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The two former girls' and boys' cloakrooms have been transformed into two new classrooms, one for Miss Dorby, the other for various teachers, including Mr Fitzpatrick. Miss Dorby's complaint is that the blackboard is far too small; apart from that she says "It's all right". Mr Fitzpatrick has similar complaints. Both classrooms are next to the toilets and this causes a problem when the lines are coming in. Apart from these minor complaints, the classrooms are sure to be a success!

(by Terry McMillan, 102)

The 70p record token won recently by D McKay was spent on "Mull of Kintyre".

New line at Tuck Shop - Cadbury's Double Deckers at 9p. Mint Tabs are still on special offer at 4p.

Second last message on previous page is for Stephen Fay

THE SILENT MEN

Have you heard of the Silent Men, the smooth operators who relentlessly pursue and eliminate any who oppose St Michael's? 10 days ago a squad of them entered a blue chauffeur-driven Swedish saloon. Men like Thomas Barrett (whose casual appearance conceals a wide knowledge of magnificent moves), Pat Harrison (performing this assignment between hard work in school and an ATC evening), Robert Smith (whose chess skills help with French unseen), Robert Cochrane, and the Silent Men Controller, Mr Smith.

During the journey, the silence was complete, apart from the whirring of R.C.'s brain. R.S. studied a chess manual to see whether a King was allowed to pawn his castle in a black knight. T.B. intently scanned the road to warn the chauffeur of oncoming vehicles.

On arrival at Loudoun Academy the team hunted the elusive defendants. Corridors were scoured, stray teachers (going overtime?) were interrogated and, after several wrong turns the local Silent Men were located sitting quietly on the top floor. Battle commenced. For an hour the only sounds were of ticking timers and occasional coughs or whispers as the best brains in the area calculated the swiftest way to outmanoeuvre a careless King. Meanwhile the team leaders played a friendly match.

By 5.45 p.m., the Silent Men had eliminated another rival and go forward to the semi-final of the "Four Board Allegro". T.B. and P.H. won outright. R.S. drew. Beware: the Silent Men will strike again.

(the Mines) 133

ST. MICHAEL'S ACADEMY RUMOURS & TALES

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SPECIAL VALENTINE
WEEK PRICE

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Drawing by Blane Savage

VALENTINE WEEK RUMOUR -

that H.B. and friend (both 1st year) were caught in the dinner hall amongst the girls going to the Highland Dancing!

Support the 1st year sponsored charity hush-in; Tues. 21st Feb.

A WINTER STORY

As the snow fell thickly, Big D. (Denis the Menace) had a great idea; he put to Mr McCutcheon the idea of a teachers v. pupils (prefects of course) snowball fight. After a few moments thought, Mr McCutcheon agreed and Denis heaved a sigh of relief hence uprooting the tiles and causing havoc amongst the various members of the brotherhood commonly known as teachers.

The next day dawned with a coat of fresh fallen snow hiding the mucky playground. Denis arrived at 6.30 a.m. to put a fence round the arena. The time had been set for 10.30 and as the teachers and pupils involved got ready, donning everything from leg warmers to jet-powered gloves, some bewildered members of the first year made two giant piles of snow balls. In the assembly hall Miss Martin could be seen offering cups of hot tea or coffee to the teachers' team whilst Dennis (the penny from heaven) gave the pupils' team, alias bogey bashers, one square of home made energy compound each, i.e. galaxy the goodness chocolate, telling them to nibble at it as there wouldn't be any more.

To the accompaniment of Music Makers Incorporated (a joint effort by Mr Keenan and Mrs Baird at a band) our eight intrepid pioneers were cheered and booed onto the field. From the safety of the P.E. staffroom Mr McCutcheon hawled through a makeshift loudspeaker (the inside of a kitchen roll) "let the show begin."

The first person to strike a blow was Mr Gill. Wham! He hit Mairi Dalton on the nose. Dominic Jackson retaliated by throwing a bogey bashers' special which Mr Colgan caught and returned with all his love. Sr Bernadette threw three snowballs at Denis Herraghty but managed only to ruffle his tie, fracture his left elbow and break his glasses. Suddenly from behind a 6ft tall curly headed snowman Miss Cunningham made a dynamic leap onto Veronica Sadie's head and started shouting "Mine, Mine". After being calmed by Sr Bernadette she clouted Dominic Jackson on the toe with a perfectly round shatterproof Adidas snowball. In retaliation Mairi Dalton threw a snow covered Flump but missed the target completely and landed it on Mr Gill's head. "This means war" he stormed and closely followed by his

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Winter Story continued)

team mates he stormed across the arena with his bottom teeth 3 ft ahead of his nose. The bewildered bogey bashers just stood there whilst Sr Bernadette attacked them with a speel of French verbal abuse. Just as Miss Cunningham was about to demolish her snow Picasso, Mr McCutcheon shouted "Enough" and all the team members fainted and were quickly revived by Miss Martin and Blame Savage.

⑨ Peppy & Mash

news flash: The above encounter was a figment of Mash's imagination and the public are advised to . . . aaah thump

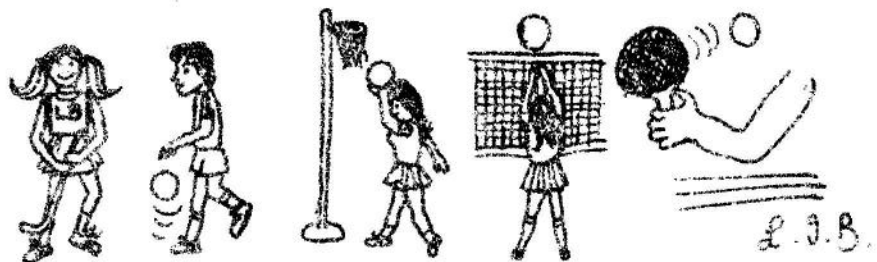
PARENTS' CORNER

by the School Mice

The P.T.A. enjoyed what one parent called a 'terrific evening' at their Burns Supper on Feb. 1st in the Needlework room. Parents, teachers and friends were welcomed by the sound of the pipes echoing along the top floor. The haggis, carried in by Mrs McCutcheon, was pined in by Mr Butler and the 'Address to a Haggis' was given by Mr Dewar. After a supper prepared by Mrs Parker and others, everyone sat back for the songs, speeches and recitations. The songs were sung by Laura Hodge, a former pupil, playing a guitar, and her father Mr L Hodge. Mr Dickson proposed the Immortal Memory (and managed to mention SMART); Mr O'Connell, PTA President, proposed the toast to the lasses, and Mrs Gray, PTA Secretary, wife of the former janitor, Mr Gray, replied. Mr Quinn gave a splendid reading of 'Tam O' Shanter' and Mr Cassidy read 'Holy Willie's Prayer' convincingly. Mr McCutcheon gave a note of thanks.

