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Letter to the Editor

Whatever happened to the House system?

When I first joined St Michael's I was put into St Margaret's House. At that time a feeling of great pride was prevailing in that House. The spirit of rivalry was friendly and engrossing. Nowadays there seems to be little or no interest shown towards the House System. For the past few years the system has been to group a whole class into one house. This eliminates interhouse activities for example in sport, during P.E. I can remember that in the good old days we used to boast about how well St Margaret's was doing but now no one ever discusses the Houses. The real proof that the House spirit is dying is the fact that last year there was only a token Sports Day.

Not many years ago the Houses went on day excursions to many different places. This is just another thing that has been done away with. Why? I am sure that the Housemasters and Housemistresses would be glad to explain why the once great feeling to pride for ones House has been left to wither and die.

A disenchanted Vth Year.

Anthony La Pato

Speakers Win

During the holidays, a team of 3 speakers beat a Marr College team in a competition held by the Troon Business and Professional Women's Association. They will now go forward to the next stage in Ayr, sponsored by the Troon Association.

Irene Kelly acted as chairman, Alicia Laughland spoke about the influence of mind over matter, and the vote of thanks was proposed by Anne Calderwood.

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Note: If you miss your copy of SMART through lateness or absence any week, spare copies can be bought from Room 26 the following Friday or Monday.

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Interview with Mrs Baird by Anon

Mrs Baird, our former secretary, was honoured (?) by a visit from two SMART interviewers.

Under a little pressure, she revealed the following facts:

She, although glad to be going to new surroundings, is very sorry to leave St Mike's. When we interviewed this VIP, she was just back from a visit to her new school. She told us that it was nice, but, as it is a primary school, she thinks St Mike's is better. Of course, she is excited about her new post, and yet we felt she was a bit wary of starting.

She told us about her 'life' at St Mike's. "It has certainly not been easy, but both pupils and staff have been very helpful to me." She said that she likes the staff, the pupils and the school.

We asked her if she could remember any strange or funny experiences. She began to tell us one, but then decided it was too personal for publication.

On the whole she has enjoyed her work as a secretary and we wish her good luck in her new surroundings.

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(Miss Dalton
Gloria Hennes)

Antonine Wall Trip

by Anne McGorry, Anna Gallagher, Ann Bennett

In the Easter holidays 21 Latin students (one male and twenty females!! Lucky him!!) accompanied by Mr Dickson, Miss Kelly and Miss Milgrew went on a trip to Roman sites in Scotland.

After recovering from our first stop at the Hunterian Museum, Glasgow University, we were all taken through a cemetery and forced to give homage to a great heap of Roman stones (two sections of the foundation of the wall.)

A short time later we stopped at a country lane to follow a short (!) part of the Antonine Wall ditch over what seemed to be four extremely high hills which made our walk seem like a six mile hike although according to "Our Headman" it was only two miles.

Following this exhausting escapade we visited Rough Castle Fort and part of the ditch at Falkirk where only one clever member of the party managed to resist gentle persuasion and remained on the bus.

Julie Forbes's word to describe Linlithgow Palace was "fantasmagorical" and this was very apt.

When we reached our "Colditz" (Stirling Youth Hostel) built in 1632 we discovered that it was complete with stone spiral staircases.

The girls in the party shared two dormitories; each dorm with six sets of bunk-beds. We all had to share three wash-hand basins (if they could merit the name) and one loo.

Some, including Mr Dickson, visited a folk-club at which Charles Martin participated by singing three songs.

As a group of third years went to the flicks, the fourth years who were left washed the dishes with the help of the two female teachers. Then these fourth years went on a haunt of the town, keeping in mind the warden's

warning to steer clear of the local talent (talent ? was non-existent.)

The following day we trudged wearily up another of Stirling's numerous hills to the castle. After a guided tour, everyone was kept waiting by three illustrious pupils who were "studying" coffee and doughnuts.

Our next visit was to Ardoch (Perthshire) where we saw the remains (ditches) of one of the Roman forts from which the Caledonians were controlled.

Then we stopped at Culross, a small Scottish burgh. We stayed there for a few hours during which time we studied the history of this village (also the talent which proved more interesting than that at Stirling.) All too soon it was time to make a visit to the Museum of Antiquities in Edinburgh.

At Barrhead, on the way home, we munched our way through fish and chips to prepare our stomachs for the return to civilisation.

However the trip was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

Editor's Note

Local talent and the 1632 (A D) Youth Hostel were obviously as fascinating to the reporters as the Roman remains in Scotland, Stirling Castle, etc. But, as they say, even they thoroughly enjoyed the trip. The third year pupils on the trip, who were much fitter and more energetic than the fourth years, nonly noticed one hill in Stirling!

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UNDER-16 CUP VICTORY ^{By Paul Doneghue}

On Saturday (20th) the Ayrshire Schools U-16 Cup Final took place at Rugby Park, Kilmaronock, between St. Michael's and Kilmaronock Academy. This promised to be an attractive game as last season both teams won their respective district trophies, and earlier in the season both had won a game against the other in the league.

The first half began with St. Michael's pressing hard for the opener. The whole of the first half saw Kilmaronock bravely defending against an on form St. Michael's attack who always looked as if they were going to score but did not against a tight marking Kilmaronock defence. Kilmaronock rarely looked like scoring with Murphy, McKenna and Nocker on particularly good form to blot out the Kilmaronock attack.

Half-time score St. Michael's 0 Kilmaronock 0.

In the second half Kilmaronock pressed forward but although sustaining early pressure failed to score. With 21 minutes gone of the second half Doran finished off a fast flowing move from the midfield by

calmly flicking the ball past the keeper in a packed six yard box. Five minutes later McAloon substituted for McKenna who had played a tremendous part for St. Michael's in defence. Although St. Michael's had 3 goals disallowed it was not until 4 minutes to go that Denvir made it 2-0. Denvir took the ball to his right and let go with a fierce 20 yard drive that left the keeper stranded.

Although St. Michael's deserved to win on pressure Kilmaronock defended well to keep the score down.

Best for St. Michael's were Murphy, McKenna and Breslin.

Stars for Merit

Doneghue	* * * *	Breslin	* * * * *
Murphy	* * * * *	Higgins	* * * *
McLaughlin	* * *	Denvir	* * *
Nocker	* * * *	Doran	* * *
McKenna	* * * * *	Jenkins	* * *
Hume	* * * *		

Written by Fionn O'Connell

Hockey International by Patricia Sweeney

On Saturday 30 March some 1st and 2nd year girls accompanied by five female members of staff went to Meadowbank for the Hockey International.

The bus arrived at the school about 8.30 a m and loaded with bags and coats and lunches we boarded the bus. At about 11.00 a m we stopped at a grill-room and Mrs Devine suggested that we have a cup of tea. We were anxious to get to the pool and so we carried on!

By 11.30 a m we were driving down the Royal Mile and to the disgust of the 2nd years Miss Lennon started to point out historical features to them.

After our dip in the pool where unfortunately no world records were broken we had our lunch.

After we had finished we were pleased to learn that we were going shopping on Princes Street. We were divided into groups of about 6 and each group went with a teacher.

By the time we had bought presents and returned to the bus we realised that we were late for the match. When we reached the stadium a man was selling flags and when Miss Callaghan purchased a flag Mrs Devine was heard to remark, "You're worse than the weans."

The match, although lacking in skill was thoroughly enjoyed by all, especially Miss Callaghan who joined in the spirit of things and twirled a rickety. Unfortunately Wales beat Scotland 2-0 but we weren't disheartened as we had had a pleasant day.

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A True Story

Eight IV pupils to teacher : "Can we play tennis"

St Michael's teacher to pupils : "But there are only four racquets"

Pupils to teacher : "Well, we can play doubles"

A Day in the Life of a Raindrop by L P and L Q

The sun came out, and I with my companions drifted up to form a cloud. By some queer coincidence, we drifted over St Michael's Academy Kilwinning. The temperature suddenly dripped; and so did we. Fred, my trusy companion, and I, formed a puddle with some friends outside the door. We lay there for some time, and suddenly a piercing ring distrubed our peaceful snooze. This was followed by crashing, banging and 'such-like' and two hundred or more black giants charged over us. I was splashed over to the school drive, where a staff car promptly drove over me. I realized it must be four o'clock! At last, the sun came out, once more, and I was re-united with Fred, in the sky. What an experience!

