



Fame!

Calamity in Kilsyth

Far from what its disastrous name implies, Kilsyth Academy's production of "Calamity Jane" was certainly not calamitous but a rip-roaring success, treating audiences to the best home grown talent in the west.

The star-studded cast and complementary band ably assisted by the school's very own capable stage crew, transported audiences on a journey of escapism, herding them through the whip-cracking plot: the story of how Calamity found her true love - eventually. The two equally Oscar-worthy Calamities received ample stage smooches from too many actors in the line of duty to find Mr Right, but that's just my critical opinion!

Back on the range - or to be more precise, back in the "Golden Garter" saloon - the show begins and plot thickens. Miller the landlord is up the proverbial Monument Valley gum tree.

Singerless in the glitzy world of pub entertainment due to a misjudged booking in the curvacious shape of Francis Friar, he cannot satisfy his own audience and punters. Local tomboy Calamity Jane sets out to save the day and after a few cases of mistaken identity, a few broken hearts and a dazzling transformation in old Calam's appearance, everything works out beautifully.

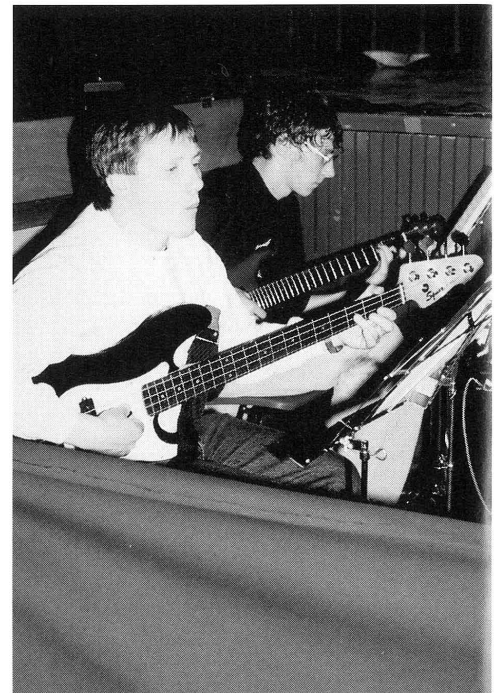
Calamity discovers that Wild Bill Hickock (previously the "hate" of her life) is her true love and not the local heart throb, Danny, as she first imagined. Calamity found a singer for Miller in the shape of Katie and Katie's romantic life also works out well and she falls for Danny. Overcoming all odds, namely an initially jealous Calamity, Danny and she decide to marry. Miller's daughter, Susan, also manages to get hitched up, accepting Francis Friar's proposal of marriage and in true musical style they all live happily ever after.

After a triple bill of marriages the curtain falls to uproarious applause and pleas of "encore". And, although the flowers flooded onto the stage for the cast, the people behind the production deserve bouquets of thanks too for their valuable direction. The three schemers, collaborators, finishers (tyrants) or directors as they might prefer to be called : the caring Mrs Cummings, the ideal Miss Irvine and sensational Miss Scott. Thanks also go out to Mr "A Star is Born" Denovan, Mr "While my Guitar Gently Weeps" Summers, Miss "The Magic Flute" King and the lighting, sound and stage crew who all helped the wild west show to go with a bang.

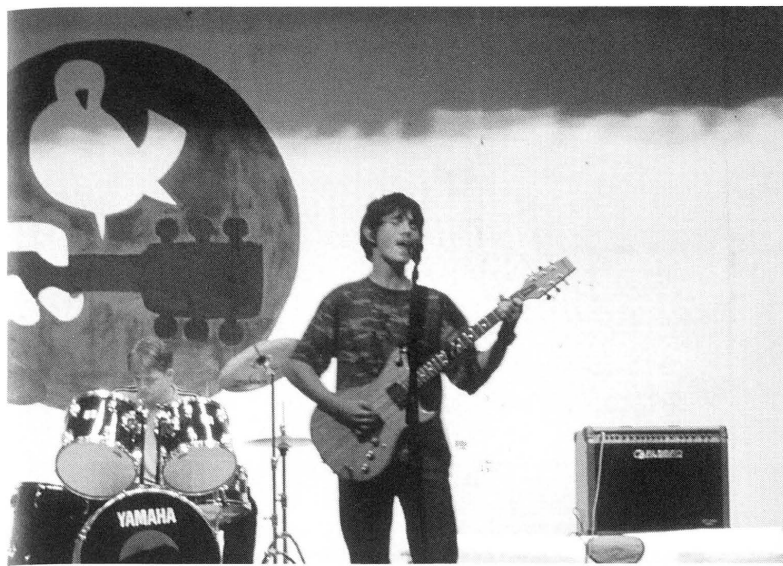
After the stress and exhaustion of one school show the curtain seems to be pulled on the prospect of another but we implore that the show must go on and look forward to the show of '98.



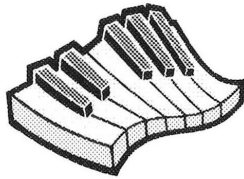
Flashdance



The Two Ronnies



Randy - need we say any more?



It was the most awaited event of the year; Kilsyth Academy's answer to Woodstock '97. The love was flowing and the peace was groovy, as resident hippy Alex Daisley took to the stage to introduce The Big Gig. The concert featured the home-grown talents of "F.R.E.D." and "The Hairy Pears" and local bands "Randy" and "Arthur". The evening was a great success, raising funds for the yearbook, and it was clear that all bands were destined for stardom. Just one minor detail left the audience a tad confused - what does F.R.E.D. stand for, Uncle Ron?

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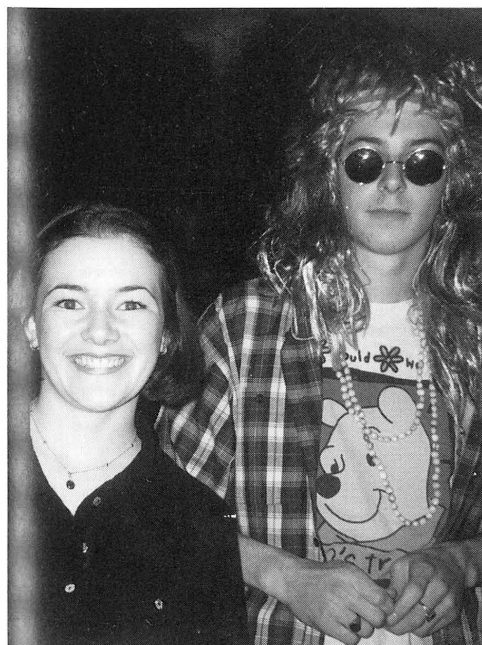
BIG GIG



Right said F.R.E.D



The Hairy Pears - they're a fruitful bunch.

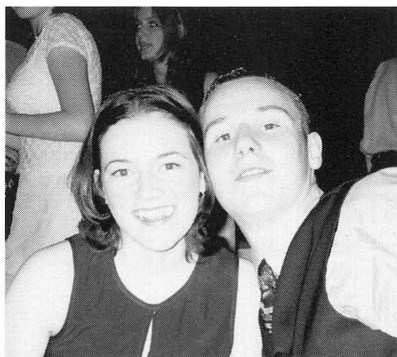




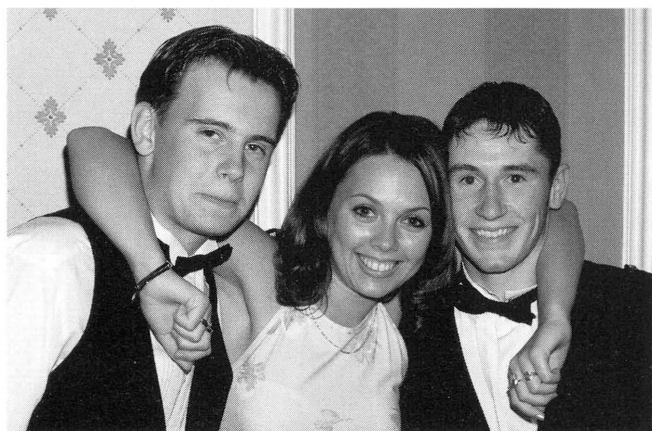
Scots "Wey Hey!"



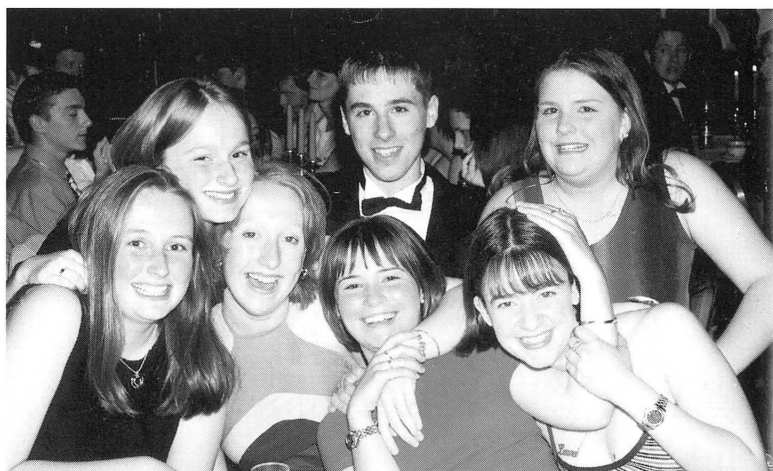
The dancing queens and kings of the school took to the floor again this year at the annual senior ceilidh. It was time to dredge out the old (and new) glad-rags and put on those dancing blue-suede shoes, or in this case hire out a kilt and be proud to be a true Scotsman. An anonymous source has informed us that all the kilt-sporting males were true Scotsmen. We don't know how she (a hint to her identity) worked that one out. The recipe for success was the combination of gay (in the true sense of the word) Gay Gordons, raunchy reels, tempestuous tangos, the haute cuisine of the "Coachman", and the gallus talent especially apparent in last year's captain, Andrew Wood's eloquent and humorous dedication to our wee school. The pulses raced, the music boomed, Miss Dick and Miss Irvine were included in Glenn Dowell's fantasies (but Karin stole his heart) and the drink kept coming well into the night (Coca-cola and Irn Bru naturally!)

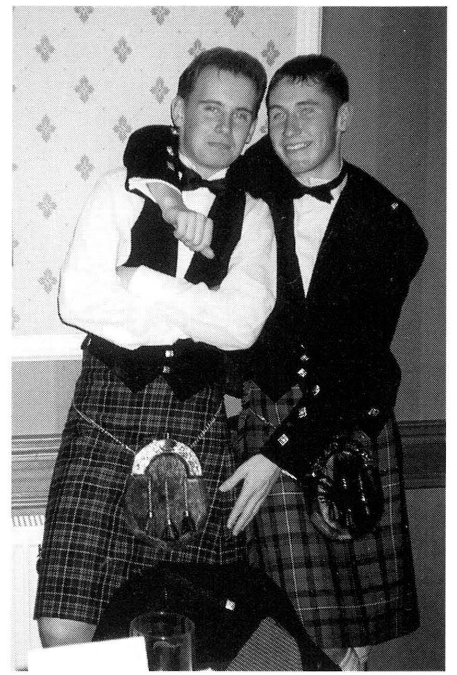


"I wish I was wearing a kilt!"

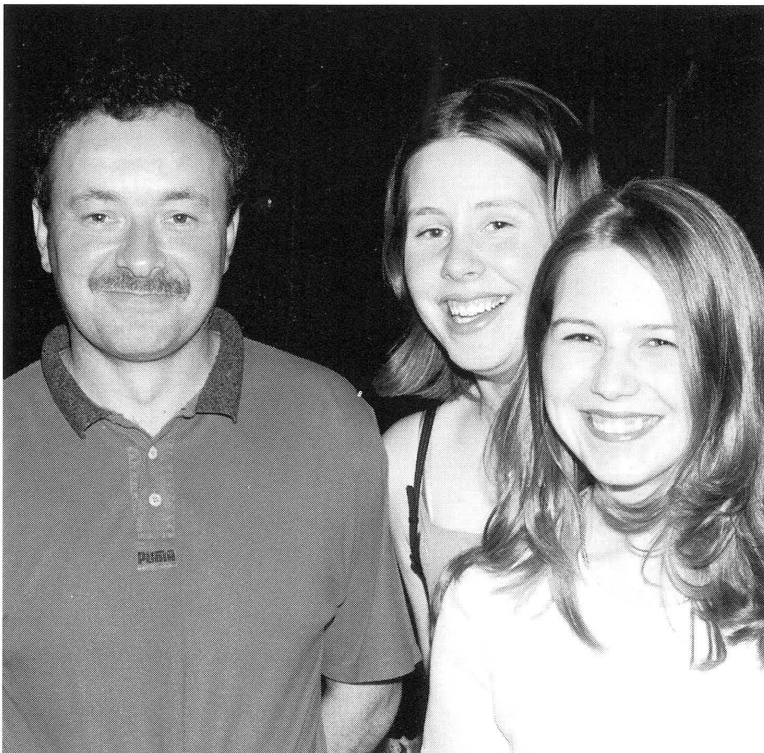


"Buy us another drink, Laura." "Aye right, Laura!"