As the evening went on, everyone joined in with 'Ye Banks and Braes', accompanied by Fr Moore on the piano, and the singing echoed round the school. A visiting priest from Palm Beach, Florida, at his first Burns Supper, said that he 'understood everything'. The paper was asked to play a solo and agreed. The whisky almost ran out, but not quite. Later Fr Moore and Mr Butler did a duet - piano and pipes together! After 'Flower of Scotland' and 'Auld Lang Syne' Mr McLaughlin and his dog, who had looked after the building together while the PTA were enjoying themselves, had to close the school after an extremely successful evening.

Sports Report



News collected by Sports Ed. (and assistant).

Later you'll be able to read about the Pupil-Teacher football game practice and the exploits of the U-16 volleyball team; but first a summary of the latest news:

- * Prestwick made a successful tour of St Michael's gaining basketball victories over our U-14 and U-16 teams. In the junior game St Mike's never recovered from a poor start, minus Kytzia and having Connell sent off, to go down 65-33. The seniors too were out of their depth and lost 68-26. Mark Devine was sent off here. Hand scored twelve points.
- * The replay of the U-14 cup tie resulted in a 5-3 defeat at the hands, er, sorry, feet, of Ardrossan. At full time the score was two all but extra time proved too much for St Mike's. Scorers: Gilligan, McKay & McDonald.
- * The latest news from the 1st year basketball tournament is that a group of four classes each have a victory to their credit (101, 102, 103, 106), although 101 and 103 have played an extra game.
- * The U-15 football team went down 3-0 to St Andrew's with only ten men last weekend.
- * On an unhappy note, the U-13 cross-country arrived at the school only to be turned away because the mini-bus was reluctant to leave the security of the car-park. They squad of five were Agnew, Brolly, McBride, McDonald and Mount. The bus wouldn't start even though the five had practised every lunch-time for a week, totalling 20 miles, and all turned up at the pick-up points on the Saturday morning.

A VERY PHYSICAL GAME (a report on last week's pupil-staff football game, from Sp.Ed.)

A match full of drama ended with the honours even.

Early pressure from the pupils didn't turn into goals although both Russell and Quinn came close, hitting shots just over the crossbar. The staff skipper Mollroy, who predicted a one-nil score, covered every inch of the ground in an attempt to build up a staff move. But a mistake at the back let Quinn through only to be foiled by Burnett's legs. Half-time score: 0-0.

Cheering from the P.E. staff, past and present (Mrs McAllister & Mr Richardson made an appearance) helped the exhausted, unfit staff XII to a second half goal. Fitzpatrick was brought down just outside the penalty box and Mollroy's resulting free kick missed everyone and hit the 'imaginary' net. One-nil. Within the minute Quinn had put the ball in the net at the other end but this was chopped off. Nevertheless the pupils equalised through McCaffery half way through the 2nd half.

The dying minutes brought no further goals and the game ended one-all. A second game will take place on Thursday fortnight. A final comment from the ref.: "a very physical game".

SCIENCE CLUB MEETING

Mr Dominey gave a very interesting talk recently to a very poor representation from the Science Club members. During the war he was involved in the building and research for the atom bombs dropped on Japan. The talk was based on the workings behind the power plants at Hunterston. Questions were asked, the obvious one being about atomic waste, which Mr Dominey explained was no more dangerous than the explosives produced at ICI Ardeer. The vote of thanks was given by Janice O'Connell. (report from I Robertson Vth year)

The grand DAY OF DANCE took place last Thursday in the Assembly Hall. Unfortunately the report on what took place at it is, because of lack of space, being held back until the next issue. The next issue will also have the usual competitions and puzzles.

BAD NEWS FOR SOME: St Michael's is coal-fired, so the oil shortage will not cause any extra holidays.

WHAT THE INSPECTORS LIKED

They liked:

- * the guidance system by which a housemaster is responsible for a complete year group.
- * the standardisation and computerisation of marks.
- * the use of short interim subject reports for pupils in 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th year.
- * the use of videotaped television career programmes.
- * having visiting speakers to address school leavers.
- * the "clear and helpful guide to the academic requirements of various courses and professions, provided for senior pupils".
- * the efforts of the Guidance staff in maintaining individual contact with pupils throughout the school.
- * the establishment of extra-curricular activities and clubs for year groups, e.g. 1st year. They said: "A wide and interesting range of activities is provided by volunteer members of staff." They liked the activities for 5th & 6th years: "the 11 sporting and 9 non-sporting clubs as well as dances, an outing, a retreat and an opportunity to participate in social service" (the Christmas Hampers?).
- * they also said: "It was pleasing to note that pupils were allowed to come inside during intervals in inclement weather."

(report by the Editor)

LAST ISSUE'S COMPETITION

Winners (each wins 25p)

- because Mr Gill was tap dancing with a hippo (by D O'Connell 302)
- * Miss ~~McGill~~ jogs in and causes the tiles to crumble like an earthquake (M Keen 208)
 - * Mr ~~McGill~~ lost sixpence in 1970 and still has not found it (by K Traynor 502)
 - * the male teachers are always chasing the female teachers (by P McSorley 404)

Other answers included:

- because Mr Keenan was practising his karate for hammering people who beat him at table tennis (J Jennings 105)
- * of the smell of the teachers' feet (J Hayes 103)
 - * of all the teachers crawling on the floor begging to do dinner duty (A Keane 503)
 - * the tiles couldn't stand the weight of the staff's wallets and purses filled with money (R Waldron 203)

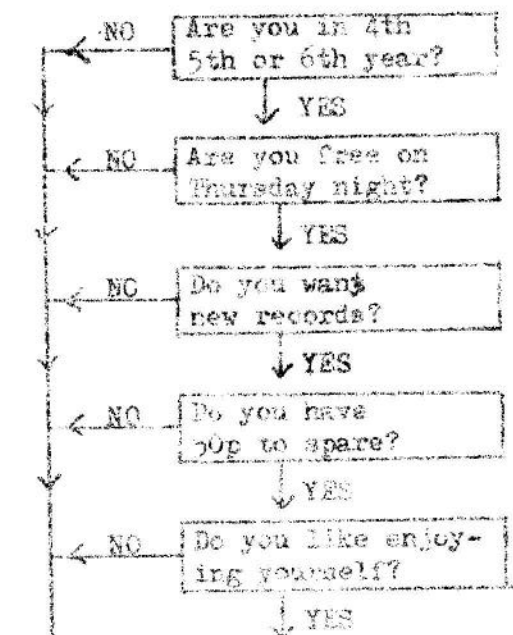
SMART REPRESENTATIVES: remember SMART meeting Tuesday interval, room 26. Important decisions taken then.

SMART assures its readers that not even the Keams know who put in the Valentines.

RUMOUR: that a SMART assistant lit up a smoke in the Editor's room! Not so smart, though, when the smoke billowed out from her anorak!

1st year disco next Tuesday. 6.30 - 9.30 p.m.
Next issue of SMART - Monday, March 6th.

A VERY SMART QUIZ 1



HARD
LUCK!

Then come along to the St Mary's Senior Disco in the Church Hall on 10th Feb. from 7.00 - 11.00 p.m. where 200 of records will be given away free! Tickets only - see M Dalton or A Millar, VI pr.

