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EXCITING CLIMAX TO FRENCH COMPETITION

The First Year French competition ended in a tie, between Paul McGeown (105) and Yvonne O'Brien (106). Third was Linda Hall.

The competition was arranged to take six pupils, three boys and three girls from each class. It was run on a knock-out basis and lasted two days.

Out of 38, 16 pupils were left after one day, then after about nine rounds two were left, neither making a single mistake. So it was decided it would be a tie. Paul let Yvonne keep the trophy.

(by Robert Foy)

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You may have heard that I.C.I. are going to present the school with new reference books, mostly on scientific subjects. We will have a full report of their generous gift in the next issue of SMART.



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ST. MICHAEL'S ACADEMY FORTNIGHTLY NEWSPAPER

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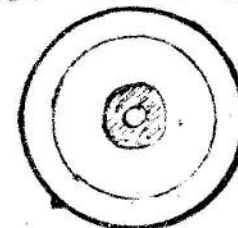
HAPPY NEW YEAR

10th JAN. 1977

LUCKY NO. ISSUE — RECORD TOKEN TO BE WON

Details, with your lucky number, inside on p. 9.

Spare copies of this issue can be bought from Mrs Hastings in the library.



WANTED : Crosswords (your own, not copied), articles, news, stories, letters (written clearly and in reasonable English).

All contributions must be signed, even if you don't want your name printed.

Hand in contributions as soon as possible: if you leave them till the last minute, they may be too late to be included. Hand things for printing to your class rep. or to Mr Dickson (room 26).

A short story to be read on a cold, dark, windy night with nothing for company except a candle.

I NEVER BELIEVED IN GHOSTS UNTIL.....

We drove along the road to Inverary slowly. The gravel on the road crunched under the wheels of the car. The road was no more than a track and the high granite mountains all around us were covered in mist and snow.

"It's going to be a white Christmas," Pauline said trying her best to be cheerful. I didn't reply. We were cold, damp, hungry and almost lost. The cold night air chilled our bones and stung our aching hands and feet. It wasn't a cheerful scene for Christmas eve.

At last I saw a light - a small spark at first, but growing larger. After a while it took the shape of a window and we could see two long, low buildings huddled together in the misty glen.

We climbed foot-worn step by step to the low doorway of the first building. It opened - heat and light flooded out and a voice said, "Come away in. Ye'll be frozen tae the doorstep if ye stand there much longer. Twa wee lassies like you touring in the car on Christmas Eve." It was Aunt Maggie a small, fat woman who fussed like a mother hen.

Soon we were gazing at the fire leaping up the chimney and making the Christmas tree shine in its dark corner. After a good supper Aunt Maggie quickly packed us off to bed.

That night I cried until I had a headache that sent my brain pounding against my skull. I had never got over Peter's death. "A holiday," Dr McDonald had said, "it will do her good. Why not send her and her cousin Pauline to a relation for Christmas?" I was frightened. I had never been the timid kind and treated goblins and ghosts the supernatural, as just a thrilling story to put a shiver up your spine and be forgotten. Peter didn't think that way.

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Even though he was my twin I still thought he was a queer sort. You never knew what was going on in his mind. At night he would lie awake for hours. It was death that scared him and I would wake up scared to look at his bed in case I had a corpse beside me.

The strange thing about us being twins was that wherever he was I always knew if any harm came to him and vice versa.

At night I would dive into bed to take cover under the blankets - my back to the door. I was too terrified to move. It felt as if someone was standing watching me and a dozen eyes burned into my back. If Peter came back to this world what would I do?

That night the howling winds seemed to have worn the blankets thin. I dreamt that I was out on the bleak moors at the mercy of the elements.

At last I woke. I was sweating (the cold sweat a bad dream brings on). Immediately the cold air chilled me until I was deathly cold.

Suddenly I felt the mattress on my bed sink! Someone or something had sat down. There was no other movement. For a few terrifying moments nothing happened. I was so scared I couldn't move - - - - - couldn't even shout for help. Then a sound cut the dense atmosphere of that room. "Cathleen," a thin voice murmured, "Come join me for Christmas." I forced myself to speak. "No! Not yet! I . . . I . . ."

"Goodbye," the voice said, "I'm waiting" I fell into the depths of unconsciousness.

I awoke in the cold, grey morning light. The cold winter sunlight was streaming in at the window. The room seemed empty except for a bluebottle buzzing noisily in the window but getting nowhere. I lay still. I wasn't frightened any more. I knew there would be something waiting for me after I'm dead - someone. I was so glad to be alive to enjoy another Christmas.

That night was the most frightening night of my life. Now some people laugh at me when I try to tell them, but what do you think? Is there anyone out there? Anything after death? All I'll say is, "believe me?"

(by S.McC., 2nd year)

YOUR SCHOOL COUNCIL

I have been asked to explain the format and procedure of the School Council. There are also a number of "working parties" (sub-committees of No1" who undertake to look into special problems. It all sounds quite complicated but in fact it is all very organised and well-run.

As the pupil representative I am a member of both No1 and No2 committees. The meetings are quite formal. Mr Dorrian is normally Chairman and in his usual unflustered way manages to maintain order and keep the meeting running smoothly. All members are mainly school rector, teachers or parents and we also have a few invited or co-opted members, e.g. Mr Stan Robertson. Mr McCutcheon, like me, is a new member and the proceedings are still a little strange to us.

The meetings are very interesting as the matters discussed are of importance and interest to us at school, e.g. at the last two meetings we discussed the possibility of the 29th Nov. being a holiday only to decide that the date will now be 17th May. As Monday 16th is also a holiday, anybody sitting exams on that Monday or Tuesday will naturally have to attend while everyone else can laze about.

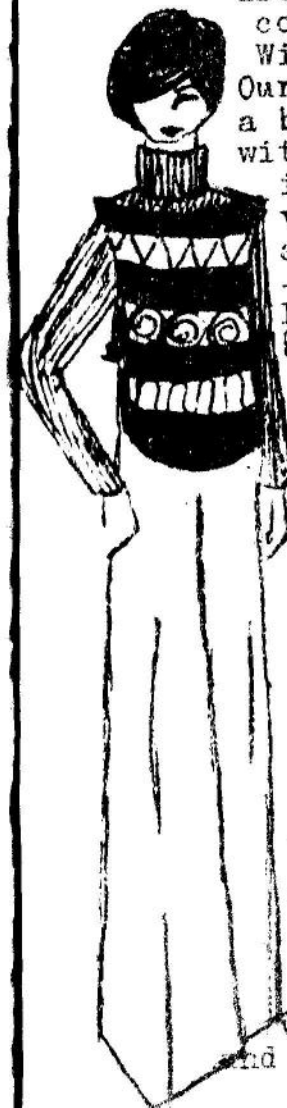
Up to now we have had three meetings, one in Ravenspark and two in St Michael's. The next one is this month in Ravenspark when we will discuss more little problems.

report from your representative, Jackie Waites, VI

APPEAL

Do you have news of any former pupils at the school? If you know anything about what past pupils are doing now, please tell Sister Dominic Savio so that their names can get into the annual school mag. which the school hopes to publish in the third term. 'Any news about former pupils from 1921 onwards is suitable', says Sister Dominic Savio.

