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SPORTS DIARY

Football: To-night the U-14 and U-15 training will start. Boys who are eligible are asked to attend the training.

The end of last season saw St Michael's U-13 team 5th, U-14 team 7th, U-15 team sharing bottom place and U-16 team first in their respective leagues.

Hockey: There will be no Saturday game this week but will start next Saturday.

Look out for next week's edition of Sport's Diary for the scores of Saturday's games.

(Compiled by Mark Pieroni and Paul Harkin)

8 goals in their last game of 1973

In the U-16 match with Cumnock Academy on 22 December Francis Breslin scored the first goal in the first minute; Owen Doran scored again in the fourth minute. Cumnock played clever football and had the edge on possession for most of the game. But while the forwards struggled to make any progress the defence was torn to pieces almost every time the St Michael's forwards moved upfield. John Denvir scored the third goal.

Cumnock's only goal was in the second half, but Owen Doran scored three more and Jim Jenkins one. In the last minute John McKenna headed home from a corner. The final score: St Michael's 8 - Cumnock 1.

In last season's cup final Cumnock beat St Michael's by 3 goals to 0. At the moment St Michael's are standing at the top of the U-16 league.

No 5

10 January 1974

HAPPY NEW YEAR to all our readers!

"The Old Roman" (report by Elaine Campbell and Freda McBreen)

"We used to call Mr McCutcheon 'The Old Roman'," said Mrs Devine. "I thought that he was an excellent teacher." We asked her: "Did you ever get into any trouble when you were at school?" "Yes," she said, "Once he gave me a terrible row for carrying on in the school bus. But he is very different as a fellow teacher - his bark is worse than his bite; he is a very able and willing colleague."

We asked another member of staff, Mr Leishman, to write a summary of Mr McCutcheon's stay at St Michael's. It appears on the next page.

A Christmas Surprise

Good news for Pat Meade (IV8)! She thought that since her birthday was on January 5, the day after the start of term, she would have to stay at school till the summer. But when the start of term was postponed until Monday 7, after her birthday, she realised she could leave at Christmas. So the electricity crisis meant a pleasant surprise for Pat, who is starting work today in an Irvine knitwear factory.

Mr Frew Ill

Mr Frew, our janitor, has been off since the first day of the holidays. He is expected to be off for another two or three weeks.

From the West to the East

(report by Paul Harkin and Kevin Hand)

"Very much the happiest years of my life!" That's how Mrs Wilson described her time at St Michael's, when we interviewed her for SMART on the last day of term, before she moved to Burntisland, in Fife, where her husband has started a new job. St Michael's was her first occupation and possibly her last as she is taking no further job there. She explained "I'll be looking after my baby son, and I think I'll like my new home very much." She left during the Christmas holidays and will have enjoyed the festive season. She is an ex-pupil of our school. Mrs Wilson said thanks to the staff, the pupils whom she taught and also the ones she didn't teach, for helping her to enjoy her three years at St Michael's.

Sponsored Walk

Father Boyd's sponsored walk for Burrside Home raised £34.

Mr McCutcheon by Mr Leishman

While we offer our congratulations to Mr McCutcheon on his well-deserved promotion to second-in-command of St Joseph's Academy, Kilmarnock, we deeply regret his departure from our midst. Big Jim came to St Michael's about fifteen years ago as a raw assistant and in his years with us became in turn Principal of Classics, and Assistant Head (Curriculum). During that time he earned the affection and respect of staff and pupils alike. His unfailing good humour was never more in evidence than when members of staff met on social occasions or when he was chairing functions as President of the Parent Teacher Association. Very shortly after Mr McCutcheon arrived in the school he became involved in running the school football teams and was responsible for some of our more successful efforts. In fact, any and all school activities were of absorbing interest to Mr McCutcheon. His influence on us has been deep and wholly beneficial. We trust that his affection for us is as great as ours for him and that in future years he will come back to see us as often as his limited free time will allow.

A Cracker of a Christmas Concert

The highlight of the evening was the performance of Vivaldi's "Gloria", conducted by Mr McFarlane and sung by the choir, building up to a stirring climax in the "Cum Sancto Spiritu". The soloists in this work were Maria Doyle, Maureen Delury, Bernadette McLaughlin, Alicia Laughland and Anne Scullion.

Mrs McDonald conducted the senior choir. Their most popular number was an arrangement of "Jingle Bells" by Ray Charles which deserved and received an encore.

The combined senior and junior choirs sang advent and Christmas carols, featuring soloist Stephen Motroni in "Like the Dawning of the Morning", but they sang so well that most of the audience just listened instead of joining in.

After the performance of "The Coventry Carol", "O Leave Your Sheep" and "Silent Night" by a madrigal group of senior boys and girls, the orchestra played Peter Warlock's "Capriol Suite" with Mr McFarlane conducting.

Altogether the concert provided a very satisfying evening's entertainment and Christmas presents for several grateful old people.

SPORTS REPORT

Football

On a blustery Saturday morning St Michael's 2nd Year Football Team took the field against Irvine Royal Academy. St Michael's won the toss and played with the wind the first half. Although playing with the wind St Michael's got only two goals through Smith and Butler. Our goalie didn't turn up so Mr Mousley put the sweeper K Campbell in goal. In the second half the pressure was on St Michael's, Campbell had a fine save from the Irvine centre. The backs Domachie, Farrell, Pieroni and McDaid had non-stop pressure on them. Playing with the wind Irvine Royal got five goals some which were carried by the wind and some defensive errors. Final score 5-2 to Irvine Royal.

The 1st Year Football Team played against Ardrossan. St Michael's played against the wind and at half-time the score was 5-1 for Ardrossan, Paul Taylor scoring the goal.

Michael O'Hagan scored late in the second half for St Michael's. St Michael's put on a lot of pressure in the second half but could not score any more goals. Final score 5-2 for Ardrossan.

The U-16 match was cancelled and will be played next week.

Window blown out

The 1st Year Hockey Team had to turn back from their game against Auchinleck Academy because the window in the hired mini-bus fell out and a road was blocked.

Rugby

1st Year Rugby Team training will be on Mondays and Wednesdays.

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No 6

17 January 1974

YOUR NEWSPAPER

This is your newspaper, written, edited, and sold by the pupils of St Michael's. There are eight of us to the January editorial team so far (soon there will be four seniors as well), and we want to make this a really good weekly newspaper that all the staff and pupils will buy and take home to let their families read all about what's happening at St Michael's

Buy this issue not only for yourselves but for your parents (or families, if you are staff). Find out about the school's mini-bus on the inside pages. Then help us by sending your news, letter, or articles to SMART c/o Rooms 26 or 27.

Next week we will be producing the newspaper in the school Colours - black and yellow. To mark this historic occasion there will be a lucky number competition. Each copy will be numbered and there will be prizes. Buy next week's copy to read and then take home.

The eight who produced this issue are:

Michael O'Hagan 1F
Dennis McLaughlin 1K
Maria Hughes 1M
Elaine Campbell 11S

Paul Harkin IIF
Mark Pieroni 11K
Kevin Hand 111A
Freda McBreen 111K

The School Mini-bus (Paul Harkin reporting)

When we went to talk to Mr Connolly about the mini-bus, we asked him what repairs were needed. It has already had a new engine, and several other new parts. He said, "It only needs rust removed and re-spraying." The reg. no. is RVA 975 G. It is a second-hand fifteen-seater Ford Transit and after the re-spray it will have the school colours on it. Then the big question was asked "How much will it cost pupils?" He said, "The cost is not settled but it will allow for petrol, road tax and insurance." It has obtained its MOT certificate. It was purchased from the Excess Insurance Company. What do the teachers think? "Simply ideal," said Mr Connolly, "ideal for school trips. It has already done 37 000 miles, but it will be going on the road as a new mini-bus."
(further report next week)

Round and About

The Parent-Teacher Association will be holding a Burns Night on January 28. More details next week.

Our sympathy goes to Marion, Michael and Edward Gallacher, whose father died at Christmas.