Men Behaving Badly...

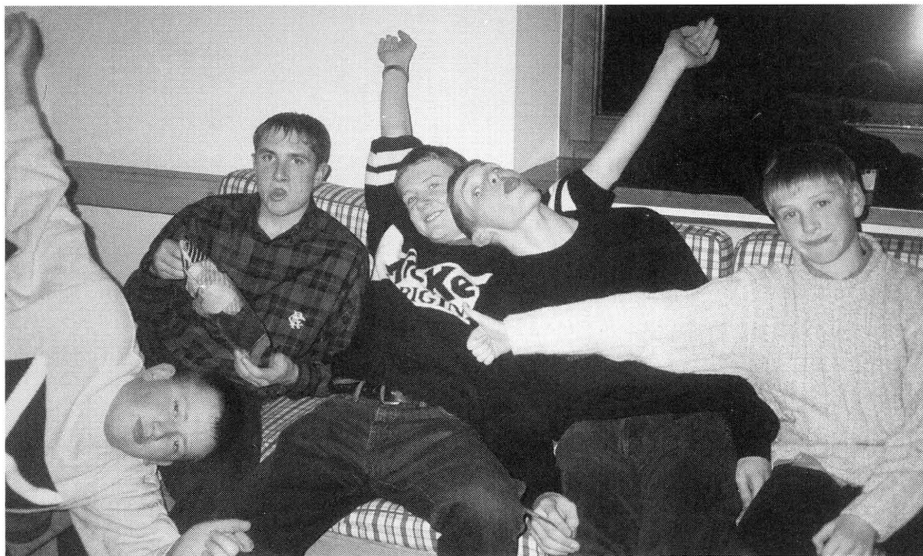


Polite response from the ladies at another of Mr Denovan's obscure jokes.

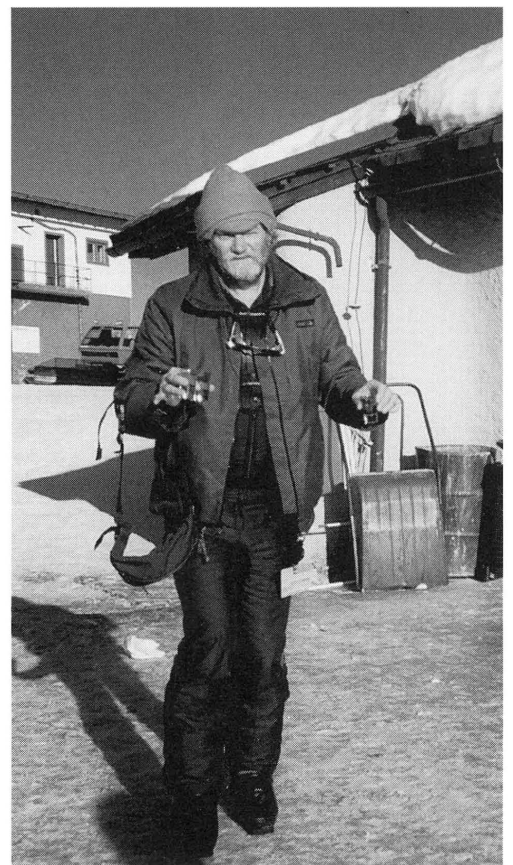


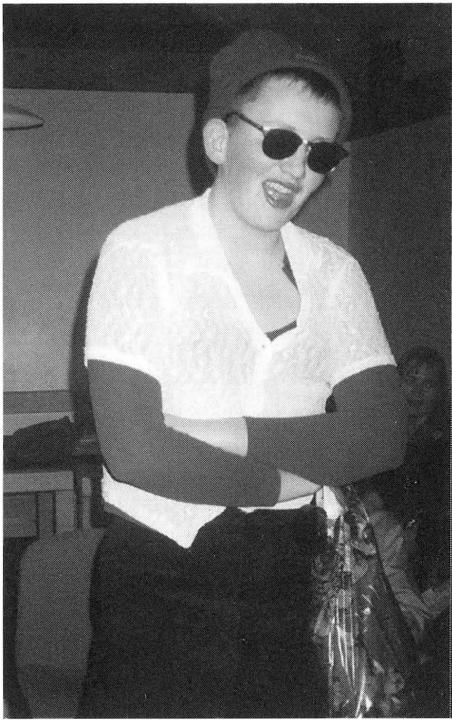


**Let it snow,
Let it snow,
Let it snow.**



The teachers take time out from a hard day's skiing.





In February, the annual ski-trip again proved a great success as Kilsyth Academy invaded the Italian Dolomites. After the long journey the pupils could have been excused for taking things easy for a few days, but try telling them that! Skiing all day was followed in the evenings by games, skating and the usual ceilidh. Some young hopefuls

even tried their hands at poetry and song-writing. Ski-trip traditions like 'Italian Phrase of Day' and 'Donkey of the Week' lived on, with Miss Scott and Barry McManus staking equal claims for the latter. Yet on her first ski-trip, Miss Scott became even more famous as 'Visa-Girl' following a practical joke which the rest of the staff will dine out on for many a year to come.

By the end of a week which simply flew by, nobody was looking forward to returning to the classrooms back home, but this didn't spoil the last day and the journey back.

All in all, an excellent trip was had by everyone - a week of pistes, pasta and partying, long to be remembered!



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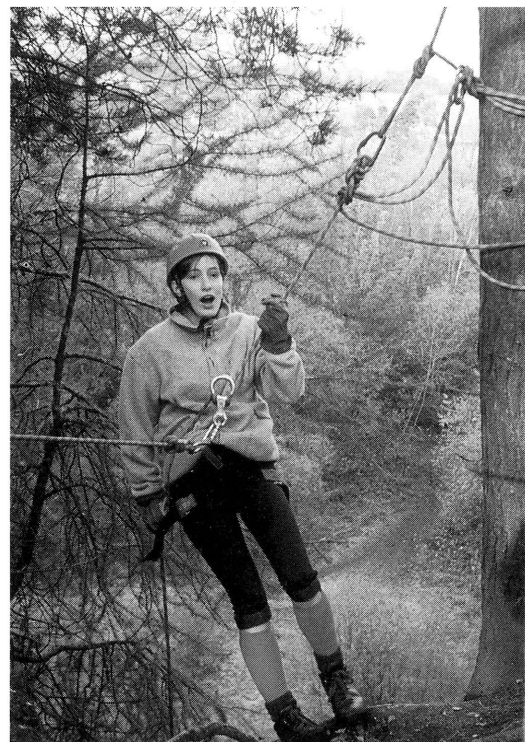
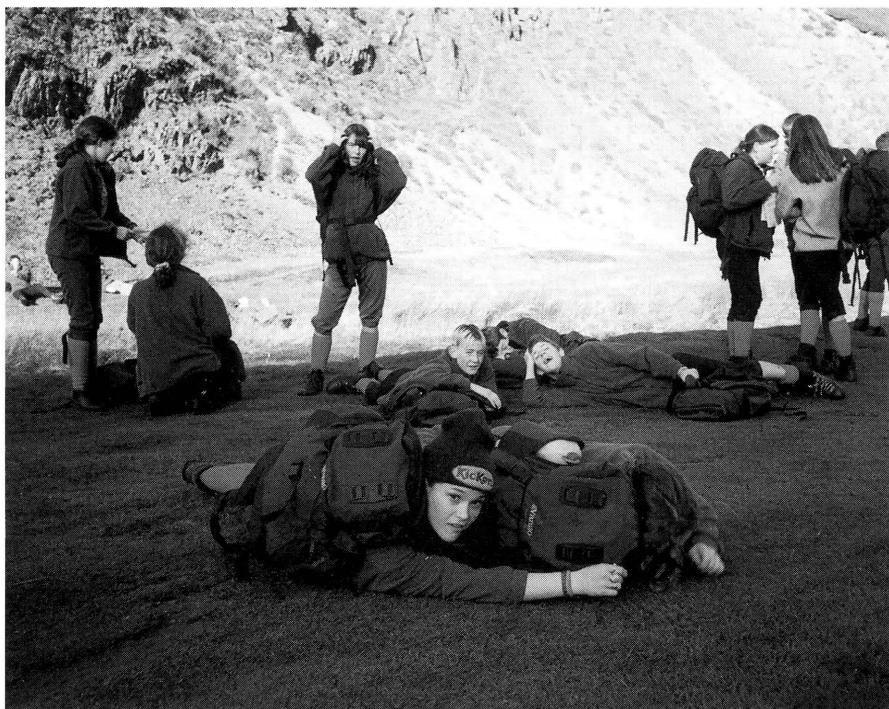
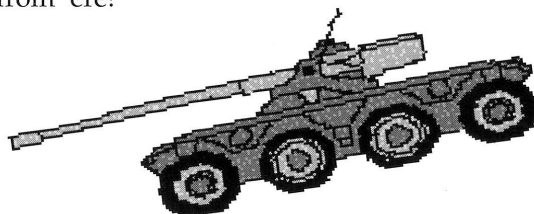
In October a group of 4th year pupils were put through their paces at the Army Youth Camp in Castlelaw, Edinburgh. Keeping the troops in line was Mrs Woods (or Sergeant Major, as she more affectionately came to be known) who ensured just the right balance between the bliss of the barracks and the fun-filled frolics of the field. The gruelling schedule comprised a combination of traditional army pursuits such as orienteering, abseiling, rock climbing and hillwalking. The pace was fast and furious, the discipline harsh and merciless, but the group pulled through in the end and actually agreed that the week had been jolly good fun. Some even decided that they had found their vocation; look out "Soldier, Soldier"!



I can see the pub from 'ere!



Strange place to take a nap, innit?



They've Got The Look!

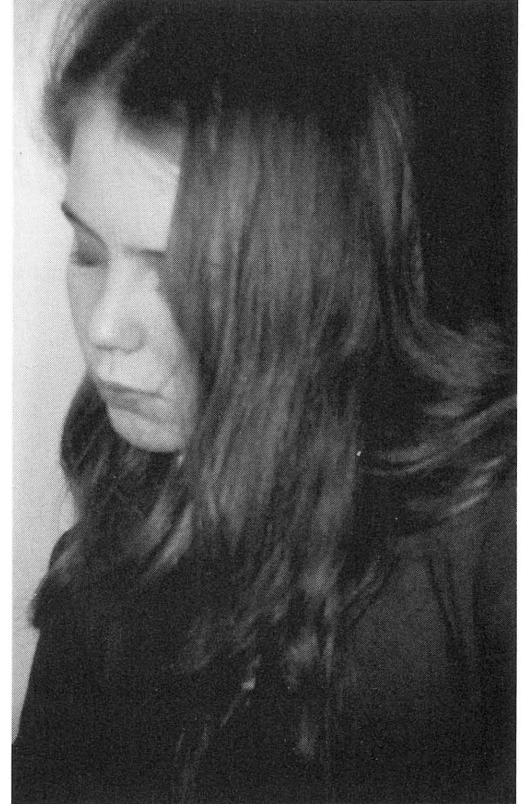
Thinking about doing some star spotting? Well, forget about jetting off to the glitz'n'glamour of LA or the sophisticated surroundings of the Cannes Film Festival. You need look no further than the grounds of our very own Kilsyth Academy, cos when those pearly gates open every morning at 8:55am, the school is transformed into a veritable celeb heaven. Every nook and cranny hides a Hollywood hunk or Broadway babe and courtesy of the yearbook we bring you the pick of the "dead ringers".