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Another Teacher Leaving

Mr McNeil has been appointed a Housemaster at Lourdes Secondary School, Glasgow.

THIS SPACE IS RESERVED FOR YOUR

LETTERS, ARTICLES and NEWS

Fishing Trip by Mark Laughland

On 20 April I went with Irvine Angling Club to Loch Earn and amazingly someone caught 30 fish and I caught nothing! The Club is organizing another trip this Sunday to the Clyde. If you are interested, ask me for details.

News from the Weatherman (Anthony Da Prato)

I am certain that many amongst you are wondering what the reasons behind the uncommonly good weather we have been experiencing recently are.

Since 22 of last month we have had only 0.29 inches of rain in comparison with 2.80 inches which is the normal rainfall at this time of year.

Maximum temperature was 15°C (59°F) compared with 12°C (53°F) which is the normal.

Minimum temperature was 1°C (34°F) compared with 2.5°C (36.5°F) which is the normal.

Competition : to find the best joke!

- Rules: 1. this form must be used
2. maximum length - 30 words
3. entries should be handed in to Room 27 not later than Monday at 4.00 pm

Joke:.....TEAR
HERE

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Name:.....Class:.....

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Netball

In the games last Thursday against Garnock Academy, St Michael's won 3 out of 4.

The scores were:-

- 1st VII 25 Garnock 6
- 2nd VII 18 Garnock 2
- 3rd Year 'A' 2 Garnock 16
- 2nd Year 'A' 11 Garnock 10

The games for 2nd and 3rd Year 'B' teams and the two 1st Year teams were cancelled.

Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme

There will be a meeting of all those interested in starting the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme at Bronze, Silver or Gold in Room 12 on Thursday 2 May at 4.00 pm.

The Morning Dew by Janice O'Connell

Did you get up yesterday at dawn
And go down on your knees upon the lawn?
Tradition says it's very true
That if you wash in the morning dew
Everyone at you will stare
Because your face will be so fair.
First year boys take my advice,
But you will have to do it twice.

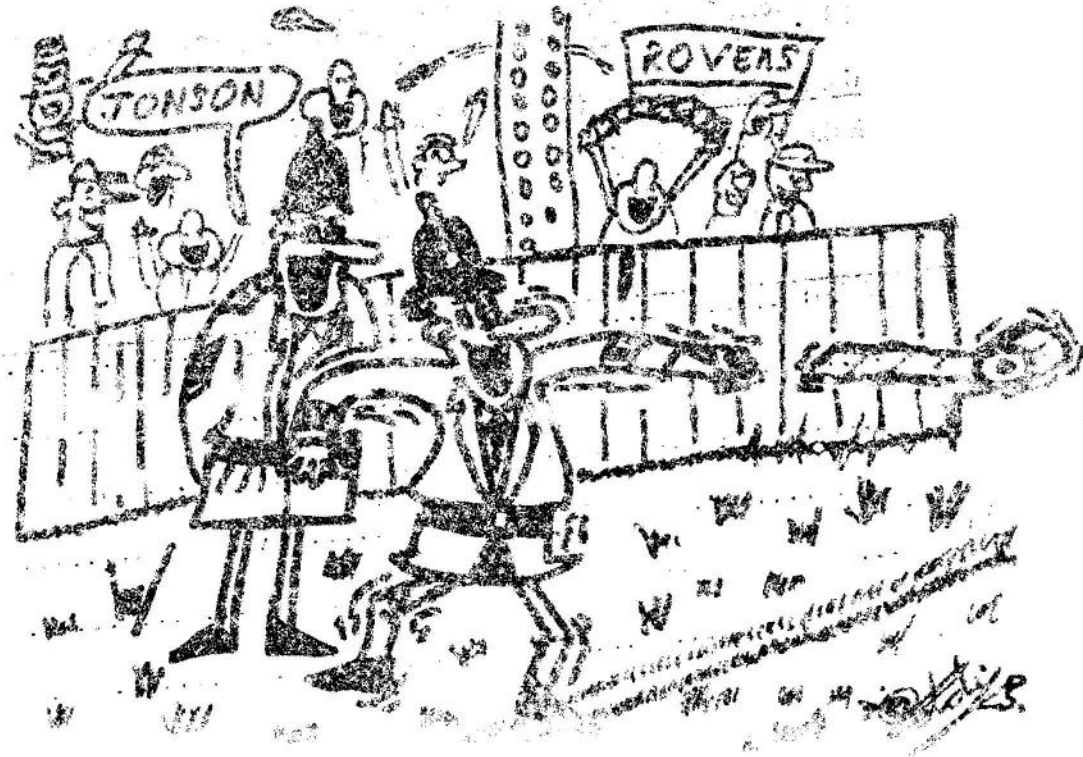
O'REILLY'S SALOON AND OTHER PLACES

St. Michael's will be on the programme of "O'Reilly's Saloon and other places", along with the other three assemblies in Irvine New Town, at the recently rebuilt and reopened Harbour Arts Centre.

The second and third year drama groups will be performing some short scenes, and first year girls will be dancing.

Tickets (adults 50p, pupils 10p) can be obtained through those taking part or from Mr. Dickson. A ~~free~~ bus ~~will~~ run from Irvine ~~Town House~~ down to the Arts Centre before the show and return to the Town House after it.

Thursday 9th May
Friday 10th May



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The School Outing by Paul Harkin and Dominic Jackson

We put to Mr Scullion a question which has been asked all year, that is, will there be any house trips this year?

Mr Scullion pointed out that instead of houses going on separate trips, it had been decided that the school would go a trip as one body. So the provisional date is Tuesday 4 June, when about 500 pupils and 50 staff will be going by bus or train to Largs, and spend 3 hours at Rothesay and 1½ hours at Dunoon, returning to Largs at 5.45 pm. The total cost is £1.10; the 50p deposit has to be paid to register teachers by next Monday (13).

Regarding school uniform, Mr Scullion said it would be unlikely that it should be worn.

Would your money be refunded if you were sick on the day of the trip? That was another important question we asked Mr Scullion. He said your money would be refunded if you had a good medical reason, but not otherwise. Mr Scullion explained that the transport company would be given a number of pupils and the correct money, so they didn't make exceptions.

Mr Scullion assured Dominic that teachers would not be taking their belts with them, and would not allow smoking.

Sister Pauline agreed with the school trip and gave it her blessing.

Forthcoming Events

- May 9 and 10 - Junior Evening at Harbour Arts Centre
- May 13 - start of 1st and 3rd year Exams
- May 13 - Mr Aitken takes geography pupils to Garth Youth Hostel for a week's field study
- May 20 - Second Year Parents' Night

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Mr Kelly by Rita Murphy and Debbie Brice

Mr Kelly has now left, after being at St Mike's 2 years. He came from Alva Academy, Clackmannanshire, and is now at St Joseph's, Kilmarnock, the same school as Mr McCutcheon. Mr Kelly said, "I will miss the staff, and for the pupils, well, who knows." He enjoyed the drama and opera very much in this school. At St Joseph's he will have a higher position as Assistant Rector. (7)

New Pupils by Sandra Cairns

As some of the third year girls know there is a new girl in third year, her name is Lillian Baxter and she is in class 3S. Before she came to this school Lillian went to Carnock Academy. When I asked her what she thought of St Mike's she said that it's not bad and that she would rather go to Carnock Academy. Before going to Carnock Academy Lillian came from Aldershot in Hampshire. Lillian has a younger brother at St Mike's his name is David. He didn't like Carnock. Lillian said that he likes St Mike's much better. I asked Lillian what her hobbies were and she said, "Anything interesting." (11)

Netball

Last Saturday the 1st VII beat Irvine Royal 10-2. but the other teams lost.

