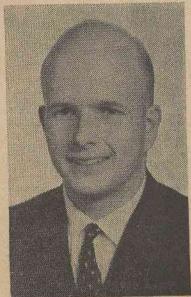
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Mike Pegram

Having studied at N. C. State, P. J. C. and Flora Macdonald College, Michael Allen Pegram is completing his college career here at St. Andrews.

Mike is vice president of the student body and president of the Senate. He also fills the positions of chairman of the Publications Board, chairman of Constitution Committee, and member of the Elections Committee. Mecklenburg dorm knows Mike also as a suite leader and member of the dorm council. The Christian Association and the Athletic Association list him as ex-officio mem-

Mike is majoring in math and plans to go to U. N. C. graduate school upon graduation from St. Andrews.



Jean Pigott

senior from Shallotte, Jean Pigott has concentrated on a career in business education in many ways. Besides serving as a typist for both newspaper and annual staffs, she is an officer in Phi Beta Lambda.

In addition to being a class officer and a dormitory section leader, Jean maintains grades no lower than B's. She is considering graduate school for next year.

At present her favorite pastime is riding around in a certain red Austin-Healy. Collegiate football games and beach activities such as waterskiing are also tops with this A senior from Sanford, this "Who's Who" honoree.



JEAN PIGOTT

ELAINE WARD

Elaine Ward

An individual who should be a familiar figure on the campus by now, this senior has had great effect on our campus life here at St. Andrews. As editor of The Lance she

has put many hours into being sure that The Lance meets the press on time and in good order. Her collegiate journalism began at FMC where she served as assistant editor of the newspaper. Elaine also serves on the Senate, the Publications Board, and the Points Committee.

Elaine will receive a BA in English, Bible, and Christian Education, yes, all three, and she intends to teach English before he reached our shores. after graduation.

Elaine's interests include the usual activities of an individual with excess energy, including sports, singing, and numerous others, not to mention the Honor society.

Christmas

Ever wonder, as you deck the branches of that prize pine or spruce, who trimmed the first Christmas tree? Or when folks first "discovered" the existence of Santa Claus? Or who sang the first Christmas carol . . . hung up the first Christmas stockings . . . chose a strategic spot for the first holiday mis-

Some Christmas customs are surprisingly recent, while others date back even beyond the earliest Christians. But the Yuletide we know — complete with gifts under the tree, friends calling to admire the decorations, and family reunions - has existed only for the past 200 years.

To our ancestors who celebrated "Christmas Messe" (The Mass of Christ) several centuries ago, Christmas was a time of solemn rejoicing and deep religious dedication, with little of the modern gaiety. The New England Puritans actually forbade joyous Yuletide demon-

Follow The New York Dutch

New Englanders and other Americans eventually followed the lead of New York's Dutch settlers and succumbed to the charm of "San Nicolaas" - better known as Saint Nick or Santa Claus. But the jolly gent had a flourishing career long

More than 1600 years ago there was a St. Nicholas - a Turkish bishop whose countless works of charity made him a legend in his own lifetime. Martyred in 342 A.D., he became the patron saint of children and of three nations: Greece, Holland and Belgium.

People pictured him on a white horse ascribed to him by old Turkish tradition. But his fame spread to Scandinavia, whose citizens felt more at home with a Saint Nick who rode a reindeer-drawn sleigh. They also gave him his red suit, a hand-me-down from the anmas Eve. And leave it to the flowers instead of evergreens the rosy cheeks, white beard systematic British to establish at Christmas time. The Christ- and jolly-jelly belly, they came from the famous poem - "The Night Before Christmas," whose author, Dr. Clement Moore, modeled Santa after an Old Dutch gentleman he had once met!

> About those Christmas stockings: one legend says that the original St. Nicholas, taking pity on a man too poor to provide a dowry for his daughters, dropped gold pieces into a stocking hung up by the fire to dry. Actually, the custom of hanging up Christmas stockings probably originated in Germany.

Evergreen Long Revered A Symbol

No matter how many gifts under the tree, the tree itself is still the center of attraction in most homes - a place of honor which is solidly rooted in history. Thousands of years before Christ's birth, evergreen was revered as a symbol of longlife and immortality. German tribesmen brought fir trees into their homes to please the godlike "spirits" they thought to inhabit the trees. When these pagans were converted to Christianity, they transferred their feelings for the evergreen to the new religion.

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Celebrated

hospital nurse's aide

MARY E. WALKUP

Mary E. Walkup

Bible and Christian Education

major is looking forward to

continuing her church-related

activities after graduation. Dur-

ing her years both at Flora

Macdonald and here at St. An-

drews, Mary Emma has taken

much interest in the fields of

music and religion particular-

ly, while constantly maintain-

ing a high scholastic average.