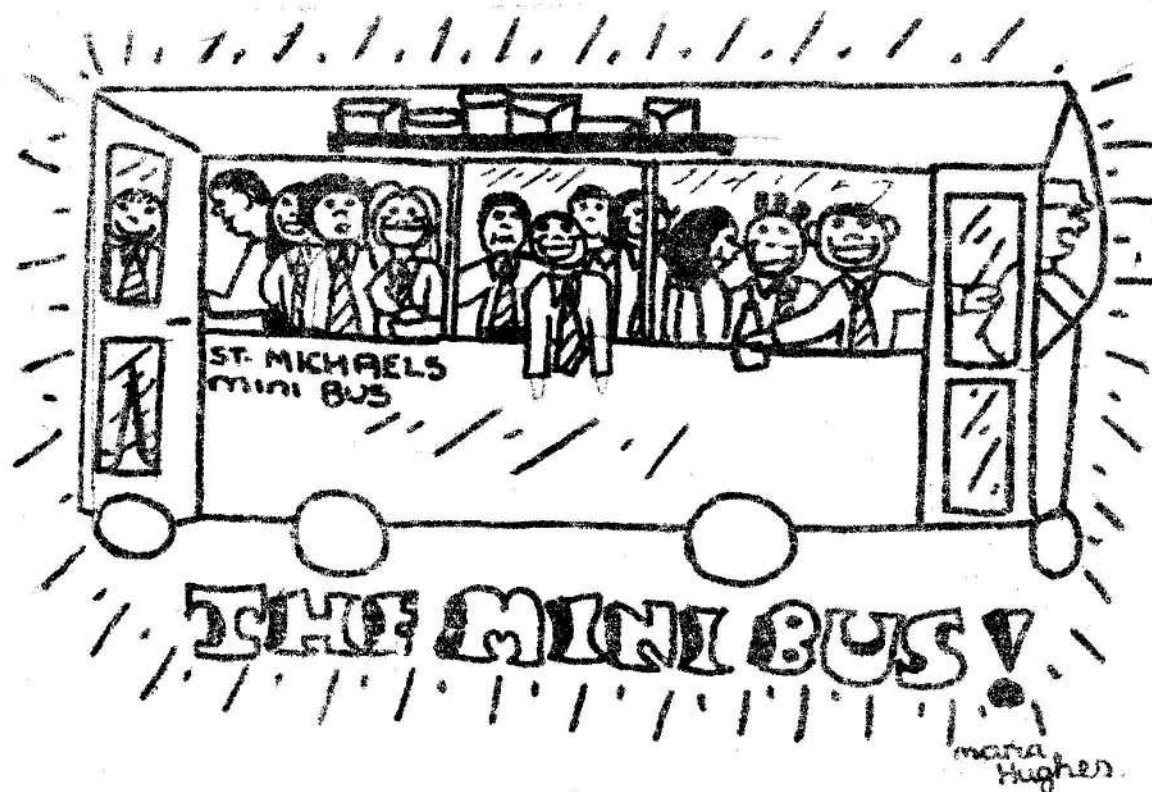
Mr Maurer joined the staff last week as Principal Teacher of Chemistry, in succession to Mr McAnulla.

The Tuck Shop arrangements are as follows: I and II year pupils are served only at the window of Room 22, III year pupils at the far end of the boys' cloakroom and seniors at the nearer window of the boys' cloakroom.

The Senior Drama Club has its first play-reading for the June Drama Festival to-morrow (Friday) at 1.00 p.m. in Room 31. The Junior Club meets as usual at 4.00 p.m. on Wednesday.

The weekend gale didn't do too much damage - a skylight window in the science corridor was blown out.

The SCE estimate exams finish next week.



Dance Club - Freda McBreen reporting

Mrs Devine and Miss Callaghan are starting a dancing class in the school next week. Anyone who is interested should give their names in today.

This will consist of many dance forms - Modern, Tap, National, including Scottish, Yugoslavian, Czechoslovakian, Rumanian, etc. with a view to including a dance team in the National Festival. "We have already over 50 pupils who intend to come and we expect to get a few more," said Mrs Devine.

Daily Express Debate

On Tuesday night, Brian Kelly and John Boothman will be speaking in the second round of the Daily Express Debating Competition, at Irvine Royal Academy at 7.00 p.m. They are against 7 other schools from as far as Stranraer and Paisley. Go and support them!

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Mini-bus (contd.)

Mrs I Smith said, "A school mini-bus is a smashing idea and should have been here years ago." She hopes in the near future to take pupils to see plays and drama scenes.

11 of the men on the staff and 3 of the ladies are on the list of approved drivers for the mini-bus.

Sports Report by Mark Pieroni

Weather caused the cancellation of the sporting programme on Saturday. There was one basketball game last Wednesday. The U-16 team played Auchenhavie losing by a narrow margin (24 to 28)

STOP PRESS - DEBATE RESULT

"We are the Champions!!" - by Alicia Laughland

"We won!" was the cry heard from our supporters as Brian Kelly and John Boothman along with Irvine Royal Academy and Mainholm Academy reached the third round of the Daily Express Tournament.

After thirty minutes delay a hushed expectancy filled the hall as judges and speakers entered. The debate opened slowly but the tempo quickened as Brian's turn to speak became closer.

Then it was over: Brian had delivered an excellent speech with humorous anecdotes on "Teeth Heath". John followed with a speech both "Humorous and dramatic" a quote from Mr Graham, the presiding judge.

Fingernails were bitten to the quick as we waited eagerly for the results - and what a result - even Sister Pauline looked relieved when it was announced. Congratulations and best of luck for round three.

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24 January 1974

Lucky Number Competition

The competition is to mark the first issue in school colours - black and yellow. There are two prizes - a record token and a tuck shop voucher. The winning numbers will go on the notice-board late this afternoon so don't lose this copy! Your number is on the next page. The head girl has written a message to mark the school colours issue - see next page.

Arran Croft Trip - report by Freda McBreen

Mr Connolly and Miss Callaghan are taking a party of twelve third years to Arran for a week. Although they were supposed to leave on Monday morning, the morning sailing was cancelled, and they left later in the day.

They are staying at North High Corrie Croft. When they arrive in the afternoon there will be a meal ready for them. But while they are there for the week they have to make their own supper etc.

During the day they will be doing some hill climbing and map reading. After they have been out for the whole day, they sit for an hour writing about what they have done during the day.

From Barbara Boyd, the head girl:

Mr Dickson came down the stair
He really caught me unaware

"Our paper needs a line or two
Five or six will simply do."

No words formulated in my head
Even at night when I lay in bed

So if ever he catches you on the stair
Take my advice and BEWARE

For in this paper we call SMART
He's sure to make you take a part

The Mini-bus (news from Paul Harkin and David Hamilton)

When we asked Mr Scullion if he liked the idea of a school mini-bus, he said that it is a very good idea and ideal for sports and he hopes that the pupils will treat it with respect. He commented that the teachers haven't much experience in driving a mini-bus but they would become more qualified. Mr Scullion mentioned that driving a mini-bus isn't as easy as driving a car. Because of its length and height it isn't as easy to judge going round corners or driving into narrow spaces.

A Mr Robinson from the County Engineers Department was at the school to test the drivers. He took four drivers out at a time and tested them round the Kilwinning area. He said later that he was very pleased with their performance.

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P.T.A. "Burns Nicht"

Tickets, costing 50p are available from Mr Mellan

On Monday January 28, St Michael's Academy PTA have arranged a "Burns Nicht" in St Mary's Church Hall, Irvine from 7.30 - 11.00 p.m. This will not be a formal Burns Supper of the traditional type, but rather an informal evening's entertainment with musical accompaniment of Scottish songs by piano, guitar and accordion. Guest singers and accompanists have been invited; acceptances have already been received from some of these, e.g. Mrs J McDonald of St Michael's Academy Music Staff and Miss A McCaffrey of the Modern Languages Department. Mr Leiseman has agreed to act as M.C. One of the normal items of the traditional Burns Supper will be the meal consisting of haggis and neeps and bannocks and chees. All in all, it promises to be a very cheerful evening's entertainment.

The Estimates

Why do we need estimates? The truth is we don't but as teachers are well-known slave drivers they take pleasure in seeing their victims falling like flies, squirming on the floor and consuming bottles of disinfectant etc. by the score.

It would seem that some teachers deliberately distract their pupils who are racking their brains in an attempt to decide whether according to St Mike's Maths Department $1+1=2$ or $1+1=3$. This problem is made more difficult by teachers who insist on walking up and down the passages as quiet as MICE. Contrary to the popular belief held by Language and Classics Teachers (especially the bearded type) St Mike's pupils are not fluent speakers of French, Spanish, Latin nor of course Italian. Other teachers prone to wearing long cardigans and sweet(?) smiles, seem to think that V and VI year students are capable of exams similar to those set for university students.

Now when the exams are almost over, senior pupils are anxiously awaiting their results. A large number of absences can be expected due to nervous breakdowns, attempted suicides, etc.

signed
Members of the S.A.E.U. (senior anti-estimates union)

YOUR LUCKY NUMBER IS:

'SPOT THE BABY' COMPETITION

Rules

1. Each photograph is numbered 1 - 14
2. Each name is lettered A - W
3. Beside each letter place the number you think correct.
4. Do not place more than one number beside any letter
5. Do not place any one number beside more than one letter.
e.g. If you think A is number 13 place A 13
" " " B is number 12 place B 12

There will be a 50p prize for the first correct entry.
The proceeds of the competition will go to help the plight in Ethiopia.