WHAT CAN I WEAR?



Browns and beiges are the colours this Winter, also tans. Our model is wearing a brown polo neck with a tabard over it. Tabards are very fashionable and come in - lovely contrasting. Dark trousers, brown make this outfit look flattering on most girls.

Eye colour should too be brown and beige. Soft Khaki liner by "Miners."



This can be applied to make your eyes seem bigger. Metallic colours such as gold and silver are very flattering if you feel adventurous.



Crepes soled shoes and basket-weave heels are in this Winter especially in tan. The shoe shown is moccasin style.

Hair this

Winter is short. Along front flick is very fashionable. Cut behind the ears and bobbed at the back makes it very attractive and easy to look after.



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New Year Resolutions

A SMART *SPECIAL REPORT* to begin the year

Some of the answers we received when we asked people what their Resolution for 1977 would be.



← Mrs McIntyre and Mrs Quinn: "Guillotine will be used on all latecomers".

Jim Watson (203): "To behave in class."

Mr McNulty: "To steer the under 16 to win the schools championship."

Miss Templeton (the chip lady): "To make pupils have more manners in the dining hall."

Mrs Wood (dining hall): "To stop shouting at my husband, and to stop singing when Mr Maxwell is in here."

Mr Gray: "To agree with Mr. McLaughlan."

research by Ann Adamson, Alice McElhutton, Brian Teaz, & Michael Dore
illustrations by Lainey Barrett, Denis O'Connell, and Paul White

Mr Maxwell: "Not to lose my temper, and to count up to ten in Latin before I say anything". . I II III IV V VI VII VIII IX X

Mr McCutcheon: "To maintain St Michael's excellent reputation in educational circles."

Mr Kavanagh: "To suffer little children to come unto me."

Mrs McKinley: "To use the belt as often as possible because I do not feel I have had my money's worth."



Mr Attila the Hun Campbell: "To belt as many pupils as I can before the January 31st."



TURN
OVER
FOR
MORE



Miss Martin: "All French verbs should be learned" and "every pupil should be given 40 minutes homework on every subject."

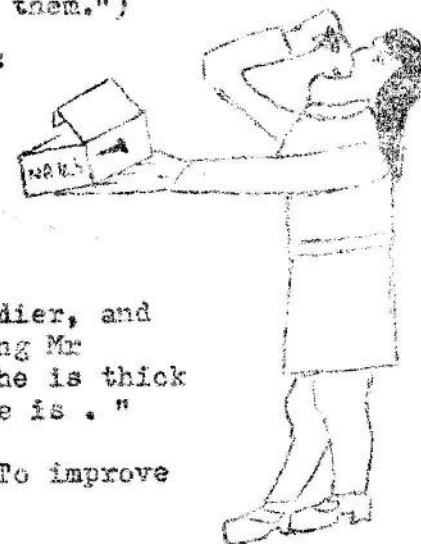
Catherine Craig: "To stop telling lies."

Mrs Boyd (dining hall): "To try to be nice and kind to my work-mates."

Mrs Sneddon (dining hall): "To be kind to everyone."

(Mr McManus: "I don't make any because I always break them.")

Susan O'Neill:
"To stop biting my nails."



Mrs Brown:
"To keep the staff-room tidier, and to stop telling Mr McIlroy that he is thick even though he is ."

Mr Dickson: "To improve my memory."

Some more resolutions:

← Denis Herraghty: "To stop certain folk from getting into the library."

Mrs Barkey: "To try to keep calm on all occasions."

Miss Dorby: "To be organised and tidy."

Mrs Tannahill: "To visit the tuck-shop less often" and "To give my Modern Studies more homework" and "To get the Talent Contest finished and find the winners as quickly as possible."

← Josephine Mellan: "To keep smiling no matter what".

← Mr. McClure: "To run through my class instead of walking, so as to lose more weight."

We have been asked to print this message:

Miss Boyle is our French teacher and we think she's terrific. When we are there we have a good laugh. We're in 102, and have a soft spot for Miss Boyle. She supports us in any competitions or anything like that. We'd like to say thank you to her for all she has taught us through last term.

The first year modelling club is held on a Wednesday from 12.30 - 1.30. There are about 20 people in it. You can join but first you must consult Mr Kavanagh. You can buy models from Mr Kavanagh, he sells quite a selection. Various models are being made at present, some being made are: Jolly Rodger, Ark Royal, Bismarck and Missouri.

MODELS FOR ALL

Some of us second-years think that it is unfair that we don't get a modelling club like that of the first-years. In their modelling club they are allowed to pay week by week for really great models. If you want to know why this is, it is because Mr Kavanagh is in charge of the first-year classes, which is all of them put together to form St Ninian. We second-years are under the name of St Columba, as you no doubt know, and Mr McKinley is in charge of us. There is one solution for Irvine people if we can't get one at school, join Strachan's Modelling Club at the cross in Irvine. He has much better and much more models than Mr Kavanagh could ever get. The variety is really superb, it ranges from planes to cars, motor-bikes, helicopters, tanks, ships and this range goes on and on.

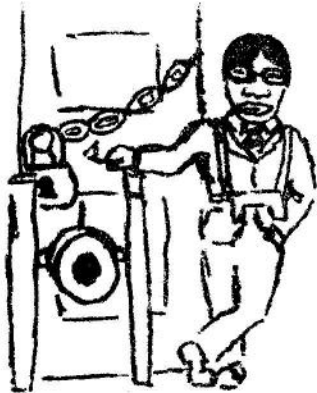
By Dennis O'Connell and Michael Dore

LUCKY NUMBER ISSUE

Make sure you don't lose this copy of SMART. This is your lucky number and any copy sold up to dinner time on Tuesday has a chance of winning the first prize of a 50p record token or one of the other prizes (30p and 20p). The numbers will appear on the main notice board at 2.30 tomorrow and must be claimed by Thursday morning.



