

The H.S. Series - An Episode Guide

Introduction:

What was the H.S. series? Think of "Room 222" and "The Never Ending Story" rolled in to one.

Every good series needs time line that shows what happened and when. This is why I have compiled this episode guide.

Since I have never written an episode guide in my life, I used the rather common form used by Star Trek and Doctor Who episode guides.

One note about titles: Some episodes have two titles. One is the real title of the episode. The one in parentheses is the WORKING title of the episode. This was changed for some reason.

Tape dates: The tape date is the date the tape was released to the general public for listening. Normally this meant that I dragged someone into a closed room and played it to them! ;-)

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Well, that's all I can think of. Enjoy!

Kevin James Keyser

Series: Pilot episode.

Title: E.D. In the Year of Nineteen Hundred and Seventy Three

Tape Date: August 1973

Running time: 100 Min.

Writers: Kevin Keyser

Synopsis:

The month is June, the year 1949. The place is Carl Schurz High School in Chicago, IL. Judy Newheart, a senior at this school, is walking across Addison Street. She is hit by a car and she dies instantly.

It is Mayday of the year 1959. Little Keith Newheart sleeps in his crib. Keith is woken by the specter Judy! She leads the child out to the street, tells him that she will one day return and as the apartment building explodes, she vanishes.

These first two sections began the H.S. Series. This series would follow the life of Keith Newheart from the day in May 1959 when his parents were killed to his graduation from High School in the year 1977. This tape, which was the pilot for the series, covered the years 1959 - 1973.

This tape was divided into the following acts and scenes:

Act 1:

The Specter

The Battle

The Picture of Judy.

A Star Now Shines. (A girl named Ellen.)

Act 2:

Hello to a Gray Place.

Night of Fire, Night of Hate.

Flower Child.

Act 3:

The Girl Who Liked Horses.

Linda.

Good Bye to a Gray Place.

Characters introduced:

Judy Newheart.

Mom. (Adoptive)

Dad. (Adoptive)

Ellen Newheart. (Step Sister)

Alice Brown.

Linda.

Series: H.S. 1974
Title: Chapter 1, The Beginning
Tape Date: September 1973
Running Time: 90 Min.
Writers: Kevin Keyser, Thomas Raymond

Synopsis:

This was basically a set up episode. This episode introduced the characters that would be the foundation of the series for its entire run.

Keith Newheart is now entering High School. This is a new environment for Keith, perhaps a frightening one, since he is very shy and introverted.

Characters introduced:

Mr. Watson
Chris Kaiser.
Mr. Tilatar.

Series: H.S. 1974
Title: Chapter 2, Hate!
Tape Date: January 1974
Running Time: 45 Min.
Writers: Kevin Keyser

Synopsis:

Keith Newheart is a nonconformist and this gives him nothing but trouble in this new environment, where everything is concerned with the fads of his peers.

Series: H.S. 1974
Title: Chapter 3, Me!
Tape Date: March 1974
Running Time: 63 Min.
Writers: Kevin Keyser

Synopsis:

When going to study hall one day Keith runs into, quite literally, a guy carrying a lot of audio equipment. Keith follows him to the stage and finds out that the guy is in charge of stage crew. Stage crew takes care of setting up and controlling all the student productions. This fascinates Keith and he joins on the spot!

Characters introduced:

Mr. Clayborn
Jay Martin

Series: H.S. 1974 (Season Finale)

Title: Chapter 4, Awakings. (The Awakening)

Tape Date: June 1974

Running Time: 110 Min.

Writers: Kevin Keyser

Synopsis:

Fantasy and dreams are the theme of this groundbreaking episode. Keith has questions about life and love. What IS love? Will he ever be in it??

At the same time this is happening the new character of Delineni is introduced. Keith and Delineni become friends. We learn that Delineni's house, which is down the street from Keith's, is supposedly the home of a witch.

One day Keith is at Delineni's house helping her with her homework, a door opens to reveal a porthole of light. Delineni walks through it! Keith follows.

Keith finds himself in a strange land. He meets Delineni's father, the wizard Taslasness. Keith learns that Taslasness is the guardian of the River Of Life.