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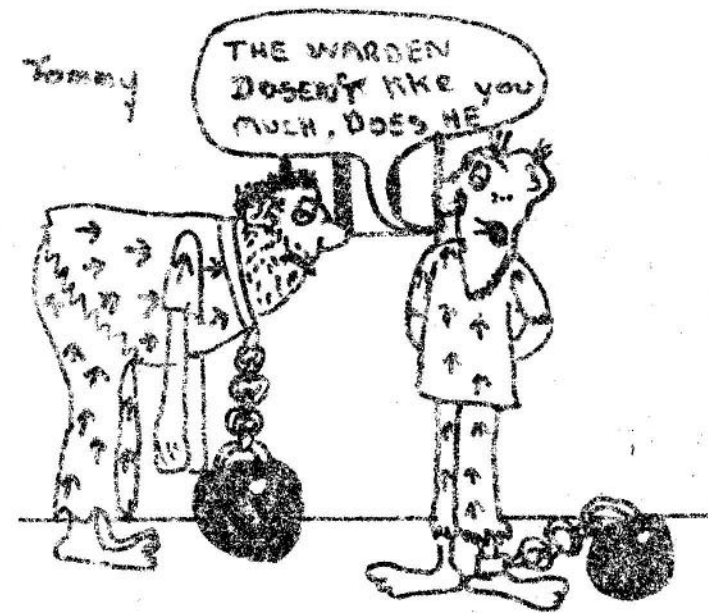
MISSING BOOKS! Mrs. Hastings, our new librarian is doing a complete check of the books in the library. Some are missing, borrower unknown. If you have any library books you have taken without being stamped, or ones you have forgotten to return, hand them in to Mrs. Hastings, or leave them in the library for her. No questions will be asked. Please pass the word onto your friends as well. Let's get the missing books returned!

JOKE COMPETITION

There was a low number of entries, so this one won easily:

Q. What do you call a naked pig?
A. Streaky bacon!

(From Yorkshire Mollus. JTA)



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A New Face

The teacher who joined the staff on Monday is Mr P Maxwell the new Assistant Head to replace Mr McCutcheon. He teaches in the Business Studies Department.

The School Trip

The response in numbers has been very good and we may well exceed our target figure of 500. Since the final figure has to be known by Monday, for the purposes of booking and organising, anyone who has not yet paid their deposit of 50p must do so by tomorrow, Friday.

More details next week.

YOUR
LUCKY NUMBER

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Lucky No Day

Two prizes are to be won this week - 50p record token and 25p tuck shop voucher. No time to lose - buy SMART now. Lucky numbers will go up on the notice board either this afternoon or tomorrow morning - as soon as all cash and unsold copies are returned by the sellers.

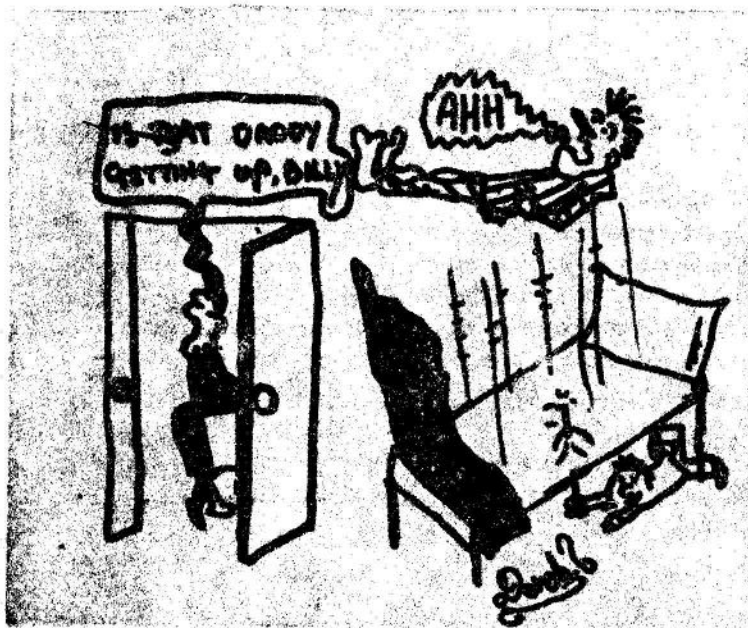
Next Week

Prize pop crossword

Be smart - Get SMART

Forthcoming events

- 20 May - Second Year Parents Night
- 21 May - First Biology field study expedition to Craigmalloch (Loch Doon)
- 24 May - Last 'O' and 'H' exam (Spanish)
- 28 May - Second Biology expedition to Craigmalloch
- 28 May - Dance display at Grange Academy
- 28 May - Some of SMART reporters visit "Glasgow Herald"
- 4 June - School trip (see Page 4)
- 5 June - The Doomsday Show (see Page 2)
- 12 June - Inter-House Sports Day



Our School Librarian by Anna Gallagher & Anne Bennett

For the first time in the history of St. Mike's we have an official school librarian. Mrs Hastings who lives in Irvine joined the staff a few weeks ago.

She likes the school very much although she hasn't had much to do with the pupils yet. She herself says, "I would like books to be returned soon as there are quite a few missing." We hope that pupils will comply with this request.

Although there is not a large selection of books in St. Mike's Mrs Hastings hopes to rectify this. Mrs Hastings would like pupils to donate any old annuals to the library as she wishes to establish a corner for remedial work.

The Doomsday Show.

Rehearsals will soon be starting for the St. Michael's entry for the Schools Drama Festival; Mrs Smith is producing "The Doomsday Show." The SMART team don't know what it's about, but they know that the cast are expected to dress in black, with black umbrellas and dark glasses!

Concert at Harbour Arts Centre by Mary Ruxton & Jackie Waites.

Last Thursday and Friday the four New Town Academies, Greenwood, Irvine Royal, Ravenspark and St. Michael's came together to produce an entertaining concert for family and friends. First on the programme were pupils from Ravenspark who did a scene called Y.H.A. The next eight items on the programme were done by Greenwood and included several dances, a poem, "Showdown at O'Reilly's Saloon" and other items. On Thursday night the act before the interval was four songs sung by girls from St. Michael's who are junior members of H.A.C. After the interval third year pupils from St. Michael's did a short play called 27 Tree Rd. It was written and produced by Mrs. Smith and the story was about a young girl, Sally Gorman, who, midst the troubles of exams etc., commits suicide. It was brightened up at the end by a short scene when Sally returned as a ghost to be interviewed by a psychologist!!! Next two girls from Irvine Royal sung three songs. This was followed by a series of national dances by first year pupils of St. Michael's taught by Mrs. Devine. Last but not least on the programme was a Victorian Melodrama done by Irvine Royal.

Mrs Smith helped as a stage manager, and Bernie (O'Hagan) and Andy (Long) were the stage manager's dogsbodies.

Leaving the "Old Place" report from Martin McAllister.

This week, Brian, Morag and Mark Kelly leave St. Michael's to go to live in Manchester because their father is taking up a new job there. Brian, who has spent five years at St. Michael's, told me that he would be sorry to leave the "old place" but that he is looking forward to new experiences in Manchester.

Morag, who is in the fourth year, is interested in the cinema and she also enjoys keeping fit. Morag is sorry to leave her friends, some of whom she has been friendly with since the primary school and she is not really looking forward to her new life in England. Morag has enjoyed her time at this school and she finds the idea of teaching as a career attractive.

Mark, who seems to be the shyest member of the Kelly family, is in first year and is interested in all sports. Although he hasn't thought much about his impending "emigration", he is quite looking forward to his new surroundings.

On behalf of SMART and the whole school I would like to say how sorry we all are at the Kelly's departure and I would like to wish them all the best for the future.

The House System (contd. from page 3)

only had appeal for the athletically gifted and had resulted in 90% passively spectating or skipping off and 10% actively participating. Under the new style of sports the % actively engaged has increased and of course the programme is still organised on an inter-house competitive basis and there is still scope in the championships for the pure athletes.

In conclusion I would suggest to your disenchanted V Year pupil that within the house system and the school sports there is still plenty of scope for good honest rivalry and competition between houses. Further I would urge him to start promoting and fostering such a spirit within his own house and thereby ensuring maximum interest, enthusiasm and participation by his house in the various inter-house activities which are part of the school sports to be held on Wednesday 12 June.