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403 DRAW RESULTS

The Draw was made on Friday 3 December - just too late to include the results in the last issue. So here are the details:-

Teddy Bear - Alison Savage 2nd Year.
2lb Box of Chocolates - Caroline Bennett 2nd Yr
Wine - Mrs Paul.
Gift Token - Mrs. McIntyre.
1lb Box of Chocolates - Maureen Shannon 5th Yr.

The total, a tremendous £38.30, was used to buy things for the Christmas Hampers (see Report elsewhere)

NO. 43 CROSSWORD WINNERS

You must have found it a difficult crossword - there were only 22 entries. Those drawn out of the box were:-

1st Mark Laughland : 403 : 50p prize
2nd James Hason : 103 : 20p
3rd Marys Kolodziej : 302 : 10p

Although two girls helped to make the draw, no girl was lucky!

1st YEAR PARTY REPORT

According to all of the pupils who attended this, it was fantastic. The best part was when the lights went off (time for . . .). When we first went in no grub was to be seen (what a disappointment) but as the party went on the grub was handed out. We had Vimto, crisps a Milky Way, and a Marshmallow. Lucky ones got a Waifa and a Mars bar. The teachers were really doing well at the pop dancing and the twist really took it out of you. When it came to ten to ten everyone was disappointed as the last dance had begun. We would all like to thank Mr Kavanagh, Mr Scullion and the PE teachers for organising the dance and making it a great success. We would also like to thank the numerous teachers who attended in their own time.

(by J Shepherd and M Savage)

NEW PUPILS INTERVIEW!

There are 3 new pupils in first year, two boys and 1 girl. Mark Bradford, Ian Valentine, and Carol Russell. First of all, I asked Mark Bradford what differences are in this school from his last. He said he was in a primary school called St. David's in Johnstone. He had only one teacher and one classroom, and he put all his books into his desk, never had a lunch ticket, he paid for his lunch everyday he came.

Ian Valentine's answer was that his school called Bishop-halt Grammar in London never had a belt, or a lunch ticket, instead, they bought small round discs that you bought every morning. He also had one desk where he put all his jotters.

Carol Russell's answer was that St. Michael's is bigger than her last school, which was Holy Cross in Hamilton, she also had just one classroom. I then asked, Mark, what he thought of St. Mike's he he said he had better time for better subjects. Ian Valentine's answer was that St. Mike's was more fun and not so strict. Carol answered St. Mike's is ^{OK} and it is better than my other scho l".

I then asked if they preferred St. Mike's to their last school. Mark's answer was, "Yes I do prefer it because you get more work, and better teachers for the subjects." Ian replied, "I prefer saint Mike's because it isn't so strict. Carol's answer was the same as Ian's except that she preferred St. Mike's playground because it is bigger.

Mark's hobbies include swimming, badminton, and stamp collecting. His favourite football team is Celtic, his favourite pop stars are Abba and Dolly Parton. Ian's hobbies include football, golf, and stamp collecting. His favourite football teams are Hibs and Celtic. Fave pop stars are Abba. Carol's hobby is riding and her fave pop star is Elvis Presley. Mark's favourite teacher is Mr Kavanagh, he is also Ian's favourite, but Carol's favourite teacher is Mrs Duffy.

(by Mark Collins)

Extra copies of this issue can be bought from the library at lunch-time on Mon. or Tues. or from room 26.

To The Two
Super Jannies
Happy Valentine's Day
From Your Secret
Lovers

Issue no 45
1st Feb, 1977

This is to Joe Abercrombie (E)
With love on Valentine's Day

To Graham Waites
With love on
Valentine's day
From ?
+ + + + +

To Mrs Waites
Don't be mad
This is for Graham
Not his dad



P.S. We love
the heating

To Tony Waddell
With Love on Valentine's Day
From ? X X X X X

This is to Gordon McDonald
With love on Valentine's Day.

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To Mr Gill from
anonymous
address in 104:
Thanks for being every boy,
we hope you don't think us bold,
we think you're worth your weight in gold.
This message comes with love and joy.

All
messages
are
genuine

2P

Be my Valentine



TRIFFIDS IN A BOOK?

"The day of the triffids" is a good book if you like blood and guts. It is not exactly like the film, but quite near to the same story. The book is really about a group of people who have survived after the rest of the world has been blinded. The triffids are giant man-eating plants that can kill a man by eating him with its stinger.

The only defence people have against their stingers is a special gun that fires a steel ring that can cut the stingers off these plants.

The story goes on a bit before the triffids are introduced but all together it is a good story. It is written by John Wyndham.

(by J. D.)

ANY OLD BIKES?

Father Hanley (also known as Monsieur le Cure) is on the look out for a bike. When we asked him why, he said he was trying to save some of the nation's petrol. Rumour has it that after a cross-country with third-year he realises that he needs the exercise.

Most of us will want to hold on to our bikes, but if you know of anyone who has a bike they are willing to sell (not stolen, we might add) then please let Fr. Hanley know. Anything considered, but preferably not too sporty or too dainty.

LUCKY NO. WINNERS

The three cash prize winners in the last issue were all boys: Paul Duffy 105 (50p); Neil McDonald 204 (30p); and Michael Neechan 207 (20p).

ICI's MONEY GIFT

As you will have gathered from our last issue ICI celebrates it's 50th Anniversary this year and proposes to offer books to the local schools. This they explain in their letter to the rector.

"We thought it would be appropriate to mark our long association with the area with a gift, which takes the form of library books.... If you are agreeable we should like to donate books to the value of £700 to your school for the purpose.

ICI being a science orientated company our natural preference would be that these books, which would be used for reference purposes in school libraries, be used on the scientific subjects."

Mr McCutcheon says that due to this gift the school will be able to buy books otherwise too expensive within the school budget. He knows that these will be "extremely valuable for the use of all pupils", and thinks this to be a wonderful gesture during the present economic cut backs. While the science subjects will benefit to a great extent other departments will be happy to know that they will also be presented with a sum of money.

We spoke to the principals in each department who all agreed that this offer has helped them to make vast improvements in their book supplies. Indeed Mr MC Clure will open a library in his department with reference and text books on science interest-these books will be available on loan from the staff.

Mrs Anderson - biology - intends to buy a wide selection of books for the use in projects and says that they will be able to touch on new lessons like deep sea diving and coral swimming.