Ernie Wise



**Susan Smelt is
"Bewitched" as
Elizabeth
Montgomery**



Björk



Al Bundy

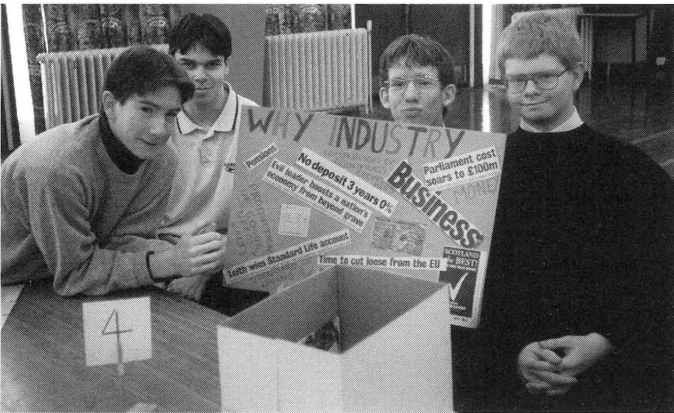


Working 9 'til 5



Over the course of 1997/98 pupils at KA have learned about the world outside school in many Industry Days. Pictured are pupils in 4th, 5th and 6th year, taking part in presentations and activities to learn more about the world of work so that we are all better-equipped for the big, wide world out there!

You always need a happy workforce!



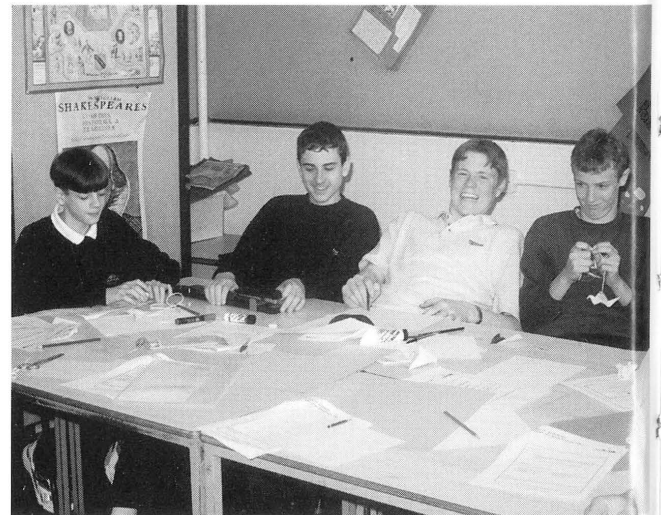
Neil with his mouth closed for once



We have to ask - is that little heap really something to be so proud of?



(Left) "We really love all this"

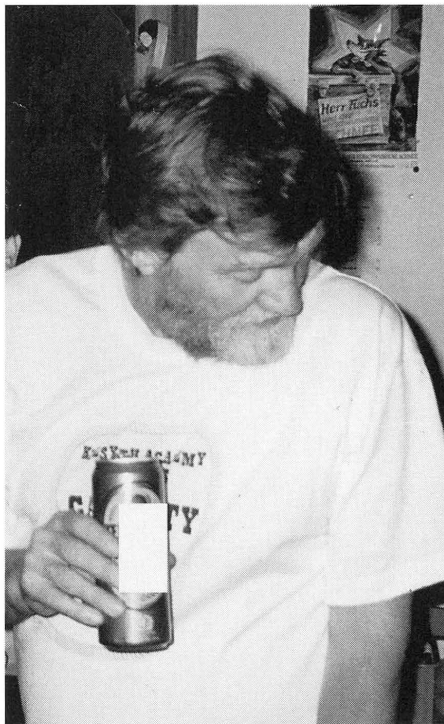
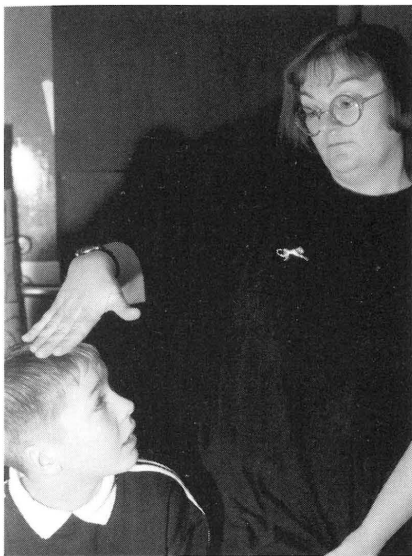


Some fourth years mixing work with pleasure

"The Drugs Don't Work"



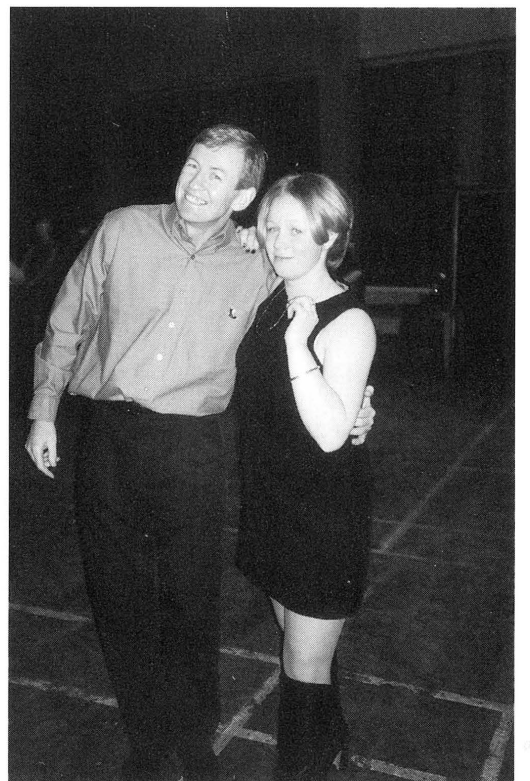
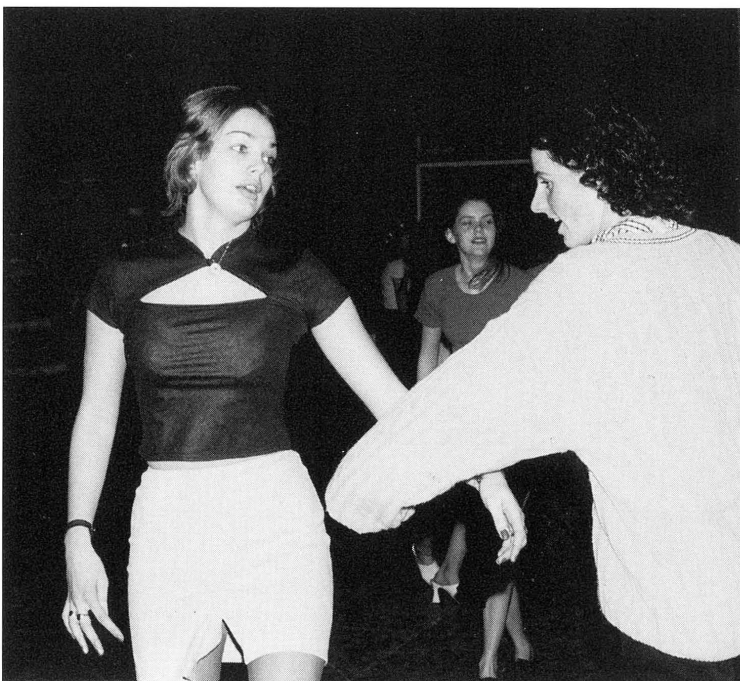
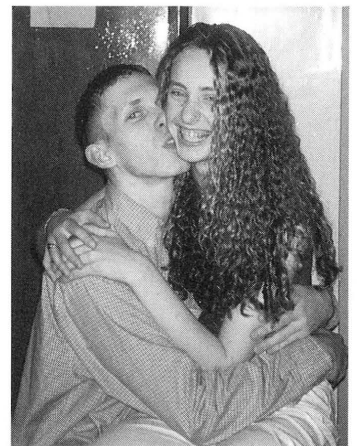
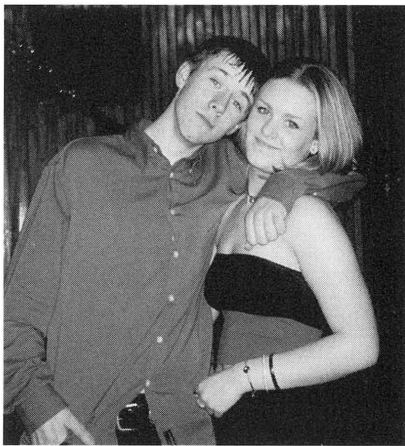
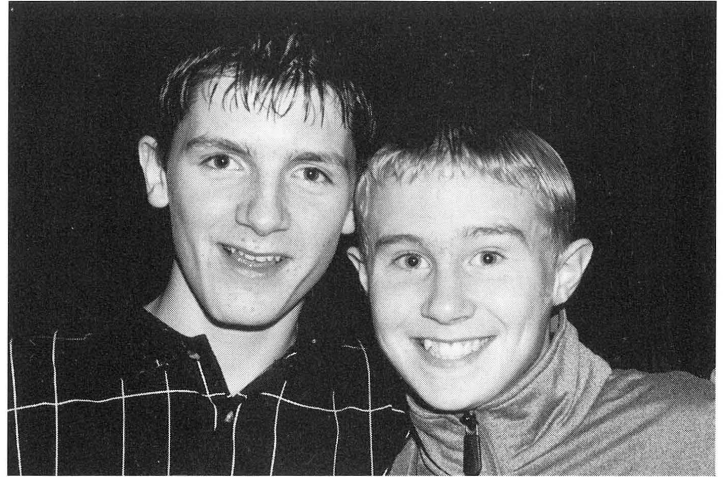
Left: "Keekaboo!"
 Centre left: We know Ms Dick loves her baby first years.
 Centre: "There is no such thing as a bad cake." - Mr Conley
 Bottom centre: Mr Robertson winding down after another school show.
 Bottom left: 1, 2, 3 - aw!



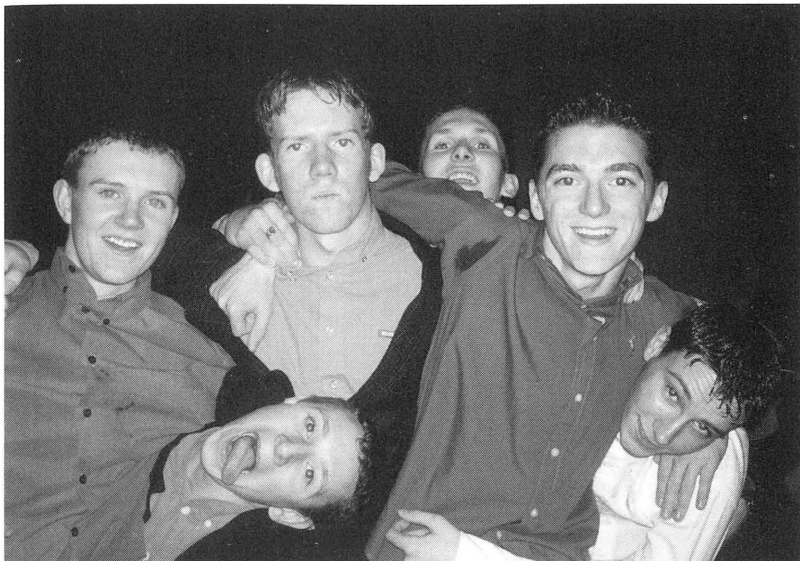
Above: Miss Reilly at her imperious best... and (below) receiving corporal punishment from Mr Robertson.



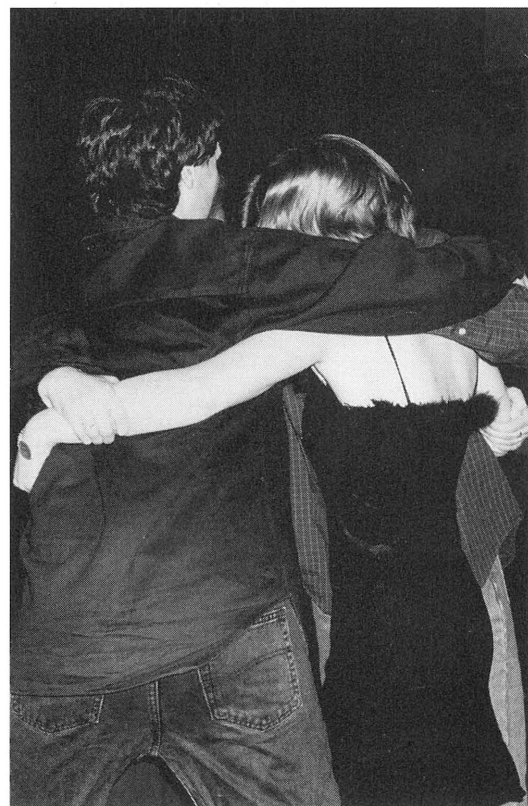
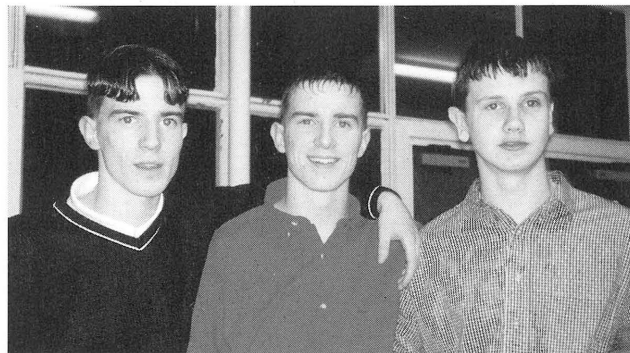
Jingle B



ell Rock!