VALENTINE:

To Mrs McIntyre and Mrs G.,
From SMART and all its crew,
We like you and we love you,
And hope this has said "Thank you",

(an original poem by "Joe")

RUMOUR for parents: There may soon be a 1st year parents' night and a P.T.A. Open Night.

O'BITCHERY

Dennis Herraghty: passed on to pastures green 10/2/78
Deeply hated by all except . . .

We all have to go sometime and Denis, SMART's 'Ace' reporter for three years, finally kicked the bucket last Friday. His remains will be scattered over Greater Glasgow Passenger Transport Executive's offices in Glasgow today where he will 'haunt' the secretaries and generally make a nuisance of himself while working as a Wages Clerk (tea-boy). Each morning he will disappear into the wide blue yonder on a Western S.M.T. 'bus. The bad news is that he will return at the first opportunity.

Hidden in the darkest corner of the library we found this will, signed by the great man himself:

"To Mr Dickson - all my ideas;
to the teacher or dinner duty - my spiritual assistance;
to Mr Scullion - I leave my 'chitty';
to Mrs Gardner - my key;
to Mrs Rattray - my room in the library; and
to the library - all my Noddy books and Teddy Bear annuals.

and a Valentine's message:

To K.F. 'See you to-night !@!
Finally may I let it be known that all articles written by 'Ace' or 'P.G.' were my work."

R.I.P.

(report from a 2nd year reporter)

Editor's note: SMART sincerely wishes Denis every happiness and success in his new job. We are sure that the Wages Dept. will soon be marching, on the left, in twos, their coats off, presenting dinner tickets and returning library books on time.

From a poem by K.F.

First he shouts and
then he glares
And at the poor first years
He stands and stares.

Now, Denis the
menace
No more may send
The poor wee
1st years
To the end.



FOR SALE - - -

Four year old black horse: as new; one owner; good runner; See Anne Weideger 1st year or SMART (low fuel consumption; 1 h.p. engine - that's the horse, not SMART)

CALCULATOR, with memory, £4. See Paul Davie, 206 or SMART.

SNOOKER TABLE, new, was £85, offered for £35. Nothing wrong with it; family got new furniture so not enough room left for it. A bargain. See Paul Duffy, 204 or SMART.

PUPPIES, some still left. Very low price if going to good home. See Anne Weideger or SMART.

A Burns type poem for Valentine's week:

TO THE LASSIES IN 203

All bonnie lassies I must confess
Are pleasant to the eye.
But to fancy any in 203 -
I'd surely rather die.

Sharon's looks are pretty sweet;
Tracy dresses clean and neat;
Shirley, Anne and Clare too
Have qualities, . . well, that's no' true.

But if they only had some complexion.
We might show a little affection.
Well, let's face it - where would we be?
Without them there'd be no 203.

But come on lads and raise y'r glasses
To all these bonnie, bonnie lassies;
Although they're fair as nature's face
They're danger to the human race.

FOR SALE:

Queen L.P.
News of the World
See A. McCaffery
302 or SMART

by J.M. 203

HOLIDAY - Don't forget - the school is on holiday this Friday (17th) and next Monday (20th).

A FUTURE WITHOUT HOPE

Last weekend an M.P. said that soon boys and girls would be leaving school who would never find regular work. While he may be wrong, the fact remains that jobs are not going to be easy to get. For every job there are 20 school-leavers. There are no prizes for being second in an interview. So is there anything that you can do to improve your chances? The short answer is: begin by improving yourself! The better your Leaving Certificate the better your chances of getting not just a job, but perhaps a good job. Secondly, you have to look smart! Employers are becoming very fussy about whom they pick. Tidiness doesn't just happen, nor does politeness: they are habits. Take a good look at yourself. Now, honestly, would you give yourself a job, or is there someone else in the class who is neater? You simply can't afford to be second best. Why not get into training for the future and start cultivating some good habits before it's too late? *17. 11. 74* (by 'Comment')

FIRST YEAR DISCO

On Tues. 14th Feb. 1st year had their St Valentine's Disco. First year of Kilwinning Academy were also there.

When the first record was put on a couple of brave first year girls got up to dance and it started a riot. Everyone was on their feet singing, dancing and leaping about.

The tuckshop was mobbed from the start and the poor fifth years who were manning it seemed boxed in.

A skateboard display was arranged but was called off at the last minute.

S.H. and P.B. were seen dancing cheek to cheek to the 'Mull of Kintyre'. A couple of Kilwinning Academy first years were courting in the corner. Mr McIlroy was our dynamic disc jockey with Miss Cunningham assisting him.

At nine o'clock Mr Colgan said that no-one was to leave as at half past the police would make sure everyone got home okay.

At the end everyone gave a cheer for Kilwinning and they cheered for us. Mr Colgan said that if we were not invited to their discos we wouldn't say any more about it.

(report from Frances Traynor)

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STOP PRESS:

Pupils 1 (McCaffrey) Staff 1 (Richardson)
CHESS: Juniors won 2 games
(O'Connell, Keenan) against Greenwood

U-19 AYRSHIRE CUP SEMI-FINAL

Trying to reach their second final in a year and playing for the first time in green and white strips, St Mike's took the field to a rapturous reception from their ten loyal supporters.

But despite the large crowd and the new strips, Queen Margaret, our opponents, drew first blood when 'keeper Carslaw did his impersonation of Ray Clemence and had to watch the ball trickle into the net via a hole in his legs. Although we fought back bravely we went in at half-time still trailing by a goal.

In the second half St Michael's piled on the pressure but to no avail. Eventually the pressure paid off when EDDIE GILHOOLEY picked up a through ball and battered it past the despairing arms of the Queen Margaret goalie. With ten minutes remaining, St Mike's made a double substitution with McKENNA and DOYLE coming on for FARRELL and BENNET. This substitution paid off with only minutes remaining when Doyle (who could have been likened to Killie's Dave Provan) rammed home the winner, much to the delight of the crowd.

Notable performances came from Russell, Traynor, Farrell, Gilhooley, Quinn, McCaffrey, Bennet, McKenna and Doyle. Magnificent performances came from Chambers, McMillan, Carslaw and the elusive Poy.

Details of the final have yet to be arranged but your support is essential. For further details watch SMART.

(by WPC & SF & RM)

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LATIN SUCCESS

On Sat., 25th Feb., a group of St Mike's pupils went to Glasgow University to compete in a Latin Speaking Competition, led by our faithful Latin teacher. After a journey in our rusty, trusty mini-wagon, we arrived and were led into a lecture room where the other competitors were seated. Ten minutes later, after much nail biting and knee knocking our number was called, and led by the brave Dennis McKay we walked onto the platform. The play went without a hitch and after the great applause of one person (kid on?) we returned to our seats. Later, to our great astonishment, we heard that, out of 20 entries in our section, we had been placed 3rd equal. (The six stars were Sharon Richardson, Yvonne O'Brien, Paul McGeown, Dennis McKay, James Mason & Russell Waldron.)