The physics dept. under Mr Pentleton will be buying books mainly on astronomy and the applied science subjects like photography and aircraft. He thinks that the beauty of books is that they last for a long time.

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On our tour we noticed that at the different subjects all had varying ideas about how to spend the money but held the same opinion that this was a most benevolent gesture.

Research by Paul McGeown
and Gerard Devine

INTERVIEW WITH MR WHITESIDE

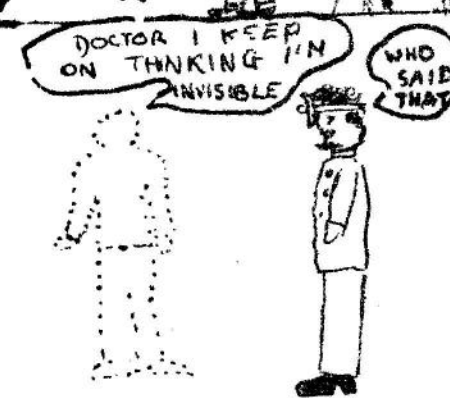
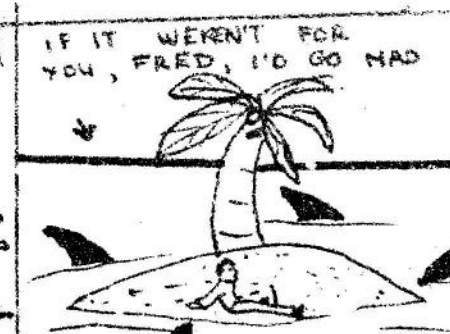
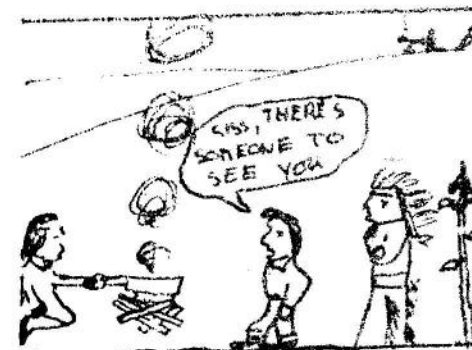
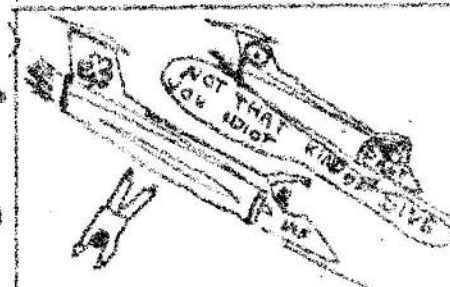
Last Wednesday we went along to interview Mr Whiteside the new English teacher. We found out that he comes from Irvine and therefore is no stranger. Before he came to St. Michael's he was a teacher at James Hamitt-on in Kilmarnock. When asked how the school could be improved he told us that he hasn't been here long enough to think of anything. We also asked him his favourite class, his answer, NO COMMENT.

Mr Whiteside thinks there is a high standard of behaviour at St. Michael's compared to his last school. He says he has been teaching too long (7 years). His favourite hobbies are football and more football. Add last of all we asked what would he do if he wasn't an English teacher, he told us a job with a lot of money.

(by AW & BT)

THIS ISSUE

Typing by Veronica Eadie, Frances Davie, Janice Kytzia, Anne Kennedy and Jackie Waites. Stapling by 102 and 207 boys and cover design by Mr. Smith. Cartoons by Doc (Denis O'Connell). Puzzle by Rosemary Campbell. Crossword by William Benson and Michael Keen. The next issue should be on February 28th. If you have written an article in this issue or have typed or stapled it, claim your copy free.



DIARIES

This is the time of year to buy diaries at half-price. St. Michael's has some extra diaries which can now be bought for the magic price of 10p - only 10p for a handy diary (for dates, or homework, or holidays) complete with inside covers useful for seasons and dinner tickets. These last 1977 St. Michael's diaries can be bought from Sr. Bernadette or Mr Dickson for just ten pence.

MAGAZINE DISCO

A disco for fifth and sixth years is being organised by the P.T.A. to make money for the annual school magazine being produced this year. Seniors from the other three Catholic secondary schools are being invited. Laura, Jackie and Maureen of sixth year are making the arrangements for it, and will sell seniors tickets at 40p; date - Friday, 25th February. (Mystery comment: "there will be no safety nets").

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

There are to be two separate photographic competitions: the first competition is for photographs taken by the entrant himself/herself. Apart from this there are no other rules except that the subject must be on any aspect of school life. The entrance fee is 5p per print with a maximum of four prints. A prize will be awarded to the best entry.

The second competition is for photographs which must be taken, developed and printed by the entrant. There is no limitation to the size of the print. The entrance fee is 10p for this competition. The subject is as in the first competition. All photos and entry fees are to be handed to Mr Pentleton before Friday 11. March.

"WE'RE GOING THROUGH A GIDDY PHASE..."

So Mr. McKinley said when we interviewed him. He also said that Second year, being our subject choice year, is one of the most important years in our school life. When asked if they approved of women's lib both Mr Mousley and Mr. McKinley were wary of their answer, Mr Mousley finally said women should be kept in their place, whereas Mr. McKinley had nothing to say on the matter.

Having been taught at this school Mr. McKinley has a sense of loyalty towards St. Michael's and has taught in a few other schools, but prefers this one to any other. Mr. Mousley, however, worked in I.C.I. for four years prior to his teaching career but was completely disillusioned by industry and did not realise what a rewarding career teaching would be!!!

When asked if they approved of giving the belt Mr. McKinley said that he only administered it is the right spirit and only to a few hard cases who deserve it. Mr Mousley, however, says when he is giving the belt he thinks "This is going to hurt me more than it will hurt you".

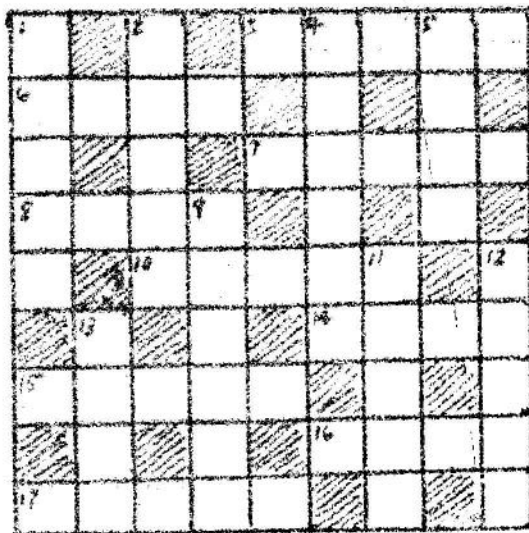
It was quite a fruitful interview and we enjoyed it very much. It has taught us quite a lot more about our House Masters (Columba).

