Fall at Harding: must mean leaves, winter is coming, hay, club hayrides

by Mary McWilliams
Bison staff writer

Along with boyfriend and girlfriends and overall, the scent of hay is in the air.

Is this a scene from Bonanza or Gunsmoke? No, it’s early fall at Harding University.

In the midst of library trips, mid-terms and research papers, hayrides have proven to be a relaxing break from the everyday life of a college student.

Club hayride ideas differ as much as the clubs themselves do.

Shanith, for example, had a pumpkin carving contest for the couples who attended, while Kappa Tau Omega chose to have a “Mellow Party” at Harbort Springs earlier in the season in place of a hayride.

Knights had what could be considered a typical hayride. After a hot dog roast, couples enjoyed music performed by several members of the club followed by a series of skits.

“My only complaint is that people don’t dress like this all of the time,” said Mike Moncrief, a sophomore from Melbourne, Fl., as he glanced down at his snake-skin boots.

While most students did choose to take part in their club hayrides, some chose not to.

Reasons varied from not knowing who to ask to not having the money to go, or kind of knowing who to ask but not knowing if you want to spend that much money on the person.

However, most hayrides cost only a few dollars. Pictures and T-shirts accounted for the majority of the cost.

As the end of yet another semester draws to a close at Harding University, more memories have been made and more friendships formed.

As Leanne Anderson, a sophomore from Nashville, Tenn., said, “Hayrides are neat because they give me a chance to strengthen relationships with my club sisters and get to know my date at the same time. I’m always sure to get pictures taken, so I’ll always remember the fun I’ve had with Tri-Sig.”

Happenings

SHOOTING HOOPS. The Lady Bison basketball team will face Christian Brothers College of Memphis, Tenn., in the Ganas Athletic Center on Tuesday, Nov. 27.

DO THE RIGHT THING. A Red Cross blood drive, sponsored by Dege women’s social club, will be held Nov. 29.

COUNTRY. Country musicians T. Graham Brown and Holly Dunn will be performing in the Benson Auditorium on Friday, Nov. 30. This event is sponsored by the Searcy Chamber of Commerce, and tickets are available from the Student Affairs Office.

ONE ON ONE. The Bison basketball teams will meet John Brown University of Siloam Springs, Ark., in the Ganas Athletic Center on Saturday, Dec. 1.

THAT’S ENTERTAINMENT. “Christmas Wishes,” Harding’s first all-student musical, will be performed Dec. 7 and 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the Benson Auditorium.

SONGFEST 1990. The 24th annual Gospel Hour Singing will be held in the Benson Auditorium from 7 p.m. to midnight on Dec. 7.

THE BIG SCREEN. “Duck Tales: The Movie” will be shown in the Benson Auditorium at 7 p.m. and after the basketball game on Dec. 1.

ON THE ROAD AGAIN. The Bison and Lady Bison basketball teams will be playing the University of the Ozarks in Clarksville, Ark., on Thursday, Dec. 6.

PLAY BALL. The Bison and Lady Bison basketball teams will be playing the University of Central Arkansas in the Ganas Athletic Center on Monday, Dec. 3.

AMERICAN STUDIES. Bill Ray Cox, former accounting professor and executive vice president at Harding University, will be speaking on “The Relic of a Nation” as part of the American Studies Institute’s Distincted Lecture Series at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 29 in the Benson Auditorium. He currently serves as chairman of the board for the Dallas-based Dal/Plus Group, Inc.

PILGRIM’S PROGRESS. Thanksgiving break begins today; the residence halls will be closing at 5 p.m. Classes resume on Monday, Nov. 26.
One of us, who dated a girl in high school, thought the Pilgrims were the first to use a religious occasion to engage in a charitable gesture. It's possible he was right, but it's also possible he was wrong. The idea of this free enterprise system is not new. It has been in existence for at least two thousand years. 