The annual senior Christmas ceilidh was a great success, full of mistletoe and mystery. To be truthful, the mistletoe was a bit lacking, but that didn't hinder the fun, and it certainly didn't hinder our resident couples (as can be seen in the photos!). Everyone was full of the Christmas spirit and looking forward to the holidays.



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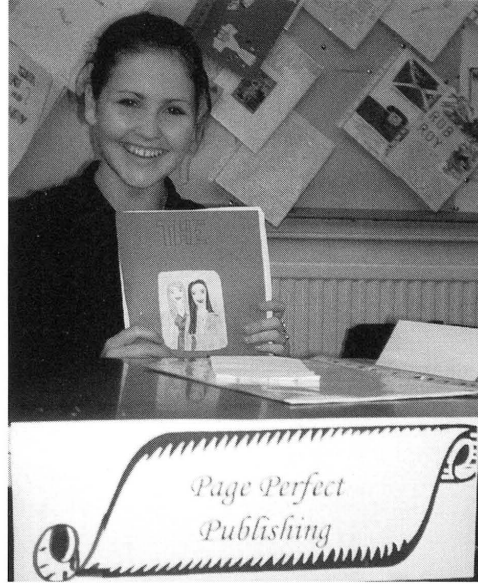
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Winner Takes All



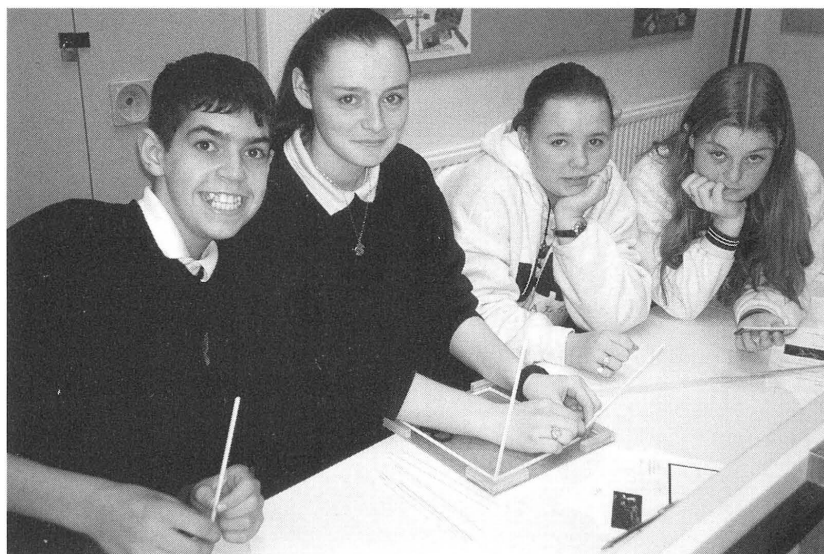
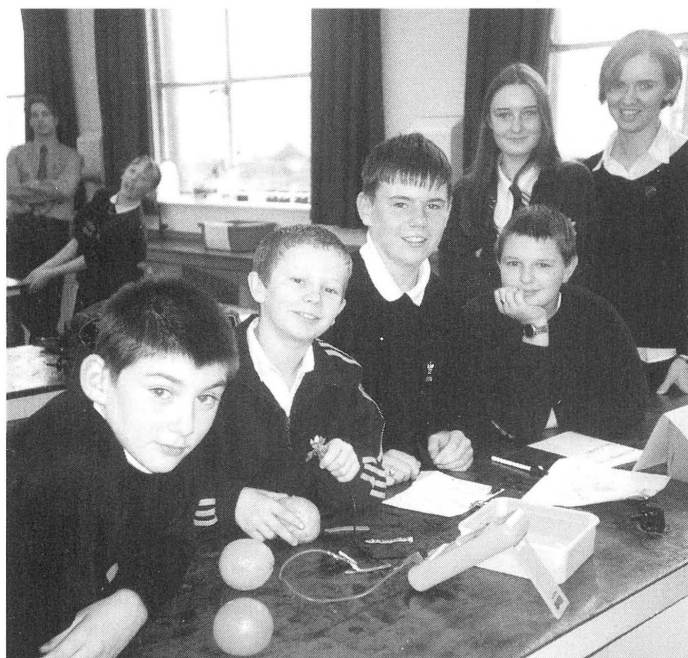
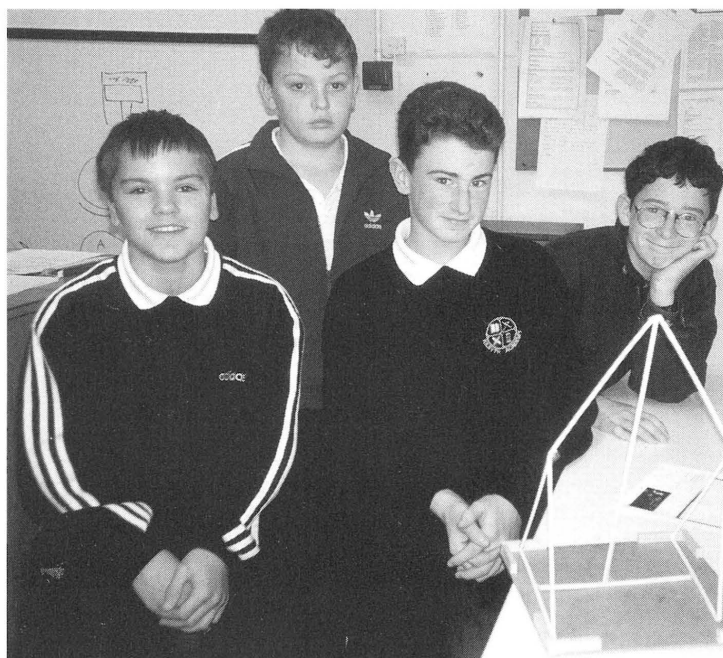
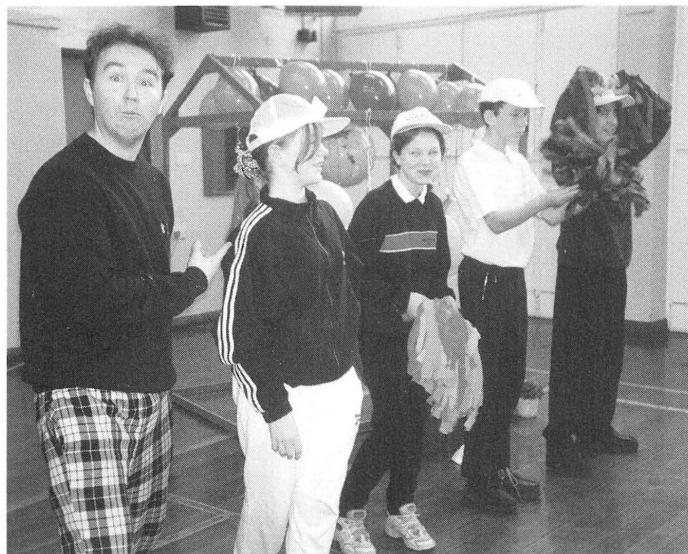
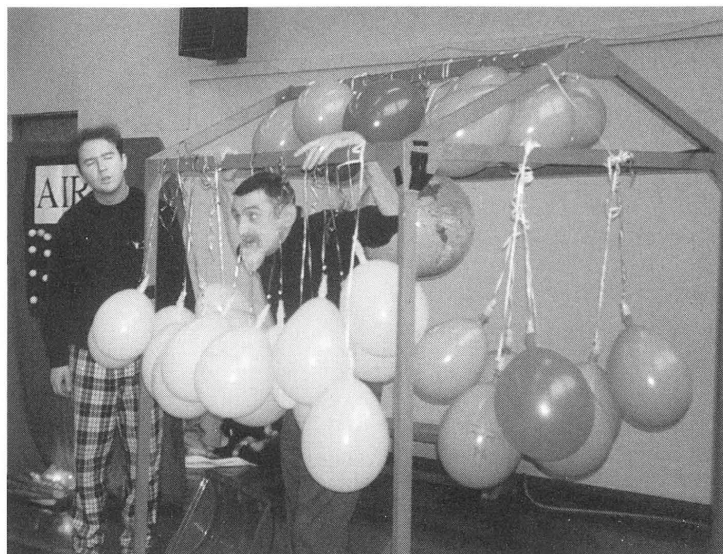
1997 was the inaugural year of new publishing firm "Page Perfect Publications". Set up to compete with "Goldstar Publications", the two publishing firms aim to present the work of aspiring authors. Sounds more like the business world than the world of Kilsyth Academy? You couldn't be more wrong. Pupils in 2T and 2K are the authors, Page Perfect and Goldstar are the respective classrooms of Miss Kane and Mrs Skelton.

Miss Kane and Mrs Skelton have stooped to all levels in attempts to poach one another's talented clients but luckily, Mrs Burton as editor-in-chief is there to separate the ever-battling Miss Kane and Mrs Skelton. May the battle continue.

The Kilsyth Academy **PTA** would like to thank everyone who has supported them throughout this session and congratulate the yearbook team for another very successful yearbook.



Weird Science!



Organised by various Science teachers in November 1997 to commemorate the 100th "birthday" of the electron, the Science Fun Day proved to live up to its title. There were activities ranging from a novel visual display of the Greenhouse effect to classes designed to improve second year soldering skills and demonstrate the electrical energy inside a piece of fruit - all of which were a success with the pupils involved. To round off the day there was a performance from the resident rock band, FRED.

Hocus Pocus

In February, all first year classes went to Science workshops and presentations delivered by Edinburgh University. The workshops ranged from electronics to biology, with giant centipedes, pupils trapped inside huge bubbles, alchemists' tricks to produce golden coins and exploding balloons all featuring. There was plenty of entertainment and we're pleased to report that all pupils escaped from the bubbles.



Aren't locusts lovely creatures?



Not bodybuilding - angular momentum

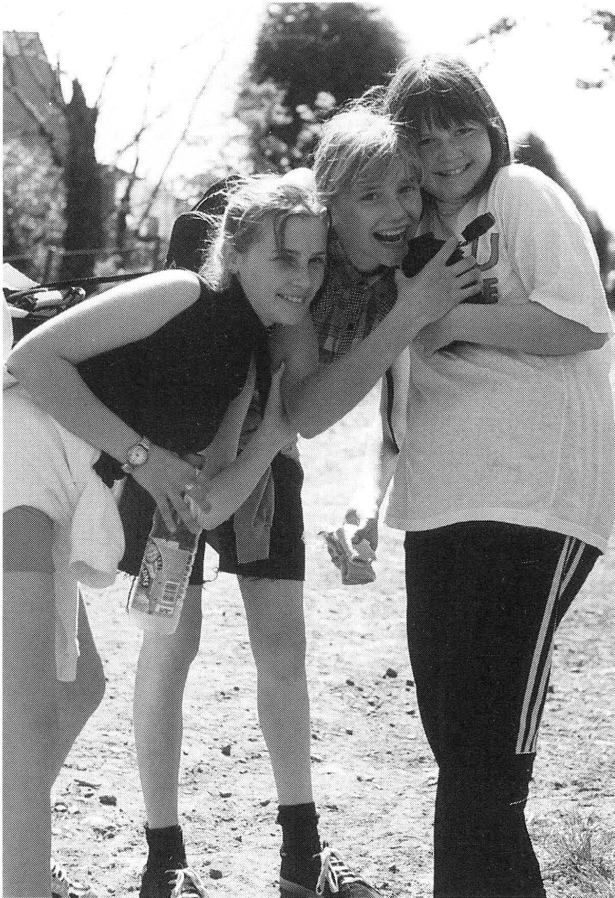


You have to concentrate when counting millepede legs



What fun! First he throws slime at us, then he pours fumes over us...