ENTRY FORM:	Name _____	CLASS _____
1 _____	8 _____	
2 _____	9 _____	
3 _____	10 _____	
4 _____	11 _____	
5 _____	12 _____	
6 _____	13 _____	
7 _____	14 _____	

NOTE: the photographs of the staff as babies are being put up in the P.E. Department, who ask you to look at them, and to hand in entry forms when you get P.E.
Don't go at other times.

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31 January 1974

Lucky No. Prizewinners - by the two 'A's

Congratulations to last week's Lucky No. Prizewinners.
First prize, a 50p record token, was won by Paul Taylor IS;
Julie Forbes IV2 won second prize of a 25 p tuck-shop voucher. Runner-up David McCabe Vth year insisted on having his name mentioned.

Mr Taylor, who agreed to be interviewed only after gentle persuasion by two gorgeous looking birds, revealed that he had bought the current no. 1 record, "Tiger Feet" by Mud although his favourite group is Sweet. Besides being a member of the notorious 1st year football team, his main interest is play-time.

Second prizewinner Miss Forbes, IV2 is a very shy young lady but she too eventually agreed to be interviewed. Her friends helped her to spend the money. Julie is a keen debator and enjoys volleyball and badminton.

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This week's quote:

"SMART guys get wise" (Robert Mount, IV)

The Whole Truth - by "C" Chaplain

As mentioned in a previous edition, the amount raised by FIRST and SECOND year pupils on the Sponsored Walk in aid of Children in Care realized £54. What was left unsaid was even more significant.

No credit or praise is high enough for those who turned out to support this venture: and the organiser, Fr Boyd goes on record as saying, "I wouldn't have been surprised if NOBODY had turned up, so severe were the conditions." There was rain, gale-force winds, sleet and snow. Sunshine? That was compensated for by the spirit and dedication of participants as we created our own atmosphere and 'weathered' the storm admirably. Our gratitude to all parents and sponsors who made this LITTLE enterprise BIG and worthwhile.

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"St Michael's Chalk Up Another Victory" by Irene Kelly

Greenwood Academy, Dreghora was the scene on Monday evening for the public speaking competition held by Irvine Ladies' Speakers Club. The subject was "Burns - Man or Myth?" and three teams of two girls from Ravenspark Academy, Irvine Royal Academy and St Michael's Academy each put forward a five minute speech on the subject. St Michael's, represented by Alicia Laughland and Marie Donoghue (both Vth year) were last to speak - and what speeches they delivered! There was no doubt in the judges' minds that the St Mike's girls were the superior team and much to the delight of the St Michael's supporters present, Alicia won the individual cup while Marie collected the cup of the best team effort. Well don girls! - we're proud of you!

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Interview with Mr Maurer - by Kevin Hand

Mr Maurer took up the position of Principle Teacher of Chemistry at the beginning of the year after Mr McAnulla left in October. Mr Maurer came here from St Conval's, Cumnock which is four times smaller than St Michael's. Mr Maurer taught here for four weeks as a student on teaching practice and he told me he would like to stay here for a while; he also said that the equipment here is much better than in St Conval's. When I asked him if he would take any school activities he told me that he might when he gets settled down. His interests are table tennis, badminton, bridge, chess and he is an amateur photographer. When asked if he thought a school newspaper was a good idea he said that it was. I then asked him what improvements he would like to see in 'SMART' and he said, "Apart from my photograph I would like more club news anyway."

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Sports Report - by Mark Pieroni

The U-14 Football Team played Ardrossan Academy on Saturday. Ardrossan won the toss and played with the wind in the first half. The Ardrossan right winger shot from fully 18 yards and goalkeeper Brown just failed to save. Not worried by this goal Brown had a couple of tremendous saves. Early in the second half Ardrossan put on a lot of pressure and were awarded two penalties from which Brown had no chance. They added two more goals to their total. Then McDaid volleyed a blockbuster from 12 yards into the roof of the net. Near the end Pieroni scored a second goal from a pass by Russell.

Final Score 5-2 to Ardrossan.

Owing to the blustery weather the U-13 game was cancelled and the cancellation of the first and second year hockey game with Garnock Academy was also due to the weather.

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St Michael's in ESU Final

Although the West of Scotland Final in the ESU Debating Competition is at mid-term, on Friday 15 February, in Glasgow, a bus will be going if enough names for it are in to Mr Kelly by tomorrow (8 February). Our two representatives, Jim McCourt and Anne Scullion, hope that there will be a troop of supporters there to encourage them. The motion they are speaking against is "That this house regrets the passing of the nineteenth century", so if you can think of any arguments why the passing of the 19 century was a good thing, pass them to Jim or Anne. They are competing against Hutchesons' Boys Grammar School, Hutchesons' Girls, and St Mungo's Academy. Two teams will go forward to the Scottish Final in March. (126)

Second half scoring brings victory

The first year football team played in the first round of the Ayrshire Cup against Queen Margaret. At half-time they were down 4-1. In the second half they came back to win 5-4. Scorers were: Pat Luffy 1, Eddy Gilhooley 2, Francis Palmer 1, Kevin O'Neill 1.

Next week's issue

St Valentine's Day will be celebrated with another lucky number competition. Don't miss next week's issue.

If you would like a message to your boy/girl friend printed in next week's issue, make it not more than 12 words long, and hand it to Maria Hughes, Elaine Campbell, Freda McBreen, Ann Bennet, or Roseanne Carson, not later than Monday.

New Heading

The new SMART title was designed by Maria Hughes.

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7 February 1974

Record Sales

Sales last week rose over 300 for the first time. For news and views about the school buy SMART every week (and take it home). If you can write better views, reports or articles than we can, then write them and pass them in. (110)

Competition

We are looking for the best original Valentine's Day verse, to include in next week's issue (Feb 14). Only one entry per person is allowed, and the verse must be original, written by YOU.

Make up your Valentine's Day verse, not more than 4 lines long, put your name at the bottom (even if you don't want it printed), and hand it to any member of the editorial team or to SMART c/o Romms 26 or 27, not later than Monday at 1.30 pm. The winner will receive a tuck shop voucher. (110) (100)

Hockey International

A whole-day trip will be going to Edinburgh for the Scotland v Wales Hockey International at Meadowbank on Saturday 30 March. The cost, including bus, international ticket, and a visit to the Commonwealth Swimming Pool, will be £1.20. First year pupils can secure a seat on the bus by paying their 25p deposit to Mrs Devine. (110) (56)

Kicking and Pushing
Shoving and Pulling
Punching and Bullying
At last you're there

A packet of crisps
A Trophy a Twix
It must be a fix
'Cause they're never there

You shout and you bawl
No response comes at all
We don't mind it at all
It is in a good cause
ME!

Pauline Corrigan
Glen Corry

←
TWO VIEWS OF
THE TUCK SHOP
(by III Year)
→

Are Examinations Anachronisms?

(Letter to the Editor by Martin McAllister, V)

In our modern society I cannot help but question the value of examinations. In this day of great technological knowledge one would think that a better means of assessment would be found, assuming of course that assessment is necessary at all.

It is said that examinations prepare students for later life and that success in examinations is a stepping stone to good careers. This is only said because bad guidance and stupidity have led people to believe that this is true. Success in examinations only proves how much knowledge a student can learn and since students have different knowledge-saturation points, the exams are unfair. In their future careers, students will be able to consult reference books if they are in doubt on any subject. This applies to every career; whether it be market gardening, engineering, teaching or medicine.

Examinations have served their purpose and it is now time that people realised this and tried to find a solution to the problem. Exams could be gradually phased out, with students being allowed to use textbooks in the examination hall.

It is the duty of young people everywhere to show everyone how much of a relic examinations are.

I am writing on behalf of the girls of the tuck shop. The girls try to be cheerful but with about fifty people screaming at you with orders the length of your arm, you must admit that it is rather frustrating. So I am asking for the co-operation of everyone, please try to have a little patience and try to remember to pay!!

Also the tuck shop does not open at dinner time till one o'clock. They know some people are in for their dinner then. But they have to have their dinner too. So please, even if you are dying of starvation, don't come knocking on the store room door.

Maurice Callaghan

Spanish Life - by an 'anonymous' Vth year girl

A girl was rushed out of Room 23 last December as Mr McLaughlin describe in further detail a gory incident from a prose. The prose dealt with a fight between a Spaniard and a bandit which resulted in the former's arm hanging by a thread to his shoulder. Not wishing to prolong his inconvenience this Spaniard rapidly severed the remaining link between his shoulder and arm.

Thus the girl was suffering a feeling of nausea. This is a typical example of the effect produced in the Spanish class by Mr McLaughlin.