Dear Editor:

As Thanksgiving Day is rapidly approaching, we take our thoughts back to the colonial days as the Pilgrims crossed over from England on the Mayflower, the landing on Plymouth Rock and the eventual befriending of the Indians as they sat down together to enjoy the first Thanksgiving meal. Just as significant as the Pilgrims starting the Thanksgiving tradition, is the pattern that they used to help shape our economic system.

During their first two years, the Pilgrims practiced communal agriculture. Everything they produced was put into a common fund. At the end of seven years they were to keep just enough to live on, sell everything else and send the excess to the profits-seeking businessmen in London to compensate for saving their money and risking its loss in order to finance their expedition to the New World.

The advantage of working together is that the different types of talents are used to the best advantage. The third boy was unimpressed.

This year, the clan will journey to my house for the festivities. While this will be nice, my favorite times have always been in Reese, the tiny East Texas town that holds my early memories and all the trappings of a real country Thanksgiving.

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This week is a busy one, even more so than usual. This year, one of us stay so busy, while others seem to have nothing to do. Sometimes we are free to roam, but the busy one is the poor soul who walks too slowly. Sometimes we would walk in the deep woods behind my grandmother's house. We would catch fish in the lake, and let us feel its mystical tickling on our tongues. Then we would tip the past the old cemetery that recorded the lives of history pioneers and slaves.

I will miss all of these things at Thanksgiving. Sure, we would whip up plenty of food, and even gather for our annual hynm sing. But things will be different.

Thanksgiving seems to mark the changes in our lives. A co-ed cousin will earnestly discuss his freshman year, an aunt will bring the newest little addition to the extended family, a brother could bring his fiancée to introduce to us.

But then there are times, like this year, when someone will be missing from the table. Then the memories are a little more bittersweet, the smiles a little more sorrowful. But it reminds us to cherish the time we have with our loved ones. The love we share forms the solid bond that makes us all a family and ties us together.

I am going to have a wonderful Thanksgiving because I will be surrounded by people who love me, wants and all. I hope all of you will have a safe, safe and lovely holiday with your families, too.

— KE

Thanksgiving bringing blessings, memories

It is almost Thanksgiving break, something most students have been anticipating since October. Students have begun to talk about their plans for the holiday. People are going to Grandma's, attending football games, getting married and using the extra time to work on projects for graphic arts (yeh, yah). I always love Thanksgiving because my entire maternal family, the Hurdley clan, gathers together to celebrate the holiday in grand Texas style with the four Fs: food, football, fellowship and fun.

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Heisman trophy promises few glory

First candidates in the running for trophy

by John Rossong

There are two things that any NCAA college football player would love to have on his trophy shelf after four years of college football: One, a national championship and two, a Heisman trophy. Both are very difficult to obtain and only the best of the best ever receive them. If one had to choose between the two, the Heisman trophy would probably be the choice. This is given to the best football player of the year. It is supposedly based on performance, but every year before the season starts, candidates have already been chosen.

The media and publicity departments play a big part in all of this. The more exposure a team is on television, the greater his chances are of obtaining votes. Many top colleges with a player in the Heisman race will run a publicity campaign for their player.

This year there are five candidates in the running for the Heisman trophy, and others that are not in the top five. The race is tracked each week by a panel of 10 Heisman voters that pick three to five candidates, with five points awarded for a first-place vote, four for a second, etc.

The pack is Brigham Young University quarterback Ty Detmer. From the beginning of the season Detmer established that he would definitely be in the running. By passing for over 300 yards in almost every game they have played, he is on track to break all of school's passing records.

Amorous intentions lead to adventure

by Craig V. Carrington

On a lazy Sunday afternoon (raining), I think...

Sometimes it seems the more I think about the elements and processes of life, the less I understand. Is this by design?

Thinking may be like swimming, a positive, energetic activity through liquid exposed a solid destination — but I think when I swim it is more often downstream, propelled by the current into lands, moving ever closer to the swirling, churning cemepool at the bottom of the waterfall that lurks ahead.

Or maybe not.

A writer should be a little, or at least very, crazy.