She is an accomplished organ-

ist and quite a worker in the

Christian Association, serving

as president of the Westminis-

ter Fellowship and as a Sunday

School teacher and at present

a pianist in a nearby church

Her leisure hours are spent

playing tennis or reading and

she has held a variety of sum-

mer jobs, ranging from being

a waitress in Montreat to a

strewing hay on the floor day features — Christmas din-draw small gifts on Christmas on Christmas Eve! of your home . . . knocking on ner, Christmas presents and neighbors' doors in a symbolic Yuletide decorations — have of Fate." The French exchange of holly" is a traditional re pilgrimage — these are some of picturesque local variations. Not gifts on New Year's Day, but frain in English and American the ways you might find your- only does Santa have numer- the impatient young fry are homes, but in Spain and Italy, self celebrating Christmas in ous aliases (he's Julenissen in Denmark, Pere Noel in France, the Abbot of Unreason in Scotland), but in Italy he is she. Italian kids place their trust in Befana, an old woman on a broomstick who brings gifts to good children and ashes to bad ones. (In older versions of the legend, she ate the juvenile de-

linquents). Christmas, a couple dressed as champion gift-givers, spending after midnight services. Our sel! This carries out an old tra-Men who think this "scent-dinner features a fish called must be large enough to last sationally" high should remem- lutfisk. At a Polish Christmas until New Year's Day. ber that this figure includes not Eve dinner, the number of Perhaps the most unusual only Joy — "the world's most expensive perfume."

which celebrates Christmas has lar gift for men, too; despite its unique bit of seasonal folk- the jokes about Christmas necklore or ritual. In Sweden, it's wear, many a man unwraps the feast of St. Lucia on Dec. Cld Spice instead of new ties 13, ushering in the Christmas on Christmas morn. Whether season. Each community choos they give it, get it, or buy it es a lovely Lucia Queen to rep- for themselves, Americans

in ancient Rome. In families Many countries find it so mals were the first to behold church and regular courtship with daughters, the prettiest blessed to give Christmas gifts Christ. In parts of rural Ger- will begin — if the spell has plays the role of Lucia. Her that they do it twice a Yule- many, this is carried one step vorked.

a lighted torch in your hand But even the standard holi- ian children and their elders fore Christmas, and eat well visited by Pere Noel on Christ- householders decorate with Dec. 26 as Boxing Day. On this mas tree, popular throughout remembered with boxes of Southern Europe; the creche,

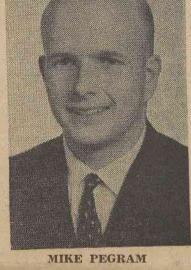
mas dinner also varies around lies use Christmas trees, but the world; many countries have they decorate them with ap-Americans are probably the it on Christmas Eve, before or ples and oranges instead of tinmore than \$27 billion for Christ- traditional Christmas turkey dition that all the trees bore mas presents in a recent year! does not appear on many men- fruit when Christ was born. The most popular gifts? For us. The French reveillon, a feast women, probably perfumes and which occurs after midnight Yule log is favored; in some colognes; at least 22% of the mass, is apt to feature oysters districts of England, whole famnation's annual perfume sales and sausages; in the French liles go to the forest to select occur in December. (In round province of Brittany, buckwheat their Yule log. Pear, olive and numbers, this means over \$7 cakes with sour cream are serv- applewood are considered best, million in Yuletide fragrances!) ed. The Norwegian Christmas and tradition says that the log for each of the 12 disciples.

to come across on Jan. 6, Ital- owners both fast the day be-

"Deck the halls with boughs pugilistic - sounding occasion, the United States and Northern servants and tradespeople are Europe, is relatively rare in or mange scene, usually re-The date of the big Christ- places it. In Sicily, many fami-

In England and France, the

courses is fived at 7, 9 or 11, a Christmas tradition of all is the Lithuanian Christmas feast one still adhered to by some Toiletries are a highly popul must include 12 courses, one Swiss romontics. These folk advise a boy or girl to visit sine During the Christmas season, different fountains and take Germans and Rumanians bake three sips from each at the long, thin cakes that symbolize time the bells are ringing for the Christ Child wrapped in midnight services on Christmas swaddling clothes. In the Uk- Eve. After this odd rite has rainian part of Russia, cattle been completed, the future husresent the young girl martyred spent over \$44 million a year are given the first taste of the band or wife will be found Christmas supper, because ani- standing at the door of the



Skiing down a mountain with one else for the day!

other parts of the world.

In token of Christ's birth in a manger, Poles spread hay on the floor and Lithuanians have straw under the tablecloth at their festive Christmas Eve meal. The colorful Mexican posada or pilgrimage dramatizes the search which led Mary and Joseph to the stable. For each of the nine nights before Mary and Joseph goes from house to house. Only at the last house are they - and the parade of neighbors which is now following them - invited in for supper.

An even more novel procession may be seen in the mountains of Austria. Wood carvers in the little town of Oberammergau meet on Christmas Eve and ski down the mountain slopes with flaming torches in their hands, singing as they go!

Just about every country for her religion centuries before on after-shave lotion! "privilege": to wait on every-tide. While waiting for Befana further — cattle and their Us, we'll take mistletoe.