Taslasness teaches Keith the philosophy of the Triad. Simply put, the Triad teaches that all things are interconnected. All things real never end. They just change their states of being. This applies to love, too. If love is real it will continue forever, even beyond death. Love just changes in the way it is manifested. Keith learns about the three phases of love, represented by the symbol of the Triad.

Delineni bids Keith farewell with a gift of a purple orchid. Keith wakes up and thinks it was all a dream. But the purple orchid is on the nightstand.

In the final scene Keith is attending the last day of school for the year. He meets the new character of Cindy Comings.

Characters introduced:

Delineni

Taslasness

Cindy Comings.

Series: H.S. 1975 (Season Premiere)
Title: Chapter 1, Harmonies (A Harmony Of Love)
Tape Date: September 1974
Running Time: 60 Min.
Writers: Kevin Keyser

Synopsis:

Keith forms a strong friendship with several people who are all seated next to each other in study hall. One of these characters is Cindy Comings.

Unlike earlier episodes, this one deals with some of the real issues of it's time, as seen from the eyes of the characters.

Characters introduced:

Laura Fitsimmons
Jackie Kaiser
Ann Albert
Jim Hanson

Series: H.S. 1975
Title: Chapter 2, Shadows.
Tape Date: November 1974
Running Time: 45 Min.
Writers: Thomas Raymond.

Synopsis:

The students of Eastern High School deal with the death of a classmate. He was stuck by a train while crossing the tracks. (Based on real and sad events)

Series: H.S. 1975
Title: Chapter 3, The Fair.
Tape Date: February 1975
Running Time: 62 Min.
Writers: Kevin Keyser

Synopsis:

Keith and Cindy go to the annual Fun Fair. Keith considers this be his first "real" date. It is here we start to see a special bonding of these two characters.

Series: H.S. 1975 (Season Finale)

Title: Chapter 4, The Parting

Tape Date: May 1975

Running Time: 90 Min.

Writers: Kevin Keyser

Synopsis:

The character of Jackie Kaiser is moving away to a small town in Wisconsin, school is ending for the year, and what was a strong group of friends starts to fall apart.

Series: H.S. 1976 (Season Premier)

Title: Chapter 1, The Winters Wisp

Tape Date: September 1975

Running Time: 55 Min.

Writers: Kevin Keyser

Synopsis:

Old friends are re-united in this, their junior year of high school. Keith finds himself to be the leader of stage crew.

Series: H.S. 1976

Title: Chapter 2, Love?

Tape Date: October 1975

Running Time: 30 Min.

Writers: Kevin Keyser

Synopsis:

In the shortest H.S. Series episode to date, Keith realizes that he is, indeed, falling in love with Cindy.

Series: H.S. 1976

Title: Chapter 3, A Song of Love a Song of Truth.

Tape Date: February 1976

Running Time: 100 Min.

Writers: Kevin Keyser

Synopsis:

This episode all takes place during one day. The day of the Homecoming game and dance. This episode is considered an extension of chapter 2.

The game is a total loss, however the dance is not! It is here that Keith realizes, with joy, that Cindy loves him! With the song "When Will I See You Again"* playing in the background they kiss.

*The Three Degrees, Mighty Three Music-BMI (P)1973 CBS.

Series: H.S. 1976 (Season Finale)

Title: Chapter 4, The Stairway To Heaven

Tape Date: June 1976

Running Time: 90 Min.

Writers: Kevin Keyser

Synopsis:

As friends say their good-byes for the summer, omens of the future haunt Keith. This episode ends in a dream sequence cliffhanger.

Series: H.S. 1977 (Season Premiere)

Title: Chapter 1, The Future Is Us!

Tape Date: August 1976

Running Time: 45 Min.

Writers: Kevin Keyser

Synopsis:

In a departure from the past season, this episode looks at the individual lives of the minor characters in the series. The focus is their hopes for life after graduation. Keith Newheart and Cindy Comings only play a minor part in this episode. Thus setting the stage for the most radical series of tapes ever done by the group.

Series: H.S. 1977

Title: Chapter 2, Of Things That Should Never Be.

