



Thank-you for . . .

For most university students, Thanksgiving is just a long weekend in the middle of October. It is a welcomed break from school and for some the opportunity to go home. The first image that comes to mind when you mention Thanksgiving is probably "turkey", but for those of us lucky enough to be going home, any food will do. But obviously there must be more to a holiday that has been celebrated since the early 1600's.

Thanksgiving started entirely as a religious celebration and did not involve feasting at all. The first official Thanksgiving was held in Virginia in 1621 and was then held sporadically throughout the next two centuries. In 1957 the Canadian government allotted the second Monday in October to be this country's official holiday.

Thanksgiving means something different to everyone. Some manufacturers have cashed in on commercial value, but in keeping with the true spirit of the holiday we've asked some people what they have to be thankful for on Thanksgiving. Here is what they said.

"I am thankful for all those turkeys out there who are willing to be everyone's dinner."

Rob BBA 4



"I have to be thankful for being able to go home and get some decent meals. I also should be thankful for being able to spend Thanksgiving with my family and friends and also for being in this world today. I am most thankful for the love that my family and I share."

Peggy Agnew BEd 3



"The chance to be together with family again."

Geoff Law 1

"Thanksgiving is the particular time of year when we all slow down our busy lives and take a while to realize what we have is special and important to us. More often than not we take for granted the things most dear to us; things we almost expect to have. But, should these luxuries be taken from us, we would wish we had cherished and appreciated them more at the time. Things like health, happiness, family and friends would be greatly missed were they to be absent from our lives. Why wait 'til the Thanksgiving weekend to be grateful? - Take time every day to realize how lucky you are, and I bet it'll make your day brighter."

Ann Kennerly BEd 1



"The fact that I can't go home is overshadowing everything right now, but if I think about it I do have a lot to be thankful for. Mainly for making all the right decisions and that everything has tended to get better, not worse. Now, I will just dream of that good home-cooking."

Greig Morrison Science 1

"Good health, good friends, and some weird courses!"

Kristen Godwin

