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On April 4th, the 2015 [Entrance Ceremony](#) at Kinki University was held in [Memorial Hall](#). Kinki University provided various events, for example Kindai Girl's Welcome Performance and *Tunku 〇*'s Message to welcome first-year students. In fact, what did first year students think about their futures through the Entrance Ceremony? A first year student said, "I worried about campus life before I entered university. However, my nervousness went away after the Entrance Ceremony. I yelled a lot and I got a new image that Kinki University has a good mood. I want to do my best to have a good campus life." What goal did the first year students get for their

Entrance Ceremony's theme, "Breakthrough"? There were first-year students who wanted to improve their English ability at E-Cube and the [Kinki University Language Institute](#). There were also those who had not decided their goals yet. However, they became more motivated to find their goals through the events of the Entrance Ceremony.



They are new students

All-Kansai Students *Gymkhana* Championship

by T. Sakaguchi

On March 26, [Kinki University Auto Club](#) participated in [All-Kansai Students *Gymkhana* Championship](#). This competition was held with a [morning session](#) and the [afternoon session](#). Each university sent three racers. They respectively ran the

course and competed for the top speed. The Kinki University racers did a great job in the morning session. In particular, Kyohei Terao, the third place runner ran a complex course with his good [steering wheel operation](#). He recorded the good time 1'04", and, won the fourth prize. Unfortunately, the other racers could not run because of engine trouble later in the afternoon session. However, they passionately continued maintaining their vehicle until the end. After the game, Chisaki Horita,



This car was cool.

the club captain said "We couldn't show the real outcome of our practice. The maintenance was not perfect. We will look for the cause carefully and improve our skills. Now, we want to aim for the [All-Japan Championship](#) held in August." We would like to pray for their success in the future.



They fixed own car

Introduction of ESS's activity

by T. Sakaguchi

Kinki University's ESS club starts their activities at 6:30 pm three times a week. There are three types of main activities: speech, discussion, and debate. For the speech, individual members decide on their topics. The discussion means that ten members participate and talk about a selected theme. For the debate,



He discussed the social topics

two teams argue about a selected topic by taking a **pro** or a **con side**. Each activity has its competition. Their themes are selected academic or social topics, such as the **death penalty system**, **marijuana legalization**, and so on. The club members always practice very hard to participate in competitions. The club's older members teach younger ones how to improve their English skills politely. In addition, ESS goes to a training camp every summer and practice more there.

ESS belongs to Kansai Intercollegiate English Federation (KIEF). KIEF is organized by



All member's photo

seven universities' ESS in the Kansai area such as Osaka University and Kyoto University. This organization **sponsors** many competitions throughout Kansai.

Namiko Oya, the leader of ESS, said "Although all members are beginners at first, they can improve their English skills dramatically in four years".

Figure Skating Club

by K. Otsuka

Kinki University's **figure skating** club members are close friends. However, there was only one member from each school year until two years ago. There were very strict conditions. Recently, the club members are increasing **step by step**. The sign of recovery began to appear in the club last year.

On Saturday, April 25, 2015, a

skating activity was held in Moriguchi Sports Club with other universities. At first, the current members of the skating club were guiding them and gave **demonstrations** on the skating rink. Therefore, beginning students could ice-skate a little.

Captain Takeuchi said, "a beginner of figure skating could

start from university, because it is easy to do. In fact, they win medals in figure skating **competitions**. In addition, skating on ice is very refreshing. Also, their club's fun point is that it has exchange ice-skating parties between other universities. Graduated members of this club are **cooperative** and sometimes they come to coach us. That is why I hope this year club's member try our best".

They have gotten good results for several years. For example, the club members took part in an Inter-collegiate event last year, and they have a lot of new members this year. I expect their activities will increase.



He explained skating to a new student



All member's photo

Report of the English Press Society

by T.Tanaka

When you hear “English Press Society,” what kind of club do you think we are? English Press Society reports a lot of news about Kinki University and about events that Kindai students organize.