Theresa Nelson and Catherine Craig(2)

MATCH of the SEASON

Staff v Pupils football match.
Thursday 17 February at 3pm.

PRIZE CROSSWORD



YEAR ALONG BETTER DONE

Your Name

Class

Answers must be handed in to room 26 by Wednesday.

CLUES ACROSS:

- 1 the value of something
- 6 After the appointed time
- 7 A smith's iron block
- 8 Used to catch fish
- 10 Worn by a queen
- 14 For keeping valuables
- 15 Dust; or a kitten's name
- 16 Exciting when a baby takes its first _____
- 17 To guide a car or ship

CLUES DOWN:

- 1 A sphere
- 2 A room at the top of a house
- 4 Makes new again
- 5 Below the mouth
- 9 A mere nothing or a sweet with custard and sponge
- 11 Not nice
- 12 Cuts the corn
- 13 Spot or stain

THANK YOU

A sincere thank you to those who contributed to the Christmas hampers. 34 hampers were delivered and these brought great happiness to O.A.P.'s from Irvine and Kilwinning.

Sister Teresa

1st YEAR BASKETBALL

On Thursday 20th January the first year team played against Aichenharvie. This time we had two newcomers Joseph Abercrombie and Gordon MacDonald (107). Both proved to be very good but only Gordon MacDonald scored. Paul Kytzia and James Mason scored twice. James Connell and John Hutcheon scored once also which made the score 17-14 to Auchenharvie.

(by the team)

PUZZLE CORNER

Unjumble the following lists of words to name 20 European capitals.

Budstapee	Cowsem
E.B. Gerald	Holtmooks
He's Nat	Mad Master
Lob Sin	Open Change
Omer	Drdiam
Rue Gap	Oldonn
Alf Best	Ulbrsess
Eva Inn	Herginbud

INTERVIEW WITH VICTOR STIRLING

Class 104 have got another new pupil, Victor Stirling from Glasgow. His last school was St. Vincent's Primary. I asked him some questions, here are his answers to them. First of all, I asked him what he thought of St. Mike's, he answered the school is bigger, bigger tuck shop and better school dinners. His previous school was new with two playgrounds. Then I asked him what differences are there in this school than his last, he answered "We never got a choice of meals." When he leaves school, Victor wants to join the Royal Air Force.

His favourite teacher is Mr. Mcilroy, and his favourite subject is P.E. His hobbies are golf, football and swimming.

(by Mark Collins)

Rosemary Campbell

SENIORS ON RETREAT

On Monday 31 January, 34 4th, 5th and 6th year pupils set out with Sr Teresa and Father Flynn for a three day retreat.

When we arrived, we received a very warm welcome from Fr Mel, Fr Terry and Fr Fearghal. After settling into our rooms, we all met in the "Blue Room" for our introductory talk. This talk lasted about two hours, and by the end of it we all realised what this retreat would involve. By the end of the day, we were all very drained and dying to get to bed. We all had enjoyed Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the informal Mass and the Social, when we talked to one another and enjoyed the singing of Kevin Campbell and some of the 5th year girls.

The following morning, many 5th year boys looked as if they'd had no sleep at all, which was probably the cause of certain happenings the night before, with a certain blue plastic spade.

That day, we had more talks, discussions, a disco and another Mass. Many of us felt very tired and we were glad to get to bed at 12.30am.

That night the boys' wing was quite quiet, but the girls' wing was very noisy, due to a certain 5th year girl (CP) jumping on her bed and knocking on certain people's doors in the middle of the night.

The following day, we had our farewell Mass, and a few people from 4th year were crying!!!

Everyone found that they knew each other better, and now had a different outlook on life and friendship.

The only complaints were the haunted rooms in the boys' wing, too many dead blue bottles in room 34 and the leather couch was uncomfortable and gave 3 certain people painful "derrières".

We all enjoyed the "grub", the earwigs were very friendly and on the whole the rooms were quite warm.

We all would advise anyone who has the chance, to go to Coodham, and enjoy a few days of total relaxation and happiness with their friends and fellow pupils.

Josie Mellan (V.C.)

HOW YOU SHOULD BEHAVE IN SCHOOL

Well, first of all, you should go to school clean and smart, with the full uniform on.

Then when the bell goes you should go to your lines, come in, not having your coat on either, and walk round the corridor in twos not shouting and bawling your heads off like the monkeys in the zoo.

When you do eventually get into your class you should sit where the teacher tells you, not talk or give him/her cheek. You shouldn't eat in the class either.

When the bell goes you should wait till the teacher tells you to put away your books, that's if you have any to put away. You shouldn't just pack away and get up and go to your next class, as if you own the place.

When your teacher does dismiss you from class you go out quietly and go along the corridors in twos, to your next class. Then when you get there you do exactly as the teacher says.

When you go for your lunch and break you go out to the playground, and act like a civilized human being. You don't go out, take your matches and cigarettes out and start smoking either.

When the bell goes you line up, go in when the teacher on duty tells you, take off your coat, and go straight to your class without any disobedience.

That's how you should behave in school.

(Written for Mr. Dorrian by E.C. 406)

A NARROW DEFEAT

On Wednesday the 1st year (U-13) took on the league toppers, Garnock Academy. We were unlucky when John Evans beat two players and miskicked the ball and went by. At half time it was all praise for the St Michael's team. The Sts got near goals when Francis McDonald went through and the goalkeeper came out and Franis passed to Gary Kerr and missed from close range. Paul Ruddy the goalkeeper saved us from a heavy defeat. Final score 5 - 0.

Francis McDonald (by the 1st year football team)
et al.

INTER-CLASS FOOTBALL

203:1 207:4 207 scorers: O'Connell, Mackie (2),
Meechan. 203: Judge, penalty

202:6 204:0 202 scorers: Connor (2), Grant (2),
O'Hagan, Reilly.

DOLLY RAFFLE

Mrs Brown is offering raffle tickets at 2p each for a charming rag doll, donated by Mr Gray's mother-in-law; proceeds go to the school magazine funds.

OPERETTA

The pressing question in St. Michael's at the moment is: Is the operetta still on? Well SMART can now report that it is definitely off due to Mr Westcott having to go into hospital. Therefore it has been postponed until next year.