He not only teaches us Spanish but also educates us on the delights of the Spanish drinking. He has even been known to sing a song typical of those heard outside the Spanish pubs late at night.

What makes him even more inhuman is the fact that he wears exceedingly long cardigans which hang down beyond his jacket. He was heard to have said at the senior dance that he felt cold without his long cardigan even although the room temperature was about 75°.

Thus innocent juniors, for the sake of your health, we Spanish students advise you to beware!

Theresa
Conlan

Three New Pupils by Ann Bennett and Anna Gallagher

Two new pupils, Carol Maloney IHS and her sister Ann IVS came to St Michael's in January from St Mary's, Coathbridge. Both sisters think that St Michael's is a better school than their last one even though it is much smaller. They now live in Pennyburn and have varied interests. A favourite pastime is listening to pop music and Ann is being misled by various David Cassidy fans into thinking he is the greatest.

The third new pupil, Veronica Eddie, a first year, did not think that she would ever be interviewed for SMPT and was very surprised when she was proved wrong. Veronica attended Holyrood Academy, Glasgow. Her main interest is reading which takes up most of her spare time.

Although Veronica lives in Irvine and likes it there, she still prefers her home-town. It is hoped she will change her mind in the near future.

Let's hope the three girls will settle down soon to life here in St Michael's and will enjoy it like everyone else.

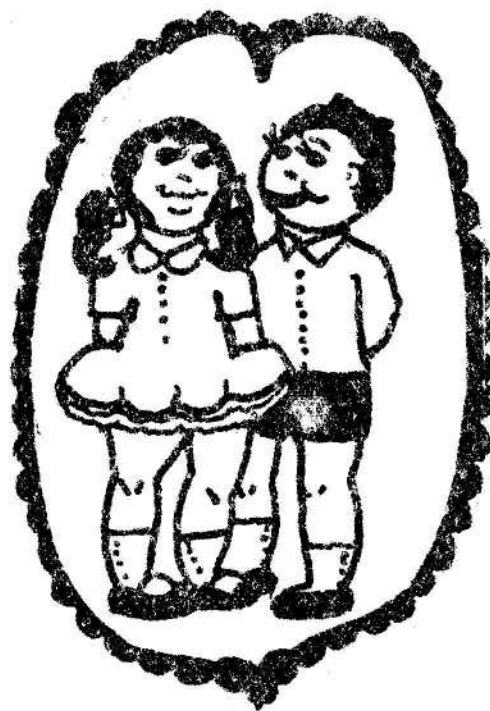
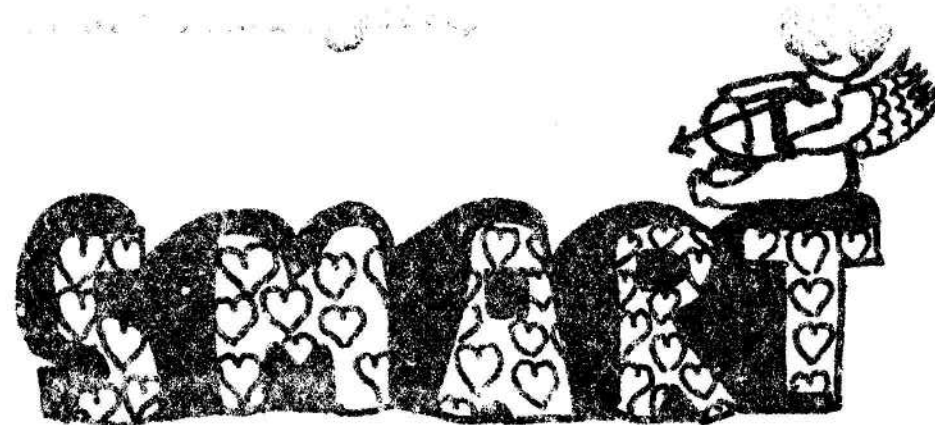
Urgent Plea of Animal Lover by Martin McAllister

Fifth year gerbel fancier, Frank Gaddis is in a predicament. Not long ago he became the proud owner of 6 fine specimens of gerbels. Now he has 22 of these cute little creatures and in 3 months time thinks that they should have pro-created a further 60 or so. Frank, convinced that he will be unable to give the same loving care and attention to 80 gerbels as he could give to 6 is offering gerbels to anyone who agrees to give them a good home. If no one answers this plea, Frank is sure that he will soon have to make tentative enquiries to local Chinese Restaurants....

Quote of the week:

parva sagitta populus - wee arra people

Garry Currie V



Three Prizes to be Won

This is a lucky number issue (your number is inside), and there will be three prizes, a 50p record voucher, a 25p tack shop voucher, and a consolation 15p tack shop voucher. Sales of SMPT will end by dinner-time, so that the numbers can be put up on the main notice board by 1.15 p.m. and prizes can be claimed before the mid-term holiday starts.

Debating Final to be held at St Michael's

The regional final of the Daily Express Debating Competition will be held in this school next Thursday 21 February. Let's have massive support from the school to encourage Brian Kelly and John Nothman.

St Valentine's Day Verse Competition (judged by Roseanne Carson and Elizabeth McCourt)

First Prize to K J (V)

He's only five foot two,
His eyes are big and blue,
He's truly the light of my life,
The only snag is he's gotta wife.

*Recent
Jackson*

Runners-up: A T (IS)

Running by and smiling,
Track shoes the lot!
Just keep on smiling,
My love for you is hot.

*Anne
Tanner*

Euz Doyle

and by E D (IIIA)

If you know a lassie
And want to win her heart,
You can do it very simply,
By writing in to SMART.

St Valentine's Day Messages

1. To our "Gay Young Bachelor" from the Ladies of the Staff
2. Since the day you said "heid man"
Of you we have been a fan
We will worship you Joe Hume
Till Stevenston's flowers cease to bloom

inserted by 2 admirers
(By the way, this is just a slag
In case you decide to start to brag)

3. Lots of love to Davie on Valentine's Day from Bridget
4. With all my love to Chips from Marie

Irvine Royal v St Michael's U-15

(Joe Hume)

After a very even first 30 minutes St Michael's were given a penalty from which McKenna scored. St Michael's attacked from the start of the second half and scored a disputed goal through Denvir. It looked all over when Hume made it three. Irvine Royal hit back though and with about 20 minutes to go they scored when a shot deflected off Murphy and into the net. The second Irvine Royal goal was disputed but the referee said that Murphy had played the forwards onside. Two minutes from the end Irvine Royal scored the equaliser.

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Your lucky number is:

Prize Crossword

Next week's issue will have a prize crossword, not too easy and not too difficult. Don't miss your copy next week.

Also next week - the soya bean story.

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Who writes SMART?

29 names would take up too much room, so we'll just say that 12 pupils on the first editorial team, 12 other pupils, and 5 members of staff have contributed to the six issues since the New Year. The second editorial team has been formed to do the issues from next week's to Easter, and has already started work.

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Cross Country Runners-up

(Michael Gray)

Last Saturday the finals of the Ayrshire Cross Country Championship were held at Garnock Academy. Despite wind and rain and heavy mud, St Michael's excelled themselves in achieving second team place out of a field of nine schools. St Joseph's pipped St Michael's at the post in gaining first place. Our team, W Griffin, M Gray, P Dorrian and D McSorley gained 6th, 12th, 13th and 15th places respectively.

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Letter to the Editor from 'Sentinel'

There are certain questions which must now be asked since sixth year have been denied the use of the Library. For example, how many exceptions were there to 'the sixth year only' arrangement, and were books and tables not defaced before this session.

Sixth year have contributed to thier own downfall, but we are not the only ones to blame. We are being made to suffer for the misdeeds of others.

"Barefoot, Pregnant, and in the Kitchen"

(report by M McAllister)

The ESU Regional Final was held last Friday at Hutcheson's Boys' Grammar School. Jim McCourt and Anne Scullion debated against the motion "This House Regrets the Passing of the Nineteenth Century".

1st Debate: Hutchie Boys v St Michael's

2nd Debate: St Mungo's v Hutchie Girls

Although three people fell into Hutchie's Ornamental Pool, most of us foiled the sabotage and safely arrived in the main hall.

After Hutchie's first speaker, Jim spoke with, to quote the judge, "real fire and feeling". Then came a disappointing show by Hutchie's second speaker. Anne, who spoke next, had, to quote the judges, "a real sense of humour, sound argument and a charming face". Anne gave the phrase of the evening - "19th Century women were barefoot, pregnant and in the kitchen". True to form, St Mike's dominated the open period and we then heard the summings up. All agreed that Jim gave the best summing up of the evening.

In the second debate our supporters seemed more relaxed and we enjoyed the open period even more than the speeches of Hutchie Girls and St Mungo's. After a series of short but incomprehensible points from John Boothman, the chairman said, "that must be the ultimate comment." He failed to realise that John suffers from constipation of the brain and diarrhoea of the mouth.

