray, W. Bentley and L. Harper were chosen to represent Grampian Region, with W. Ritchie, A. Mitchell and P. Cranna in the junior team. They went to Bo'ness and played Central Region and Tayside, two very close games. Though seniors did not win, we showed that our standard had improved greatly.

All in all, it was a pleasant and worth-while season for all involved. Thanks are due to the whole of the basketball teams for the hard work they put in during the season.

Senior Pool:	L. Harper	Junior Pool:	W. Ritchie
	B. Sims		S. Milne
	H. MacLeod		A. Mitchell
	B. Ewen		A. Adam
	W. Bentley		A. Robertson
	M. Gray		J. Reid
	J. Howells		P. Cranna
	A. Adam		L. McCordie
	I. Bell		A. Milne
	C. McPherson		G. Johnstone
	H. Shaw		K. Arbuckle
			S. Eadie
			L. Adam
			L. Forbes

THE DEBATING SOCIETY

President: Gerard Doyle
Secretary: Kay P. Jackson

The Society this year has again been holding its meetings between four and five-thirty after school, giving pupils from the whole district a chance to listen to and join in the debates.

There have been four debates altogether this session, designed to test the debating potential of both the speakers and the audience. Topics included, "Is professionalism ruining sport?" and "Is the Dog Man's best friend?" proving that the debates can deal with very serious aspects of life as well as humorous ones.

The sudden loss of Mr Arnaud as Chairman did not hinder the Society's plans, and although he was greatly missed for his expert advice and the kindly atmosphere he conveys at each meeting, Bernard Smith kindly took the Chair during Mr Arnaud's absence.

The interest shown by pupils continues and it is very rewarding to see that as seniors leave keen juniors are still stepping in to keep the Society active.

Finally, a team of three from Keith took part in the "Rotary Public Speaking Competition" in April. The team consisted of Bernard Smith and Gerard Doyle as the two speakers and Kay P. Jackson as chairman (or chair-woman?). Out of six schools taking part Banff Academy were the overall winners with their motion: "The best things in life are free." The best speaker came from Elgin and the best chairman was Kay P. Jackson from Keith Grammar. As K.C.S. has not won this competition for a good number of years, it was encouraging to receive a small claim to fame this year.

It would seem, therefore, that it has turned out to be another successful year for the Debating Society and all that remains for me to do is to thank Mr J. C. S. Arnaud for his support and also Miss Grant, who kindly assisted during Mr Arnaud's absence.

- Kay P. Jackson VI

The past year has been a particularly active one for the club. In addition to canoeing on the sea and on various rivers, we have been fortunate in having the use of Keith Swimming Pool for two sessions per week. The junior members especially have benefitted greatly from this.

Numerous trips have been made on the River Spey and River Dee, including a two day canoe-camping trip. Other weekends were spent on the River Isla, practising on a slalom course, and on one or two occasions we went to the beach and had great fun surfing.

During the year club members have taken part in various competitions. The first of these was the North-East Surf Championships at Sandend, where A. Fulton won the junior surf race, and was first equal in the junior slalom handling competition.

Several paddlers went down to the Comrie slalom in Perthshire. All did well, and Mr Gilchrist and K. Paterson were promoted to Division IV.

The club was also represented at the River Don slalom at Inverurie. This was the first slalom for the junior members of the club who worked very hard and gained good results. The senior members were also well placed in the individual event, and "Donald's Ducks" (A. Cove, A. Fulton and D. Black) won the team event.

In October the club ran its own slalom on the River Isla. This was well attended, with schools from far and wide taking part. A similar slalom in April was much less successful; perhaps the proximity of the exams was to blame.

The seniors in the club also entered the River Dee white water race. Results were good, with K. Paterson winning the girls' event, and A. Cove winning the boys'. The staff team were not first!!

In recent weeks senior members have been taken down part of the River Findhorn - previously a staff only trip.

Recently A. Fulton, A. Cove and D. Black gained the Inland Proficiency award of the B.C.U., and Mr Mackenzie qualified as a Senior Instructor (Inland). Well done!!

And for the future? The junior members are due to go on their first river trip. The seniors are off to the River Tay and as many other rivers as the staff can be persuaded to venture near!

The club has acquired a Snipe mould and also new premises so we are hoping to start building again soon.

Finally, we would like to thank Mr Gilchrist, Mr Mackenzie and Mr Smith for their efforts in the past year.