(by D.H.)

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SALES

Apologies from SMART to all those who were disappointed when supplies of the last issue were sold out within fifteen minutes of going on sale. We sold 376 copies. Better luck this time!

PRIZES

The prizes for the crossword on page 8 are: four prizes of 25p each. See page 2 for last issue's winners.

THIS ISSUE

Spare copies of this issue can be bought in the library at dinner-time today and tomorrow. It was typed by Jackie Harvey, Frances Davie, and Veronica Pieroni. Start preparing your news for the next issue NOW!

TRIP TO EDINBURGH

We left the school at 9 o'clock as promised. We were on our way to Edinburgh. Everyone started to eat their sweets and drink their coke when the bus had moved out of the school. Mrs McAllister had a hidden team card which she passed round the bus. The lucky winner was Louise Hamilton who had had no choice but just to take the last two.

When we arrived in Edinburgh our first stop was the pool. We went in a group and were called out as the girls of St. Michael's School, Kilwinning. We ate our lunch on the bus. The bus moved down to the MeadowBank stadium where the International netball game between Scotland and England was to take place.

Despite the loud cheering of the crowd Scotland lost 21-16 to Wales in the schools competition and 42-3 to England in the international. At about 4.30 we all got back on the bus disappointed and hoarse. On the way home we got fish suppers which kept us going until about 6.30 when we got home. We would all like to thank Mrs Brown, Mrs McAllister and Miss Conway for a great day.

CROSSWORD WINNERS

The following entrants won 20p each in last issue's quick crossword:-

Caroline Bennett 202	Veronica Edie 401
Kenny McMillan 304	Margaret Barrett 501

A consolation prize went to Charles McCallum, 102 whose entry was also drawn. There were 85 entries.

THIS IS A SMART NON-REPORT

The staff/pupil football match which was supposed to be played on Thursday 17th February was postponed due to bad weather. The teachers were happy that the game was postponed because the pupils would have won 25 - 0 anyway.

We were informed that the game would be played roundabout Easter; below we print the cartoon that had been drawn to go with the report.

(by AW & BT)



HISTORY COMPETITION

The History department have great pleasure in announcing a Queen's Jubilee Competition. It is open to First, Second and Third years. Entrants are required to produce a Project of between 1,500 and 2,000 words, photographs, pictures, newspaper cuttings, objects etc. on one of the following subjects:

Queen Elizabeth, 1952-77; Royal Jubilees; Any monarch who enjoyed a jubilee;

The Royal Regalia of Scotland; or any other related topic which receives approval.

There will be an entrance fee of 5p. The prize will depend on the number of entries.

Entries should be given into your own History Teacher no later than 31 May 1977.

MICK'S FOOTER QUIZ

- (1) Here is a difficult question to start my quiz. Name the following teams' grounds.
(a) H.B.A. (b) Forfar (c) Stranraer
- (2) Who won the 1962 World Cup?
- (3) Where was it played?
- (4) What was the name of the UEFA Cup before it was changed?
- (5) Name the finalists in the 1967-68 Scottish Cup?
- (6) Name the clubs of the following players:
(a) Tillie Tonerley (b) Billy Bonds
(c) Dave Fairclough
- (7) Who has the most caps for Scotland?
- (8) Who were the finalists in 1958's UEFA Cup Final?
- (9) Has Pat McCluskey ever been captain for Celtic?
- (10) Who did Martin Buchan play for before joining Manchester United?

(by Mick Dore and P Smith)

(answers on a later page)

FEAR AND FREEDOM

Thirteen of us have been practising for our Creative Dance for four or five weeks. We have all been looking forward to the Day of Dance in Kilmarnock Academy, Kilmarnock. If it wasn't for Mrs Brown (P. E. Teacher) we would never have made it; she gave us courage and told us we would do fine.

We left for Kilmarnock on Wednesday 23rd at 10'clock and arrived there at 1.45p.m. When we got to the school we were directed by prefects to the gym hall where we got changed. Then we were taken to the Assembly Hall.

All together there were 24 different dances but we don't know how many schools were there. There were three different types of Dances Scottish, National and then Creative; our dance "Fear and Freedom" came under Creative. When we were all thanked for taking part, then we all went home.

by Moira & Janey (108)

McCluskey Brown

- (1) The Hawthorns (b) Station Park (c) Stair Park
- (2) Brazil
- (3) Chile
- (4) FA Cup
- (5) Hearts, Dundee
- (6) Celtic, West Ham, Liverpool
- (7) Denis Law
- (8) Barcelona
- (9) Yes, Aberdeen

ANSWERS to P & Q

WHAT'S IT LIKE BEING FAMOUS?

What's it like to be famous? That's the question our reporter put to Maureen and Christine Cockburn who have recently been featured in both the local and national newspapers.

We first put the question to Maureen who said at first she didn't really like it because it felt as if people were staring at you and pointing you out (that's if they could tell the difference, Mo and Chrisie being identical twins.) But, now she has got used to the idea. Christine agreed with this and also said that the publicity was good in a way because it was helping them get public support in their fight with Cunningham District Council.

With that we left the subject but wished their family and relations luck from everybody at SMART.

(anonymous)

*Maureen Cockburn
Christine Cockburn*

STARKY AND HUTCH

Yes, I thought the title might catch your eye, actually this article has nothing to do with the dynamic duo, but the very fact that your reading this suggests that your probably one of their square eyed fans. Well now that this famous serial is finished you may have an hour or so to spare on a Saturday night unless of course your over the moon about America answer to the "Saint" "Serpico" In any case why not try a book from our well stocked library. If your one of those people, who just loves a good old fashioned hero (or two) then I suggest Avalon by Anya Seton.

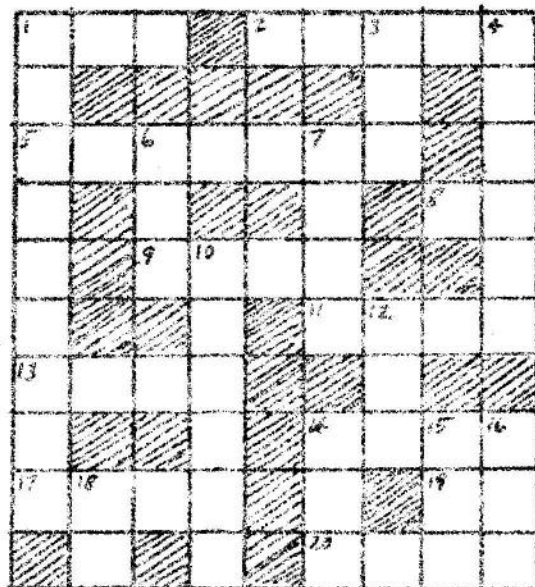
The hero in this case is Ramon and the heroine Merwyn they meet in Cornwall in the last quarter of the 10th century, from then on their lives intertwine. Each in turn experiencing fear, love, disappointment, pain and eventually they each find their own kind of peace.