Day



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Top: The Waltons - extended family

Left: Thirsty Work

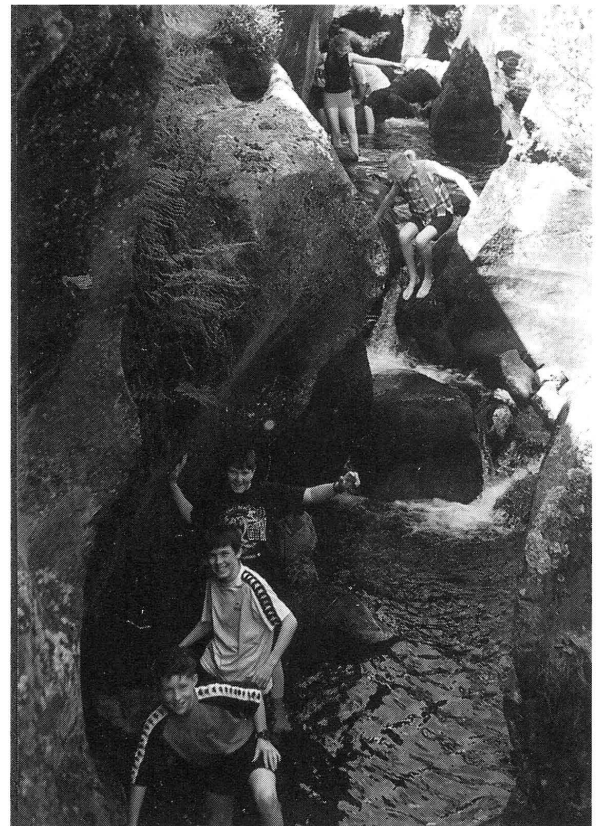
Below left: "One day, my son, this will all be yours"

Below: Riding the Kilsyth rapids

Opposite page:

Top right: Woah there, little fella!

Middle right: The cakes tasted fine as long as you didn't know who the bakers were!



From Mr. Gordon's merry little band of woodland followers to Miss Mitchell's batch of bakers, activities week in May '97 provided something for everyone. Pupils and teachers alike were dotting all over the country to Alton Towers, Summerlee Heritage centre and the Time Capsule, or were enjoying the scenery we so often forget in our own back garden - Kilsyth. Talk about all work and no play - certainly not at KA!

Tripper

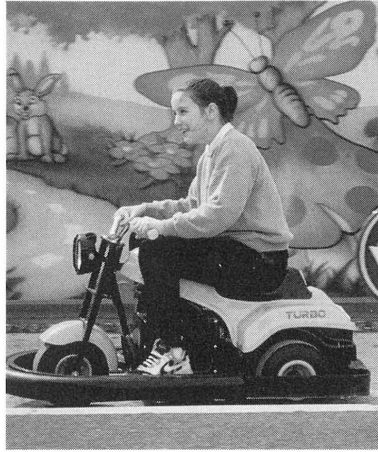


We can still see that it's you crawling along the side, Mr McGhee!

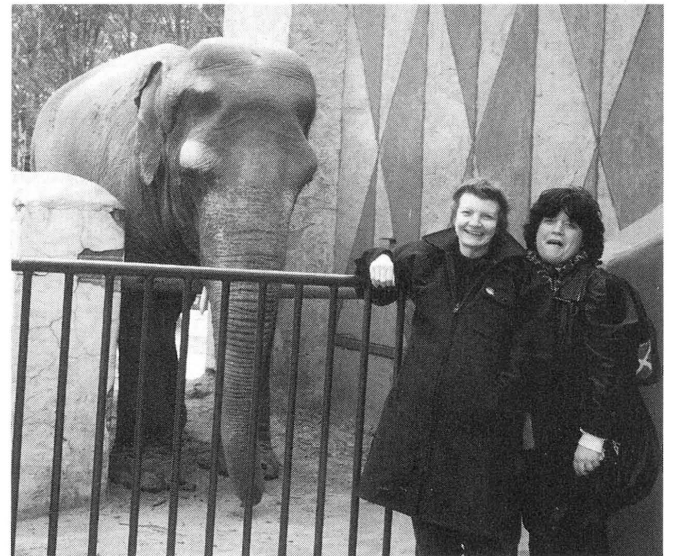
Mr Gordon working that inimitable charm!

WALKING ON SUNSHINE

During the hols of 1997 Mr Simpson, the proverbial Easter bunny, led a trip to Belgium. There was other teacher help of course - to control the mad mob of pupils. However, from the looks on all the smiling faces this year's trip was yet another success.



"Hey, hey, Don't push me!"



Deep in thought



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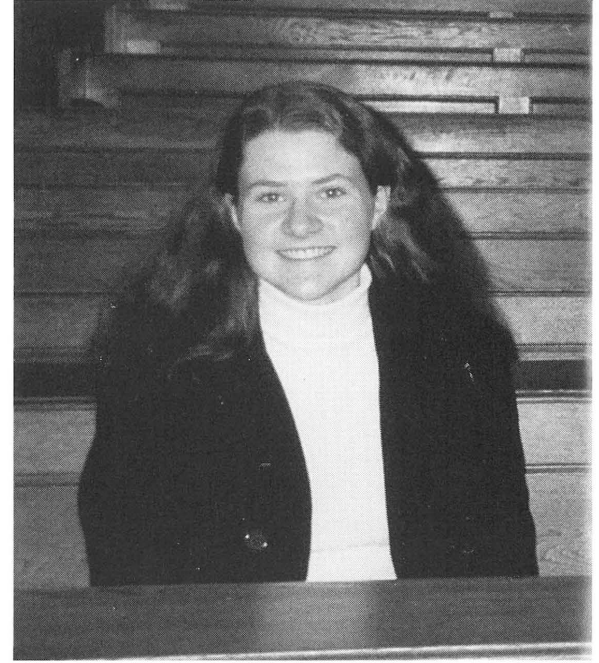
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Jailhouse Rock

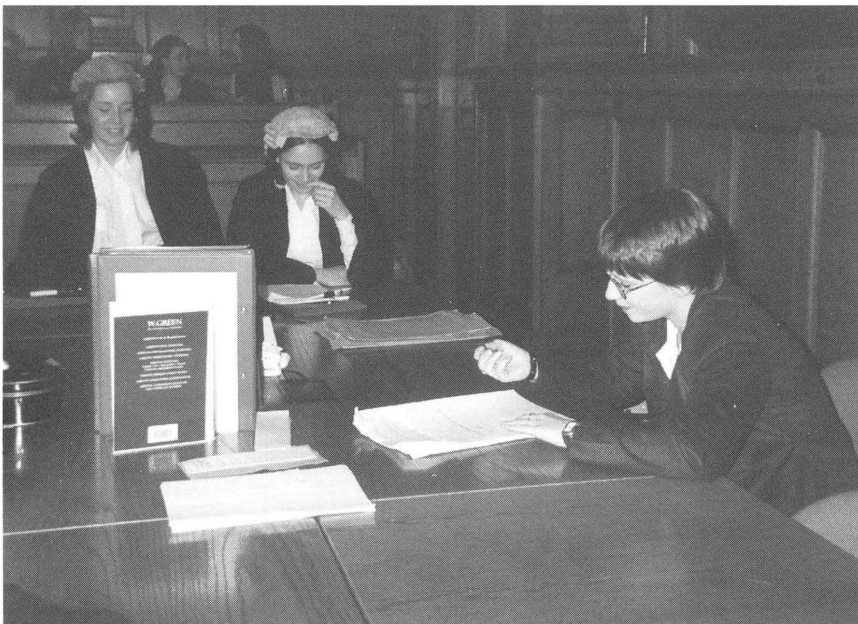


Stacey - prisoner in the dock

Last November a group of wannabe legal eagles took off to Edinburgh's Parliament House to take part in the National Mock Courtroom Trial Competition. In each team there was to be a court clerk, a jury, defence and prosecution witnesses, a report writer and two advocates. It involved the rote learning of two cases and the advocates were assisted by a "real" advocate who taught them how to question witnesses and made points about court procedure. Although "KA Law" won every case according to the jury, the final decision rested upon the Judge and, shall we say, the team suffered some rough justice. Och well, it's tough at the top - you win some, you lose some. Still, the whole experience has certainly been put to good use. The team now find themselves the resident legal experts within the Academy, aiding in upholding the good name of justice and mercy, or at least the policy of "no chewing gum allowed".



Would you want these people defending you?

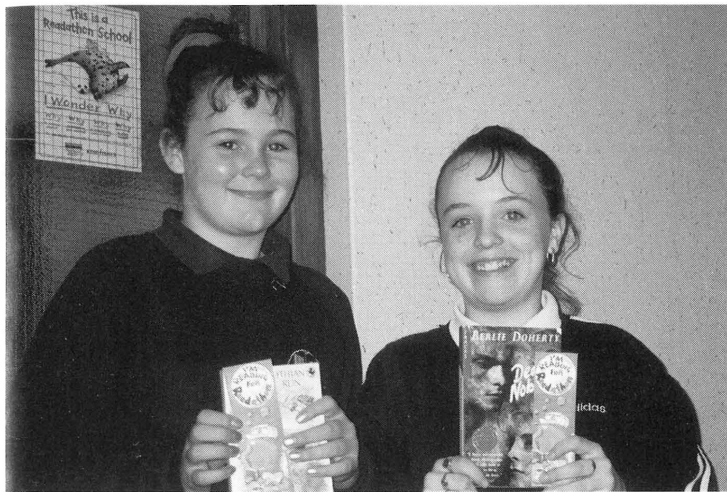


Courtroom action



Greg - our friendly advocate -
Laura and Jane's role model

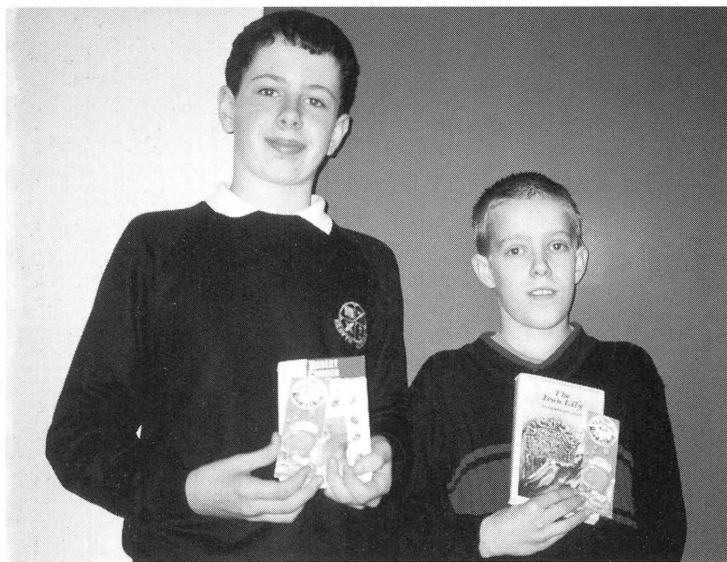
Paperback Writer



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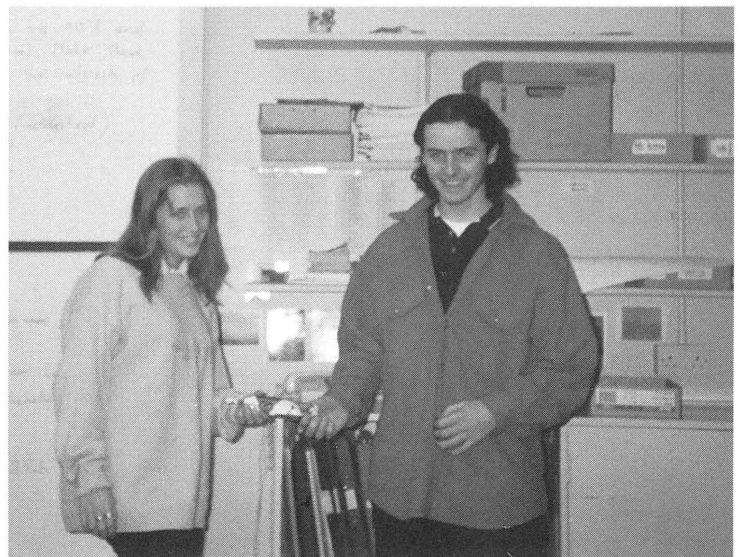
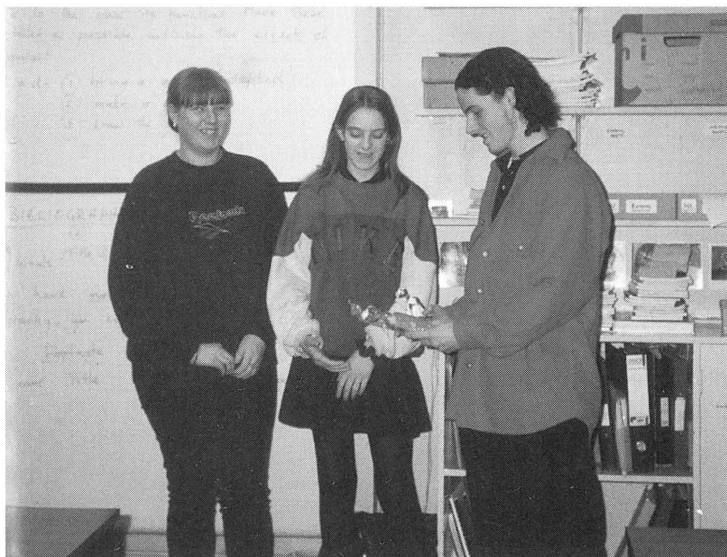
Bookworms!