VIVE LE SPORT!!!!

Queen & Princess by Jackie Waites

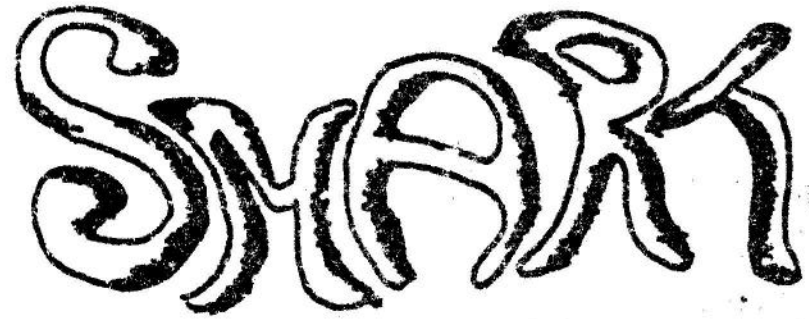
During the past two weeks, contests have been going on to find the Corsehill Gala Queen and a Dreghorn Princess. Two weeks ago four girls from St Michael's were battling for the princess. Of these four, Elizabeth Doyle IIIA was chosen. She is very excited about the whole thing and is looking forward to the big day.

Nearer home a contest was held to find a Corsehill Gala Queen and two princesses. Many girls entered and Catherine Cherry IIIA was chosen for the Queen. She has not very long to wait for her big day, Saturday 1 June. Good luck and congratulations to both girls!

The Doomsday Show

St Michael's Drama Club will be performing "The Doomsday Show" for the Ayrshire Schools Drama Festival. We are the last performance of the entire senior section. On the same night as ourselves two other schools are performing: Cumnock Academy "The Reluctant Dragon" and Ardrossan Academy, "A Trip to Bute." The festival is at Greenwood Academy on 7 June and a bus will be organised to take our supporters. Cost 30p.

SUPPORT OUR TEAM IN THE FESTIVAL



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Wanted

News - if there's no report about the school activities you're in, it's because none has been handed in.
All news articles are accepted.

Crosswords and Competitions - if you have any good ideas work them out and hand them in.

Forty Miles to School by Janice O'Connell and
Lorraine Mayberry

When Mr Maxwell, a new member of the Business Studies staff and assistant head, was approached by two SMART interviewers, he agreed at once to an interview. When asked what he thought of St Mike's he replied, "It is very noisy and much larger than my last school at Girvan." He likes Girvan so much that he does not intend to move up to the Kilwinning area. He travels eighty miles altogether each day - to school and back. He finds travelling very pleasant once he is past Loans. Travelling by car, he says, is cheaper than going by train. He is a family man with one daughter, aged 11 - what a pity - some of the females in the school might be disappointed! He enjoys cricket, hill-climbing and economics, hates football and detests Irvine (cheek!)

He has had previous connections with several members of the staff. He was brought up in the same street as Mr McCutcheon, our former assistant head, Mr McNeil was one of his school-mates, and Mr Scullion taught him PT. He says, "Mr Scullion is a very enthusiastic teacher."

Quote from Mr Scullion, "He often had to be rescued from the base of the scrum during indoor murder-ball!"

Quote from Mr McNeil, "I knew his big sister better than I knew him!!!"

He is looking forward to going to Rothesay on the school trip as he has been there several times on holiday. We wish him luck, hope he doesn't get seasick (!) and hope he enjoys his new role at St Mike's.

Whatever happened to the House System?

Mr Scullion replies to a recent letter

Recently a letter appeared in SMART from a Disenchanted V Year Pupil claiming that the house system in St Michael's had lost its old spirit of rivalry and competition between houses. It was instanced as further proof of the loss of house identity and loyalty that the school sports in their new format failed to inspire the keen competitive spirit of former years.

I can understand the nostalgia and disenchantment experienced by your correspondent but obviously he has not asked himself why certain changes of emphasis have been made in both the house system and the school sports during the last three years. Firstly regarding the house system I should like to state that while fostering healthy rivalry in games and recreative activities between houses is commendable and a worthwhile objective it is not the main purpose for which a house guidance system was instituted. The prime objective in dividing into houses within a guidance system is to create an organisation which enables a system of pastoral care to operate within the school whereby every pupil in the school receives guidance and support according to his needs both in his personal development and in his curricular and vocational choice. I think it is fair to say that over the last 3 years much more time has been spent by guidance staff in pursuit of this objective whether in classes, small groups or individually - and could I say that the allocation of whole classes to houses was to make pupil contact easier for guidance staff. With the change to comprehensive schooling in St Michael's the work load for guidance staff has increased and there are now more pupils requiring constant care and attention and more need for communication with parents of pupils exhibiting disruptive and anti-social tendencies. And all this to be done by guidance staff who are attempting to fulfill a useful guidance role with in many cases insufficient time free from subject responsibilities.

Regarding the annual school sports may I point out to your V Year writer that the format was changed with a view to encouraging greater pupil participation. It is now readily accepted that the traditional type of school sports day only/

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PRIZE CROSSWORD

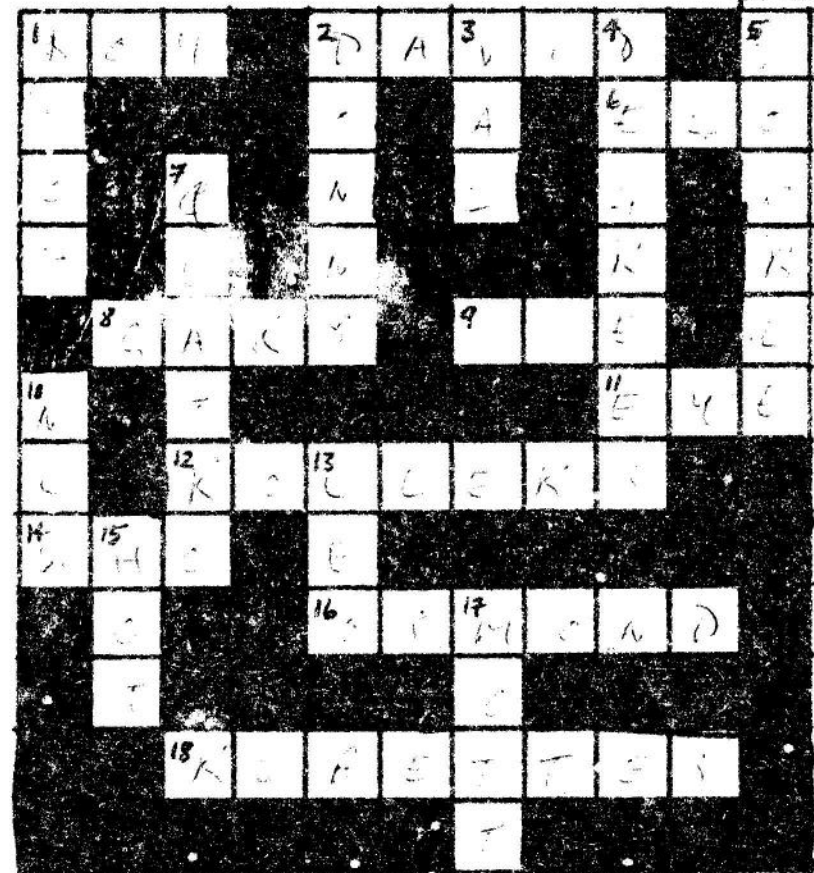
Across

1. Magician ?
2. Sorrowful man
6. This band cannot play by candlelight.
8. All that glitters is not gold.
9. Female half of duet
11. Is Van Der Valk at this level ?
12. Do they skate in the city by the bay?
14. Friends of the Doctor
16. Musical family from Utah.
18. Group with a small sounding song

Down

1. Is Charlie a millionaire?
2. The organist of the family
3. Raddy McGinty's brother?
4. There are three in this angle.
5. Furry tennis champion?
7. Four dozen in a pile-up?
10. These searchers were not old
13. The sad clown
15. How do you like your chocolate?
17. Roll the stone, not the hoop.