We publish the *Kinki Times* four times a year and the *Times Graph* twice every year. We **hand out** newspaper copies at the West Gate and at East Gate each time.

The process of making the *Kinki Times* has three steps. First, we **investigate** some events. Second, we write articles. Finally, we make the page layout. Students experience writing and **editing** in English, and learn many things about newspaper **coverage** and publishing in their first year. Then they will become great student journalists.

Leader, 4th-year Business Department student: “You may feel that the English Press Society is strict, but we are not. As each of our club members can tell his or her opinion. We are not **constrained by stereotypes**. We will keep improving.

Chief Editor, 3rd-year Engineering student: We hope that many students will read the *Kinki Times*. We will keep making an effort to investigate and send out useful information.

Aquatherapy

by T.Tanaka

About sixty percent of an adult's body is water. A human will die in about three days without water. Also, it is said that people in Japan use 300 liters of water every day.

Water is essential to life, and we instinctively feel a sense of comfort when we are near it. **Aquatherapy** makes use of this. Aquatherapy is a way of relaxing by means of water. Aquatherapy uses many methods with both hot and cold water for effecting relaxation. We can cure **stiff shoulder muscles** by taking a jet bath, and the sound of running the water cures the fatigue in our minds and reduces our stress.

The body tends to lose water in the summer because it is very hot. If you spend every day in areas that are crowded with buildings, you ought to visit a **waterfall** or walk along the **bank** of stream to feel a sense of relaxation.



Dear Tori-chan,

Hi! Nice meet you!
I'm Tori-chan!



I feel hot and must study for some tests, so I have become sick and tired of the **dog days of summer***. I hardly have an appetite, but must eat. What is a good food for these hot days?

*夏バテの季節



Hm... It is out of season, but how about pork curry?

Curry? When I have curry in this season, I sweat profusely!



When you have spicy food in the hot season, it seems painful. However, pork curry is included in many foods to cure summer heat, because the sweat cools you down. Pork includes much Vitamin B1 and B2, so it changes food into energy well. In addition spices are thought to increase appetite.

Oh, I don't know curry had such an effect.



Please look for foods like these to increase your appetite and refresh you during the dog days of summer.

A few members of *Izumitsu* Brass Band

by N.Kishimoto

What do you imagine when you think of brass band clubs? You may imagine a large number of people playing a musical performance for an audience. However, **Osaka Prefectural Izumitsu High School Brass Band** is composed of only a few members, 12. The members are so few that they can't play a regular performance. Therefore, an expert in one instrument will often take up a different instrument depending upon the song. In addition, one musical instrument may have only one or two members who can play it, so each member must have many individual musical skills. It is under these severe circumstances that they perform.

In spite of this situation, they keep in a good mood and practice steadily. They maintain a **hierarchical relationship** but talk in a friendly way with each other. Senior members try to teach everyone, and junior members follow them. During individual practice, they play every part. They practice and repeat parts that they are weak at. After warming up for two hours, they begin concert practice. During this practice, Mr. Michiaki Shibamoto, the club advisor, conducts and



They had Izumitsu Brass Band club's concept, friendly and happy.

teaches them. They listen closely to his advice and try to follow his difficult instructions in order to give a good musical performance during competitions.

In his basic work with the brass band club, Mr. Shibamoto makes sure club members feel friendly and happy. He said about them, "In contrast with normal brass band clubs, there are few members, so they tend to play music with a bit of melancholy. However I want them to play music well. That is why I advise them. In addition, I want to make a plan based upon things such as the **constituent elements** of the musical instruments, and we want to get superior awards in competitions."



Each student practiced to play music well.



She listened to his advice carefully.



Mr. Shibamoto taught them how to play.



They practiced to win the prize.

The members and advisor of the *Izumitsu* High School Brass Band are strongly united and have many ideas. Their performances are composed of their effort and solid cooperation. This is the reason why they can play well although there are only a few members, and it is also why they are able to perform music for their audiences.