November was a busy month for encouraging S1 and S2 to raise money for charity and to raise self-esteem. The English department likes to keep us busy!

Pupils raised £886 through a sponsored Readathon. Money was raised for the Roald Dahl Foundation and the Sergeant Cancer Care Fund.

Also in November, an environment project was carried out during the English Literature option, following reading the play "The Teen Commandments". Alison McArthur, Lorraine Boyd and Christine Miller were all prize winners and the presentation was made by Paul Gilmour, S5.



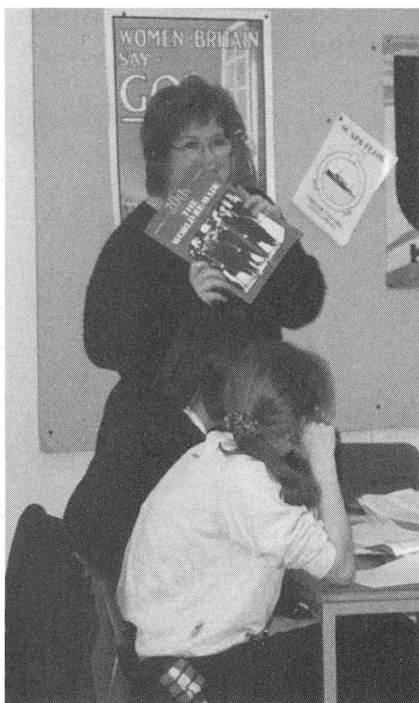
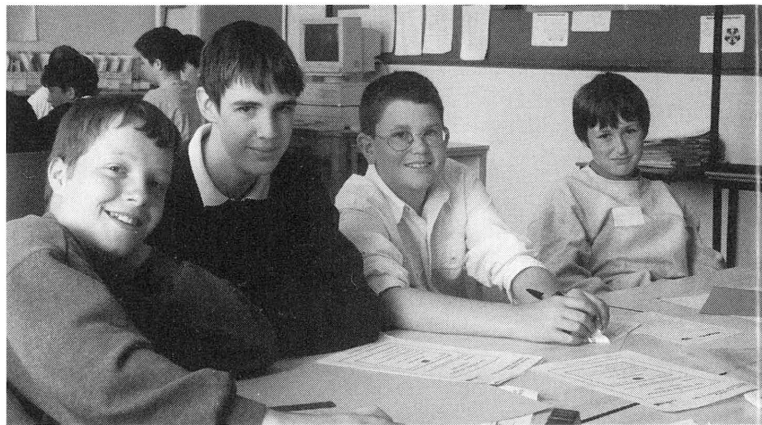
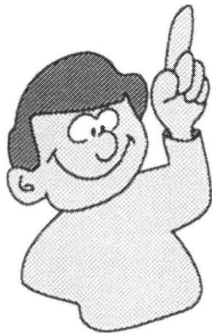
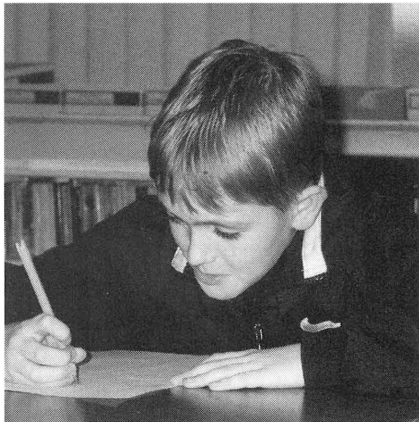
Perseverance



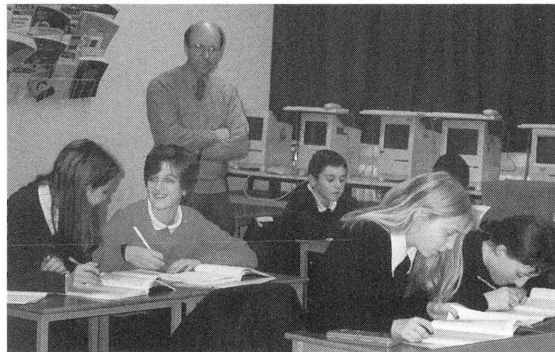
"You don't wanna do it like that, you wanna do it like this!"



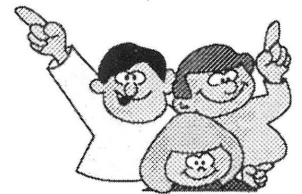
Seniors working? Surely not!



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Do you mind? My class is trying to sleep!



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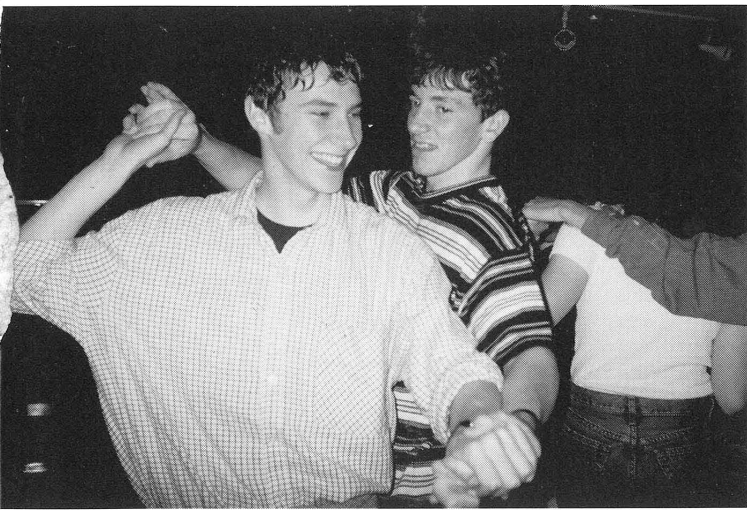


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Bittersweet Symphony



Now we know what really goes on at music weekends!



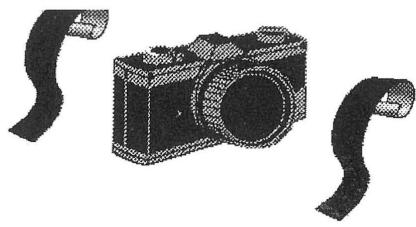
It's not the guitar that's doing the weeping, Doug...



The morning after the night before?

It was the residential to end all others. The windband's annual weekend of "practice, practice, practice" in Oban. Despite the "groovy" wake up music and freezing temperatures the budding musicians, under the experienced Miss Scott and Miss King, enjoyed every minute and got some work done into the bargain!





Picture This....



BACK ROW: Lynsey McCready, Jamie Gordon, Michelle Saville, David Ross, Elaine Erskine, Alan Thomson, Lynsey MacGregor, Rachel Alford.

MIDDLE ROW: Sarah Singleton, Chris McMahon, Louise McPhilemy, Michael McKerracher, Joanne MacLure, Grant Richardson, Alison Jordan, Gemma Stevenson.

FRONT ROW: Claire Derrick, Jillian Dunlop, Mhairi Drummond, Jane Dowell, Gayle McKellar, Lisa Irvine, Lynne Morrison, Christine Smithson.



BACK ROW: Paul Cameron, Mohan Lota, Chris Cameron, Nicola Slater, Allan Hill, Kevin Cameron.

MIDDLE ROW: Sarah Jane McGrechan, David Ross, Gary Norwood, Ross McChlery, Lynsey Smith, Kenny Hutcheson, Chris Jardine, Lynsey Stewart, Scott Shephard.

FRONT ROW: Tracey McAuley, Steven McGregor, Katy McNiven, Tracy Ferrie, Jane Wilson, Paula Gillan, Debby Harvey, Alan Bruce.

BACK ROW: David Hastie, Rhianna Carr, Graeme Patrick, Alistair Gow, Linsay McDonald.

MIDDLE ROW: Graeme Harper, Karen Templeton, Iain McGilvray, Alexa McKay.

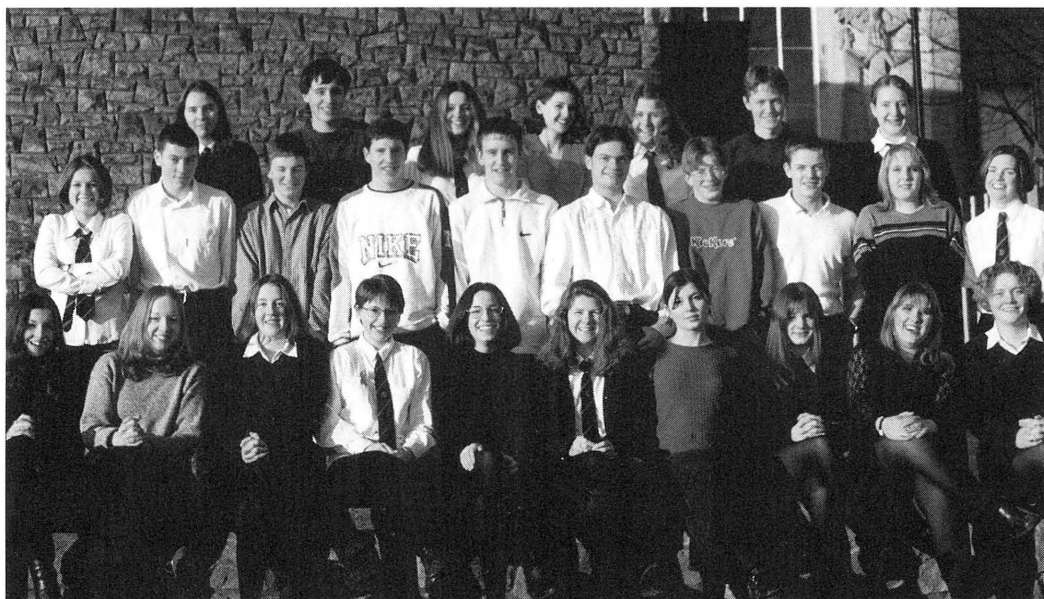
FRONT ROW: Gordon Miller, Hayley Boyle, Ruth Whyte, Ann Marie Lochrie, Lynsey Clark, Cheryl Ure, Ross McCaffer.



BACK ROW: Gillian Crawford, Douglas Wright, Debbie McIntyre, Fiona McLaren, Stacy McGill, Alastair Hawthorn, Kenna Dunne.

MIDDLE ROW: Adele Campbell, John Rafferty, Scott Fitzpatrick, Gordon Gelsthorpe, David Barrie, David Winning, Tim Latham, Colin Sharp, Karen McWilliam, Gemma Gordon.

FRONT ROW: Joanne Millar, Catriona Rasdale, Clare Hetherington, Ruth Burton, Karen Anderson, Diane Wilson, Kerry McKenzie, Vicky Johnson, Mellissa Brand, Irene Calderwood.

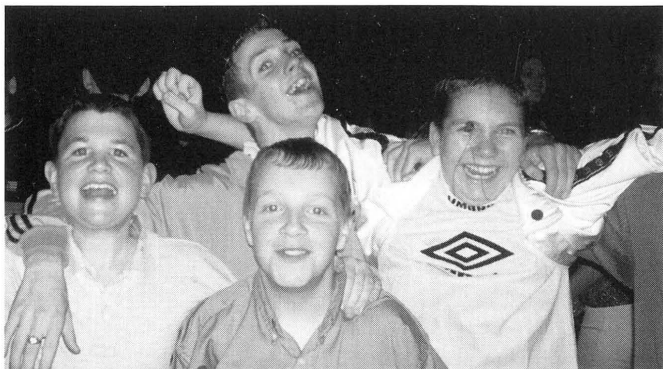


BACK ROW: Scott Cunningham, Fiona McColl, Johan Rush, Carolyn Grant, Lisa Neill, Stephanie Craig, Graeme Marshall.