- Karin Paterson VI

ASTRONOMY CLUB

Despite the best attempts of the weather, the Astronomy Club has survived another season. Lack of good, clear weather has, however, limited the amount of observing done with the telescope to six sessions during the year. The club has managed to hold regular meetings after school on Wednesdays, during which photographic work has been done and recordings of the "Sky at Night" and "Horizon" T.V. programmes shown. The club ran a disco during November to raise funds; the money raised is being put towards the purchase of a battery power unit for the telescope. When this is obtained the club will be able to travel into the country, away from street lights and chimney smoke, for observing sessions. Another club event of importance was the display mounted for the parents' night in March. A lot of hard work, much of it carried out outside school hours, went into the display. It was well rewarded by the interest shown in the club's activities at the event.

In a non-astronomical vein, the two members of staff most closely associated with the club, Mr Ronnie and Miss Coggs were married (to each other) during the Christmas Holidays. The club's best wishes go with them.

The one feature of club life that has been less than satisfactory this year has been the complete absence of any first-year members. While this has not mattered this year it will have an effect in years to come. It is for this reason that I would appeal to the first and second year readers of this article to come along to Room 24 in September when regular club meetings restart, and find out whether they enjoy astronomy.

Finally, may I thank Mr and Mrs Rennie, Miss Steele, Miss Cruickshank, and Mr Barnetson for giving up their spare time to help make the club the success it is.

- Gerard Doyle VI

CHESS CLUB

Membership of the Chess Club in this, its sixth year, has remained fairly steady, with some new members from Classes I and II in the team.

The club team has not been so successful in the North-East Schools Chess League this year, for we were only placed 6th, but we hope to do better next year when the younger players have more experience in playing against other schools.

We are always on the look-out for new members and anyone interested should come to Room 9 at lunch-time or Tuesday at 4 p.m.

Grant House won the Inter House Championships in the winter term with Mair House coming a very close second.

Last but not least, our thanks to Messrs Moir and Fleming for their invaluable support and guidance during the past year, not forgetting their wives who provided enjoyable teas for the teams.

- F. Sheridan IV

SENIOR BADMINTON

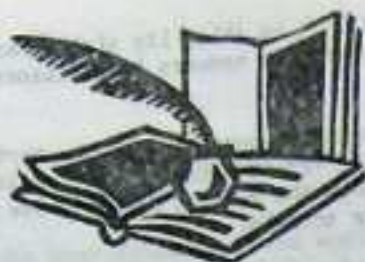
This year saw the Badminton Club established on the latter part of Tuesday afternoons as part of the school's "activities" programme for the senior years. It also saw the opening of the Community Centre, providing the club with two new courts, which were certainly needed as the club's new timing proved to be very popular.

A club disco was held in October which provided funds to buy several new rackets as well as giving all who attended a very enjoyable evening.

The club again participated in the Northern Grampian Schools West District League and though the players were enthusiastically they met with little success against strong teams from other schools in the league. They did however gain a lot of experience which we may hope will pay off next year.

The club would like to thank Mr D. Mackenzie, who again gave up so much of his own time to coach and encourage the team.

- Judith Doyle V



Literary Section

'TRIBAL EYE'

Hello; and today in 'Tribal Eye', we are going to attempt to observe the rare gathering of the tribes belonging to a native sect, or, as the natives call it, SKOOL. The film crew and I have been issued with special tropical equipment including khaki shorts, pith helmets and, in case of an attack, repeating-rifles.

This native SKOOL seems mainly to involve the younger members of the tribe, with a few older members acting as supervisors. All through the day these, 'supervisors' can be seen and heard banging angrily on tables with long, pointed pieces of wood which the natives call 'poynters'. They also - by jove! I believe we've just caught a glimpse of a 'janny'. It's probably on its way to ring 'the hell' which works the tribe up into a frenzy of movement. This could be the ceremony called 'brake', or 'playtime', in which all the young members of the tribe rush out, gibbering excitedly into the 'playrun'. Now begins the age-old ritual of eating strange, wafer-like things called 'tattlekriss'; and, if we are lucky, we could see an extremely rare member of the 'prefect' tribe. This tribe preys on others and can often be seen jumping out of doorways siezing someone, and shouting at him loudly.

Oh my goodness! I think we've been spotted! Yes! Here comes a fierce-looking 'teacher'. He looks extremely angry and appears to be brandishing his ceremonial belt. I think we'd better retreat to a safer distance. Oh no! we've been surrounded! It looks like the dreaded 'first year' who are reputed to be cannibals. We are being bombarded with school meals and the stench is terrific. Poisonous gases seem to be rising from the decaying steak and kidney pie. The little-devils-must-b-be-trying-to-suffocate-us. This - is - O - Day - id - Atten - borough - r - reporting - f for - the - I - Tribal - Eye a - somewhere - in - So - Scot - saurrrgh.