Meaning and Vocabulary

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近畿大学記念会館にて平成27年度入学式が行われた。近畿大学は Kindai Girls によるウェルカムパフォーマンス、つんく♂のメッセージなど、様々なイベントを用意し、新入生を迎え入れた。新入生は入学式を通してどのような思いを抱いたのだろうか？

【入学式】

- Entrance Ceremony = 入学式
- Memorial Hall = 記念会館
- Kinki University Language Institute
= 語学センター

近畿大学自動車部は、全関西学生ジムカーナ選手権に出場した。複雑なコースを走り、様々な大学とタイムを競い合う。

【自動車部】

- Kinki University Auto Club = 近畿大学自動車部
- All-Kansai Students *Gymkhana* Championship
= 全関西学生ジムカーナ選手権
- morning part = 午前の部
- afternoon part = 午後の部
- steering wheel operation = ハンドル操作
- All-Japan Championship = 全日本大会

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近畿大学 ESS 部は、主に英語でスピーチやディスカッションなどを行う活動をしている。そして部員たちは大会出場に向けて熱心に練習に励んでいる。

【ESS】

- pro and con side = 賛成と反対のチームに分かれて議論をする
- death penalty system = 死刑制度
- marijuana legalization = 大麻合法化

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近畿大学のフィギュアスケート部は一昨年までは各学年一人という、非常に厳しい環境であった。そのような状況から、徐々に入部人数が増加している。他大学と合同で体験滑走会を行い、初心者の新入生達も興味を示してくれた。

【フィギュアスケート】

- figure skating = フィギュアスケート
- step by step = 徐々に
- demonstrations = 発表
- competition = 大会
- cooperative = 協力的

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皆さんは英字新聞会と聞いてどのような部活を想像するだろうか。我々英字新聞会では近畿大学に関するニュースや大学生が行っているイベントに焦点を当て取材を行っている。

【英字新聞会活動報告】

- coverage = 取材
- hand out = 配る
- investigate = 調べる
- be constrained by stereotypes = 固定概念に捕われる
- editing = 編集する

水は私たち生命にはなくてはならない物であり、本能的に水のある場所と水そのものに安らぎを感じる。アクアセラピーとは水によってリラクゼーション効果を得る方法である。

【オピニオン、アクアセラピー】

- Aquatherapy = 水療法
- stiff shoulder muscles = (筋肉などが) 凝った
- waterfall = 滝
- bank = 岸辺

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吹奏楽部といえば、大人数で演奏して、聴衆に披露しているというイメージをあなたは持っているかもしれない。だが、大阪府立泉大津高等学校吹奏楽部は12人という少人数編成で部活動を行っている。この人数では少なく、演奏が回らないこともあるので、普段専門とする楽器パートの人が曲に応じて別の楽器を担当することがしばしばある。そして一つの楽器あたり担当者は1人、2人の状態なので、個人の實力もかなり問われる。そんな厳しい状況のなかで彼女らは演奏を成り立たせている。

しかしそれでも彼女らはよい雰囲気を作り、着実に練習をしている。個人練習では、パートごとに練習を行い、自分が苦手とする部分を重点的に繰り返し練習した後、合奏練習を始める。そこでは吹奏楽部の顧問である芝本倫明先生自らが彼女らに指揮、指導をする。そしてコンクールで上手く演奏するために彼女達は先生の言葉にしっかりと耳を傾け、難しい注文を出されても応えようとする。

部活全体で創り上げた努力、固い協調性が演奏を成り立たせていく。これらのおかげで少人数でも演奏を実現でき、彼女らの音楽を聴衆に届けることができるのだ。

【泉大津吹奏楽部】

- Osaka Prefectural *Izumitsu* High School Brass Band = 大阪府立泉大津高等学校
- hierarchical relationship = 上下関係
- constituent elements = 構成

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