All entries handed in to Room 26 or 27 by Monday at 1.00pm will go into the draw for the first prize (a 50p record token). Depending on the number of entries, there may be consolation prizes.



HAND IN THIS PAGE ONLY

Name ----- Class -----

Three Students by Agnes Clifford and Veronica Eadie

St Michael's has got the pleasure of three new students, Mrs Eastcroft chemistry, Mr Traynor, biology and Mr Parker chemistry as well. Mr Parker is the husband of Mrs Parker of the Homecraft Department. Mrs Eastcroft has been to Ravenspark Academy and Auchenharvie Academy and is going back to Auchenharvie after summer. Mrs Eastcroft's husband is a production engineer at William McCrindle's, Ardrossan. She lives in Stevenston and her main interest is dancing. She thinks that St Michael's is great and everyone is friendly. Mr Traynor has been to St Andrew's and St Peters. He is going back to St Andrew's after summer. He is married and has a little girl of two. Mr Traynor lives in Saltcoats and his main interests are football, scuba diving, chess, badminton and bridge (whew!) He likes St Michael's but says it is smaller than most other secondary schools that he's been to. Mr Traynor says that the pupils are good and reports no trouble so far. Well, all St Michael's wish our three students good luck in their next school.

Pupil Engaged by Sandra Cairns

On Thursday 9 May, Jane Finnigan Class IIIF was engaged to Mr Robertson (18) a butcher in Munro's, Stevenston. Jane is only 15 and when I asked her if she thought that she was too young she said, "It's my life and I'll lead it." I asked her what her parents thought and she said that both Jim's parents and her own were very pleased. Jane's ring is a cluster with a diamond and six sapphires. Jane still can't believe that she is engaged. Jane and Jim intend to be married when Jane is 17 in 2 years time.

Lucky Number Winners

The record token was won by William Barrett IIIK. Michael the 1A received 25p worth of Tuck Shop goods, and a consolation prize went to Anne Marie Glasby V, whose lucky number was handed in late.

New Pupils by Mairi Dalton and Gloria Hennon

The most recent of our two new girls is Elizabeth Paterson from Castlepark in Irvine. She is in class IIA. Before coming to St Michael's she was at St Bride's school in East Kilbride. She has three sisters, all of whom are at school.

She said that she prefers St Bride's to St Michael's because the dinners are better and you got three choices for dinner! We asked her what she thought about St Michael's school dinners. Her only comment was "TERRIBLE"

She said that she is quite happy here, that the girls in her class are very nice. As for the boys, well.....

Our second new pupil is Angela Stewart of IS. She has been here for about three weeks now. She has a small brother in the Primary. She gets on well with most of the girls in her class, and she is very happy here.

At about 3.00 we reached Culross, a 17th century town with cobbled streets and 17th century styled houses. During the heavy shower which followed on soaked pupil remarked, "It's the only thing we've had free." But soon the shower stopped and we saw the castle and the church and walked about the streets. It was 4.30 when we all had returned to the bus for the return journey. (215)

The David Cassidy Concert by Mary Ruxton and Laura Hodge

Friday night saw the beginning of a life-long memory for thousands of girls, the David Cassidy Concert in Glasgow. After an hour and a half of records and general nonsense, Tiger Tim of Radio Clyde announced the supporting group Showaddy-waddy. They gave a fantastic performance doing old numbers from the fifties.

Then Tony Blackburn announced David Cassidy. David ran on to the stage wearing a white and silver tuxedo, and a blue shirt. His first song was the Puppy Song. Then he gave a performance to be remembered, during which he ran off and returned wearing red dungarees and a blue shirt. He sang some Beatles songs and some of his hits. Then he played the piano, guitar and mouth organ (not all at once).

All too soon it was over. Shawfield Stadium will never be the same again. As thousands of screaming, hysterical girls left the stadium they had one thing in their mind; they had seen their idol David Cassidy and we were no exception. 20

The Doomsday Show

Pupils wishing to support the school drama group at the festival on 7 June at 7.00 pm should see Mrs Smith immediately to book their seat. The cost is 30p for the ticket and bus. The Doomsday Show is now in the final stages and some senior pupils may be permitted to watch the dress rehearsal next Wednesday afternoon, 5 June, free of charge. Mrs. Smith

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Folk Concert - Assembly Hall - Friday 1.00 pm - Admission 5p

Mr Aitken by Anon

My first's in St Michael's and also in Smart
My second's in drawing and also in art
My third is in teacher and also in class
My fourth's in a Bishop but not in a Mass
My fifth is in coalpit but never in mine
My sixth is in kitten and also in kind
My seventh's in kettle and also in tea
My last is in someone but never in me
My whole is a teacher we surely all know
And away from St Michael's that teacher must go

Answer: Mr Aitken

Crossword Competition Winners

The 50p record token for the winning entry, drawn from a total of 145 entries, goes to June Bigham 1A. Consolation prizes of plastic record sleeves go to Derek McIntyre 1K, Mary Frances Gorman 111K and Marie Louise Kelly IV4. The crossword was made up by Janice O'Connell 1F. Miss. Dainton

Biology Field Work by Marade Ballantyne and Margaret Flake,
two budding biologists

On Tuesday of last week, the army disposal unit was rushed to the area surrounding the small hostel at Loch Doon. No, there wasn't a bomb but a party of 13 "students" from St Mike's arriving for three days biology field work. Armed with spades, plankton nets, quadrats, 2.5 metre poles, ropes and metre sticks we soon got to work exploring the hills and streams of Loch Doon. Then back to the hut(hostel) to a "warm" welcome of stone floors, fine walls and boards for beds. But with 14 people fighting over one cooker we soon warmed up. Then came our recreation period when we chose between table tennis, table tennis or for a change table tennis. With all these activities we only had about ten hours work time available. Then to bed where we slept about three hours.

However we all returned to St Mike's in one piece after an experience never to be forgotten by any "biologist"!! (13)

Geography Field Work or "Biggles Goes North" by the
Garth Group

On Sunday 12 May 1974 a group of fourth year boys and Mr Aitken set out for a fieldwork holiday at Garth Youth Hostel, Perthshire.

When we arrived we were shown round the hostel and field work room. That was our easiest day even although we stopped at Campsie Glen on the way there and it was that night we realised what a tremendous flair Mr Aitken had for telling jokes and putting on a really authentic American accent.

On Monday we climbed a mountain which was all of 2000 ft give or take 1500 ft studying vegetation and land use in relation to land form. Then night's entertainment was supplied again by the "Big Man" when he demonstrated to the boys how to get a lumber with remarkable ease.

We were glad of an easier day on Tuesday when we studied the functions of Aberfeldy. It was heartening to see about 40 local youths in the town square to welcome us waving meat cleavers and baseball bats in acknowledgement.

It was time to go home on Thursday and on the way home we stopped at an H E P Station and Stirling Castle where "JC" thought he had killed himself. He fell backwards giving a large high-pitched scream as he thought he had fallen over the castle wall but to his severe slugging he found out he had merely fallen down a ten inch step. (210)

J C - Superstar

With reference to the article "Biggles Goes North" paragraph 3, surely ninety per cent of the credit should go to the young lady in question?

Mr Cassidy by Dominic Jackson

Mr Cassidy (no relation to David) who is Principal English Teacher came to St Michael's from Auchinleck Academy, having taught there for three years. He tells me that he has enjoyed teaching (who's he kidding!) Evidently the boys and girls from Auchinleck are more civilised than us poor mortals here - I can't dispute this fact as I've never been to Auchinleck!! (lucky me!)