After lunch in the Uni. canteen, the girls, needing to spend a penny, walked downstairs to what we thought was the girls' loo. Unknown to us we had taken the wrong turning and with the help of an extremely embarrassed student we eventually reached the correct loo.

After waiting in the rain for half an hour we decided to give up Star Wars as a lost cause, and, eventually, in the pouring rain, decided to go and see Basu Geste.

After that we went back to the rusty, trusty mini-wagon and started the long, weary drive home. The journey took roughly an hour and all in all everyone enjoyed themselves.

(report by some of the group)

St Michael's, A. D. 1981, A. D. 1981

PAGE THREE PROFILE

The Editor thought there were too many interviews with teachers, so we have started a series of 'Page Three Profiles' - an interview with a charming St Michael's lassie, whose birth-day is today.

Unfortunately she is too shy and does not wish to be named, but it is rumoured that she is of 5th year.

Favourite pastimes: dancing, listening to records, and meeting new people in new places.

Ambitions: - to be a good dancer (Para People) but not to make a career of it.
 - to pass my driving test first time (before I've left school)
 - to be a good nurse and work my way to the top before I'm 30
 - to meet John Conteh & Max Boyce (he's cute).

Secret Desire: to wash a really dirty window or a train or a bus etc... so I can see how clean it is underneath.

Likes: chocolate, my teddy, free periods.

Dislikes: pies, children.

Thoughts about school:

- * I like the school but hate the work. I think the study room is a success and that we need more of them.
- * I think that some of the teachers could try to see our points of view instead of trying to MAKE us see theirs.
- * The Music Dept. are helping pupils to take an interest in music, providing good interest for the pupils and doing a good job.

Main hope: that Scotland wins the World Cup.

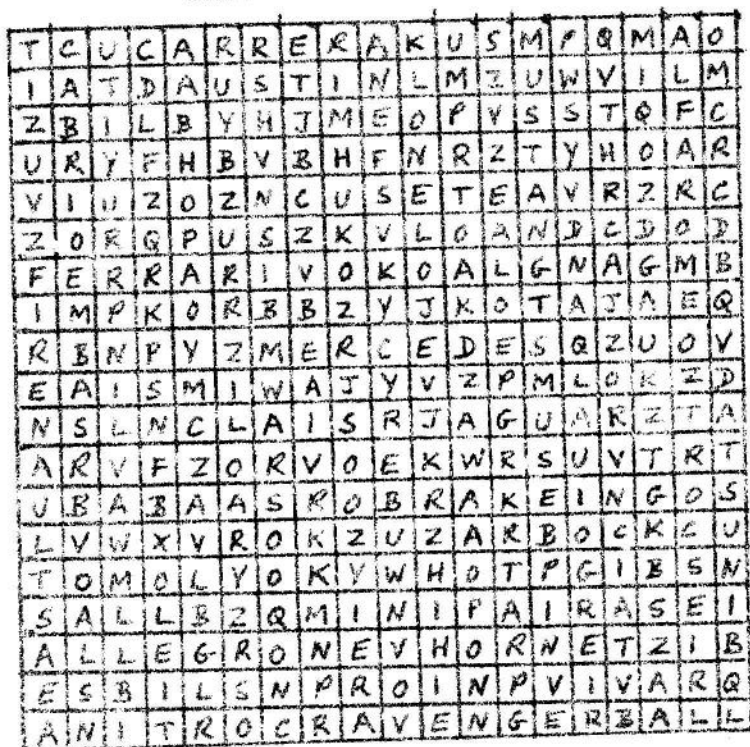
Lucky Numbers: 6 (it brings me luck).

From SMART to PAGE THREE PROFILE: Thanks for helping.
 Happy Birthday!

(information obtained by "The Big Yin")

STOP PRESS : "Oliver" will star both John Stirling and Gordon Romney in the title part.
 Full details in next issue.

FIND THE CARS



Find: ALFA-ROMEO, ALLEGRO, AUSTIN, BMW, CABRIO,
CARRERA, COBRA, CORTINA, DATSUN, ESCORT,
FERRARI, FIAT, FORD, HORNET, IMP, MASERATI,
MERCEDES, MINI, MUSTANG, PORSCHE, RENAULT,
ROVER, SAAB and VIVA.

Last week some of 3rd year were taken to the fish farm
at Hunterston by Mrs Anderson . . and brought back.

Forthcoming trips include: school trip to Germany (Easter);

Some of 102 researching a project at Magnum;
visits by 104 & 105 to Smithstone House;
visit for 3rd-6th years to Art exhibition at Ayr;
chess to Garnock Academy today;
Classics Dept. visit to York (3rd year)(June);
senior trip round England in July (Classics Dept.).
SMART visit to STV (if you hand in the entry form).

THE SCHOOL COUNCIL

(by Michael Dillon, St Michael's pupils' representative on the Irvine North School Council)

On being asked to write an article on the workings of the School Council, as your democratically elected representative, I had originally intended to give a report on a specific meeting, namely the one which took place on Tuesday 21st Feb. However so little of interest occurred that I thought I would give a systematic breakdown of this elite body for your education and/or amusement.

Perhaps I should begin by explaining how one gains entry to the Council, as a pupil representative in the first place. At the start of 6th year, various offices such as prefect, captain, council representative, are offered to you, rather as coloured bands to the Indians. If you are confident enough, nay, pioneering enough, to enter the mini-election for the School Council, your name is automatically entered on the list of prospective candidates. 6th year then vote and it is only my immeasurable modesty which prevents me from revealing that my victory was totally overwhelming. (Sorry, Shirley.)

Very early on I realised that School Councils did not discuss the allocation of attractive female pupils throughout the region. This came as a bitter blow as I had rather hoped to improve the situation in St Mike's. Instead the more eager members of the Council immersed themselves in various topics pertinent to school affairs such as single day holidays for 1979 and various educational reports right through to the power a school has to independently suspend or expel a pupil. In the final analysis it seemed to me that the Council lacked power and could only make recommendations, even after lengthy debates.

There are about 30 members on the North Irvine School Council, these being drawn from teaching staff, janitors, pupils, parents and the police and clergy. Meetings are held in the conference room of the new Kilwinning Academy and are, in fact,

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open to the public though I have yet to see a spectator. Our own Mr Dorrian, who was a very competent and able chairman, has just resigned from the Council and I am sure his diplomatic influence will be greatly missed.

For this pupil the School Council is a valuable insight into the decision-making processes and I must confess to having been rather bewildered by its complexity and enormity.

Michael Dillon, Captain,
School Council Representative

A FOOTBALL PLAYER

Last week I interviewed Mr McClure. He told me that if he wasn't a teacher he would like to be a football player. He was born in Troon and also lives there. When he was young he went to Marr College in Troon.

Although Muhammed Ali was beaten by Leon Spinks, he would still like to meet him. His favourite pop star, pop group and film star are Glen Campbell, Abba and Jack Nicholson. His biggest heroes are the Stranglers and Rod Stewart. Favourite TV show is The Muppets and his worst is The Liver Birds; favourite football team is Ayr United. He has a cat and a hamster. His ambitions are to get used to the smell of ammonia and he would like to wear a new tie everyday. His hobby is sailing.