St Mungo's speaker said of the points of one of our intelligent supporters "Never have I been so beautifully slagged."

We were indeed disappointed when the chairman of the judges announced that St Mungo's had won the trophy and that Hutchie Boys had also qualified. We had been confident because he had earlier said that we were good debaters. All our supporters, however, felt that there certainly could be victory in defeat.

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Lucky Number Winners by Chris Walsh, Agnes Clifford, Mairi Dalton

The winner of last week's lucky number competition was Kevin Traynor IS. Although his favourite singer is David Bowie, he is trading his record token to Mark Piacentini who won second prize because he has a cassette recorder but not a record player. Kevin's favourite subject in school is woodwork and his main interest is football - he plays for Troon Thistle and St Michael's first year team. Mark Piacentini, from Saltcoats, hasn't decided yet what record he will buy. He didn't tell us much about himself, but his favourite school subject is geography; he is also keen on photography. Third prize went to Roseanne Carson Vth Year from Ardrossan, whose favourite periods are the free periods. As her winning lucky number was 007 she is convinced that she is James Bond in disguise!

Ayrshire Cup Semi-Final - U16

Ravenspark 4 St Michael's 5 (after extra time)

St Michael's are through to the Ayrshire Cup Final for the second year, but they will never be closer to defeat. 3-0 up early in the second half we looked to have the game won, but Ravenspark staged a tremendous fightback and despite the goals by Jim Jenkins (2) and Joe Hume the lead disappeared and with only 2 minutes to go Ravenspark were up 4-3. John McKenna was the hero who equalised in the last minute. The game went to extra time where Owen Doran scored the vital winner. Our cup final opponents will be Kilmarnock Academy.

Next week's issue

The one-day holiday for the General Election next Thursday will make SMART one day late. All sellers please remember: the 1st of March will be SMART day. Next week there will be an article about the east-iron stomach you need for biology classes.

Soya or Not? by Alicia Laughland

Friday 8 saw an experiment carried by Mrs Barkey and the Vth Year Food and Nutrition class. Their guinea pigs were Mr Nellany, Mr Maurer and some pupils. The results were conclusive; Mr Nellany could tell the difference as could Mr Maurer. The results were:

Spaghetti Bolognaise	1st Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice
Real meat	5	2	4
Half Soya	4	4	3
Synthetic	2	5	4
Beef Curry			
Real Meat	2	8	
Synthetic	8	2	

A very worthwhile experiment but I wonder how long it will be before the experiment becomes the accepted meal?

PRIZE CROSSWORD

Your crossword entry should be handed in to SMART c/o Room 26 or 27, not later than Monday at 4.00 pm. All entries put in up to then will have the chance to win the 30p tuck shop voucher prize.

CLUES

Across:

- 1 Country neighbouring Scotland
- 5 A crow
- 6 Not off
- 9 To annoy
- 11 An Irish dog
- 14 Opposite of Morning
- 16 The top of a castle
- 18 Part of a railway line
- 20 Gets up
- 23 A river has this
- 25 A man's name
- 27 To remain
- 28 A pronoun
- 29 A famous basketball team

Down:

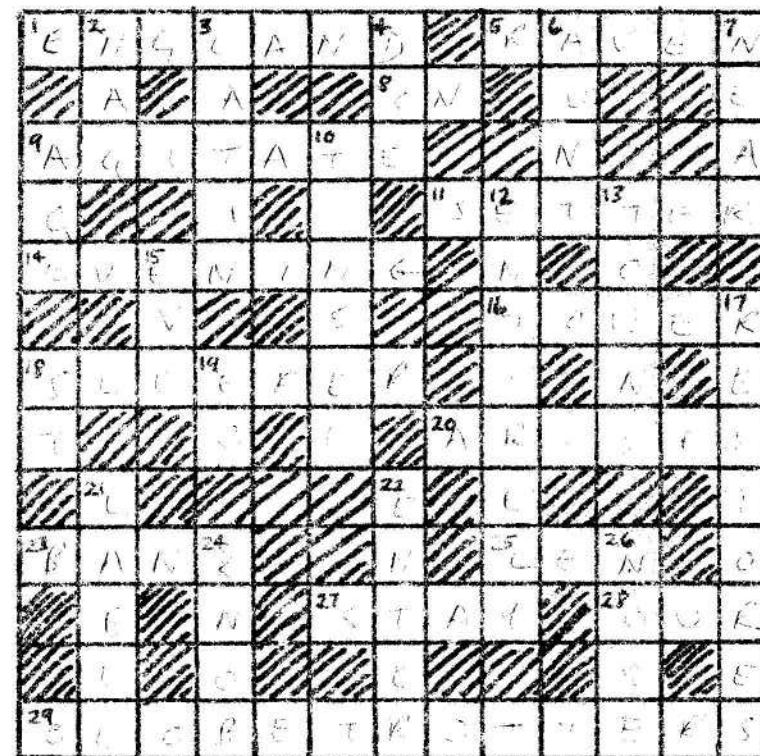
- 2 A small horse
- 3 Language
- 4 A deer
- 6 A relative
- 7 Close to
- 9 Grow old
- 10 Christmas Decoration
- 12 Completely
- 13 Irvine is one of these
- 15 A woman's name
- 17 Puts back
- 18 Saint
- 19 For example
- 21 Tag

Clues - Down (contd)

- 22 Pierce, go through
- 24 Handle
- 26 Part of the body

Brian Kelly and John Boothman deserve your support in this school tonight at 7.00 pm in the regional final debate with the visiting teams.

your support tonight



(Compiled by "Sulla")

NAME..... CLASS.....

(Kathleen McDonald)

"Spot the Baby" Result

The results of the competition were released last week but unfortunately were too late for publication in the last edition of SMART.

The winner was Margaret Mary Iorrian IV1, who could not remember what her reaction to winning was, as it was so long ago. She says that this lapse of memory is due to an overdose of Maths. Her main interests are Clifford T Ward and cookery and occasionally a game of badminton.

Miss Callaghan said that the funniest mistake came from someone who said that Mr Whyte's pram looked so ancient that it just had to be Mr McIarlane's.

St Michael's in Latin Competition

Eight second year pupils have been rehearsing a Star-trek scene in Latin for six weeks now, for tomorrow morning at Glasgow University, when pupils from all over the West of Scotland will be taking part in the annual Latin and Greek speaking competition. Five fourth year pupils are also taking part in individual entries, and there will be ten supporters, though more would have gone if more seats had been available on the bus.

Girls Senior Volleyball

St Michael's v Ardrossan Academy

After Ardrossan winning a narrow and very close first set, St Michael's decided to put their fiery play into action by winning the second set with very strong service points and exciting play. During the third set a very anxious Mrs Devine was seen standing at the side of the court, as St Michael's were trailing by 7 points to 11. However, Mrs Devine need not have worried as St Michael's fought bravely back to win this set and the match.

Final Score: 15-17, 15-6, 15-11.

Players were: Marie O'Sullivan (capt) Maureen Delury, Bernadette McGinty, Frances Tracey, Deidre Scott and Maureen Ward.

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Last Week's Prize Crossword

There were 128 entries for the crossword, compiled by Roderick McDonald (II). Girls' captain Barbara Boyd made the draw. The tuck shop voucher was won by James Allan IA. Because of the high number of entries, there are three consolation prizes, for E Gallacher IM, B Savage IIK and John Griffin IV2. A few entries had letters missing and a few did not get the "Pierce, go through" clue: answer "enter".

Interview with Miss Keenan - Anna Gallacher and Ann Bennett
Miss Keenan has been working in our school from the past four weeks, teaching History and French as part of her course at Notre Dame Training College where she is in her 2nd Year.

When she was approached by SMART to be interviewed for the magazine, her first words were: "Well, what do you want to know about my deep secrets?" Silence reigned for a few seconds, "I haven't got any," she continued. (Pity, could have been most interesting!!!)

She is a former pupil of Queen Margaret Academy in Lyr and although this is not her old school she enjoyed her stay here very much.

Apologies

Owing to pressure of space, the article about biology classes has been postponed till next week's issue.

"SMART" GUIDE TO DEBATING

Jokes, Fire and a National Final - Jim McCourt

We are now by far the greatest debating school in Ayrshire. Amid a huge audience on February 21 in the first major debate held in St Michael's, Brian Kelly and John Boothman powered their way to the Scottish Daily Express Debating Final.