Among his hobbies are fishing, golf and youth hostelling (what's that? My mother used to do that!) He likes soccer more than rugby - how uncivilised can you get? If he wants a few wrinkles on the art of casting a fly, he could be my pupil for a while. (110)

History Field Trip by Alison Foy

On Tuesday last week some of 2K and 2A went with two history teachers on a coach to Culross, Linlithgow and Dunfermline for a field trip. We left at 9.15 and to the disgust of the boys the 2A girls got the back seats and bribes and threats would not move them. We reached Linlithgow at 11.00 and went up to the Palace where Sister Dominic Savio and the Custodian pointed out various historical features. Then we were "let loose" to explore the Palace. The boys naturally set off to find the dungeons. After about an hour of walking up endless staircases and being nosy we had our lunch beside the lake where a number of swans and ducks came up to us in the hope of some scraps. We then left for Dunfermline where we saw the Abbey and the castle ruins. We also saw the grave of Robert the 1st, Robert Bruce.

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History Outing to Stirling by Robert Smith and William Twigg

On Tuesday 28 May, five people from IS went together with some of IM and some V year girls to Stirling. The bus left at 9.30 and arrived at Stirling at about 11.00. On the way songs were sung and a couple of photographs taken. The three teachers were Miss Murphy, Mrs Smith and Mrs McGuinness.

At Stirling Castle we were given a guide to show us parts of the castle. He told us that part of "Colditz" was made there and the photographers lay flat on their backs to make the castle seem taller. When the guide left us, the teachers told us to go and explore the castle until 1.30.

We went to the room with things about the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. We then explored part of the castle and then went to the cafeteria for lunch. After it we went into the museum and looked at the uniforms, medals and trophies. We also saw souvenirs brought back from wars and a giant padlock with a key about six inches long. We then went to walk the wall at the castle and a couple of V years pretended they were going to throw me over the wall.

Then we went to Cambuskenneth Abbey. Most of the pupils went up to the top of the tower as soon as we arrived. Then all the pupils had to find certain places. We were then told to walk about the abbey. Most of the boys went down to a ruined part of the wall to climb it but they never got far.

After visiting Cambuskenneth we went to see pictures about what happened after King Alexander III died up to the night before the battle at Bannockburn. We then went into another room to see a plastic battlefield laid out like a map and blue dots represented the Scottish and red dots represented the English. After that we went to a Bannockburn Monument, then started back. We arrived back at the school about 6.15. As it was the first trip I had been with the school I think it was quite good.

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St Winnin's Gala Queen by IV₃

The choosing of St Winnin's Gala Queen took place on Friday 24 May at a concert held in the Church Hall. Everyone cheered and applauded when the winner was announced..... it was Margaret Monaghan, a pupil in 4th year, who, before that sang in a group called Canticle Fayre. Margaret was so stunned that she couldn't say a word about how she felt. But we know how we feel about it, so, on behalf of IV₃ we would like to say congratulations.

Coodham Beware! - Anon

On Sunday 2 June Miss Dorrian and Miss Lennon took 26 girls to a Disco at Coodham. Other schools which attended were St Joseph's and Queen Margaret.

As the evening progressed the hall filled up and to our surprise there were as many boys as girls. Which just goes to show that all boys are not like our anti-social male chauvinist -----

Most people enjoyed just to dance whereas others preferred to indulge in a man-eating contest, and we are proud to announce that St Michael's gained 1st and 2nd places.

A good time was had by all and everyone looks forward to the next one, so Coodham - BEWARE!

An Afternoon at The Grange by Anne Tonner

On Tuesday 28 May, 12 first year girls boarded a bus to Grange Academy, Kilmarnock. The girls were giving a display of their potential to dance, along with other schools from Ayrshire.

The audience consisted of the pupils taking part, P E Teachers and last but not least, a few of the Directors of Education.

St Mike's were on first, doing a programme which consisted of four dances. A Scottish Country Dance, a M E D (modern educational dance) and two European Dances. After being warmly applauded, the girls returned to their seats, hot, but contented to have done well. Our thanks go to Mrs Devine, who used her spare time teaching us.

Visit to Ayrshire Metal Products by Susan Callaghan

Two weeks ago a party of eight IV year pupils from the Business Studies Department visited Ayrshire Metal Products in Irvine. We were warmly welcome by Mr Brown, the Assistant Company Secretary and then separated into two groups. We began our tour of the offices accompanied by members of the staff who proceeded to show us the equipment in each department and we were given the opportunity to try out a number of the machines. These included a calculator, an electric typewriter, a photo-copier and some modern audio equipment. The computer proved very interesting and showed its ability to compile statistics with great accuracy (including those of Raquel Welch!) After visiting all departments we were taken to the Works Canteen where we were treated to lemonade and biscuits (Jaffa Cakes!) It was a most enjoyable afternoon and we all agreed that working in a busy office could be very interesting.

SMART TRIP by Sandra Cairns

As the latest pictures from Northern Ireland came through the teleprinter at the "Glasgow Herald" Offices 13 pupils from the previous and present SMART teams and 2 teachers from St Michael's watched intently. The visit to the "Glasgow Herald" Offices was in progress. The party was led by a gentleman from the offices who explained all the processing of the paper. He showed us to a room where men were making brass plates with pictures on them for the paper the following day. Among these were football stars pictures including Kenny Dalglish whom the boys liked very much also some of the girls. We also saw how moulds for each page were made from the individual lines of type. Unfortunately the pupils were not to see the actual printing machine in process but nevertheless the trip was a success.

On the way home the pupils on the mini-bus were happy and the jokes were going round the bus like wildfire. Quick and fast. The best event of the evening was when we almost left Dominic Jackson behind. Unfortunately he caught up with us and jumped on the bus.

Marymass Mary

As we go to press, the final choice for one of the Marys in the Irvine Marymass Fair is being made. The 4 in the short list (chosen from a total of 20) are:

Maureen Callaghan, Cecilia Davie, Marie McCluskie and Angela Tennant.

Congratulations to Marie McCluskie who is Junior Sports Champion for 1974-75. A clear winner with a total of 17 points. Runners-up were Nancy Loughran and Betty McDowall with 6 points each. Our thanks are due to all the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd year girls who took part in making the entrance numbers the largest in the past few years.

Our thanks also to members of staff who co-operated in allowing pupils away from classes.

Mrs Devine and Miss Callaghan

Goodbye to Bamber! by Janice O'Connell and Lorraine Mayberry

Mr Aitken, our well-loved (?) Geography Teacher, has left St Michael's (sniff! sniff!) to go to Ardrossan Academy. He has been at St Michael's for 4½ years and says that he found both staff and pupils very friendly and co-operative (is that supposed to be a joke?).

When asked about his nickname he replied very indignantly, "I haven't got a nickname!!"

He said that Kilwinning has all sorts of exciting possibilities for improvement (hugh, cheek!). Apart from football (!) his main interest is pop music - especially Slade - and he detests David Cassidy (some people won't be pleased to hear that!) His one criticism of pop at the moment is that it is rather poor. His favourite groups are The Beatles, Rolling Stones and The Moody Blues.

Much to the surprise of all, he would not like to be in Willie Ormond's position! He told us that he once had to referee a game in socks because someone in his own team had pinched his football boots. (Some team!)

We hope that the pupils at his new school will be as good as we are (!) and we are sure that all pupils at St Michael's are sad to see him go.

Scottish Place Names Competition

Unravel the following names and hand the answers in to Room 26.

		TEAR HERE
1	RUB DAN	1
2	GIRL TINS	2
3	OBDTRNUNA	3
4	DNIAKECINR	4
5	SINSEENRV	5
6	DKRKCHTIIUBGR	6

Name.....Class.....

Eloquence Ignored by Marie Donohue

On Thursday last at Ayr Academy three experienced (?) public speakers from St Michael's took part against four other schools in the Regional Final of the Competition run by the Business and Professional Women's Guild. The ALL-GIRLS team was comprised of Alicia Laughland who spoke about concern for our polluted environment, Irene Kelly (chairwoman) and Yours truly (proposer of the vote of thanks), standing in for flu-stricken Anne Calderwood.

Having been drawn first, the judges, dazzled by our spinitllating display, were so engroosed in judging our inferiours that they seemingly forgot about us!!!!!!

The victors were Stranraer Academy. Thanks to Mr Cassidy, Miss Lennon, our supporters and the friendly janitor who showed us round Ayr Academy!