Tape Date: N/A

Running Time: N/A

Writers: Kevin Keyser

Notes:

This is only the second episode in the series to be divided into acts and scenes. Unlike the previous episode to use this arrangement, this episode is divided into four individual tapes. Each bears a subtitle. For clarity each will be listed here as above. Please keep in mind, however, that these are all parts of the same episode.

Series: H.S. 1977 - Chapter 2, Of Things That Should Never Be.

Title: Act 1, Dreams

Tape Date: September 6th, 1976

Running Time: 55 Min.

Writers: Kevin Keyser

Synopsis:

"The River is Life, The River is Death. Keith, but a sip of it's waters a-blue and thee shall understand"

Keith hears some one say this to him in a series of frightening dreams. In these dreams he is taken back to the past, to that day when the Specter, Judy, saved him.

Series: H.S. 1977 - Chapter 2, Of Things That Should Never Be.

Title: Act 2, This Melody Of Love.

Tape Date: September 20th, 1976

Running Time: 60 Min.

Writers: Kevin Keyser

Synopsis:

We find out in this episode just how very much Cindy is love with Keith. This is a story told, mostly, from Cindy's point of view.

This tape details Cindy and Keith's plans for the future. Their plans for collage and then marriage. Cindy has fears of facing this unknown future. Keith continues to have the dreams.

Note: The poem, "The Monster Of Our Minds", debuts here.

Series: H.S. 1977 - Chapter 2, Of Things That Should Never Be.

Title: Act 3, The Music Of Our Lives.

Tape Date: October 4th, 1976

Running Time: 90 Min.

Writers: Kevin Keyser

Synopsis:

Love is confessed again. The auditorium after hours serves as a backdrop for the giving of a silver chain and locket to Cindy from Keith. For the first time in the series, sexuality is hinted at.

Note: The poem, "The Glissen", debuts here.

Series: H.S. 1977 - Chapter 2, Of Things That Should Never Be.

Title: Act 4, Darkness.

Tape Date: October 26th, 1976

Running Time: 120 Min.

Writers: Kevin Keyser

Synopsis:

At exactly 3:13Am on October 28th 1976 Keith Newheart wakes from another dream. In short order Keith is joined by his stepsister, Ellen, who heard him scream.

They are soon joined by the Specter, Judy who delivers Keith an ominous warning and vanishes.

On All Hallows Eve, 1976 Cindy Comings is on her way to a costume store. Keith, who too late realizes the meaning of the specter's warning, is in pursuit. Cindy plummets off a bridge into the Chicago River. She is killed.

Keith is involved in a car wreck while trying to save Cindy. Although he is not killed, he has several broken bones. This chapter ends as a shattered and grief stricken Keith leaves the hospital.

Note:

The following chapters are called the "SPECIAL" series. These tapes were written by new writers to the group. They involved minor series characters. The idea here was to get the series back in touch with reality and to act as a buffer between the rather significant events of chapter 2 and the final chapters in the whole series.

Series: H.S. 1977**Title:** Chapter 1-2A/B EVIL!**Tape Date:** November 1976**Running Time:** 45 Min.**Writers:** Pam Nigro**Synopsis:**

This is the gritty, street wise, story of Ann Albert and drug addiction. A new vision is brought to regular H.S. fans. A vision of drug pushers, addicts, and near total desperation. In to this picture is brought the character of Eddie. Is he Ann's' savior, or her damnation? (Story Copyrighted 1976 Pam Nigro.)

Series: H.S. 1977**Title:** Chapter 2-3B/A The 12th Of Never.**Tape Date:** January 1977**Running Time:** 60 Min.**Writers:** Kathy D. Lang, Kevin Keyser**Synopsis:**

Over the Christmas break; Laura Fitsimmons travels to Wisconsin to visit Jackie Kaiser. Jackie resolves that she will return to Chicago after she graduates.

Series: H.S. 1977**Title:** Chapter 3 Shades Of Grey.**Tape Date:** March 1977**Running Time:** 100 Min.**Writers:** Kevin Keyser**Synopsis:**

As the main series resumes, Keith is struggling with both, Cindy's death and trying to get caught up with his school credits, so he can graduate.

Series: H.S. 1977

Title: Chapter 4, The Ending! (Series Finale)

Tape Date: June 2, 1977

Running Time: 323 Min.