Dear, dear readers, gather 'round for a pleasant waste of time. I find that I have to endure awkward experiences often — far more often than any person should have to. While I try to block these experiences out of my consciousness by taking lots of naps, I find that inevitably I must wake up. So, being awake as I write this, is a true tale of my current tribulation from the files of my beleaguered brain.

Struck by unusually unconscious feelings of affection for a girl I call Louie (because I like that name), I decided in the middle of a composition class at Kennesaw State College in Georgia that I must buy Louie a rose.

The time was nearly 9:00 a.m. The class met from 8:30 to 11:00 p.m. Knowing Dr. Stumpert would understand, I got up and walked out to my car in search of a late-night florist shop.

Negatively I found a shop that closed at 9:00, I can't remember which. I ran in with face flushed because I was driving very fast with the windows down.

"Can I help you?" the woman behind the counter said.

"No. I prefer to help you make some money," I snapped. Don't worry — I'm embellishing.

The woman, who was long and lovely, and allowed her hand to conspicuously rub the pistol at the girl's back, paused. "I'm not sure what you mean, the down-home atmosphere and the iron brand are on the door and windows."

I shook my head and looked at the door; I was corrected.

"You don't mean like you, woman," I answered, "I said, after a reverent time of silence for my last confidence and last control of the situation."

"What color would you like, Hon?" she asked.

"My name is Craig, not Hon," I corrected her and rushed.

The woman slid the pistol out of the holster and pointed it at my arm. Between clenched teeth, she repeated, "What color would you like, Hon?"

"Not black, or as my face, Sweetie-pie."

My face was red because I was blushing. Apparently all the blood cells in my body had heard about the commotion and had rushed to my face to get a better look.

The woman mercifully lowered the pistol and sprinted back to the refrigerator to get a rose.

When she returned to the counter, I stepped forward to pay.

"Wait!" she said. I stopped and she threw the rose at me.

"My heart is breaking," I said. "Thank you."" She merely had to tilt her own toward the gun and realize I understood what I was to pay for the rose. I threw her two dollars in quarters and dimes and backed my way out the door.

I was never more grateful to have found a little shop.

After a few steps I noticed she was drooling, so I turned and ran because I was driving very fast with the windows down.

Barney, I whispered. Barney wagged his tail and drooled. Relieved at Barney's congeniality (or nasal congestion, probably), I petted my best friend (because I am a man).

BARK! BARK! BARK!

I ran like an insane appliance salesman, with Barney nipping at my nose (okay, so I'm a slow runner). After calming Barney down by convincing him that God was not involved in the love triangle with Hitler and Joan of Arc (he had an upstairs maid and wanted to know), I jumped in my car and sped away, pausing only to glance at Louie's house and see her standing in the doorway, silently watching my plans come undone.

Barney sat like a pounced histrion in my "Nein: could not speak that dog" (from "Frank's Wild Years"). That is all.
Senior and graduate students involved in this foods and nutrition research class will soon begin testing a new health food bar, which will be marketed as part of a weight-loss program. Currently, they are studying the methodology they will need to go through to accurately analyze the product. Following this, a proposal will be sent to the company, a Phillips Petroleum subsidiary, informing them of the equipment that will be needed. Once the proposal is negotiated, probably by the first of the year, they will begin the actual testing.

According to Dr. Ed Wilson, professor of chemistry, the primary testing will include finding the amounts of glucose and fructose in the health food bar, as it will be essential for diabetics to know. The company also wants consumer testing and flavor development performed by Harding students.

"We're very anxious to do a good job and work with them on that," Wilson said. Working close with his wife, home economics department head, Beth Wilson, the two have found their students' research on previously marketed products to be very accurate.

"Our goal is to form more linkages with food companies," explains Mrs. Wilson. "We'd like to form some alliances with food companies so we can serve as an independent laboratory."

Current practice research by the Advanced Foods students includes the testing of Itza Pizza's caloric content and the caffeine content of the soft drink Mello Yellow.