Before he became a teacher he was a salesman. He says science is great, but hasn't been to any big science college. I asked him if he had met any famous scientists; he said, "I've met Professor Mann, although nobody's ever heard of him." He doesn't do science at home. He has been at St. Mike's for 2 years. My last question was, "What is your favourite class?" He replied, "I withhold answering this question."

by Mark Collins 201

THE EDINBURGH TRIP

On Saturday 11th February, girls of the 1st, 2nd & 3rd year went to Edinburgh to see Scotland and Wales playing netball. On the bus everyone was in high spirits, singing Scotland songs.

Half way to Edinburgh we stopped at a service station, where Mrs Brown decided to splash out the money and buy a big teddy as the school mascot, and for the netball match we put a tartan hat and scarf on him. When we got into Edinburgh we went to the Commonwealth Pool where most people went in for a swim. We then had our dinner and set off for Meadowbank Stadium where the match was being held.

When we got there we had missed the first game which Scotland won, probably the best match. Wales won the other two games, one of which was very close. We had to leave a bit earlier than we expected because the snow was falling very heavily and Mrs B and Miss C said we might have been snowed in. If anyone was watching Scotsport the following day they may have been lucky enough to have seen us.

from your roving reporter, Carrie

(PS: Scotland won the under 21; Wales won the school girls; Wales won the over 21.)

HELP !

The SMART team have decided to produce a huge SMART SUMMER ANNUAL this June, before the summer holidays. It will be magazine-size and will have lots of reports, stories (true and false), interviews, real photographs, puzzles, prize competitions, etc., etc.. If you want to help to make the first ever SMART SUMMER ANNUAL as good as St Michael's pupils can make it (and that should be very good), please see Mr Dickson or any of the SMART representatives.

DAY OF DANCE

First to dance was the Scottish Country Dancing group which was Kilwinning Academy with a good performance, then Towerlands P.S. and St Brendan's P.S.. Both groups danced well.

The national dances started with a good dance from Auchanharvie Academy, then a great dance from St Brendan's P.S.. Kilwinning Academy also had a good dance.

At last St Michael's appeared with a dance called The Rag Dolls National Dance and finished with tremendous applause. Dandonald P.S. startled everyone with their breathtaking performance of The Three Musketeers.

John Galt Primary were interesting to watch with their slaves and slave drivers (like us and Mr Dickson). After that came Ardrossan Academy with Seaside Rendezvous.

One of the best (apart from St Mike's) was Towerlands with an extract from Oliver. The songs that they danced to were Pickpockets and Consider Yourself which they danced to wonderfully. Ardrossan Academy had a really good dance which was called 'In the Court of the Crimson King'.

The funniest was certainly Whitehurst Park P.S. with their version of Fire-Dial 999. Boys were supposed to be fire-engines and the end boy could not keep up with the rest (?!?!).

It was a very interesting day.

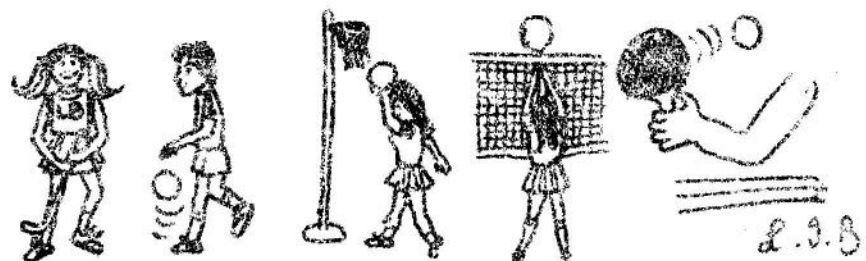
(by J.W. and S.C., 2nd year)

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

When Mrs Anderson goes into a bad mood she takes it out on her registration class.

from three poor members of 106

Sports Report



(compiled by Sp.Ed.)

* "In their penultimate basketball game the U-14 team beat Irvine Royal 60-18," writes John Hatcher. "In this match, where the court was so small you could score from your own half, St Mike's started poorly; within five minutes they were down 8-0. Then they started to pass the ball around and with the attackers harassing their opponents' weak defence, the baskets just poured in. All played well, in particular Kytzia."

* Ravenspark beat St Michael's U-14 football team 8-1. Without some regulars St Mike's were never in the game although McDonald's second half goal brought some satisfaction.

* News from the 1st year basketball tournament is that both 102 & 106 have a 100% record (the former have played only two games, the latter three). 101 have a 66% record and 103 a 33% score. 104 and 105 have yet to win a game.

* "James Mason got the U-14 team off to a good start," writes Tom Gilligan, "with a headed goal from a corner. Minutes later McIntyre beat the Ardrossan goalkeeper with his head. John McGeough was next to score, coolly slipping the ball into the net, later to score from a corner deflected by an Ardrossan defender. The 'sea-siders' pulled back two goals and would have scored more if not for Hatcher. Final score: Ardrossan 2 St Michael's 4"

THE LIBRARY

Due to the phenomenal success (?) of the last article on school libraries, the decision was made that another article should be done on that subject. Unfortunately, due to the departure of the well-liked Mrs Hastings and the absence of her replacement (rumour has it that a replacement arrived, caught a glimpse of the beloved Vth and Vith years and promptly resigned), the library is shut most lunchtimes and open for classes only during the day.

The St Michael's Academy library is a comparatively good one compared to other schools'. At Kilwinning Academy, as one would expect in a new school, there are not very many books. They do not go to the library at lunch-time nor during an English class, but the girls have one library period a week and the boys have two.

When asked, an Auchenbarvie pupil stated that their library was quite a good place. It has many good books to read but, unfortunately, not much room to sit down in. When a class is taken there, half of them have to be sent back to the classroom because there is no room for them.

The Vth and Vith years are frequent visitors to our library as it is quite a good place to study (or whatever else you like to do). There are many useful reference books (mainly useful for copying homework answers from) and innumerable books with which to pass the long winter evenings.

The closure of the library except during classtime has meant a drop in the number of books being borrowed. Only during an English class can one borrow a book and even then it can be difficult. Anyone borrowing a book for their English period should remember to replace it exactly where they found it.

researched and written by 'Netta, Vth year

REMOUR: that after many advertisements of our librarian's post, there might be good news sometime.

SPONSORED SILENCE

On Tuesday morning 21st Feb. first years from all the surrounding schools took part in a sponsored silence in aid of Action Research for the Crippled Child. For a few golden moments at the beginning the sight of almost 100 sweet angelic faces would have melted the hearts of anyone (even Mr. S.), but when all the homework had been done we began to notice some slight changes. A barrage of paper aeroplanes invaded the peace, while uncontrollable fidgeters tossed, turned, stood up, sat down, and, as for sign language - well, we won't go any further into that!