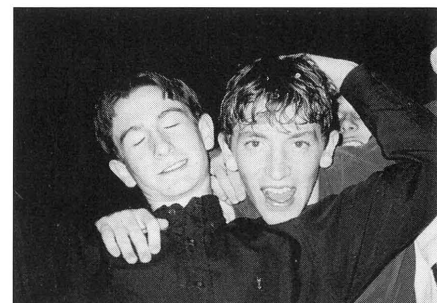
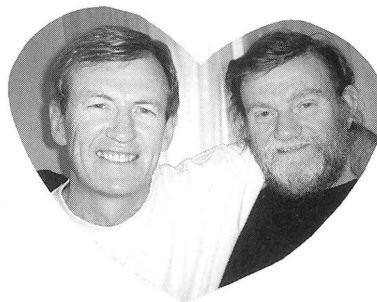
FRONT ROW: Niki Cassels, Leanne Kenny, Suzanne Wise, Lynsey Alexander, Sara Muir.



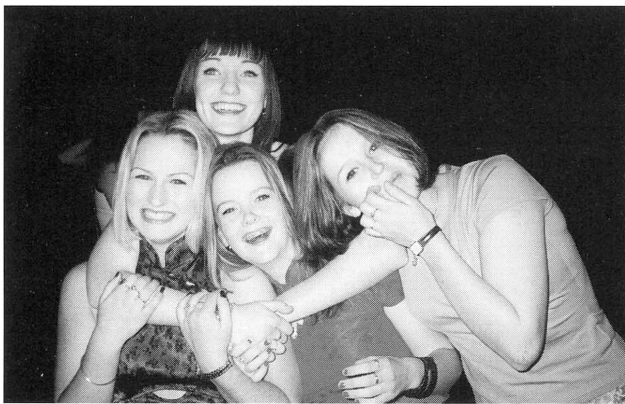
I'll Be There For You...



The boys are back in town



"Male Bonding"



2nd From Top: I love chocolate!
Above: Girls just want to have fun



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Simply The Best!



Student sloggers and pupil geniuses were recognised and rewarded for their hard work at the annual awards ceremony. Prizes and Certificates for individual achievements and year long perseverance were given out. We were all glad to receive an attendance award for the hardest task of all - actually coming to school!



Jane Holmes, Kilsyth Academy Dux for 1997/1998.



Please Release Me

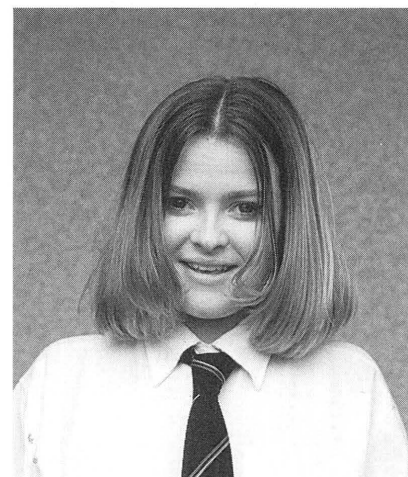
What a mugs' gallery adorns the next seven pages! And behind those faces lie a multitude of stories. This year, we've decided to give you some facts to go with a few of the faces. Behind that smiling face of Lindsay Anderson lies a hardened cynic who finds school depressing (apart from Physics) and doesn't listen to a word Mr McGhee says. We also have Evelyn I-Hate-General-Studies Calderwood and Stephen "Phantom" Bell - was he ever around in S6? David is well known as the driver of the year and his red-head temper shows through only on the rare occasion when Barry rejects his friendly hugs.



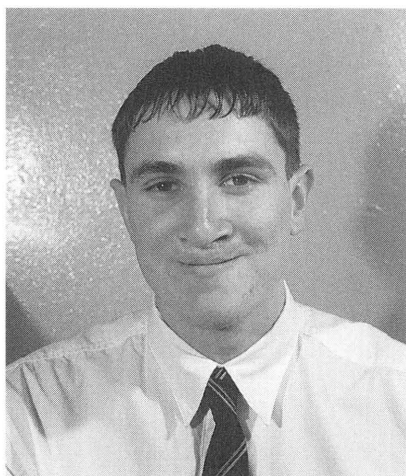
Laura Anderson



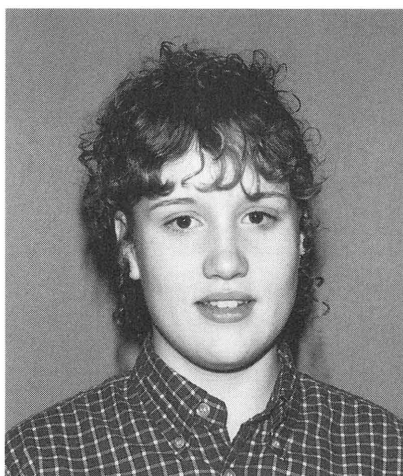
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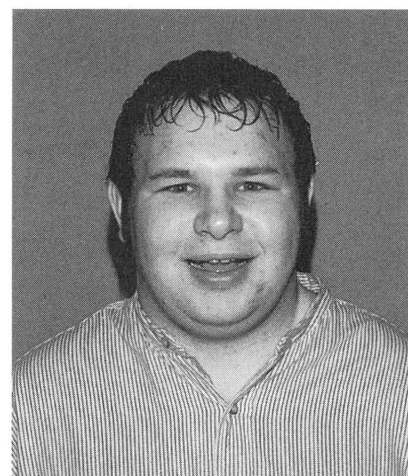
Christine Beattie



Colin Bell



Leanne Bell



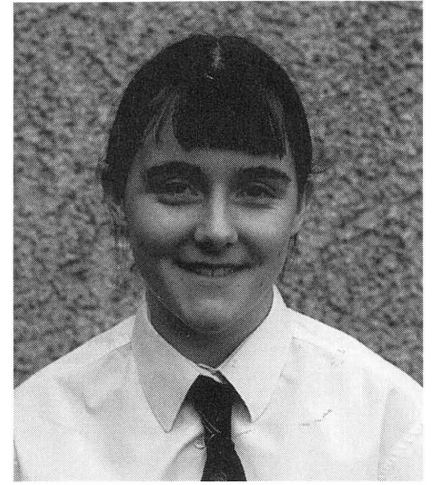
Stephen Bell



Nicola Brander



Andrew Burns



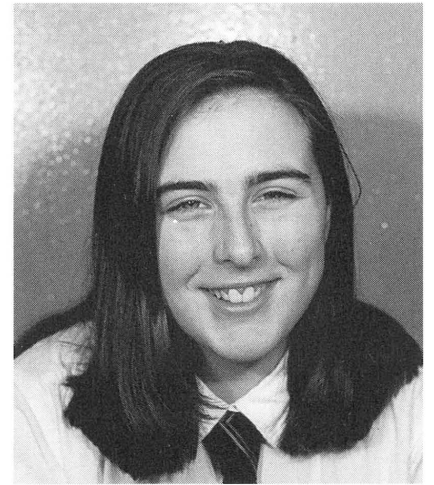
Evelyn Calderwood



Fiona Clelland



Karen Craigie



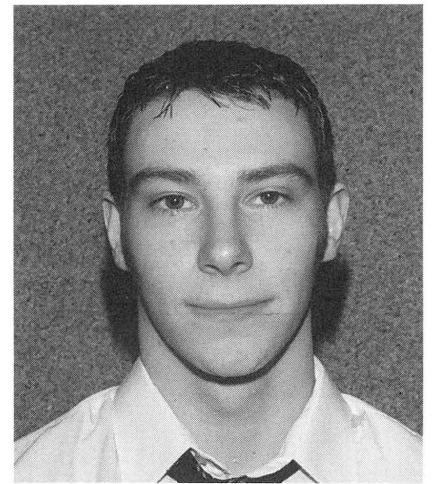
Lisa Currie



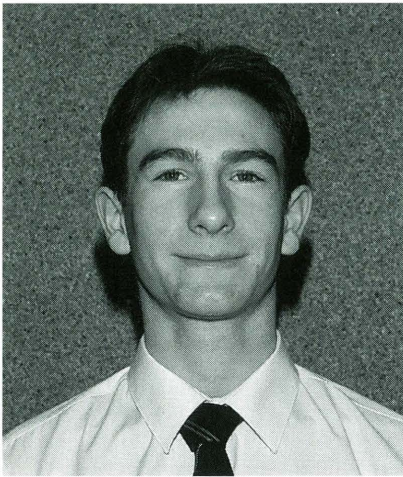
Lorraine Downie



David Fairbairn



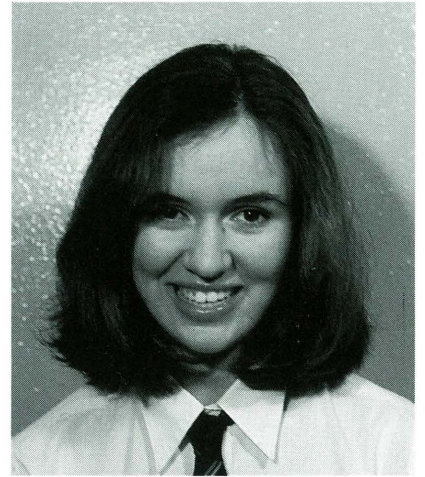
Ronnie Gilmour



Jamie Good



Laura Gourlay

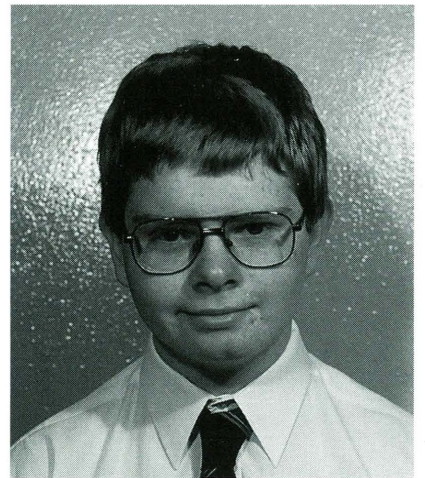


Lisa Gourlay



Daniel Gow

On this page we have Jamie Good, Kilsyth Academy's Carter lookalike from "ER" - isn't he sweet? And, who can forget that image of Danny Gow always under the thumb! We had to drag him from Martina to actually get his photo taken individually. Cheeky chappie John down at the corner was always smiling and cheerful but also a slick dealer (of cards). As for Lisa, let's hope her scalpel is more accurate than her driving!