A bomb calorimeter is used to test the calorific content of foods. The standard method is to burn a food sample in a special bomb, and to measure the calories given off as it's turned into carbon dioxide, water, and heat.

Caffeine content is tested on a high-performance liquid chromatograph. Mello Yellow was chosen, Wilson explained, because it seemingly contained more of such ingredients as food dye, caffeine, and coloring than the other leading soft drinks and would therefore be easier to test.

Finally, consumer testing for a new line of low-fat and fat-free products will be done in the student center within the next two or three weeks. The products are brand new and only marketed in a few states so far. The mock consumer testing conducted by Harding students will be sent to the company and serve as pilot testing for the product in Arkansas.

"It's very rewarding for students to feel that they've contributed to a knowledge base," Mrs. Wilson said.
Student entrepreneurs will have opportunity to promote services.

by Susan Morrow

For the fourth year, the Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) Economics Team will sponsor a comprehensive directory of campus entrepreneurs. This program is called "Student Body Inc." marketing program.

According to Drue DeMattie, captain of the economics team and a senior from Cleveland, Ohio, the main purpose of Student Body Inc. is to try to reach the entrepreneurs here at Harding and let them know their services can be used.

"The inspiration for this was to promote free enterprise. It is a chance for some people to earn a little extra money for services," said DeMattie.

There is no fee required for a student to list his business in the directory. The directory should be available at Christmas. These directories will be distributed through club organizations and possibly at registration.

The directory will comprise 30 to 35 services, including tutoring, carpentry and plumbing services, tax preparation, last service, cleaning services and consulting expertise.

"A good opportunity for those students who have services to sell," said DeMatties.

Shake, rattle and roll

Quake said to hit soon

by Carolyn Holmen

Oct. 17, 1990: A low rumble sounds, and the ground vibrates a little. No one pays much attention. Native Californians are not strangers to earthquakes living on the San Andreas Fault. They go on about the day as usual, unsuspecting victims of an earthquake that will soon cost them homes, possessions and lives.

Some do pay attention, like Ken Browning, a climatologist from New Mexico, comes forward to claim that another of his earthquake predictions has come to pass.

This same scientist, who gained his projections by studying tidal effects, has made another forecast. He cites Dec. 3, 1990, as the date for a quake of comparable magnitude to the one in California, along the New Madrid Fault.

The area from Marked Tree, Ark., to Cairo, Ill., and depending on the earthquake's magnitude, a major shake will be felt. Small buildings will be damaged and surrounding areas could be extensive.

The Modified Mercalli Intensity Scale is a table of predictions for each county's level of damage in the event of an 8.6 Richter earthquake.

According to the scale, White County would suffer some damage even to buildings of good construction and extensive damage to those in poor condition.

Houses, factories, chimneys, columns, monuments and wells would fall, and sand would be ejected from the ground in small amounts. Heavy furniture would be overturned and wells and springs would change.

Near the fault, damage would be total, and nearly all works would be greatly damaged or destroyed.

According to Dr. David Col, associate professor of science, this information is a worst-case scenario. He says that most of the scientific community believes nothing will take place at all on Dec. 3.

Geologists and geophysicists, who are specialists on the earth's movement, are still unconvinced that tidal effects demonstrate a connection with earthquakes. They further maintain that predicting the specific day of an earthquake is virtually impossible.

Cole explains that Browning's predictions are very general in nature.

For example, Browning named several different days last June when there would be "some seismic activity" around the world. Cole says that every day there is some seismic activity somewhere, even if it isn't great enough to be felt.

Another reason for their skepticism is the recurrence interval. Research by the Tennessee Earthquake Information Center indicates that a quake of the predicted magnitude occurs in the New Madrid seismic zone once every 450 to 475 years. The last one of this size occurred in 1812, and the probability that one will occur in the year 2000 is only 0.3-1.8 percent.

However, a 6 Richter earthquake occurs about every 80 years, and the last one in the area was in 1857. There is a 50 percent chance of such a quake by the year 2000. This would do serious damage to schools and mansions built throughout southeastern Missouri and lesser damage from Memphis to Drue.