This novel is set against a broad background of history among whom St. Dunstan and his efforts to reform the English church and the Vikings play important roles. So to do blood-curdling journeys to unknown lands.

Althogether it is a most enjoyable book and I strongly recommend it even if your not a Starky and Hutch fan
Annabell Miller

PRIZE (CROSSWORD)

Answers to be handed in
to room 26 by Wednesday



TEAR ALONG DOTTED LINE

CLUES ACROSS:

CLUES DOWN:

- | | |
|--|---------------------------|
| 1. lowest cardinal number | 1. decorations |
| 2. our ruler | 3. snake-like animal |
| 3. number | 4. symbol saying how many |
| 9. dotted cubes | 6. wet, soft earth |
| 11. rip | 7. aid |
| 13. signs of agreement | 10. abuse |
| 14. seize | 12. hearing organ |
| 17. stone or wood slab at window or door | 14. used for shooting |
| 19. thanks | 15. consumed |
| 20. require | 16. rotten |
| 8. a boys' organisation | 18. exists |

DIARIES: A few are still available, from Miss Boyle or Mr Dickson, price 10p.

CHESS

At a friendly match played with Greenwood Academy two weeks ago, our team won three games and lost three. The Greenwood teacher said afterwards: "St. Michael's chess players are easily good enough to be in the league." Chess players will be pleased to know that arrangements will be probably made to enable them to play in the schools league next session.

Now what we hope to be a regular feature in SMART, the teacher Top Ten.

1. Mr McNulty
2. Mr Gill
3. Miss Boyle, Mr Dewar, Mr Dickson, Mr Kavanagh, Mr McIlroy, Mr McKinley.
4. Mrs McAllister
5. Mrs Rattray

Due to alphabetical order and because only ten teachers are needed for a top ten, Mr Scullion had to be left out. Sorry Sir! He was placed after Mrs Rattray.

And to all the other teachers, better luck next time.

Voting was by 53 pupils in 1, 2 and 3.

SUPERTEACH

We saw this letter in the "Record" letters page last Thursday:

We would like to nominate our form teacher, Mr Whyte, as Superteacher. He makes school a pleasure and he is the most likeable teacher we've ever had, and we doubt if anyone has ever had a better teacher. - David, James and Colum, St. Mungo's Academy, Glasgow.

BEATEN AGAIN! (by first year footballers)

We felt let down when Franie McDonald's cousin Gordon McDonald did not turn up, due to illness. The score was 5 - 3 to Ravenspark. They went up one nil and then we got the equaliser from Denis McKay, then got another. Then Francis McDonald with a fine run - it hit the post and John Stirling miskicked and the ball went high into the net. They got another 3 goals and Denis got another and we came close but it did not go in.

U-14: St Mike's recorded their 2nd victory this season by scudding Ravenspark 6 - 4. Goals by Wilson, C. Russell, M. Russell (2), and Gilgooley (2) ensured their victory. A rather large crowd rose to the occasion. And Mr McNulty was treated for shock. In the second half Taylor came on for the injured Hayes and McCambridge for Wilson.

STOP PRESS: U-13 success!

The 1st yr footballers beat Ardrossan 2-1 on Thursday evening. Scorers were F. McDonald and T. Taylor.

TEACHER TOP TEN

- 1 Mr Gill
- 2= Mr McNulty, Mr Kavanagh
- 4= Mr McIlroy, Mr Mousley
- 6= Miss Boyle, Miss Lennon, Mr McKinley
- 9= Mrs Anderson, Mr Dewar

61 pupils in years 1, 2, and 3 took part in the poll. No. 205 pink

STOP PRESS: raffle for rag doll won by Mr. Walsh !!!!

CRANBERRY MOSS (by Angela & Anne-Marie)

There is going to be a disco held in Cranberry Moss Community Centre for St Michael's pupils every Monday and Friday lunch-time, admission 5p. The Centre's manager, A Warnock, would be pleased if you would bring in your own records. If the community centre's rules are not obeyed, then you will be denied this privilege.

The raffle being organised by Mrs Barkey for the toy dog will be drawn at the end of this week. Last week the Home Economics department made £9 from the staff by selling buns and biscuits at interval times. The money goes to the school mag. fund.

The next issue of SMART will be the Easter issue on Monday 28th March. Send in your news and reports and adverts now!

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LUCKY NUMBER ISSUE . . . Don't lose your copy of SMART. Your number is inside. Any copy sold up to dinner time on Tuesday has the chance of winning. The lucky numbers will go on the main notice board at 2.30 on Tuesday and must be claimed by Wednesday afternoon. Prizes are cash of 50p, 30p, and 20p, and, because this issue has only 8 pages, we can afford to offer PLUS PRIZES of two at 20p if sales are over 340 copies.

FIVE CHANCES OF WINNING SOMETHING!

The four prizes for the crossword in the last issue were won by Kevin Fyfe, 103, Paul Downie, 106, Karen Seenan 204, and Dennis McLaughlin, 407. There were 103 entries, but some had mistakes.

Spare copies of this issue can be bought in the library at lunch-time on Monday & Tuesday.

Interview With Mr Carr

Mr Carr lives in Irvine and he is single. He likes being a biology teacher because he is interested in things and how they work, although he is a Biology teacher, he is very squeamish and cannot stand the sight of blood!!!

He asked Mr Carr his age and seeringly he replied "over 21" (just)??

He doesn't like using the belt (but he does use it). When asked if he got the belt when he was a pupil at St, Mick's he said "no comment"

He doesn't mind some pupils and teachers towering above him.

He likes the school very much. He hasn't got a car because he can't drive (perhaps one of our helping teachers might teach him eg. Miss Cruickshanks).

Mr Carr likes being in the hut because it is nice & quiet.

He has a shetland-sheepdog called (wait for it) PEGGY.

Mr Carr says that he has no funny stories and he can't tell jokes.

(by Pauline Kulvaitis, jacqueline Gilster and Isabel Finnigan)

Another Year Older

On 3rd March Miss Cruickshanks celebrated her 58th - sorry 28th birthday - ending three days later with a hangover. Mr Cassidy also celebrated his birthday recently on the 5th March.