- Stewart Coddle IV

A CHRISTMAS POEM

Poor old Santa,
He's in a bad way.
'Cause Mr Heeley's put a tax
On his reindeers' hay.

His gnomes are on strike
'Cause their unions say
"No overtime
Without extra pay".

Poor old Santa
He's very depressed,
And people are saying
He could do with a rest

His sleigh is due for its H.O.F.
"But", says Santa
"The show must go on".
And jumps on his noped
An hour before dawn.

He delivers his toys to England and Wales
In half an hour flat
Against force nine gales.

Santa is happy and full of mirth
Until he breaks down
A mile south of Perth.

He hijacks a lorry
And threatens the driver.
"North - or you'll be sorry".

His job done,
He hires a limousine,
And is home again
In time for the Queen.

- Stanley Arnold 25

A 'body in oor hoose is nae weel. Ma faither's got the cauld,
na sister's got the kindest, an' ma granny's in afa bad humour. Weel
that's naethin', bit she's just 'at teeny weeny bitty waur nor usual.
A'thing annoys her; if it's nae me it's the cat. In fact, ah think
the cat's got chickenpox, but faither says only hens take chickenpox,
an' that the cat must hae kittenpox. Ah've got wee fite peels to gae't,
Ah dinna ken fit they're supposed to dae, bit they look like ma
granny's bleed pressure peels. She's got permanent bleed pressure,
has na granny, an' fin she gets ill-fettled, ye expect it tae come
squoshin' oot the croon o'er held. She's got chocolate kin' o' peels
an' a', an' efter she taks one o' 'em, 'er moo gets a' broon, 'an
faither says she's been bletherin dirt again.

Granny wis hidin' in a fancy hotel fur her holidays an' ah ken
she'd a smashin' time 'cos she broke the bedroom windie. (Ah'll bet
she wis throwin' stanes at the young loons outside.) Ah spier't at
'er if she'd tae pay for't, bit she said "Nae fears! I juist tell't
the manager ah wis makin' chamber music an' hut the gless wi' ma top
C!" Weel, ah thocht a 'body kint granny sang like an auld crow wi'
a sair throat, so ah think it wid've juist bin the price o' 'er if t
the marnie bookit 'er tae sing at the cabaret. The only guid o' it
wid've juist bin tae clear the fowk oot efter shuttin' time, 'specially
the ones wi' mair than their share o' the strong stuff.

She'd try anything, wid granny, an' as far as sex discrimination
goes, weel, she wears the breeks in oor hoose. I'll say 'is though,
she maks the best scones an' bannocks in hale o' Scotland.

- Maureen Rutherford IV

THE CARLIN' AND TAM

The auld wife sat at her ain cot' door,
Blinkin a bit i' the light,
Her auld black cat lay doon at her feet,
His coat as dark as the night.
He's dreamin' o' a' the mossies he's chased,
Or maybe the fish he's tean wi' his claws,
"Y're a brave cat, Tam" the carlin said,
hondin' tae stroke his back,
"Fwiles tecklin' the big black craws.
Y're a' the frion that's left tae me noo,"
But ne'er a sign did the auld cat mak!

- Sandra Gordon IV

A new born bud springs against the window pane,
With sticky, slimy green head,
Fresh flexible,
First of many like itself,
Pioneer of tender regrowth
In a recuperating new-revealed world
Promising fairer future fortunes.
A clear sky, blossom blue,
Returning birds to peck,
New - sown seeds. Green tufted
Each shoot is alike,
And yet unique.

A scent penetrates the open window pane
Rich with floral, earthly wonderment
Delicate, delicious.
Perfumes never to be concocted
In hygienic science labs
Intermingle, tantalising nostrils -
New cut grass, piled -
Compost heat encased within,
The English rose amid its humid bed forgets
Drought stricken stand-pipers.
Each scent alike,
And yet unique.

A raindrop splashes on the window pane,
Snakes its way down slithering,
Slowly alididing,
Collides with another like itself
And in union they continue
The weird wonderful dance.
Squirts tinted passing colours
That red car: leaf coloured
An early sodium-coloured street light
Or mucky grey and cloudy.
Each drop alike,
And yet unique.