Writers: Kevin Keyser, Pam Nigro, Kathy D. Lang.

Synopsis:

This is the final episode in the H.S. Series. This episode is divided over several tapes, but unlike chapter 2, these tapes are direct continuations of each other and not separate acts.

Keith and all his friends are about to graduate. They are all gathered in the auditorium for the practice, the day before the actual ceremony.

We are able to look into the minds, yes even the hearts of the major characters. Their fears and hopes for the future.

In this episode each characters portrayed in the series is written by the author who invented them, or who significantly altered them from a minor to a major character.

The series ends on an upbeat note, with the future beaconing to the characters. Keith has accepted the present and looks forward to the future.

The final sound heard in the series was the song "Telephone Line" sung by the Electric Light Orchestra*

*(P)1976 United Artists Music and Records Group. BMI

H.S. Series Spin offs

In Audio Form:

Title: H.S. The Special Tapes.

Tape Date: September 1977

Running Time: 180 Min.

Writers: N/A

Synopsis:

This is all the ORIGINAL music used in the series. The series used a lot of music, mostly canned. (E.G. Pre-recorded, ASCAP or BMI) However, several tapes used original music played by two different bands. This music was recorded before a live audience.

Title: The Minstrel Man.

Tape Date: August 1978

Running Time: 30 Min.

Writers: Kevin Keyser

Synopsis:

Several characters from the series meet, by chance, in a small night club.

Series: Move'n On!

Title: Episode 1, Breakaway!

Tape Date: February 1979

Running Time: 60 Min.

Writers: Kevin Keyser

Rating: PTR (Pre-teen restricted).

Synopsis:

Keith is now in his second year of collage. When the state unexpectedly cuts off all state grants to the school Keith is attending he must leave and find a job.

Series: Move'n On!

Title: Episode 2 The Man In The Glass Cage.

Tape Date: May 1979

Running Time: 60 Min.

Writers: Kevin Keyser

Rating: PTR (Pre-teen restricted).

Synopsis:

Keith has moved from job to job, since leaving collage. This episode is about his latest place of employment and the new town he is living in.

Characters introduced:

James Kirk

Lisa Helms

Kevin McLister

Title: H.S. The Metamorphosis

Tape Date: August 1979

Running Time: 120 Min.

Writers: Kevin Keyser

Synopsis:

Basically, this is a combination of the first two episodes in the H.S. Series. This tape updates them using state of the art (For 1979!) sound effects and a different narrative.

Actually, this was to be a stepping-stone to a new series, totally remade with state of the art effects. This, however, never panned out.

Series: Move'n On!

Title: Episode 3 The Changing. (A Woman Named Wendy)

Tape Date: March 1980

Running Time: 60 Min.

Writers: Kevin Keyser

Rating: PTR (Pre-teen restricted).

Synopsis:

This is the final episode of the series. In this episode, Keith meets a mysterious woman known only by the name Wendy. A passionate love affair develops between Keith and Wendy. The listener will never know the final out come of this episode, however it IS hinted to in the 1991 short story "Specter".

In Print:

Title: The Trilogy

Date: 1982

Writer: Kevin Keyser

Synopsis:

The characters from the 1974 episode titled "Awakings" re-unite to help Keith through a personal struggle and to give him a look at a possible future.

Title: The Poets Corner (Special H.S. Edition.)

Date: September 1989

Writer: Kevin Keyser

Synopsis:

The poems from the series are grouped together in the order they were first heard.

Title: Specter

Date: 1991

Writer: Kevin Keyser

Synopsis:

Keith is once again haunted by Judy, in this update to "Of Things That Should Never Be; Darkness" This time Judy is joined by a new specter, that of Cindy. All the loose ends generated by "Of Things That Should Never Be; Darkness" are wrapped up and Keith steps out into a world he had not seen in 14 years. A world without constant sadness and grief for the loss of Cindy.

Title: Trilogy's End

Date: 1995

Writer: Kevin Keyser

Synopsis:

Keith, as his alter ego Kaswan, joins forces with Delineni and Taslasness to battle the evil Nebulzar! And what of Delineni?