Veronica Edie of 4th celebrated hers on the 6th of March and Karen Guthrie also of 4th celebrated hers on the 8th of March. All in all it seems to have been a birthday month, so happy birthday to everyone who has had a birthday recently.

INTERVIEW WITH MR McNULTY

Since Mr McNulty was voted as first in the top ten teachers we decided to go along and interview him to see what makes him so popular. Here are the questions and his answers.

- Q. What were your reactions when nominated top teacher?
- A. If I hadn't have won it would have been a fix and I throw out a challenge to all other teachers "CATCH ME IF YOU CAN"
- Q. If you hadn't become a teacher what alternative profession would you have chosen?
- A. A professional footballer or maybe prime minister but I know I'd be a tremendous success in anything I chose to do but I'm very happy teaching and find it very rewarding because I'm so good at it.
- Q. In view of the recent performances of your football team do you think it would be a good idea bringing back capital punishment?
- A. Not a bad idea but seriously I would like to see more young boys taking part and pride of themselves and showing more all round efforts BOYS, must show a greater will to win.
- Q. If you could change one rule or make a new rule what would it be?
- A. School at the weekend and five days off during the week and also more maths for all pupils.
- Q. What is your favourite song?
- A. Super N U L T Y.

We enjoyed our interview with Mr McNulty and we are sure that if he had chosen to be a comedian he would have been a tremendous success.

By Carol McKinnon & Marie McCarthy

YOUR
LUCKY
NUMBER

SCHOOL MAGAZINE — a SMART Special Report

Only through much grovelling and trailing around after certain people was I able to obtain info. about the much talked about 'School Magazine'. It seems though, that although plans are bubbling ahead and everything is on the move, Mr Cassidy who is working on the editorial side of the magazine is screaming out for articles of interest. Anything (almost) accepted.

BACKGROUND

The last school magazine was brought out in 1968 and the '77 edition is being created with the same ideas in mind: to summarize the highlights of school life over the past year.

COVER

The cover design is very attractive and colourful to the eyes. It was created by the 'Art Dept'. As they call themselves, and they seem rather proud of their achievement.

ADVERTISEMENTS

Mr Burnett and Mrs Parker in conjunction are in charge of advertising, which means they must find retailers willing to grace the 'spare pages' of the mag. with their advertisements (for a small fee). Mrs Parker is so keen on setting a good example as a reporter that she even forced herself to go into a house of ill repute (Claremont Hotel) looking for an advertiser.

PHOTOS

Mr Pentleton was asked to take over the photographic aspect and, not difficult to believe, he's getting carried away!! Not to be seen without his camera, he pounces on poor unsuspecting creatures (especially 5th years) who, rumour has it, he plans

to blackmail for indecent behaviour in a certain corridor.

COST

It is known that Irvine Developpement Corporation are splashing out, the sum of \$100 to go towards production charges of the mag, which are rumoured to be £1200. But, as this is not nearly enough to cover costs, various money-raising schemes have been put into action. A disco for seniors was successfully taken out in both entertainment value and profitable gain. The price of the finished article is not yet decided.

DATE

With luck, and a lot of co-operation from pupils your very own "School Magazine" should appear on sale in August.

(research by Shirley Wright)

Parent - Teachers Association

CHEESE & WINE

Friday 18th March 7.30 - 11.00p.m.

Ticket - £1.00 - this will allow 3 glasses of wine

Further glasses of wine may be purchased.

Tombola & Dancing to records.

Venue - Assembly Hall

Tickets may be had on application to the school.

For Sale

Frampton Comes Alive - Peter Frampton

Double Album - £2.25

Also American Pie - Don McLean

See J. Downie - 4th or Mr Dickson

Both almost new (the records, that is)

13 WAS LUCKY

On Saturday 5th of March a group of seniors and juniors led by Mr Dickson headed for Glasgow University for the annual Latin Competition.

The seniors comprising of Andy Long and Shirley Wright in the Senior Latin Verse and Jim Downie and Claire Devine in the Intermediate Latin Verse were seemingly optimistic about their chances after the first hearing of their masterpieces.

But alas their Ayrshire charm was not enough to take any of them into the finals nor was it enough to win a Certificate of Merit.

So with all attention focused on the 2nd years, the seniors headed for the main hall. Even though they were 13th in line to perform their play, to the delight of Mr Dickson and the rest of the group, these same juniors made the final along with Ayr Academy and Loudon Academy.

Unfortunately the intense overacting of Ayr Academy appealed to the judges and St. Michael's could only hold on to second equal place.

The team was: Catherine Craig, Catherine Ann Reid, Conagh Sinclair, Terry Hogde, and Stephen O'Connell, supported by Mary Walsh and Mark Cunningham; did extremely well in face of hard opposition and should be very pleased by their performance. As to the seniors - well, better luck next time.

by (J.D.)

HAVE A GROAN (by anonymous*)

Q What sign was outside the music shop?

A Gone Chopin. Be Bach in a minuet.

Q How did Noah light the ark?

A With flood lights.

*for obvious reasons

Disco Report

Friday 25th february saw another disco in the school. This time it was to help raise money for the school magazine and although only 126 people turned up (about half as many as the last time) we managed to raise £44.51½ (we found the 1½ in a coffee jar)

The seniors who turned up seemed to have enjoyed the disco (so to did Mr Mc Cutcheon, he was seen dancing yet again!)

Thanks must go to every one involved, Kraisee Daizee Disco, the P.T.A. for letting us organize it, to the jannies and to everyone else who helped make it a very enjoyable evening.
(by Laura Hodge.)

SMART'S RUNNING COSTS

Smart began in November 1973 and at that time was only a one sheet issue costing 1p. This issue sold 129½ copies (obviously somebody cheated or donated ½p) The first big sale was the following January with issue 8 which sold 323 issues.

In the first issues there were no competitions but there was an editorial. In April 74 Mr Dickson decided that it was too much work to produce the paper weekly and SMART subsequently became the fortnightly newspaper that it is today..

At the same time the one sheet issue was increased to two and again last June when three sheets at 2p was the price.

With rising inflation and more pages the cost of producing SMART has risen to about £6 per issue, which means that the "team" must sell 300 issues at least to break even and find the money for competition prizes. This shows that it is not a profit making business but nevertheless with your help in buying it we can produce a useful paper
(by Paul Downie & Paul Mc Geown)