A snowflake is forced against the window pane
By frost encrusted North-Westerly,
Rests, recovering
Flutters again, centimetres distant,
Then is again becalmed
On a frozen glacial sea.
The miniature jewel - like hescopus
Thick blanket - drifts icy-fingered,
A promise of nearing Christmas
Or chilblains on frozen fingers
Each flake alike
And yet unique.

- Judy Doyle V

What a boar, sitting inn english, knot speeking and tri-ling 2
 right another brilliyant plae lyke whot Shakespeare rote. Off corse
 hee is knot kwite inn ml class (Mrs Robertson's) butt wood manage 2
 hee is knot kwite inn ml class (Mrs Robertson's) butt wood manage 2
 get bi efen lff eye did knot help hym. Mi plaes - whot eye rote -
 haf been aklaimeid buy millyons. Eye am ferry modest about this and
 pigeon (doo) knot lyke 2 boste off itt, sew eye wil knot tel u about
 the performans off the aptley titled plae - "Whot Hapened When Little
 Janie Falled and Broke Her Humerus (Funni Boan)" subtitled "Fractyour".
 Inn the paper the kritiks spook off the best tradgette sins Homer
 righted hys. The people inn the odions were match mofed buy itt (thae
 walked out). Butt ml modesty tells me 2 stop. Eye shal brake the
 sad nyous that their kan bee know more sutch brilliyant contribushuns
 2 ure school magazeen ass eye hop (or efen wolk) to leev this plaice
 at summer.

Eye wood syne this butt munny
 did knot tel mee how 2 spell ml naime
 Eye shall use ml pen (or pencil) name.

- A. Jennyouse

BORIS BLOGINOV'S WARNING TO THE WESTERN WORLD

Brave new world beware!
 The time is drawing nigh
 No need to hide your fear,
 Or stifle up your sigh.

Just two terms to go,
 Before the day arrives
 Prepare to meet thy foes -
 Husbands guard your wives!

We have been preparing
 We have made the plans.
 Hear the rants and ravings,
 You will run like lambs.

Soon now it will happen,
 Two terms, not even three,
 I know who'll be winning
 When the Sixth Year is set free!

Modesty forbids me to write my name,
 And if you test my writing, I won't write the same.
 Don't worry if my genius causes you a tear -
 There's 16 more as bad as me in K.G.S. Sixth Year.

- Boris Blochinov VI

AN AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL LOOK AT A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A SCHOOLBAG

Every school morning at about half past eight I am dragged away
 from my warm little corner in the hall where I spent the night beside
 the folders and the Trombone Case. Before leaving for school, my owner
 crams too many text books and jotters into me and fastens my buckles
 far too tightly. This really gives me a pain in the straps!

After this painful experience, my owner and I leave home. No
 matter what the weather we have to go to school. It's all right for my
 owner - he puts on a fine waterproofed coat in wet weather, but not me.
 I have to go out in the rain, hail, sleet or snow, just as I am.

It's different in summer, though. While he has to sweat through
 all the hot days in the usual school uniform, I bathe in the warm
 sunlight of the morning and again in the afternoon.

When we arrive at school, I am just dumped in the cloakroom
 along with all the other schoolbags.

The day carries on with my owner taking me to classes with him
 until lunch-time.

Lunch-time is the most dangerous time of the day for us schoolbags,
 because many senior boys run noisily around the cloakroom and they
 don't mind what they stand on.

Having survived that experience without bursting my seams or my
 straps, we carry on with classes until four o'clock, when I am taken
 back to my own little corner and left overnight ready to start a new
 hectic day.

What a life!

- Alexander Clark III

THE WATER OF LIFE

A strong sun suspended in a clear blue sky,
 Dispersed above the arid sunbaked terrain;
 Moistureless air drifting along in the mid day heat;
 People waiting and praying,
 As clouds gather and drift towards the land.
 The waiting over; prayers are answered.
 One large rain drop, then another;
 The drops becoming more and more frequent,
 Until torrential rain engulfs the land.
 The long awaited monsoon has arrived,
 A path of destruction to some, but
 life giving waters to most,
 The hardship and suffering changing to hope.
 Soon the valleys will be lush and green,
 The torrents bringing once again new life.

Brain of bat,
 Eye of owl,
 In the cauldron bubble.
 The moon is bright,
 In the cold, crisp night,
 As the witches toil and trouble.
 It's Hallowe'en tonight, you see
 And the witches are behind this tree
 Stirring in their cauldrons
 Every animal including dog,
 Many a leg of a frog,
 And blood, blood, blood!
 Broomsticks fly from place to place
 Carrying witches with soared old faces
 Wearing shoes with snake skin laces....
 Happy Hallowe'en to all!