Three-quarters way through, the enormous strain of not exercising the vocal chords began to show. Surprisingly enough, contrary to popular belief, the girls were less tempted than the boys, and some of the latter species revealed their weaknesses and gave up, retreating, strangely enough, to the library.

All in all, it was a very - interesting experience and, despite it being rather rushed, we managed to make around £36 from our school. Ravenspark did exceedingly well, though, and together the whole venture earned around £400.

(by organisers Shirley Wright & Alison Foy)

CHESS (by Kisan & M.D.)

A week last Wednesday some of the members of the chess club assembled at the school minibus for the game at Largs Academy. We opened the rusty doors of the old banger. Miraculously we arrived at Largs at about 4.40 p.m.. We were shown the rooms to go to in this vast school and started the games. M.D. made his debut but J.L. was the first to fall to a strong Junior Largs team. The juniors lost 5-1 with S O'Connell the solitary winner. On the other hand the seniors won 3½-2½ with R Cochrane W Douglas and the inevitable T Barrett winning. Daddy Cool got a draw. (PS- Skid & Tristram did not turn up so it was not our strongest team.)

ON TOUR WITH THE SCOTTISH NATIONAL ORCH- ESTRA

The S.N.O., on a tour of local schools, visited St Michael's a fortnight ago. Conducted by John McLeod, they performed to an "invited" audience in the hall.

Their first piece was a Fanfare introduced by the conductor/presenter as a greeting. There followed two pieces by a composer new to me, William Walton, born early this century, "Scotch Rhapsody" and "Popular Song".

Away from the music, Jacqueline Rocks was called upon to give her instrument-by-instrument account of the orchestra. She performed well but remained adamant that there was a pennywhistle in the 'wind'. Her bravery (and lunacy) was rewarded with a 'world renowned' S.N.O. medal.

Beethoven's Factual Symphony, 1st movement, followed this jocular interval. The final pieces were from Haydn's 'Cello Suite, soloist Adrian Shepherd, and the Finals from Dvorak's Czech Suite. As Mr Westcott said, this was probably our first 'live' concert, but let's hope future S.N.O. visits please schools as they delighted ours.

(from a 2nd year reporter)

FIRST YEAR ACTIVITIES

Animation Club - So far the club has 20 members. A fortnight ago, Mr Smith showed a film called "The Milkman", animated by last year's animation club. The initial price is 30p; the club meets in Mr Smith's room every Friday round about quarter to one.

Table Tennis - Recently the table tennis club has not been on because seniors have been using the hall. Mr Keenan hopes it will be going ahead in the future.

Modelling Club - On a Monday at dinner-time Mr Colgan collects pupils from 1st year for this club. You can build almost anything from motorised models to sailing ships. If you are interested, the initial cost is 10p for use of paints, etc.. There are a few places left. (Bring your own model, please.)

(report from Martin McKee & Andrew Twigg 103)

To SMART representatives - remember the weekly meeting tomorrow (Tuesday) at interval in room 26.

Mr McLaughlin, our Head Janitor, is expected to be off for another week. Meanwhile Mr Lauder (no relation of Sir Harry) is helping out. Mr Quinn, standing in as head janitor, was interviewed last week at a quiet moment with his feet up and reading the 'Express'; he commented that he was finding the work "busier and more interesting".

Mrs Blackwood is helping out in the Home Economics Dept. while Mrs Parker is off, and Mrs Clark is assisting in the Art Department.

Boys take note: New pupils in the school include Elaine Maxwell from Girvan (reporter 'Peppy' says that Elaine denies that 'Gosh' is her favourite word) and Helen McGowan.

SMART VISIT TO STV

Would YOU like to be in an audience at STV Studios?

SMART is offering 10 places on a visit (by new mini-bus) to Glasgow on Tuesday 18th April (evening) to see "Hello, Good Evening, Welcome" being recorded. If you wish to enter, fill in the coupon and hand it in to room 26 (by Wed. at 4 o'clock). Five names will be drawn, and each winner can take one friend. These 10 will then get details to show their parents. Cost only 70p, max., perhaps less.

If you've never been at a TV recording, this is YOUR CHANCE. Don't delay, enter now.

SMART
STV
TRIP
DRAW

Your Name: _____

Class: _____

Address: _____

(for Smart to
plan a route)

SCIENCE CLUB

Due to a lack of people attending Science Club meetings and talks, the general level of Scientific Knowledge in St Mike's has plummeted, so:

HAVE YOU an I.Q. less than 50?

and

ARE YOU a pupil of St Michael's?

YES? GOOD!!! Then come along to the next Science Club meeting or talk.

BLACK HOLES

A poorly attended talk was given on Wednesday 23rd by Mr Haig from Paisley Technical College. For starters he ran over some basic Astronomy accompanied by colour slides of the heavens. Black holes are in fact collapsed giant stars whose gravity is so strong that not even light can escape. However Mr Haig then told us of some theories which mean that you can travel through a black hole.

DID YOU KNOW? that someone once worked out how many old cars could be dumped in a black hole using it as a massive dustbin?

LATEST NEWS:

A well attended meeting of the Science Club was given an illustrated talk by Dr East of the Clyde River Purification Board. Dr East told us of pollution by everything from oil spills to pig farms. He also outlined the work that the Board do to prevent pollution. As a parting message he asked us to report any pollution in our local rivers.

(reports by "Science Club member no. 1")

AVA MAN LEAVING: Mr McDonald, our AVA technician, will be leaving at Easter for Auchtermarvie. His job has been advertised but SMART has no idea how soon after Easter a new one will arrive. More in the next issue.

It had been the best part of a year now and St Mike's had advertised for a Superhero all over the world - through Russia's 'Pravda' to that great British institution, the 'Daily Herald', but finally thro' the 'Daily Snorkel', the

specialist paper for deep sea divers, frog people, and owners of blue nylon anoraks with fur round the hood, a possible replacement began to look like a serious possibility. Of course the tests run to confirm the suitability of an applicant were Herculean to say the least. Killing without remorse, speed building, crowd control/extermination, familiarity with the mechanics of a simple gallows plus all sorts of other less important skills which quite frankly were within the capabilities of only those in the superhero class. For example, test 1 was to construct a machine gun tower, assemble a Mauser EM57 Mk II Machine Gun and be in position to fire on an advancing enemy in $\frac{3}{4}$ minutes. Anyway the tests had been passed, the superhero chosen, and one bleak day in early January this Superhero marched into St. Mike's in all her glory - HER!! HER!! I can hear those insinuating jeers from there - YES, HER!! Pasher Babe - the new Avenging Angel of St. Mike's - 5ft of festering fury -

See Woman to supercede Superjanny!!