Ayrshire Metal Products by Agnes Monaghan

Last Thursday another thirteen girls for the IVth year Business Studies class visited Ayrshire Metal Products, Irvine. From outside the factory it looked rather old to be referred to as a modern office, but inside it was very modern, carpeted from entrance to exit, very warm and luxuriously furnished.

We were shown to the canteen where the sight of the menu made our mouths' water, it was better than Reo Stakis. There we met our three guides, Ralph, Anne and Jim. We were also given a brief history of the firm by Mr Brown.

After being divided into groups we set off. Ralph took us first to the switchboard, which looked something like Spaghetti Junction, then to the audio unit, where they used electric typewriters, photo-copying unit, accounts department, punch room and lastly to the computer.

Our thanks go to everyone who helped make our day so interesting and enjoyable.

Talk on Ecumenism

Last Thursday, a number of people came to St Michael's to give talks on Ecumenism or Christian Unity. Among them was Monsignor Kennedy from Ayr:

"To be, or not to be: that is the question...." Can Christian Unity be a verity - or is it merely the Utopia of some white-haired old men who speak of a God already surpassed by modern technology? The latter attitude would appear to be the tepid viewpoint of sceptical pessimists, from Monsignor Kennedy's ardent point of view. Christian Unity is a must. Christ himself prayed for it on the eve of His Passion. Men and women are earnestly praying for it today. These people have faith, and faith can move mountains. Likewise, let us pray and have steadfast faith in Christ, that all Christians may unite on the one true mountain in the one true Church. Indeed the very fact that Christian Unity is being discussed is a big step forward. Faith, however, is useless without good works, and we must show a Christ-like attitude to ALL!! It is hard - but it is so so necessary, and with faith in God to back us up, it can be done.

Monsignor Kennedy went on to say that adopting an attitude such as: "You must forget about your beliefs and accept ours!" is negative. Trust and respect for one another's opinions are basic and essential even to discuss Christian Unity. But before we can reform and subsequently unite ecclesiastical denominations, we must reform ourselves - make ourselves TRUE Christians, because only then can we be the TRUE Church which IS CHRIST!

and juniors and 30p for adult non-members of the Centre can be obtained from Mr Dickson. Further details from Mrs I Smith.

School Trip - make sure you don't miss the bus next Tuesday (18 June). Be early.

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Organiser Wanted

We wish to recruit an executive organiser, one (or two working together) of next year's Sixth Year (boys or girls) with organising ability, and interest in the development of the school newspaper. The person appointed would be responsible for seeing that contributions come in on time, and that school events are reported on (by someone else!), and for the week-by-week lay-out of the newspaper. Apply in person to, or get further details from, Mr Dickson by Thursday 20 June. (37)

South American Football at St Mike's by 2K's Two most battered footballers

On Thursday 6 June, a travesty of a football match took place. The referee obviously had been recruited from the ranks of those who play rugby. This man (Mr McNeil) intended that his team (2A) should win. They had six extra men on the field every decision favoured them, they got away with every dirty trick imaginable and laughed and jeered at poor 2K who could do nothing about it. 2K came out of this game with honours, because they had played the game according to the rules as skulduggery was beneath them. 2A, of course, won the game. This report is made to warn other classes to beware of the hatchet men of 2A and their incompetent friend - THE PLAYER REFEREE. (138)

Marymass Maid

The lucky girl chosen as a "Mary" for this year's Irvine Marymass celebrations is Marie McCluskie.

Place Names Competition

Tuck Shop vouchers were won by S Latham 1K and Andy King IIIM

New Pupils by Janice O'Connell and Lorraine Mayberry

St Michael's has the pleasure of welcoming a new pupil to its midst. Ann McGovern is now a member of 1F and lives in Irvine. She says that St Michael's is better than her last school, Nethermaids. Her main interests are swimming, diving and Gary Glitter. Her main mistake (a very tragic one) since she came has been to say that Mr McLaughlin is her favourite teacher and French her favourite subject!!! (some mistake!) We hope that she will enjoy her stay at St Michael's.

Another new pupil is James Downie of 1A. He comes from Glasgow and says that St Michael's is just about the same as his last school, St Gregory's, but bigger. His favourite subject is Maths (another misguided child?) and he enjoys swimming and football. We hope he will come to love (?) St Michael's as we do!

The Doomsday Show by Iain Lundy

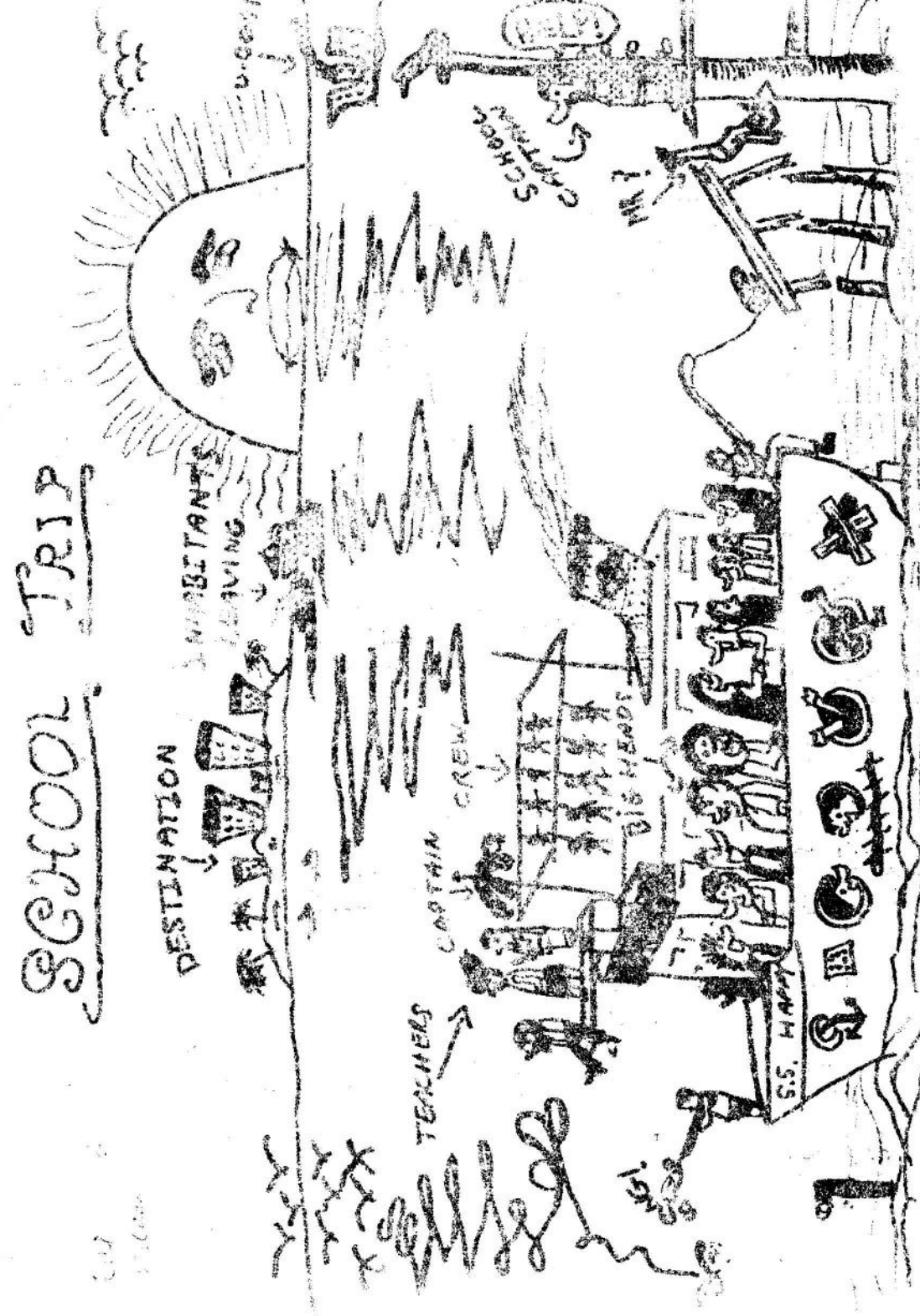
At the Svrshire Schools Drama Festival at Greenwood Academy on Friday last, St Michael's Academy Drama Group attained a very creditable second place with their adventurous and provocative play, 'The Doomsday Show' by George Macbeth and J S Bingham. This play which dealt with the aftermath of an atomic holocaust (and not, contrary to popular opinion, scissor-men and saucy wombats) contrasted sharply with the staid and conventional plays of their rivals, and brought a new dimension into school dramatics in Ayrshire.