On the motion that "Scottish Education is a broken-down sausage machine", our lads, second of the three proposition teams, delivered hard hitting and forceful speeches. Brian lifted a debate which threatened to stagnate, injecting into it an enthusiastic, lively argument, though this was dampened by an unresponsive audience. John preceeded an excellent and rousing speech with an anecdote culminating in the satirical punchline that pupils attended school not "tae by smelt" but "tae be teachet", adding further stimulus to the proceedings. Both were prominent in points of information, John destroying opponents with a "You're talking rubbish".

However the standard of debating was varied due to some who merely interrupted or took away from superior sides. Irvine Royal and Mainholm were more dangerous.

After a fine summing up by Inverkeithing we had an open period punctuated by scintillating points from Martin McAllister. Then heralding an outburst of euphoria the judge announced the result. In his analysis he said Brian "contributed very much to the debate" and said of John "He made good use of humour".

Mainholm Academy and St Michael's now go forward to the National Final in Glasgow on 21 March.

Goodbye to the Gay Young Bachelor!

By Gay Bachel
"Of course I'm sorry to be leaving St Michael's", said Mr Aitken, "but after four and a half years at one school I think it's about time I had a change." He is being given promotion to Assistant Rector at Ardrossan Academy and he starts there on 3 June. It is not definite yet who will be taking his place but it is thought that the vacancy will be filled around Easter-time. When asked about the football team which he is in charge of he said, "I don't know who will be taking over when I leave, but the season will be finished by then anyway." On asking some of his former pupils about his leaving they said, "We are all sorry to see him leaving because he's a great teacher but we wish him good luck in his new school."

If you are by now confused by the progress of our two teams this session, here is our easy-to-follow guide to debating.

E S U Debating Tournament

1st Speaker - Jim McCourt 2nd Speaker - Anne Scullion

Round 1 (at Loudoun Academy)

St Michael's and Girvan beat Mar and Loudoun

Round 2 bye

Round 3 (at Kilmarnock Academy) Ayrshire Final

St Michael's beat Kilmarnock, Ayr and Girvan

Round 4 (at Hutcheson's Boys' Grammar School)

West of Scotland Final

St Mungo's and Hutcheson's Boys beat St Michael's and Hutcheson's Girls

Dailing Express Debating Competition

1st Speaker - Brian Kelly 2nd Speaker - John Boothman

Round 1 (at Kilmarnock Academy)

St Michael's, Kilmarnock and Irvine Royal beat 5 others

Round 2 (at Irvine Royal)

St Michael's, Irvine Royal and Mainholm beat 5 others

Round 3 (at St Michael's)

St Michael's and Mainholm beat 4 others

Round 4 National Final

Next week's issue will have details of how you can win two free places in the supporters' bus to the Final at the University Union, Glasgow on 21 March.

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Biology Life (by an 'anonymous' VI girl) *vs. Miss Collum*

Having read the interesting (and no doubt true) article about typical Spanish classes I have decided to give the juniors a preview of typical biology classes.

After several years spent trying to study biology I have learnt by experience that you must have a cast-iron stomach. Miss Collum seems to take a most morbid delight in producing dead rats, bulls' eyes, worms and so on for dissection. Feeling like apprentices at an abattoir we stand there with our scalpels clasped tightly in our hands while Miss Collum explains the correct way to explore a rat's insides (which is more difficult than it may sound.)

Fortunately, these occasions are far outnumbered by other types of practical work, for example, examining blood cells under the microscope. Oddly enough, at times like these it is impossible to extract blood from pin-pricked thumbs. On other occasions a mere scratch spurts blood until a tourniquet is applied. Still we persevere drilling for blood with our sterilized needles muttering the immortal motto:-

"Not impossible - BIOLOGICAL!"

Win two free seats to the Daily Express Debate in next week's issue.

Exclusive interview with dinner staff - by two SMART guys

"It's great working in the kitchen", they say, "but it would be more pleasant if the pupils would stop saying 'Gads!' and other rude comments." We asked them if the newspaper could be improved in any way, and they replied, "Yes, if more staff could be interviewed like the groundsman, etc." They also said that the newspaper is good value for money. When we asked them if the sittings are well-behaved, the reply was, "No, no, no, definitely not." One question a lot of people ask is why don't we get a choice of dinners. The Supervisor said that this is because the kitchen is not big enough for this but it will come in the near future.

Star Trek in Latin! by Mairi Dalton and Janice Gallacher

Have you ever seen a Latinised version of Star Trek? If not, then you should have come along with us to Glasgow University last Saturday. It was there that the Latin competition was held.

What was it all about? Well, eight IIInd Year Latin students got together, six to act in the play and two as reserves. Tony Graham played Kirkus, Gerard Quinn, Spocca, Roddy McDonald Sulla, and Denis Herraghty was the male reserve. Annabell Miller was Uhura, Janice Gallacher Circe the Witch, and Mairi Dalton was her daughter. The female reserve was Shirley Wright.

Scene I was in the space ship 'Exploratrix', when Uhura told Kirkus about a new star she had seen. The decide to visit it. Scene II is on the star. Kirkus and Spocca are looking around when a young girl skips towards them; she is the daughter of Circe. Circe changes Kirkus into a pig for the mere fun of doing so, but decides that Spocca with his "beautiful ears" will marry her. He, of course, spoils things by threatening to kill her. Kirkus is changed back, the witch and her daughter leave, and Spocca and Kirkus head for the ship.

St Michael's didn't come first, but we were in the top five, meaning we have won certificates. One success, however, was Julie Forbes with her Greek passage. She came second in her section. And everyone enjoyed the day thoroughly, even though we didn't come home laden with cups.

Hockey Report - by Bernadette McGinty

After the recent weeks of bad weather St Michael's returned to the hockey pitches on Saturday against Auchinleck. The 1st Year XI lost 6-0 and the 2nd Year XI lost 2-0, but to save the day the 1st XI won 10-0 with goals from Frances Tracey (3), Marie O'Sullivan (3), Marie McCluskey (2), Marie McFarlane and Bernadette McGinty.

Are Examinations Anachronisms?

A few weeks ago, a letter to the editor questioned the value of examinations as we know them. Mr Kavanagh has written the following letter in reply.

The test of an evaluation system is simply this: Does it deliver the feedback that is needed, when it is needed, to the persons who need it? If any system is to meet this test it must satisfy several basic criteria:

- 1 Evaluation must facilitate self-evaluation. The most fundamentally important outcome of evaluation is what happens within the learner himself. In the narrower terms of subject matter he needs to understand with some precision what is to be learned and 'what it is all about'. To whatever extent he has succeeded, he needs to know about it, for a sense of success contributes energy for the next task; to whatever extent he has not yet achieved mastery, he needs to know what the gaps are, so that he can figure out what to do about them.

In the broader terms of the learner's development as a person, it is essential that evaluation help him steadily towards a valid and healthy image of himself. It is especially important for him to learn about his strengths and resources and to appraise realistically his residual weaknesses.
- 2 Evaluation must facilitate learning and teaching. After each bit of evaluative data comes in, the teacher should be a little surer of how to proceed next. The confusion of evaluation with grading tends to produce an image of evaluation as a terminal thing but its far more important significant function is a constant probing for the best way to move forward. After each bit of evaluation the pupils too should know better where he stands and how to move ahead. And this purpose of diagnosis should be so apparent in the evaluative devices used that the pupils will see diagnosis as an aid, not as a trap set to catch him in failure.
- 3 Evaluation must produce records. It is important that records be so good that whenever they are needed they can deliver exactly that information which is truly significant.

Obviously class teachers need record as an aid to their instruction. Records are needed when pupils transfer to Universities. Records are needed for reports to employers and parents. In every case the essential thing is that records be able to say what really counts and say it in a way that genuinely communicates.

In this imperfect world it is not likely that any school system will ever devise a programme of evaluation that will meet these criteria perfectly.

Letter to the Editor from Mary Ruxton

Whatever happened to the house meetings we used to have frequently in the school? When I was in first year we had house meetings often; now we don't have any at all. There used to be house outings as well and the first and only one I went on was great. We went to Dunoon. I would like to go on another trip but as there wasn't one last year; there probably won't be one this year either.

Sports Report (edited by Liam Griffin and David Hume)

Ayrshire u-18

Iain Lundy and Andrew Graham represented St Michael's in the Ayrshire U-18 Football Team on Saturday against Cumberland. Unfortunately they were beaten 3-1.

Basketball U-16

St Michael's v Ravenspark. St Michael's strolled through the game winning easily by 46 points to 20.

Basketball U-14

St Michael's v Ravenspark. St Michael's had to fight all the way, but at the finish they won 18 points to 14.

Football U-15

St Michael's 1 - Auchenhavrie 3

In our first game of the season we were soundly beaten 13-0 by Auchenhavrie. As the score in Monday's Match (11 March) indicates the team has much improved since then. The defence was sound and it was particularly pleasing that the reshuffle of the back four proved so successful. - Welcome back Chips, Mike and Harry.

