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SMU is ready for Christmas

Lighting O' The Grove

By Laura Blair

The grove of stately oaks flickered with the spirit of Christmas on Tuesday, Dec. 5 as over 500 luminaries lit the circle drive, and students, faculty, and Wake County alumnae joined together to celebrate the holiday season in festivities in front of Smedes Hall.

The evening began with the annual candlelight chapel service from which the student body proceeded candles in hand, to the ninth annual Lighting O' the Grove in front of Smedes Hall. Members of the Granddaughters Club lit luminaries which lined the circle drive and the walkway towards Smedes.

"The prettiest and most memorable part of the night to me was

the sight of everyone proceeding to the front steps of Smedes with their candles," said sophomore Brette Clarke.

The student body was joined in front of Smedes by Wake County alumnae and their children, members of the community, and neighbors from Cameron Park and surrounding areas. The entire group joined the Saint Mary's Chorale, following their scheduled performance, in singing traditional Christmas carols.

The evening would not have been complete, of course, without the yearly visit from Santa and Scrooge. Student Government Association officers, dressed as Santa's elves, delivered Christ-

mas treats to alumnae children, and the crowd enjoyed holiday refreshments.

The giant Christmas tree was blessed and lit, and will be lit every evening until the students leave for Christmas vacation. This year, students took advantage of a new tradition by bringing their own ornaments to add a personal touch to the tree.

Following the Lighting O' The Grove, the student body retreated to their rooms to don pajamas and other holiday attire for the annual Circle-Beacon Christmas Party held in Smedes Parlor. The party featured the traditional reading of "The Night Before Christmas" and a special holiday performance by the Cold Cuts.

Sports

By Katherine Jordan

own time. They would run three miles during the practices to be prepared to run two miles in the meets. Our Saint Mary's team ran quite well this season, but they are hoping to do better next year. To become the best team around, they need more participants, so

everyone please get involved. Cross Country provides a challenge, new people to meet, and an excellent way to stay in shape. What more could you ask for?

Bon Voyage. . .

The High School Tennis team season has come to a close. "The

Christmas Projects

By Carlyle Herbert

As you well know, Christmas is a time for giving as well as receiving. There are several groups around campus that are working to help those who are less fortunate. Both the Day Students and the SGA have "adopted" families for the holidays. They will receive food and gifts which they otherwise would not have. After arranging for a family, I received a phone call from the father of this family. He said that he wanted to thank me for providing his family with a holiday meal because their children had never had one. It is this sort of gratitude that makes bringing in a can of food seem very important.

There are a couple of other projects which the entire school was to participate in. The first of these is sponsored by the chapel and benefits children whose parent(s) are in prison. Students were to bring in gifts which will be given to these children. The other project was to be a collection of non-perishable food to be given to Wake County Relief. This food was to be collected during the Lighting O' the Grove and will be distributed to those who need it in Wake County.

As you begin to think about going home for vacation and getting all of those presents, stop and think about others for a while. Helping out someone who needs it can only make your Christmas better.

"That's Life"

By Michelle Giammarco

Have you ever wondered what your life will be like to look back on when you're old? "That's Life," the musical play put on by Saint Mary's College and Applause, Inc., was all about one man's look back at his life. The play was performed October 24th through 28th here at Saint Mary's own Pittman Auditorium.

The story centered around Mike Murphy, played by Paul Slovensky, and his life from childhood in 1914, through

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Missing Persons. . .

The Cross Country Team this year had only three participants: Camilla May, Jessica Terr, and Elizabeth Stephenson. These girls practiced four days a week with their coach, Ms. Alexander, and over the weekend on their