- Terry Mitchell IG

LOVE

It picks you up
 Higher than a kite,
 Only to crush you
 Into the ground
 Again.
 With ever increasing
 Cruelty and
 Pain.
 But leaving you
 Always
 A straw, at which to clutch,
 And vainly try
 To rebuild
 Your shattered hopes
 And dreams
 Upon.
 Fighting
 To disregard
 The knowledge
 That your struggles
 are in vain.

- Gillian Kynoch IV

SNOW

Slowly softly descending
 Faster in a turmoil of whiteness,
 A lost little flake in a blinding blizzard,
 Finally settling just to be covered,
 Leaving a carpet of softness.
 Still, motionless, cast in white
 the landscape, trees
 Fresh, new, beautifully spread
 but soon, spoiled by

I've a right girl auntie
 An' she's aye real screne
 Bit lik a'body ither
 Embarrassed she his been.

In the bonny Silver City
 Some coffee she wud tak.
 An' on the tap she'd hae some cream
 Out o' a little pack.

Noo Auntie Jean is unco blin'
 Fin her glasses are at hame,
 An' so the "lift here" ticket
 Jist camouflaged the name.

She picket and she rugg-et
 At the little cardboard pack;
 She turned it up an' roon about
 An' we near threw it back.

An' then in desperation
 A final herty squeeze,
 Wis a' the little deemon needed
 Its contents tae release.

The cream it spurted out a right
 Fair intae aunties face,
 An over a lot o' ither things
 It made a bonnie mess.

The fowk a'roon about us
 Tried hard tae be polite,
 Bit efter we had borne the shock
 We saa the funny side.

We mopit up wi' cloots an' napkins
 Lachin' a the time
 A'll tell ye here an' noo, ma freens
 That fly-cup wisna fine.

- Heather Whyte IV

WHISPERS

The night is full of whispers -
 Are the secrets softly told
 When the trees are topped with silver
 And the rivers look like gold?

When the stars are shining brightly
 And the shadows lying deep,
 The busy road is silent
 And the village quiet with sleep.

The night is full of whispers
 When the moon is high in the sky
 And the simple prayers of children
 Are heard by passers - by

- Gillian Kynoch IV

"KNICKERBOCKER GLORY"

No more North Winds getting lost,
No more Lovehites from the frost.
Common sense has come at last,
We're to be protected from the blast,
For the Rector has relented -
To trousers for us girls consented.
So come on girls and give a cheer
We'll vote him Rector of the Year!

- Valerie Sheach IV

(Official permission was this year
given for the wearing of slacks by
girls in the coldest weather.

Editor)

COPS

There are two funny guys,
And a red and white car,
And most people say they're the greatest so far.
On Saturday nights the telly's red hot,
Revved up for action on the nine o'clock spot.
People stop working, down tools and away;
Then for the next fifty minutes
From the 'box they don't stray.
What is this thing that has so much attraction?
Who are the men who give such satisfaction?
What can arouse such an amazing reaction?
STARSKY and HUTCH, the two cops in action!

- Simon Doyle IIC

GAUN TAE SKWEEL

I get up in the mornin' nae feelin' awfa' weel,
Am sure its jist the thocht o' gaun tae the skweel

Syne I hae ma brakfast and gang oot tae the bus,
Nither shoutin' "Hiv ye athing?" Och whit an awfa' fuss!

A hope the bus will niver come, but the drivers awfa' cliver,
The bus he drives is niver late, even in the coorsest wither.

Noo wir aff - the lang Scotch miles in the mornin' feel a hunner,
The "tranny" dirilin' in yer lug, och athin's a richt scanner!

Science first this mornin', A'm nae sae keen on it,
Since wi hid the test the ither day, an in class a landed fit.

Bit seen it's time for denner. A hope its somethin' gaid,
If its something that a fancy, I'll hae a richt fine feed.

Deener ower, it's time for gym, wi' a queer bunch o' oraters,
Louping ower a widden horse, an' a' that kind o' capers.

Wi art an suns an drawin, physica an modern study,
Whit a lot wi hiv tae learn, its ower muckle fur a buddy.

Oh! fower o'clock is here at last! wi lichtsome feet we rin,
Ower the playgreen tae the bus, an' wir on the lang road hame.