STARTING
THIS
WEEK:-
A GREAT
NEW SERIAL

SCHOOL CHOIR ON EMI - Following on the success of their brilliant performance in the Christmas carol concert when, under the expert guidance of Mrs McDonald and Mr Keenan, they sang a selection of modern and 'oldie' Christmas songs, the senior choir have been asked by EMI record company to sing two songs on a new record to be made, hopefully, in April. Called 'Sailing', it will feature the Greenock & District Silver Band and the choir will sing the title track and 'Scots Wha Hae', one on either side. It has been calculated that if everybody in the school gets everybody they know to buy a copy, the record, due in the shops in September, will be no. 1 by 1980. (report by M.D. VIth year)

THE MIGHTY GUN

Recently Garry Quinn of VI (known to his friends as Vladimir Scoffalot; known to his close friends as Vladimir Scoffaroffalot) has been 'russian' about everywhere.

More precisely, he has been honoured by being one of three Irvinites, chosen to play in the Strathclyde Regional Schools Orchestra, after an audition in Glasgow. Garry, who came second in the advanced flute class in last year's Ayrshire Festival of Music, has quite a history of musical success and at the moment is waiting for the result of an audition for the Royal Scottish Academy of Music.

(by 'Baruke') *P. D. 20th*

ART EXHIBITION

On Thursday 9th March at about 1.30 a group of Art pupils from 3rd to 6th years set off for Ayr led by Mr Nelly and Mr Smith. We arrived at the McLaurin Art Gallery, where the exhibition of the work of pupils of Ayr Academy was shown.

There were many different crafts on show including Macramé, a sort of weaving which has been introduced at the Academy. Other exhibits were of hand made jewellery made of silver, nickel, stainless steel and enamel. There were sculptures and candles in many different colours; there were shapes made of perpendic tie-died prints and tee-shirts were hung up on the walls; and of course drawings and paintings.

In the other part of the gallery, there were two rooms in which old photos of Bygone ages, which were donated by citizens of Ayr, hung upon the walls.

Before we left we signed the visitors' register. We arrived back at school in time for the school buses.

It was a very interesting afternoon.

(by Mary Walsh)

RUMOURS: Chris Howie won a medal for being first in a sack race in Primary 7.

S.M.A. RUMOURS & TALES

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- * There are now three Easter Eggs as he won in this issue's LUCKY NUMBER COMPETITION. SMART has decided to have only eight pages this time, so there will be one more prize than what it says inside (that was printed before the change in plan). Lucky numbers for the three Easter Eggs will be put up on Tuesday afternoon.
- * Pupils lucky in the STV visit draw (there were 83 entries) include: Maureen Wallis and Sandra Taylor, 108; Ann Marie McKenna & Michelle McDonald, 204; Chic McCallum & Peter Trodson, 209; Mary Walsh & Conagh Sinclair, 308; Alan Whyte, 304. Entry forms will be kept in case there are any spare seats.
- * Plans for the SMART SUMMER ANNUAL are under way. The SMART team will do most of the news reports. The Camera Club will be taking photographs, starting this week. Four 5th year girls will be finding adverts to help pay for the photos. There will be prize competitions, cartoons and interviews. Seniors will be writing songs, plays and revealing articles. The Sports Editor (and his assistant) will give an end-of-year round-up. Three 4th year girls will start taking your order for this first ever SMART SUMMER ANNUAL, price 20p, after Easter and it will be published in June.
- * Miss Martin: "What's this? Taking your wallpaper down. Are you redecorating?"
Mr Gill: "Naw! Ah'm flitting."
- * A new librarian (at last) starts today. Mr Cook (from N.E. England) will sort our library out.
- * Mr Ritchie, who helped on the staff last year, died last week.
- * SMART apologises to all those whose reports or puzzles have been kept till the next issue, on April 17th.
- * Mr Burnett will be leaving St Michael's at the end of April.
- * Q: How do you catch a squirrel?
A: Climb a tree and act like a nut.

OLIVER

As you know, there will be a musical in June called "Oliver". I interviewed five of the people involved. The first two are Olivers.

First of all I interviewed Gordon Ronney. He was surprised and could not believe it at first that he was Oliver. Gordon is looking forward to playing Oliver. He is happy that there are two Olivers because he doesn't want to be on stage every night. He would have liked to play the Artful Dodger. Gordon hasn't been in a play before. He thinks Oliver will be a success.

Secondly I interviewed John Stirling. When asked his reaction when he found out he was Oliver, he said, "I knew I would get it". He's looking forward to playing Oliver. He's happy that there are two Olivers. He hasn't ever been in a play before.

Thirdly I interviewed Paul Crogan. He hasn't been in a play before. When asked if he would rather stay at home and watch the World Cup, he replied, "If England were in the World Cup, I would have stayed at home." He thinks it will be a success.

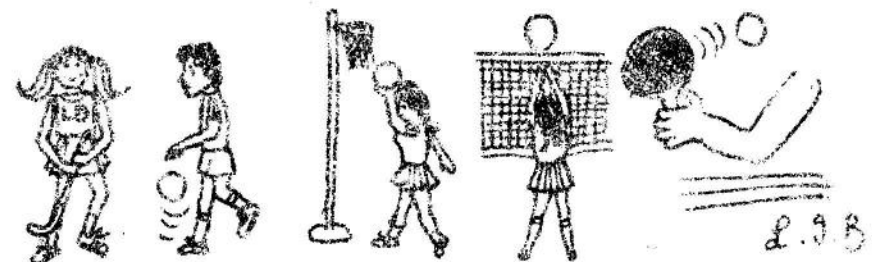
Anthony Stewart hasn't been in a play before. He would rather stay at home and watch the World Cup. Anthony is not sure whether it will be a success or not.

Last but not least I interviewed Paul McAulay; he hasn't been in a play either. He's looking forward to it because it will give him something to do at nights. He's happy he's in the play. My last question was, "Would you rather be in Oliver or watch the World Cup?"; he answered "I would rather be in 'Oliver'."

(by Mark Collins)

The principal parts will be played by, amongst others, John Stirling, Gordon Ronney, Gerard Quinn, John O'Hagan, Michael McLaren, Brian McMillan, Chris Howie, Gordon McDonald, Lorraine Mayberry, Maria O'Donoghue, Cecilia Bradley, Mairi Littlemore, Margo Weddell, Carol Pieroni, Clare McCormick, Janice O'Connell, Claire Devine, Angela Delury, Anne Marie Caulfield, Fiona Caulfield. There will be a junior chorus of 2nd years.

Sports Report



(compiled by Sp.Ed's assistant)

St Mike's 0 Greenwood 5

The 3rd year football team were outclassed by a strong 3rd year Greenwood Academy side. The St Mike's 'keeper had the tiresome job of picking the ball out of the net.

St Mike's 1 Auchenhavrie 8

Yet another big disappointment for the third years, going down 8-1 to Auchenhavrie. Yet again the 'keeper had the same tiresome job. Due to Mr McLaughlin's bad memory he doesn't know who scored St Michael's goal. Let's hope that in the near future they improve.

St Mike's 1 Irvine Royal 4

St Mike's first years went down 4-1 against Irvine Royal. St Mike's had to play with only nine men. Ivan Steel scored St Mike's only goal but I'm sure if they had eleven men, the game would have been a lot closer.

