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bright candles and beaming faces, inductees took their vows of membership. Mr. Alan Richey called forth the inductees to sign their names in the PTK membership book, and receive their membership certificates from the congratulating hands of Dr. Burns and PTK President Laura Generous. Dr. Burns gave an encouraging speech letting the students know that they had truly achieved something great, a bright beginning for an even brighter future. Amid smiles and congratulations of family and friends, the new inductees joined seasoned PTK members and faculty advisors in celebration following the ceremony. A big thanks to Kerry Reid for filling the evening with beautiful music.



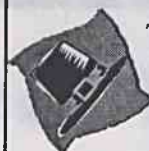
If you think that PTK is all stuffed shirts and candies, you should stay after the lights go out. While cleaning up following the reception, the "intellectual

elite" couldn't stand not to liven things up a bit and, well, there are no big words to describe it. Simply put, they had a food fight. Powdered donuts, crackers, salad, and cheese balls served as ammunition. The pound cake escaped unharmed. The only casualty was Mr. Richey's suit. Now you know that smart people can have fun too.



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tabulation (whoa, that was a big word!). Unfortunately one of the finalists was disqualified because of indecent exposure. I don't understand that because we all looked really good, me being the best of course. When Miss Brandi read my name as winner I was so elated, I couldn't have been happier if I was like at a sale at Frederick's of Hollywood. During my reign I plan to travel around to elementary schools and like talk about tolerance, love for others, and eye shadow! I would like to thank the entire newspaper staff for like supporting me on my endeavor to be the most beautiful bombshell at WCC. And to anyone like contemplating entering the Reverse Beauty Pageant in the future, just know this, YOU WILL NEVER BE AS BEAUTIFUL AS ME!!!! Thank you and have a good semester.



The Meaning Of Thanksgiving And Its History

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Thanksgiving is a time for family, friends, love, and just saying thank you for all the bounty that was provided. However, do we really know the meaning of Thanksgiving and how it became a national holiday. Thanksgiving was set aside to give thanks for God's blessings and is celebrated in Canada and the United States. The first Thanksgiving was about the harvest and was religious. On December 4, 1619, thirty-eight English settlers arrived at the Berkeley Plantation, on the James River and their charter required them to give thanks to God every year in observance of their arrival to the New World. In the Fall of 1621, there was a festival arranged by the governor, William Bradford. At the festival Myles Standish did military maneuvers with the soldiers and the chief of the Wampanoags tribe and ninety braves were invited. The braves and the soldiers competed in games against one another. The festival was an event that lasted three days and the menu consisted of clams, eel fish, wild plumes, leeks, corn bread and watercress. Pumpkin pie and cranberries were not on the menu and it seems that turkey wasn't either.

Everything has changed except giving thanks and the time to celebrate Thanksgiving, being set in the fall of the year. In 1789, President Washington made November 26 the day to give thanks. The Episcopal Church made it the first Thursday of the month in November. President Lincoln made it the last Thursday in November, but this was changed by Congress in 1941, to be the fourth Thursday in November. Thanksgiving finally became a national holiday.



Thanksgiving means giving thanks for the abundance in our lives, and it is about hope for a better future. Our country has been industrialized and commercialized so much that it is hard sometimes to see the little things that matter, like bread on the table, our family or even our talents. We may not get in the harvest or tend to our duties through difficult circumstances and bad weather, but we can still give thanks for what we have. So Thanksgiving say "Thank you, be proud and pass the butter."

