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Happy Thanksgiving

By Dawn Camp

On November 23, people all across the United States and Canada will celebrate Thanksgiving Day. To many this day will be nothing more than an excuse to overeat. To some it will not even mean that much.

The tradition of giving thanks goes back to the earliest days of the American colonies. The Berkeley Plantation Settlement on the James River in Virginia was the sight of one of the earliest Thanksgivings. The colony's charter required that the date of arrival, December 4, be an annual day of thanking God.

Many people consider the Plymouth colony to be the sight of the first Thanksgiving Day. After the harvest of 1621, Governor William Bradford decreed a three day feast to thank God for the colony's survival. Even the Indians helped the colonists celebrate.

Two years later, in 1623, Bradford declared July 20 to be a day of prayer as well as celebration.

The custom of Thanksgiving Day spread throughout the colonies.

During the Revolutionary War, eight days were set aside to thank God for victory and protection.

In 1789 (exactly 200 years ago), President George Washington declared that November 26 would be a national day of thanks.

During the same year, the Protestant Episcopal Church announced that an annual Thanksgiving Day would be held on the first Thursday in November.

Years passed, and no national Thanksgiving Day was observed.

Mrs. Sarah Josepha Hale, the editor of Godey's Lady's Book (also known for her Mary Had a Little Lamb), worked to promote a national Thanksgiving Day. Finally she convinced President Abraham Lincoln of the need for such a day.

Lincoln proclaimed that the last Thursday in November (1863) should be "a day of

thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father."

For the next 75 years, the President declared the last Thursday in November to be Thanksgiving Day.

In 1939 (50 years ago), President Franklin Roosevelt moved the holiday up one week in order to lengthen the shopping period between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Finally in 1941, Congress officially declared that the fourth Thursday of November was a legal federal holiday.

The Canadians celebrated Thanksgiving Day on the last Monday in October until 1957 when the government moved the holiday to the second Monday in October.

Thanksgiving day means more than a turkey dinner and a parade. It is a day for us to reflect on our blessings.

The Pilot hopes that this year all of us here at GWC will take time out to think about all that we have been given during the past year and to thank God for it.



Area High School Students at Business Symposium.

Broyhill Sponsors Symposium

On October 12, 1989, the Broyhill School of Management along with the Broyhill Academy for the Study of Independent Concepts sponsored a symposium for area high school business students. The symposium entitled "Current Trends and Issues in Business" presented viewpoints and insights about the application of business theory in the real world.

Concurrent sessions lead by Mr. Ron Lindler, City Executive Officer of Southern National Bank in Hickory and Mr. Richard Williams, Manager of Shelby Branch of Duke Power Company were featured during the morning. Ms. Ruth Kinzey, formerly Director of Advertising and Public Relations in a major

trucking firm gave the keynote address during the luncheon. Dr. Frank Bonner, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Mr. Ralph Dixon, Vice President for College Relations and Director of the Broyhill Academy gave additional remarks from the college.

The afternoon session featured a panel discussion with the special guest along with Professor Jim Hartman from the Broyhill School of Management. All members of the Broyhill School of Management faculty participated in the symposium. Dr. Keith Griggs and Dr. Stan Smedley from the Broyhill School of Management co-directed the symposium.

WIN \$25!!

Now that the Gardner-Webb cheerleaders have introduced Lulu, the female counterpart to the Bulldog, we think it's time to give the old Bulldog a new name. So, without further ado, the Gardner-Webb College cheerleaders and The Pilot invite you-- the students, faculty, and staff-- to name the Bulldog. The winning suggestion will win \$25.

The rules are simple:

1. Please, no obscene names.
2. The winner must be a member of the Gardner-Webb College family.
3. All entries must be signed. If not signed, the entry will be voided.
4. Judges for the contest will be comprised of selected Pilot staff members and cheerleaders.
5. The winner will be printed in an upcoming issue of The Pilot.

An entry form follows.

***** Name the Bulldog *****
Student name _____
Campus Box _____
Your name for the Bulldog _____

Please complete this form and return it to Flounder, Box 520 by November 28, 1989.