Saturday's match had its effect up front and our forwards could not sustain full output in the second half. Early to bed boys! The best goal of the game came from Robert Hutcheon in the second half. Had the forwards been on target in the first 15 minutes of the game we could have toppled the giants. (Auchenhavrie have not lost a match this season.) Man-of-the-match - keeper Robin Brazier.

Arrived

Round and About

Last Wednesday Mr Cassidy, not David, but the teacher who will become Principal Teacher of English when Mr Kelly leaves, visited the school to meet the members of the English Department. He is very keen on drama and is going to help with the stage management of the play for the Schools' Drama Festival. Mrs Smith commented "He has a lot of new ideas."

"That sport is no longer a pastime but a religion" is the notion for debate on Friday night (tomorrow) when the joint debate with Auchenhavrie (postponed from last term) will be held. The debate will be followed by a dance, open to all members of the debating society.

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News from Sister Pauline

I look forward to receiving my weekly copy of SMART and enjoy what the contributors have to tell us.

I have been asked by Chris Walsh and Johnny Walsh what news I have to give. So much happens every day that it is difficult to select. However, the Ordination of Joseph Murray of Saltcoats is especially worthy of mention. Cardinal Gray came from Edinburgh to ordain Joseph in his home parish of St Brendan's, Saltcoats. Best wishes were sent to Joseph in a special Greetings Telegram from Staff and Pupils of St Michael's.

In the Office it has been unusually busy recently because Miss Higgins has been absent through illness. By the time that SMART is on sale, she may be back in school.

Mrs Baird will be transferring to Corsehill School Kilwinning in the near future and she will be replaced by Mrs McCutcheon. It did appear as though Mrs Baird would be transferred at very short notice but good news came that she may remain with us for a little while yet. We are grateful to Mrs Baird for her willingness to fit into the latest arrangements.

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Round and About

"Molly Malone's Supper" is the name of the Parent-Teacher Association Irish Night on Friday 22 March in St Mary's Hall. Tickets are available from Mr Mellan at 50p each.

Art Competition Successes

Although Ravenspark Academy took first prize in a recent competition for the design of a cover for the Irvine New Town Youth Panel Handbook, five of the seven entries from St Michael's were considered to be of such a high standard that parts from them will be used to make up the back cover. Those whose work was photographed earlier this week were Maureen Callaghan and Lesley Paul (III), Joe Ekkels (IV), and Sharon Stirling and Veronica Thriepland (V). (40)

PRIZE CROSSWORD

Your crossword entry should be handed in to Room 26 or 27 not later than 4.00 p.m. on Friday. First Prize is a 30p tuck shop voucher. There will probably be one or two consolation prizes.

Only one entry per pupil is allowed. A second copy of SMART will be given to each entrant (as long as spares last) so that you may still have an undamaged copy to take home or keep.

CLUES

Across:

- 1 Seasonal confection (6,3)
- 6 Pronoun
- 8 Used for writing
- 9 Team it in (anagram)
- 11 Relation
- 12 Notices
- 14 Deficit
- 16 Redding
- 18 Insect
- 20 Break up
- 23 Choose
- 24 Enemy
- 26 When the voters choose

Down:

- 1 Time is one (anagram) (4,5)
- 2 At tin (anagram)
- 3 Excuse
- 4 Happiness
- 5 Clear solid
- 7 Perform
- 10 Error
- 13 Name
- 15 Tree juice
- 17 Bishop's area
- 18 Part of a circle
- 19 Stalk
- 21 Point on a compass
- 22 Unexplained phenomenon
- 25 Preposition

A French Film

Last Tuesday a group of 5th Year pupils accompanied by Fr Wynne and Mr Connolly travelled to Glasgow in the school mini-bus. We actually arrived 'safely' in time to see the film version of Alain Fournier's 'Le Grand Meaulnes'.

Needless to say we disregarded the English subtitles being excellent French students! It was enjoyed by everyone including Paul Murphy who, after having fallen asleep half-way through it, is still waiting for the end!

Our thanks to Fr Wynne and Mr Connolly for this most enjoyable outing. (34)



Compiled by J Q. and D T

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

Ayrshire Cup U-18

St Joseph's 1 - St Michael's 3

Last Wednesday evening, the only undefeated team in the school took to the field to play St Joseph's Academy at Kilmarnock, in the Ayrshire Cup quarter final match. St Michael's immediately took the initiative and gave a display of dazzling football which stunned the opposition and within 16 minutes were a goal up. A goal against the run of play did not deter this incredibly fit St Michael's team and 'player of the match' J J McCann snatched a cracking goal from a seemingly impossible situation. In the second half top goal scorer Lundy stabbed the ball into the back of the net 3 minutes from time to give St Michael's a 3-1 victory. The outstanding players were "the whole team" and Mr C Scullion on the sideline.

U-16

Cumnock 5 - St Michael's 2

Cumnock's victory last Saturday virtually means that Cumnock or Ravenspark can win the league and St Michael's second top until this defeat, cannot. Too many players for St Michael's played below form but the obvious problem was slack marking in defence which allowed Cumnock striker Wilson to score all 5 goals.

Cumnock dominated the first half and Paul Donoghue in goal had an outstanding display to keep St Michael's in the game. Our chance came when at 4-2 St Michael's went all out to get back into the game and the Cumnock defence rocked. But Cumnock held out and scored their 5th goal in a late break-away. Our best players were Paul Donoghue, Joe Hume and Michael Murphy.

Hockey

St Michael's Hockey Teams had a disappointing day against Wellington.

1st Years lost 2-0

2nd Years lost 3-0

1st XI lost 4-1, Marie O'Sullivan scoring the only goal for St Michael's.

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Music Festival Report by Mairi Dalton and Gloria Hennon

Last Tuesday week, the Senior Choir sang in Ayr. Although Carrick withdrew leaving them as the only competitors in their group they scored very high marks. The Adjudicator mentioned that "Come Down, O Love Divine" was "as good as" ever heard" and that "Praise to the Holiest" was "better than I have ever heard before."

On Thursday of last week, both Junior and Senior Choirs sang. The Juniors, singing "The Girl with the Buckles on her Shoes" and "My Lady Greensleeves" came third in their section, and were told that they sang with a "beautiful sound, affection and imagination", by Mr Redshaw, the Adjudicator.

The Seniors won the Ayrshire Co-op Society Trophy after scoring 87 and 90. The Adjudicator said "it was a pity that the hall was not packed to hear such splendid singing." The songs were "To Take the Air", and "Ching-a-Ring Chaw".

We interviewed the shy, but lovely "Anonymous" from the Senior Choir. She said that they could hardly have hoped to do better, but it was a bit disappointing not to have competitors. She was very pleased with the results, and thought that all the practising was worthwhile.

Next Week

A further Music Festival report, a report on tonight's debate, and a lucky number competition with Easter eggs (large and small) as prizes. Perhaps our stocks of yellow paper may be renewed by then.

Unfortunately we have no room this week to print the report of how Father Boyd helped the U-18's to win a training session match against the "over-rated under-16's"

New Pupils by Anna Gallagher and Ann Bennett

Four new pupils have joined the school since our last report in mid-January. They are Margaret McKinnon and Martin Quinn, 1K and Daniel Scott and Janice Houston, 2M.

Margaret who used to attend St Thomas Aquinas School, Glasgow prefers St Michael's to her old school mainly because it is much smaller (about half the size). Martin however thinks that there is not much difference between St Mike's and his old school, Greenwood Academy. Both 1st Years like swimming and Margaret likes sewing and reading.

Daniel used to attend Queen Margaret's Academy, Ayr and Janice St James's, Paisley. All four new pupils now live at Pennyburn. (15)

Prize Crossword Results

The first correct entry drawn was that of Lea Nilde Cavani (VI), who receives the 30p Tuck Shop voucher. Consolation prizes go to John Barret (VE), Julie Forbes (IV2) and Roddy McDonald (IHK). The crossword was compiled by Joseph Quinn and David Turicchi (VI).

Common mistakes were with the clues 'deficit' (answer 'loss'), 'notices' (answer 'sees'), 'Redding' (answer 'Otis', a singer) and 'time is one' (anagram, 4,5) (answer 'emit noise'). A total of 112 entries were received, of which the first to be handed in was from Rose Marie Palmer V2, and the last came from Annette Johnston 1K. (12)

Note for Contributors

Even if you don't want your name published, all articles and letters to the editor must have your name on them, so that the editorial team know, and details can be checked if necessary. We need articles, competitions, your letters etc., but especially reports and news about school clubs and future events. Pass them to any member of the editorial team. Next week's issue will have a poem entitled "Maurer's Horrors". (15)

What happened to the Ninth Legion?