Next mornin' a git up at dawn, feelin' awfa' weel,
Its Saterdag the day ye see. An a'm nae gaun tae the skool.

- John Henburn IV

FANTASIA

Extract from "The Green Final," 4:21:59.

KEITH UTD 3 KEITH 0

United went into an early lead in the 17th minute when Milne headed home a Scott cross after Cruickshank had shot dead two defenders. In the 19th minute Legge had his leg broken when Curran threw an axe at him. The match had to be stopped for a few minutes as rival fans at him. The match had to be stopped for a few minutes as rival fans machine-gunned each other. The referee took the players back to the dressing-room for their safety. There was no further scoring before half-time. During the interval the referee caught Baillie, the United manager, trying to pour sulphuric acid into the Keith team's lemons. He was duly reported and will appear before the Disciplinary Firing Squad on Monday.

Keith attacked the United team and their goal furiously after the interval but could not break down a resolute United defence, although they came close when Christie hit a post with a hatchet. He was promptly dispatched, however, by McLure, who sliced 'im in two "wit' bread knife." Shortly afterwards United went further ahead when Caldwell converted a penalty after Dalgarno had pushed Williams inside the centre-circle. The result was put beyond all doubt when Gray dropped an Andrew shot at Milne's feet. Milne promptly scored, and Martin promptly shot Gray.

KEITH UNITED: Allen; Reid; Legge; McLure; Andrew; McHattie; Caldwell; Williams; Milne; Cruickshank; Scott.

KEITH: Gray; Fraser; Martin; Dalgarno; Maxwell; Balmer; Winton; Curran; Duncan; Christie.

REFEREE: J. Taylor; Mongilia

This article was conceived and literally strangled by Peter Watson VI, who wishes to remain anonymous and bears no resemblance to any fictitious character alive or inebriated. Thank God that's over! Except to thank Wiggles and Bubbles for the football info. 2et in touch soon. It'll save me the price of a phone call. Also I'd like to thank Stu for nothing in particular, he just wants a mention, Heinz for the inspiration, Teacher for the perspiration and Dave, bless his cotton socks, for the title. Did you know that on 4:2:59 I'll be forty? Isn't it a funny world? Thanks to J.W.M.A.70 for using his B to get me from A to Z without touching U. P.W.K.G.S.76,2,77.R.U.1,2? Won't get fooled again.

KEITH GRAMMAR SCHOOL PRIZE LIST

SESSION 1976/77

Subject Prizes in Common Course Classes

CLASS I

	1st	2nd
English	Stanley Arnaud	Sally Will
History	Patricia Innes	Mhorag Duncan
Geography	Stanley Arnaud	Mhorag Duncan
French	Catherine Clark	
	Sally Will	
Mathematics	Sally Will	Derek Johnston
Science	Stanley Arnaud	Mary Mark
Art	Yvonne Gray	Andrew McSevally
Home Economics	Isobel Leith	Sally Will
Technical Subjects	Fiona Gray	Alistair Reid

CLASS II

	1st	2nd
English	Lesley Courtney	
	Pamela French	
History	Susan Spence	Maureen Robertson
Latin	Maureen Robertson	
Geography	Tracey Carter	Simon Doyle
French	Susan Giles	Pamela French
Mathematics	Susan Giles	Pamela French
		Norma Ingle
Science	Pamela French	Simon Doyle
		Anona Turnbull
Art	Simon Doyle	
	Colin Paterson	
	Ray Winchester	
Home Economics	Jennifer Lattly	Lynne Hendry
Technical Subjects	Philip A. Reid	Neil S. MacDonald

Subject Prizes in Third Year S.C.E. Courses

CLASS III

	1st	2nd
English	Rosalind Michie	Susan Hutt
History	Aidan Sloan	Rosemary Milne
		Brian Spence
Latin	Heather Strachan	Stuart Finlayson
Geography	Mervyn A. Walker	Valerie Ross
Modern Studies	Brian Spence	Barbara Winchester
French	Marion Doyle	Heather Strachan
German	Marion Doyle	Ronald Taylor
Art	Jacqueline Strathdee	
Mathematics	David Black	
	Marion Doyle	
Physics	First Prize awarded later	Alexander J. Clark
Chemistry	First Prize awarded later	David Black
Biology	First Prize awarded later	Isobel A. Mitchell
Agriculture	Stuart Finlayson	Robert Adam
Arithmetic	Marion Doyle	Barbara Winchester
Statistics	Brenda Johnston	Barbara Angus
Home Economics		
Fabric & Fashion	Mary Duncan	Shona Milne
Food and Nutrition	Sheila Gerrie	Mary Duncan
Technical Subjects		
Engineering Drawing	George Sutherland	-
Applied Mechanics	Ian Stuart	-
Woodwork	E. Scott Mackie	-
Metal Work	Ewan McHardy	-
Commercial Subjects		
Accounts	Ylma Ritchie	-
Secretarial	Elizabeth Howat	-