The First Year Basketball League Table

	won	lost	points
102	4	0	8
101	3	1	6
106	3	1	6
103	1	3	2
104	1	3	2
105	0	4	0

With all the classes having played 4 matches, 102 have a 100% record. 101 & 106 equal 2nd; 103 & 104 equal 4th and 105 last.

(by SpEd's assistant)

Staff 1 Pupils 1

The second in this series of games produced the same result as the first, a draw. The opening minutes brought shots from Foy, Fitzpatrick and McNulty but we had to wait until the twenty-fourth minute for a goal. McCaffrey, a thorn in the staff's side on a previous occasion, penetrated the defence, shot and, although Keenan parried the ball away from goal, Doyle's cross gave E.C. a second chance which he didn't miss. From the re-start Richardson, on another visit, scored with the help of a deflection. At half time honours were even.

The main shooting highlights of a physical second half were a Mellroy banana shot, Mousley's blockbuster, a Chris Russell lob which hit the post and a shot, just wide, from Garvie. The decider in this series takes place this Wednesday (22nd March).

Person (in these days of sexual discrimination) of the match: Mrs Brown, who delighted the crowd with a dazzling performance of hockey signals.

(report by Sp.Ed)

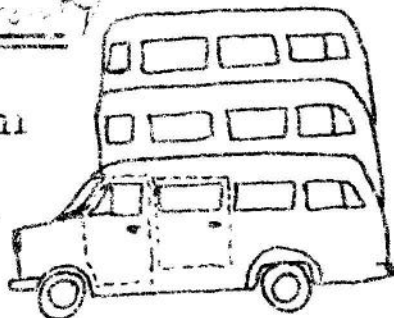
SMART SURVEY

Did you know that if you took all the first years (126) who told us their height and laid them head-to-toe, the line would stretch for 360 feet! Has anyone seen a 17 foot tall 1st year recently. According to our Survey there is one in 104! On the other hand, has anyone seen the 1st year who says he is 17 INCHES tall? 26 of the 149 interviewed didn't know their height. Finally, 6 1st year pupils are 4ft 12 ins whilst one is 4ft 13ins - beat that if you can!

Did you know that, under a new regulation, "every mini-bus shall be a single-decked mini-bus"?

So much for dreams of the school having a triple-decker.

Latest news: it's due soon.



VISIT TO SMITHSTONE

On Thursday 2nd March, our class, 105, visited Smithstone House. When we reached it we were told all about it and about the Sacred Heart Fathers. The first thing we did was that we were given two counters each and had then to go round talking to people. If the people to whom you talked said yes, no, nodded or shook their head, you got a counter from them. The person with most counters at the end wins.

Then Father Walsh brought out a board with a nail on it and six rubber bands coming from it. The nail in the middle is supposed to be you and one of the rubber bands pulling at you is school. We had to think on what the other five rubber bands were. Then we were split up into four groups. Each group had to think up a situation and act a play on it. Maybe a situation if a father comes in drunk and bosses the family about. Then we were each given a white card with a sentence on it, e.g. A person smashes windows on a new housing estate or A man gets his friend to drink more than he wants to. We had to think on what the consequences would be.

Afterwards we had our lunch - packed lunch but the lady made us tomato soup. Then we went and played. Some went out in the grounds and played hunts, had a walk or played football. Inside you played table-tennis or pool. A certain two in our class played Miss Boyle and D.J. at pool and were beaten (Shame) (it was just pure luck anyway). After playing time we all came back in the House and got a partner. We talked to our partners and tried to find out as much as we could about them. At 3.00 we had a short Mass and at 3.40 we left Smithstone House and went back to Colditz known as St Michael's and then went into class, waited for the bell and went home.

(by Jim Jennings)

YOUR LUCKY NO.

A draw will be made and the lucky numbers will be put up on the circular noticeboard on Tuesday afternoon at 2.30 p.m.. All SMARTs sold up to Tuesday lunch-time will be included in the draw. Prizes are two Easter Eggs filled with real chocolates.

TOP TEN

This week's most popular teachers:

- 1st - Miss Lennon
- 2nd - Mr Gill
- 3rd - Mr McKinley & Mr Fitzpatrick
- 5th - Mr Dickson & Mr McIlroy
- 7th equals: McLaughlin, Mr Cairney, Mr McClure, Miss Martin, Mr Keenan, Mrs Anderson, Sr Dominic Savio & Sr Maura.

Only certain classes were covered for this report

(by Martin McKee & Andrew Twigg)

*WITCH WAY

As you probably all know, the '77 drama group, with a little help from their friends here in St Mike's, had another pantomime in the school last month. "Witch Way to the Wedding" 'loosely' followed the story of the Sleeping Beauty and came complete with buckets of water and mustard pies. The nasty, terrible, horrible witch got plenty of boos and hisses while our heroes, the Prince and Princess, finally got married.

A lot of hard work went into the effects for the play. Many hours of painting were rewarded by an authentic looking castle. People came from miles around (Pennyburn, Whitehurst Park) and there were even a few from Irvine! The play itself was a success (we think) and there will be another one in the summer.

P.S. Note from the Vith year who took a star role:
1978 St Michael's . . 1988 The Palladium.

(by 'Ace')

D. Harrington

SMART SALES RISING

Two issues ago (Feb. 14th) SMART had the highest sales this year and the second highest ever - 386 copies.

Last issue SMART sold the highest number of copies of a 3p issue - 348 copies.

The fun reports are always in SMART.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

This is a complaint about activities for 2nd year pupils. Why can't we have sports after school, e.g. table tennis, badminton. This is what 1st years have. They also get disco's and what did we get in first year. They are even going to Smithstone House and that means a day off school. In first year we had a chess club and modelling club which is really for boys.

(anonymous in 201)

Comment from Mrs Brown: The 1st year activities are to encourage them to become part of the school. The 2nd year pupils should have more important things in us to think about.

Another comment: see other pages for mentions of 2nd years in "Oliver", chess and sports teams.

CHESS

On Mon. 9th, the ramshackle (sometimes known as a mini-bus) came out of retirement to take a group to Garroch Academy. The seniors won 5-0 with an adjudication for T Barrett's game. The juniors again lost. (Dopey and Bigfoot weren't there. Neither was W Douglas.)

Later in the week on Wed. the chess club played their last game of the season. The seniors won 6-0 against Grange at home (Harrison won amazingly). The juniors lost 4-2 (surprise, surprise). K Cochrane and Daddy Cool won.

In the league the seniors finished 4th out of 10 teams. The juniors were last with 1 point to their credit (when half the other team didn't turn up).

(by B.E. & D.O.C.)
William Thomas, Peter Cochrane

On Mar. 12th the top 8 players from St Mike's assembled at Ardrossan to compete in the 1st Ayrshire Chess Jam-boree along with 88 other players. When all our games were finished it was no real surprise to me when P Harrison said "I got beat." (P.H. is trying to beat Celtic's nine in a row.) The team won $3\frac{1}{2}$ out of 8. Winners were T Barrett, A Keenan & R Cochrane. S O'Connell drew. Loudoun won the competition and Ravenspark came second.

(by Thomas Barrett)