The mystery of the Roman Ninth Legion, which may have marched into Scotland and been destroyed by the natives, or may have been transferred to Holland, is one of the things to be discussed in a lecture for pupils next Tuesday evening, 26 March at 7.30 p.m. by Mr Keppie of the Hunterian Museum, Glasgow. He will also talk about the advance of the Roman Legions to the North and the Roman frontiers in Britain, Hadrian's Wall and the Antonine Wall.

Over 200 pupils from twelve schools in North Ayrshire will be coming to the talk, which will be illustrated. Although it is intended for fourth-year pupils, third-year pupils or seniors are also welcome. Admission is free and it will probably end at about 9.00 p.m. Anyone wishing more details should see Mr Dickson. (12)

Tonight's the Night

Over 40 pupils and 15 staff will be at the national final of the Daily Express Competition in Glasgow tonight, when Brian Kelly and John Boothman will be battling with five other schools on the motion that "Scotland is on top of the world".

The school funds are contributing most of the cost of the coach (that's why our competition for free seats was never held). Whatever the result tonight, Brian and John are among the top six teams out of the 125 who have taken part in the different stages of this year's competition. (10)

Anagram Puzzle (by Tom Sweeney and Tommy Williamson)

What are the following pop records:

- 1 ENHLOVEET
- 2 EGTFEREIT
- 3 LAOYELLMFIF
- 4 LBRLBREEEE

Answers next week

Sports Report (compiled by David Hume and Liam Griffin)

U-18 Basketball

Prestwick 33 - St Michael's 10

Although St Michael's were defeated in this league match they proved that the team has potential to play good basketball. It was their lack of enthusiasm and aggressiveness that lost them the match which incidentally was their fourth successive defeat.

Prestwick on the other hand had obviously trained for the match and had many excellent players. Their overall team performance was satisfactory, but it was their accurate shooting that gave them a big advantage over St Michael's.

With the season coming to a close it now looks certain that St Michael's will finish bottom of the league.

U-16 Basketball

St Michael's were due to play Irvine Royal Academy last Wednesday evening but the Irvine team failed to turn up for the match.

U-13 Football

The game was evenly matched throughout, but it was Auchenhervie who made better use of the chances. Their forwards created and eventually defeated St Michael's by 5 goals to 2.

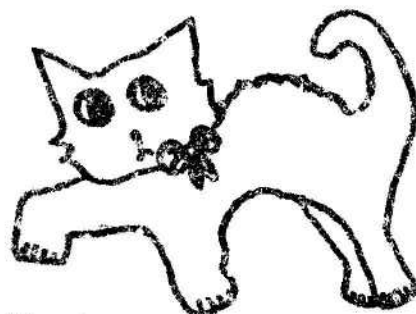
Little yellow cat
With a little red heart
If you're really very lucky
You will be printed in SMART

(from R. A. M. & P. 19)

Quote of the week

"Bell's went"

(from national debating
finalist - J B)

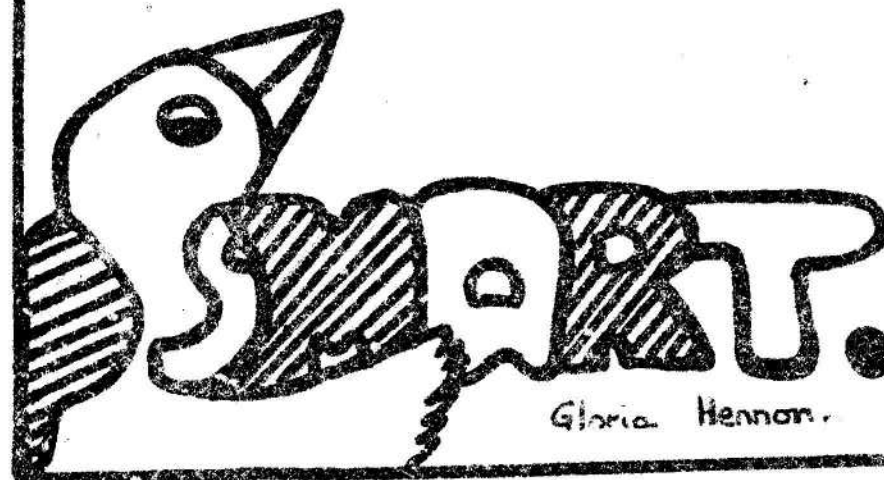


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Lucky Number Issue - Easter Eggs to be won

There are four Easter Eggs to be won. The winning numbers will go on the main notice-board at 9.05 a.m. tomorrow morning and prizes may be claimed any time tomorrow.

Molly Malone Supper - by Margo Waddell

The P.T.A. Supper gave us a flavour of the Irish, what with Irish stew and the national bread. We had a real hoooley of a night. The entertainers I'm sure had a help from the leprechauns as they soon had us in a happy mood. The compere, singers and Irish dancers were well applauded. The raffle which was a bottle of whisky was won by Mr Leishman. Finally the night finished off with the floor packed with dancers. I notice Mrs McKinley picked up the Irish step quite easily. (8)

Two Shows for the price of one! - Mary Ruxton

Irvine New Town Amateur Operatic Society's production of "Trial by Jury" and "H.M.S. Pinafore" begins on Monday 1 April at 7.30 p.m. It runs all week. Tickets are 40p and are on sale in Walkers, Irvine Cross or from any committee member. Trial by Jury done in modern dress.

DON'T MISS THIS GREAT PERFORMANCE

"Maurer's Horrors" (by Anonymous VI)

If by chance you notice as you pass
A strange peculiar smell from out our class
Do not be afraid; it will not harm;
It's day-old milk from off the farm.

And if you hear a howl around midday,
It's our vampire Meg going out to play,
Collecting samples in order to obtain,
Serums of the very purest strain.

The dirty waters of the Garnock
Are at places full of muck.
This our bracing fellow's out to prove
And the muck he full intends to use.

And if the mud is there for sure,
Our Babs will find a surefire cure,
Using Squeezy for this purpose;
She could become the best of nurses.

Of the others there is lots to tell
Concerning this revolting smell
Now Mr M is back in class;
If you'll pardon, I'll just pass.

Clair C. Wells

We Wuss Robbed (by Stephen Motroni)

On Thursday last, in the Glasgow University Men's Union
the final of the Scottish Daily EXpress (R I P) Debating
Competition took place. Out of 125 schools which entered
there remained only 6: Alloa Academy, Holly Cross High
School, Lochaber High (Fort William), St Mungo's Academy
Mainholm Academy and St Michael's Academy.

Representing St Mich's were John Boothman and Brian Kelly
who proposed the motion that "Scotland's on top of the
world".

Brian who was the first speaker of the evening arrested the attention of the audience with a witty and very pertinent speech.
John, who received praise from Mrs Margo Macdonal (one of the judges) for his courtesy, was a very able and lively seconder.

No debate about Scotland would have been complete without a mention of oil. John made the most memorable comment on this when
he said that 'oil's well that ends well'.

During the comments on the debate by the judges Lord Shinwell said that he must offer his congratulations to all the teams.
He said that the debate was "More interesting, more scintillating than most of the dishwater bilge I hear at the Lords."

Unfortunately when it came to placing the teams the judges could not have appreciated the eloquence and elegance of Brian and
John's speeches. We are all sure that B & J were robbed of a place in the first three.

Final Music Festival Report (Mairi Dalton and Gloria Hennon)

Last week we reported only on the choirs, but since then
there have been some solo entries.

Peter Magee (IV) was 1st for the Under-17 and the Open Piano
Classes. He was awarded the Annie P Barclay Memorial and the
Agnes Millar Prize for the top pianist of the whole festival.

Mark Laughland (1K) was 1st in the Junior Woodwind Solo Class.
Gerard Quinn (2K) was 4th in his Flute Solo.

Bernadette McLaughlin was 1st in the Under-18 Vocal Solos.

In the Final Concert, St Michael's was represented by Peter
Magee, Anthony Quinn and the Senior Choir bringing the
festival to a fitting conclusion.

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Sports Report

Under 18 Football - St Michael's v Girvan

This game was evenly balanced until the 30 minute when Girvan
scored due to slack covering by the St Michael's defence.

Half time 0-1

St Michael's showed more flair in the second half and had
many near misses. St Michael's claimed for a penalty when
H McMahon tried to fool the referee with a dive. Girvan later
claimed for a penalty. Although Graham made a good attempt
to save, Girvan scored making it 0-2. Jenkins replaced M Gray
due to injury in the 55 minute. In the 60 minute Girvan
scored again to make the score 0-3. Fine moves from J Jenkins
and D Hume on the left wing brought St Michael's their first
goal in the 71 minute. A few minutes from full time Griffin
made it 2-3 from 20 yards out. St Michael's created enough
chances to win this game easily.

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