Class III S.C.E. Places

1st David Black 2nd Marion Doyle
3rd Alexander J. Clark

Class Places

	1st	2nd	3rd
IO	Anne Harcus	Angela Raffan	Maureen Grant
IIIO	Brian J. Wilson	Colin Stewart	David Gardiner
IIIO	Angela Rutherford	Sandra Sharp	Samantha Gordon
IIIO	Kathleen Grant	Angela Henderson	Margaret Logan
IVJ	Brian Auld	Peter Bell	Marina C. Jamieson
IVK	Graham McBain	Iladys Hogg	Jeffrey Wilson
IVL	William Wright	Frederick Fettes	Audrey Kelly

Subject Prizes in Class IV

	1st	2nd
English	William Kynoch	
History	Maureen Rutherford	Valerie Sheach
Modern Studies	Ann Mark	Mark Ingram
Geography	Ann Christie	Alistair M. Cowe
French	Maureen Rutherford	Frances Sheridan
Latin	Frances Sheridan	
German	Frances Sheridan	Edna Cowie
Mathematics	Ann Christie	
	Edna Cowie	
Arithmetic	Edna Cowie	Joycelyn Watson
		Alistair E. Robb
Statistics	Ian McWilliam	
Art	Alistair E. Robb	Maureen Gray
Physics	Alistair E. Robb	Graham Simmers
Biology	Sandra Gordon	William Kynoch
Chemistry	Ann Christie	Elaine Harrison
Home Economics		
Food & Nutrition	Yvonne Kerr	Hill Cartly
Fabric & Fashion	Audrey Adam	Dorothy Jack
Technical Subjects		
Engineering Drawing	John M. Shewan	-
Woodwork	John M. Shewan	-
Applied Mechanics	James Harper	-
Metalwork	David Wiseman	-

Subject Prizes in Class

	1st	2nd
Agriculture	Roderick McLeod	Charles Thomson
<u>Commercial Subjects</u>		
Accounts	E. Wendy Bently	
Secretarial	Ann L. Herbertson	

CLASS IV S.C.E. PLACES

1st	Maureen Rutherford	2nd	-
	Frances Sheridan		
3rd	Edna Cowie		

CLASS V S.C.E. PLACES

1st	Bernard Smith	2nd	Judith Doyle
3rd	Gwen Reid		

SPECIAL PRIZES

Gray Prize (best non-language pupil in 1st Year)

Australian Prize (best pupil in 1st Year)

Jane Laing Prizes (best Home-craft pupils in IIIK)

Keith Towns-Nolan's Guild Prize)

The Currie Prizes (best Technical pupils in IIIK IVJL)

Jane Gordon Prizes (best pupils in Third Year Science)

Physics

Chemistry

Biology

Anne Marcus

Sally Will

Valerie Merson IIIK
Jane Morrison IIIK

Brenda Geddes IVK

Colin McLean IIIK

Bryan Auld IVK

David Black

Alexander Clark

David Black

SPECIAL PRIZES

Allan Gray Prizes for Scots Vernacular (I-IV)

V	Elaine Endershunk
IV	Heather Whyte
III	Nell Morrison
II	Linda Geddes
I	Morag Duncan
III	Kirsten Theodorsen
II	Linda Geddes
I	Stanley Arnaud

Mrs. E. Macdonachie's Prize in Music (Third Year)

Susan Watt

Rector's Prize for Dux of S.III

David Black

SENIOR PRIZES

Special Prize for Commercial Course

Gwen Reid

Chas. A. McHardy (Keith) Ltd.