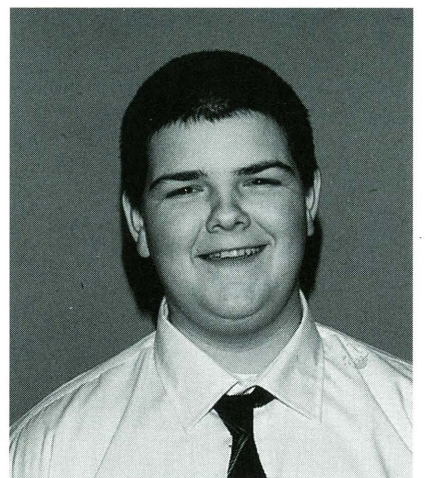
Donald Gow



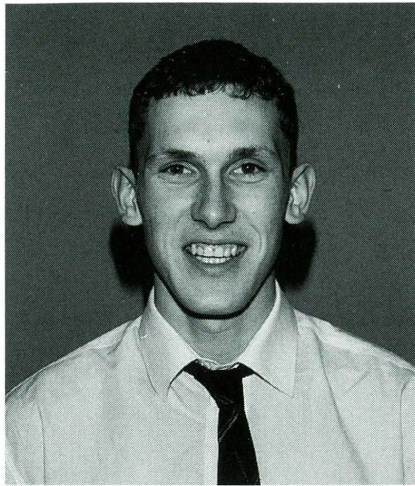
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Jane Holmes



John Irvine



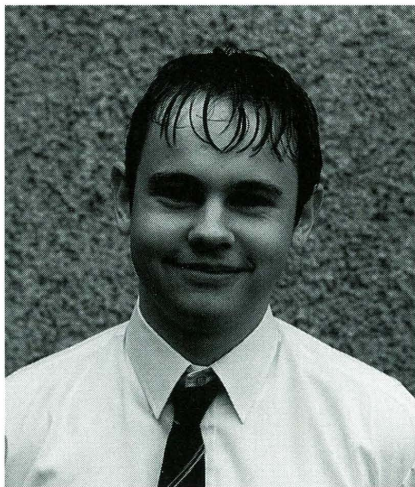
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Leigh MacDonald

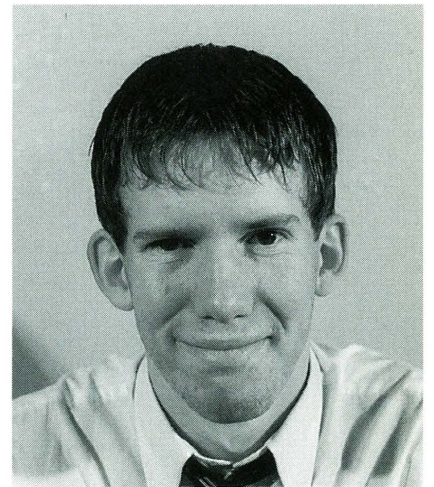


Alison McArthur



Alisdair McDiarmid

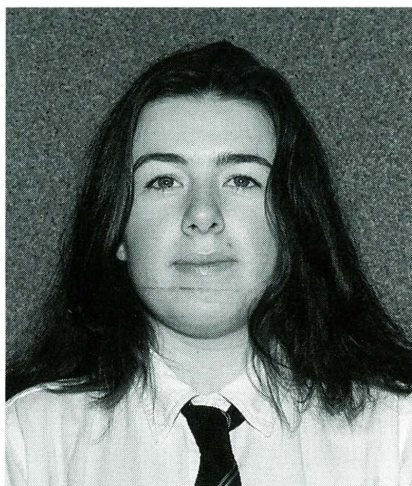
This page is bursting with celeb sixth in need of being mentioned. Firstly, there's Stephen "Animal-lover" Kane. Then there's Leigh, who must by now be the most photographed woman in the world, and Lynne who came a close second before we got one with her eyes open (dreaming of Ron perhaps?) Then there's the one and only Shazza who has the best photo of the lot - managing to disguise her mad personality at the same time (she's a nutter!)



Neil McDonald



Sharon McDonald



Lynne McEnhill



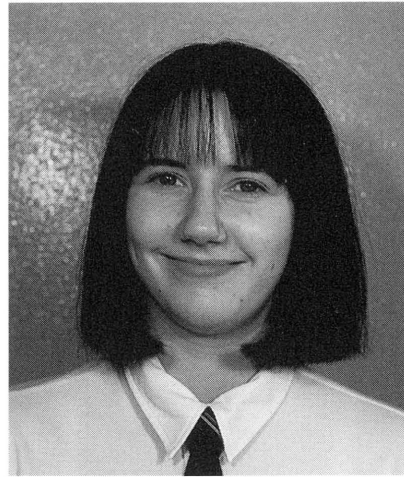
Shona McFarlane



Jennifer McGowan



Andrew McKelvie



Kirstin McKenzie



Jennifer McMillan

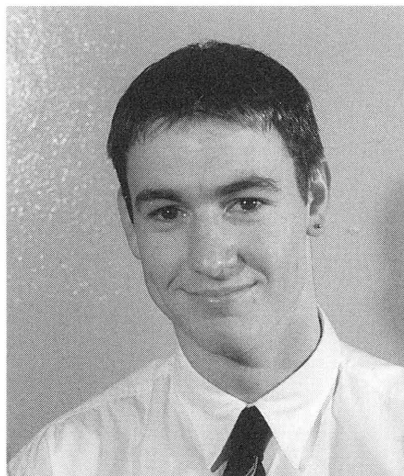
Helen Martin left us for St Andrews and took with her most of sixth year's moral authority. Roger always managed to make us laugh, even though he didn't mean to, not least by walking into pillars, desks and younger pupils whenever he was without his glasses. Ross will also be remembered for his fashion police bright wardrobe, and what can we say about Nicola except "don't talk to her first thing on a Monday morning" (that's all we're saying).



Helen Martin



Nicola Martin



Ross Mathieson



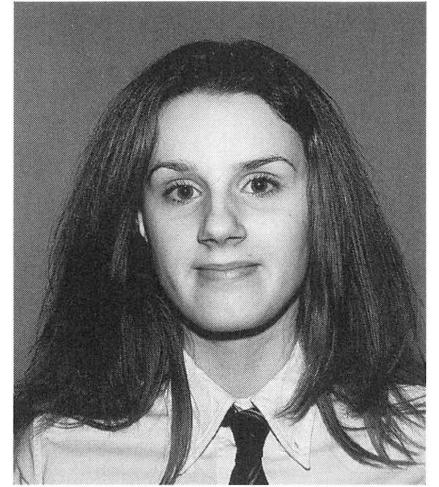
Roger Mead



Laura Miller



David Molloy



Lynsey Muir



Martina Park

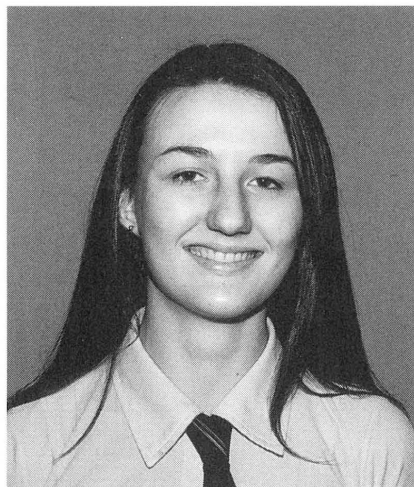
David Molloy was KA's toy expert - dinosaurs, water pistols and Mr Men stamps are just a few of his specialities. Jeannie "Van Gogh" Richardson also made a cameo appearance out of the art room to get her photo done. Enough is never enough for Jeannie when it comes to art - or is it Mr Stirling?



Katie Paterson



Jean Richardson



Nicola Rodgers



Karin Roud



Fiona Smelt



Suzanne Smith

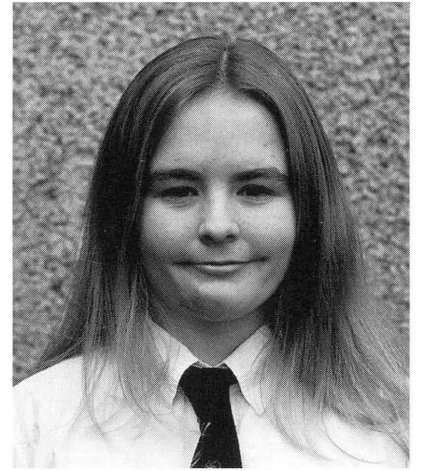


Barry Stewart



Laura Stewart

Smiler Suzanne has made a special effort for the photo. Fiona's always smiling and cheerful and will be remembered for her favourite word, "Sorry!" Barry will always be remembered for a certain part of his anatomy, his grumpiness and his red jacket. Lindsey Watt will be lodged in our memory for doing the opposite to Jean in art and her love of "Graphics" - or was it just Ross who kept pulling her to that class? Maybe, we'll never know.



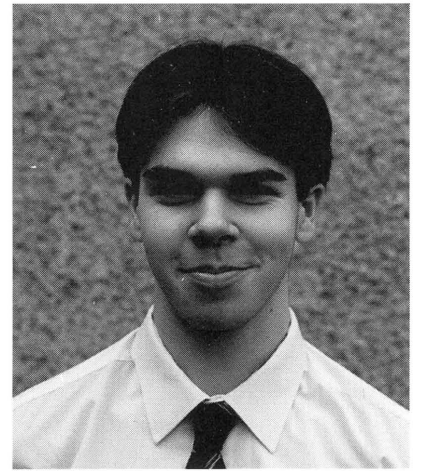
Laura Stewart



Paul Tyrell



Lindsey Watt



Allan Young

The Circle Of Life



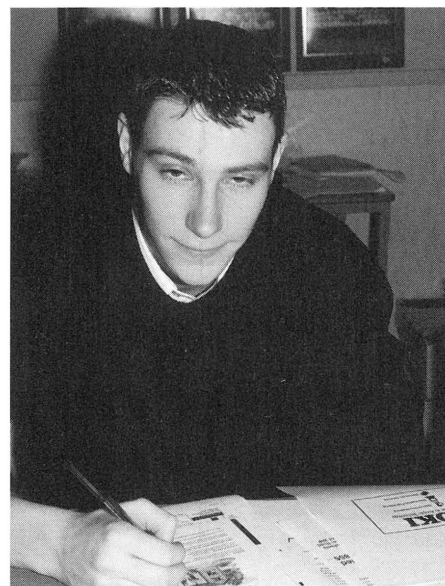
Basketcase(s)



Putting a brave face on it

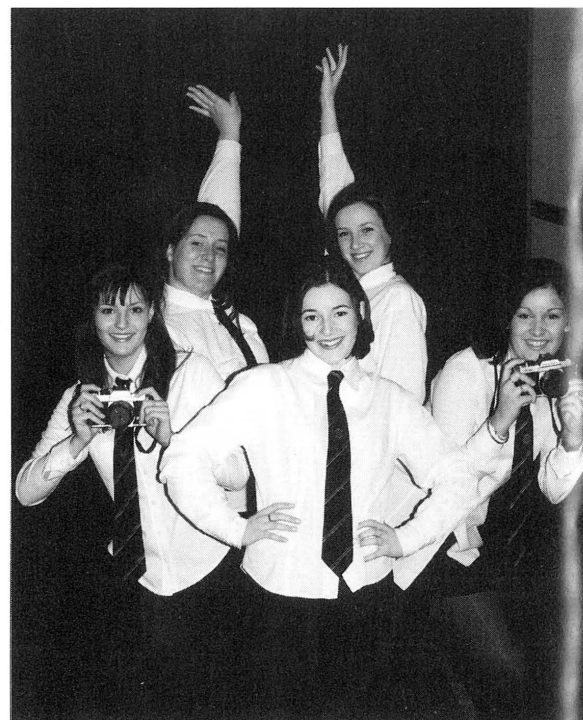
Barry and Alisdair (pictured above) were ably assisted by Donald Gow as part of the Yearbook's computing team. Although their faces conceal it, Barry will be remembered for his grumpiness, Alisdair for his tuts and sighs and Donald for his abstinence in any arguments. They did a good job though.

Pictured below are Lindsay Anderson, Andrew Burns and Evelyn Calderwood who helped out as "finishers".



Please - no more, I need some sleep!

Ronnie Gilmour (see above) was the driving force behind The Big Gig, dipped into the finance part of the yearbook and can be seen trying his hand at advertising. Thanks Ron! Whilst looking pretty as a picture, below are the photography team: (clockwise from left) Leigh, Jean, Karin, Sharon and Katie.



Opposite are the editorial team, seen getting themselves in a tangle as usual. In the middle is editor, Jane Holmes, surrounded by a sterling force including Donald Gow (mostly computing), Fiona Smelt (she was in music), Laura Miller and Shona McFarlane. Thanks to one and all!



The Yearbook team would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped to make this venture complete. Unfortunately we cannot mention everyone but we hold you all in a special place in our hearts.

A special thanks to:

- Adrian Wright at "Jostens" for his tolerance, help and Christmas Card!
- Mr MacRae for taking control when we really needed guidance and he had enough on his plate already
- Miss Kane for her guidance, help and encouragement
- Mr MacInnes for his help in kissogram photos and many other occasions; his patience in the temporary "misplacing" of equipment was also appreciated
- Jennifer McMillan for her advertising work - she missed the photo opportunity
- Allan Young for the front cover and contents page artwork and Nicola Rodgers for her guitar signature note motif
- Fiona Clelland, Alison McArthur and Nicola Rodgers for their marketing input
- Laura Anderson whose involvement was not shown in the photos
- Neil McDonald for his finance plan of action
- Christine Beattie for her photography help
- All the advertisers.

We would also like to thank all those who helped and took part in "The Big Gig", whence we got desperately needed funds:

- Miss Scott and Miss King (Music), Mr Robertson (sound), Mr Knight (lighting), Alex Daisley for his compère, "Fred" (wahey!), "Randy", "Arthur" and "The Hairy Pears".

Ultimately a big thanks goes out to you, the reader for buying a yearbook. Enjoy!

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