The adjudicator praised the group on the most imaginative lighting of the festival, the exciting vocal and visual pictures they built up and the most rousing curtain of the week. Despite mixed audience reaction to this avant garde play the school must surely feel proud of their Drama Group.

and next week.....

On Wednesday 19 June 'The Domsday Show' is being presented at the Harbour Arts Centre Irvine, along with 'Know Why' by John Whiting, produced by Ardrossan Academy. Tickets at 20p for members

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Computer Visit by Jennifer Lonnolly & Margaret Courtney.

On Wednesday 5th June, Miss Dorrian and Miss Lennon took 7 V girls to Glasgow College of Technology.

First, we were shown a film and then given a short talk on computers. After being split into two groups, our group was given a short tour of the college, and we were told about the social amenities. Then we had some refreshments. (Compliments of the college).

Next, there was a demonstration of the college's computer links throughout the country, we were also shown the college's own computer which solved mathematical problems (someone remarked that "this would ease the massive burden of Miss Dorrian's homework!")

Burns Competition Results

Junior Girl Vocal	: 1st	: Fiona Caulfield
Junior Girl Vocal	: 2nd	: Anne Kennedy
Junior Boys Vocal	: 1st	: James Hughes
Senior Girl Vocal	: 1st	: Bernadette McLaughlin
Senior Girls Vocal	: 2nd	: Mary. T. McCann
Senior Boys Vocal	: 1st	: Stephen Motroni
Senior Boys Vocal	: 2nd	: Charles Martin

Mr. McFarlane reported that all entries in his section were of a high standard.

Junior Poetry Prize	: Lesley Quinn
Senior Girls Poetry	: Anne Scullion
Senior Boys Poetry	: Martin McAllister.

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SMART'S a success

This is the last issue before the holidays, and let's thank the 25 pupils who have taken part in the three editorial teams since Christmas, the others (more than 50) who have also contributed, and the several teachers who put in articles.

Let's also thank those who have been selling SMART every week to their register classes. The class which has sold most since Christmas is 1A, so it gets a surer surprise of receiving this copy free. (IV2 were selling a lot until Easter)

The number sold has been as high as 415, and as low as 200 (the petrol crisis week). The money has been used for paper, ink, stencils, and prizes.

SMART will be back after the summer, at the same price and on yellow paper again (supplies, ordered in February arrived last week). So if you're going on any school trip during the holidays, have your report for SMART ready in August.

LIBRARY BOOKS

Miss Hastings wishes all Library Books returned now

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Sports Day at Saint Mike's by Alison Foy
Lorraine Mayberry
Janice O'Connell

On Sports Day last Wednesday the weather was so warm that some teachers couldn't resist showing a leg!! Other members of staff weren't quite so daring- they preferred to stick to trousers.

St. Margaret's were the overall winners with 270 points. Second came St. Columba's with 256 points, followed by St. Mungo's scoring 234; poor old St. Ninian came last. Several St. Ninians first years claim that no 2nd or 3rd year girls took part in the competitions thus depriving them of quite a few points. The school was a hum of activity.

Mr. Dorrian and Mr. Canbell took their turn at archery and naturally (?) did better than the competitors. Mr. Campbell says that he is now known as Robin Hood! Mr. Whyte, who was judging table tennis complained that, after the sports, his head would not stop going backwards and forwards. As for the football, it was refereed most fairly (?) by several teachers including Mr. Foy and Mr. McLaughlin. Other sports included netball, basketball, volleyball, and hockey.

The relay races were by far the most exciting part of the competitions with first places equally distributed between all four houses.

Refreshments were welcomed by competitors and spectators alike. A few ice-cream mad pupils complained that the quantity of ice-cream per cone was too small for the extortionate PRICE of 3p!!! Mr. Dickson of course was in charge of this black market racket.

An enjoyable day was had by all and congratulations are given to Mr. McNeil and his victorious team.

SCHOOL TRIP (by M. Dalton, E. Harte, and anon.)

Anyone on the main road between Kilwinning and Largs on Tuesday would have seen seven double-decker A1 buses with an average of about 72 people on each, passing along the road rather noisily.

When they got to Largs Pier 508 creatures invaded it. It was the School trip!

Some second years were known to get lost while looking for Zavaronis' cafe. Another pupil was found shouting "Lena's about! Lena's about!"

St. Maura and St. Miriam had a shot on the dodgems and were seen guzzling a candy floss each! Three pupils were left behind at Rothesay, and were picked up on the way back from Dunoon to Largs.

Straw hats and tartan berets made great sales. Mr. Kavanagh was photographed by two girls while wearing a straw hat.

The amusements were also invaded by overgrown shrimps. One girl from 1st year won over £1 on the same machine! Unlike us sensible folk she put it in her purse and saved it instead of spending it again.

Once more, St. Maura was making news in the swimming pool. She was reported to be "a smashing swimmer with a fantastic figure!" Two second years were known to go all the way to Woolworths, and be late to check in just to buy a rubber penguin! Once more we boarded the boat and made our way home. On the buses the question being asked most was "Will we be back in time for the football?" This morning Wednesday, two teachers were heard to remark "Overall the pupils were very well behaved."

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Notes from Sister Pauline

As I jot down these few words for the last issue of "Smart" for this session, St. Michael's building is very quiet. Today, over 500 boys and girls, accompanied by staff have gone on the school outing to Rothesay and Dunoon. Just less than 100 boys and girls who have not wished to take part in the outing are at school.

In another few days, the Building will have become absolutely silent as the school year will have ended. We welcome the holidays that are so near at hand and hope that they may be happy and enjoyable for all. Since the S.C.E. examinations finished in late May, most of the girls and boys of sixth year have left school and started to work; those who are still with us from sixth year will leave us at the end of term and with them will go too quite a sizeable number from fourth and fifth.

We will also be saying goodbye to a number of our staff whom we will sadly miss. Father Wynne will be going to England to look after students in his congregation who are studying priesthood; Mr. McNeil will be leaving up a post as Principal of Guidance in Lourdes Sec. School, Glasgow; Sister Miriam goes to Corpus Christi Catechetical College, London and Miss McCaffrey to the Modern Language Dept. of St. Mirins, Paisley; Mrs Murray does not intend to teach next year; Sister Anthony will be taking up a Clerical Post in Mount St. Joseph Bolton.

We thank all of these for what they have done for St. Michael's and wish them every blessing in the days ahead.

Our best wishes go also to the School Captains, Barbara Boyd and Paul Dorrian and to all pupils who are leaving school this term.

Classics Fields Study

Next Wednesday, a group of 10 pupils will be going away with Mr. Dickson and his wife in the mini bus on a six day tour to Roman remains in England and Wales. They will be staying in Youth Hostels each night.

On the first day the group will be going straight to York, where they'll explore the old streets (and cafes) of York in the evening, and two museums, part of the city walls, and the Minster on the following morning. On later days, the party will be visiting the remains of Roman towns, villas, theatres, forts, and a palace.

The day the school went away. By Elaine Busby
Janice Kytzia

On Tuesday 13th June, while most of the school went away on the school trip to Rothesay and Dunoon, near enough a hundred pupils did not wish to take part in the outing.

In the morning we were told what teachers we were to be supervised by, except for four pupils who had to scrub the walls of the tuckshop which, now needless to say, is looking a good sight better.

At lunchtime, there was only the one sitting and it was a bit more civilised than usual.

By the afternoon it was a great day and the sun was shining, so instead of going to classes we were given a choice of cricket, basket-ball, table-tennis or badminton. We can personally say that the basketball was the best with Mr. McLaughlin as our star player(?) A very enjoyable day was had by all.

Editors Note.

This week's smart was typed by Evelyn Hay 1v 3
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