The Center for Earthquake Studies at Southeast Missouri State University asserts that there is no cause for panic, but also no room for complacency. Education, planning and preparation are proven means to minimize the human impact of such hazards.

Preparation for an earthquake, make sure heavy objects, as well as glass objects, are not on shelves. Top-heavy furniture should be fastened down and tight latches should be installed on cupboards doors. Flashlights, portable radios, extra batteries, food, water and a first-aid kit are also suggested materials to have on hand. Remove flammable materials, such as cleaning products, from your room.

During an earthquake, stay calm and try to reassure others around you.

For your home, stay there. Get under a sturdy table or desk, or brace yourself in a doorway or corner. Move to an inside hallway when possible. Stay clear of windows, bookcases or walls with heavy objects hanging on them.

If you are outside, stay away from power lines and poles, trees, walls and chimneys. Stand in a doorway to protect yourself from falling debris.

In a car, pull off to the side of the road until the shaking has stopped, remaining in the vehicle. Do not park under bridges, overhead wires or overpasses, and don't attempt to cross any bridges or overpasses that may have been damaged.

After an earthquake, immediately check for injuries, fires and potentially harmful materials that have spilled.

Do not attempt to move seriously injured people unless they are in immediate danger. Do not expect water, sewer, gas and electrical lines to be working order. Don't use the phone or your car except in the event of an emergency, and listen carefully to your radio for current reports.

"There is a risk of a damaging earthquake from the New Madrid Fault zone," said Cole, "but geologists are not able to predict an earthquake for a certain date. Consequently, I wouldn't be too excited about Dec. 3. But we need to be aware of the general threat.

Economics team aims for trophy in '91

The Harding University Economics Team will attempt to win its seventh first-place trophy at the National Students for Free Enterprise Competition in the summer of 1991.

Harding teams, the winningest in the country to date, have won first place six times and were national runners-up five times since the national competition started in 1978.

The 1990-91 team is composed of Drue DeMattie, co-captain from Richmond, Va.; Jim Hall, co-captain from Columbus, Ohio; Susan Isom, Jason Pace and Lee Mackey, all from Searcy, Ark.; Jill Creighton from Melbourne, Ariz.; Tracy Crouch from Joplin, Mo., and faculty sponsor Dr. Don Diffine, director of the Belden Center for Private Enterprise Education.

Sponsored by the National Free Enterprise Center in Springfield, Mo., the participating institutions are challenged through formal intercollegiate competition to design and implement free enterprise programs suited for their particular campuses and communities.

Each collegiate competitor is judged by nationally known business and civic leaders on the following four criteria:

1. How creative, innovative and effective were the students in implementing in-depth free market economics and business educational programs on the campus and in the community; bringing about an increased level of understanding through their application; evaluating the results; and ensuring the continuation of these programs in the future?

2. How well did the students determine and address questions the local population had about current economic issues that affect the free enterprise system?

3. How successful were the students in utilizing their resources which included, but were not limited to: (1) their business advisory board; (2) the mass media available; and (3) college students and faculty members from non-business disciplines?

4. How effectively did the students document their activities in their written reports and oral presentation to the judges?

In the past 15 years, the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, Pa., has presented Diffine and the Harding Economics Team a total of 16 awards in the categories of private enterprise education, advertising and public affairs, non-profit publications and platform addresses.

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New strategy, new coach promise fast-paced, exciting basketball season

by Lanny Tucker

The men’s basketball season will be one that is filled with transitions. The most important of these transitions is in the head coaching position, which will be filled by Nicky Boyd.

Coach Boyd brings a totally new philosophy and a fresh outlook to the game of basketball and to what will be the style of Bison basketball in the future.

When asked, what his approach to coaching will be like, Coach Boyd said he will be “committed totally to the running game” on offense. He wants his players to push the ball up the floor immediately after every steal or rebound.

This style will demand high intensity on defense as well as offense, and this intensity will be easily noticed in the tenacious full-court pressing style of the Bison. