FIRE PARADE IGNITES HUNTINGTON

By BRYAN BOZEMAN

The Fire Prevention Parade on Fourth Avenue was buzzing Monday with activity. Many members of the community came out to enjoy the numerous participants in the procession.

The parade consisted of many community members of all ages and professions. Everyone from the mayor of Huntington to the Huntington High Marching Highlanders marched along Fourth Avenue to celebrate Fire Prevention Week.

Most of the Huntington Fire Department came out with its families and friends. They were all onboard the fire trucks together, throwing candy to the gathered crowd. Huntington Fire Chief Carl Eastham was one of the many firefighters participating in the parade with his family.

“My wife and my grandson are on one of the trucks and will be riding in the parade, having some fun,” Eastham said. “We try to get everybody that we can down here to be in it, as far as the families go, because they’ve been involved with it all year, and it’s kind of a celebration for them.”

Most of the fire trucks were packed with children dressed up in fire fighters. Eastham said many of the kids, including his own, have been looking forward to the show for weeks.

“The kids have been excited about it since the week before last and was devastation when we didn’t have it last week,” Eastham said.

Many different organizations have been participating in the parade for years. Huntington High School has had its marching band in the parade for years. Allen Harrison, a parent of one of the band members, Bram-horn Harrison, said his son and his friends were thrilled to play in the parade.

“He has been very excited,” Harrison said. “It really likes being a part of something big like this.”

The parade turned out great after being postponed due to bad weather, and it was a great way to cap off Fire Prevention Week.

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“It makes the campus safer because it gives an added sense of security when they know that individuals are looking out for the campus and the best interest of the university.”

Lisa Martin, director of judicial panel
The Herd thunders back into national rankings

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After the Thundering Herd football team wrapped up a 49-24 victory over Middle Tennessee State University Saturday, there was an eminent feeling around Joan C. Edwards Stadium that the Herd would be back in the top 25 rankings soon.

Quarterback Rakeem Cato spoke with confidence when asked about the team being undefeated and unranked. Cato said it was only a matter of time before the Herd received a top 25 spot.

"It will take care of itself," Cato said. "It will happen."

It turned out to be sooner rather than later. Less than 24 hours later, and 12 years since it last happened, the Herd was listed among the nation’s best 25 teams.

The celebrations started Sunday when the USA Today Coaches’ Poll was revealed. NCAA coaches ranked the Herd No. 24, eight points behind No. 23 Utah. Then came the Associated Press Poll and a No. 25 ranking for head coach Doc Holliday’s team.

Detractors may say the Herd has an easy schedule and doesn’t deserve its spot in the rankings, but the box scores only tell half the story.

The Herd isn’t simply winning football games; it’s winning football games emphatically. The average margin of victory is 30.7 points. Meanwhile, the Herd hasn’t scored less than 42 points this season, and that season-low came in the team’s first game at Miami (Ohio).

You can say what you want about the Herd’s competition, but Holliday’s team is doing what it’s supposed to and shouldn’t be penalized for showing up on Saturdays and winning big. The Herd can’t help when it plays, only how it plays, and it’s helped itself to an average of 47.8 points per game, second only to Baylor University.

The year’s team has proven it’s different from past teams, too. Past Herd teams have struggled on the road. For instance, last season all four of the team’s losses were away from home. This season, however, the Herd has been dialed in away from home, treating road games as business trips and the results have spoken for themselves.

The Herd have three games away from home left this season, starting with its trip to Miami Saturday to face the Florida International University Panthers. Cato and company beat the Panthers 48-10 last season.

Heading into the second half of the season and the meat of its schedule, the Herd will face a slate of opponents with a combined record of 16-20. If the Herd wants to move up in the rankings, wins will simply not do against the toughest part of its schedule.

Holliday said the key for the team, though, is to keep that business trip approach and worry about the rankings later.

"The bottom line is we just have to keep playing hard, stay focused and take them one at a time," Holliday said. "At the end of the day, we’ll look up and see where we are."

Herd fans should take Holliday’s advice, too. Be ing back in the rankings is exciting, but enjoy these last six games, one at a time. When the Herd is in town, show up and cheer on the team, because they’re doing something special. Then, at the end of the season, let’s look up and see where the Herd is.

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Healthy Relationships is in-

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does not just refer to clothing or style

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What was the most surprising thing about the United States?

That it wasn’t as different as I thought it would be. I mean you just hear a lot about America, and it wasn’t really that different.