Prize for Homecraft

F. & H.

Sheena Morrison

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Christine Thompson

Special Prize in Art

= Joy Stuart

= David Montgomery

John C. Robb Memorial Prize for Modern Studies

Jean Morrison

Special Prize in Technical Subjects

Robert Gray

German Consulate Prize for Spoken German

Kay Jackson

Special Prizes for Post Certificate Work

Mathematics

Gerard Doyle

French

Barbara Ewan

German

Kay Jackson

Jordan-Grant Prize for Science - Class VI

Physics

Gerard Doyle

Chemistry

Judith Milne

Aberdeen University Library Awards have been made to:

Barbara Ewan

Kay Jackson

David Legg

SPECIAL PRIZES

Derek Alexander W. Simpson Memorial Prize

The Rhoda Laing Memorial Prizes for meritorious service to the school

James Sabiston Memorial Prizes for Physical Education

The Ella Lobban Prizes in Music

Wm. Greig & Co. Prize for Dux in German

Ogilvie and Ferguson Prize for Dux in Science

Collingwood-Kynoch Prize for Dux in Mathematics

Helen S. Mitchell Memorial Prize for Dux in Geography

Brown Prize for Dux in French

Special Prize for Dux in English

Dux in History

Inter-House Championship Trophy

Rector's Memento to Captains of the School

Dr. Grant Memorial Medal for Dux of the School

Lindsay Bonnyman
Carol Johnston

Ewen Grant III
Brenda Geddes IV
Kay Jackson VI
Hellen MacLeod VI
David Legg VI

Patricia McHicol
Barbara Sims
Kenneth Caldwell
Alan Milne
Alistair Cowe
Ann L. Herbertson
Joyce Howells
Vivien Henderson
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Stephen Glennie

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Shot - Lesley Mackie (Grant) 7.10 m
Cricket Ball - Shona Black (Grant) 29.85 m
Relay - Grant 63.2

Individual Champion Susan Grant 12 points

Intermediate Girls:

100 m - Marion Doyle (Grant) 14.4
200 m - Marion Doyle (Grant) 30.8
400 m - Jennifer Gaskly (Mair) 75.8
800 m - Katrina Arbuckle (Grant) 3 mins 03 secs.
High Jump - Anne Mitchell (Mair) 1.22 m
Long Jump - Helen Mark (Grant) 4.04 m
Shot - Pearl Cranna (Grant) 7.40 m
Discus - Pearl Cranna (Grant) 21.20 m
Javelin - Louise McCombie (Mair) 17.10 m
Relay - Grant 61

Individual Champion Pearl Cranna 17 points

Senior Girls:

100 m - Lesley Harper (Mair) 14.2
200 m - Lesley Harper (Mair) 30.2
400 m - Lesley Harper (Mair) 71
800 m - Rhoda McCombie (Smith) 3 mins 47 secs.
High Jump - Wendy Bentley (Mair) 1.27 m
Long Jump - Wendy Bentley (Mair) 4.16 m
Shot - Barbara Sims (Ogilvie) 7.03 m
Discus - Elaine Rhynes (Ogilvie) 19.61 m
Javelin - Lesley Harper (Mair) 14.70 m
Relay - Mair

Individual Champion Lesley Harper 19 points

Junior Boys:

100 m - Stuart Stables (Mair) 15.4
200 m - Stuart Stables (Mair) 30.8
400 m - Ian Morrison (Smith) 74.0
800 m - Gordon Pirie (Mair) 2 mins 51.1 secs.
High Jump - Stuart Stables (Mair) 1.30 m
Long Jump - Stuart Stables (Mair)
Ian Morrison (Smith) 3.80 m
Shot - Andrew Irvine (Mair) 8.20 m

Individual Champion Stuart Stables 15½ points

Intermediate Boys:

100 m - David Davidson (Ogilvie) 12.8
200 m - David Davidson (Ogilvie) 26.8
400 m - David Davidson (Ogilvie) 61.2
800 m - Michael Law (Mair) 2 mins 34.6 secs.
High Jump - Neil Morrison (Smith) 1.42 m
Long Jump - David Davidson (Ogilvie) 5.59 m
Shot - Scott Mackie (Mair) 9.25 m
Discus - Scott Mackie (Mair) 27.75 m
Javelin - Neil Morrison (Smith) 28.90 m

Individual Champion David Davidson 17 points

Senior Boys:

100 m - Alan Milne (Mair) 12.0
200 m - Alan Milne (Mair) 25.6
400 m - Alan Milne (Mair) 59.8
800 m - Ross Arbuckle (Mair) 2 mins 21.5 secs.
1500 m - George Cruickshank (Mair) 5 mins 15.4 s.
High Jump - Lewis Molyer (Ogilvie) 1.57 m
Long Jump - Alan Milne (Mair) 5.17 m
Shot - Alan Milne (Mair) 10.40 m
Discus - John Shewan (Smith) 28.35 m
Javelin - Ross Arbuckle (Mair) 34.20 m

Individual Champion Alan Milne 20 points

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