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This turkey—not anticipating Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving-huh?

by Alisa Stone and Nicole Prysby

Turkeys don't like Thanksgiving. Then again, who does? Sure, we love it while we're stuffing our faces with turkey and cranberry sauce, but when it's all over, who has benefitted? Certainly not the turkey! And we are left with a bulging waistline, a sink piled halfway to the ceiling with dishes, and turkey sandwiches for the next three weeks.

Three hundred and sixty-four years ago, those pilgrims would have thought twice about eating dinner with the Indians if they had known what trouble it was going to cause a few centuries later.

Thanksgiving is a mother's nightmare. We watch as she vascillates for a week over what size Butterball to buy. She spends hours on the phone with relatives deciding who will bring the pumpkin pie this year. She rises at 3:00 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day to get the turkey in the oven on time, and each year she tries something new so that the bird won't turn out tasting like cardboard. There is no known cure for drying turkey!

When everything is finally planned out, we watch as our mothers set the table to perfection. They dig out the lace tablecloth and best china, murmuring, "I'm not going to let his mother call me cheap again this year!"

Mothers force us to wear our best sweaters so we'll look nice. What is the point of looking nice when we end up dribbling peas into our laps and rolling up our sleeves to tackle the dishes after dinner?

Finally, the big moment arrives. Family comes in bearing varieties of vegetables, fruit salads, and desserts. The food is spread out on the table and after an hour of juicy family gossip, everyone sits down at the table to eat.

Everyone, that is, except the men, who are in the den watching a football game. They must be dragged into the kitchen to carve the turkey. After piling their plates high, they attempt to sneak back to the den to eat. However, the women foil their plans by threatening not to serve them pumpkin pie. The men inhale their dinners and eat their pumpkin pie in the den.

We always spend a lot of time arranging the food strategically on our plates to try to avoid "cranberry flavored" sweet potatoes. However, no matter how good the plan, our rolls always end up soggy.

Yet, we eat it all, regardless of whether it is soggy or not. This is the one time we are allowed to stuff our faces and get thirds of everything without being reminded by well-meaning parents that we are making pigs of ourselves.

After dinner, if we can manage to stand up, the kids must clear the table and wash every dish. Thanksgiving alone must keep Palmolive in business! Then, after it's all over, we sit down, patting our rounded stomachs, wondering why we did it all again this year.

Why do we eat turkey? Maybe some Indians ate it once. But they also scalped people. Isn't it time we changed along with the years? We should have something modern this Thanksgiving, like pizza. It's not dry, it doesn't have to be stuffed, and serving it requires only a few dishes. Moreover, the whole thing can be eaten in one sitting!

A look into the future

by Anna Schleunes

A recurring question of every high school student has to be, "What am I going to do with my life?" To many this question isn't answered until their sophomore year in college. But the high school years are a good time to begin the investigation.

Recently GHS juniors took part in the Strong-Campbell interest survey designed to determine career interests. This survey is set up like a standardized test, where one choose a phrase that best describes his or her feelings about certain occupations. The results of this survey may give some direction to a career.

According to Dr. Larry Osborne, a career counselor and member of the UNC-G faculty, "above all else you need to know yourself and your interests." Ms. Marion Brewer, a member of

Grimsley's guidance department, feels that parents can help a student learn more about himself or herself. She also says counselors and summer jobs can help in the decision. Counselors can help one learn more about jobs available and summer jobs expose students to the working world and career opportunities.

The first step in the recognition of one's interests is to learn more about the field. Many helpful resources can be found in the guidance office, such as The Dictionary of Occupational Titles, The Occupational Outlook Handbook, a career file, and computer programs on career exploration. According to Chris Canipe, the career counselor at Smith, it is important to have a balance between your interests and the jobs available. If there isn't a balance it can be achieved through hob-

bies, volunteer work, etc. He also explains, "don't be too specific in your choice. You need to have skills in other areas associated with your field. For example, if you're interested in Journalism, it might be wise to know something about typing and photography, too."

The Explorer Posts, a division of the General Greene Council are also a way to learn about opportunities. There are fifty-five explorer posts with careers ranging from law enforcement to golf. Each post is open to all high school students. There are usually two meetings a month, held at the organization's location from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Anyone interested should simply attend a meeting of the post in which he or she interested or contact The Exploring Division of the General Greene Council.

Males; high risk drivers

by Shana Morrow

<p>Most common day of the week</p> <p>Fri. - 18.8%</p> <p>Sat. - 17.6%</p> <p>Thur. - 16%</p> <p>Wed. - 14.5%</p> <p>Mon. - 12.1%</p> <p>Tues. - 11.3%</p> <p>Sun. - 1.7%</p>	<p>Most common amount of damage</p> <p>\$500-\$2,00040.4%</p> <p>\$2,000-\$5,00032.9%</p> <p>Under \$500.....19.9%</p> <p>\$5,000 & up.....6.8%</p>
<p>Most common sex</p> <p>Male - 64%</p> <p>Female - 36%</p>	<p>Most common age</p> <p>17 - 34.5%</p> <p>18 - 33.2%</p> <p>16 - 24.6%</p> <p>15 - 1.8%</p>
	<p>DUI</p> <p>Male - 77%</p> <p>Female - 23%</p>

Since automobiles became popular teenage drivers have been controversial. A recent examination of some statistics supplied by the Greensboro Department of Transportation revealed some surprising facts.

There are 5,868 automobile accidents between the months of October, 1984 and August, 1985; teenage drivers were involved in 877 of them. Of the 877 drivers, 563 were male, and 314 were female, which suggests that the belief that men are better drivers than women is incorrect.

For most teenagers accidents,

the amount of damage was minimal. The most common amount assessed for damage was between \$1,000 and \$1,500. However, this amount of damage can be devastating to a teenager without a job.

Most accidents occurred on Fridays or Saturdays. Over the weekend more teenagers are on the road, and they are driving more often. These two factors contribute to the higher accident rate on Fridays and Saturdays.

During this 10 month period, the number of accidents occurring while the driver was impaired

was 30. Again the men outnumbered the women, 23 to 7. Teenagers are not the only violators of the highly publicized DUI law. There were 22 drivers between the ages of 20 and 61 who were involved in accidents as a result of drinking and driving. Again the majority of the violators were men.

Everyday, teenagers are involved in automobile accidents, some as a result of drinking and driving, some as a result of reckless driving, and some as a result of their elders who are at fault.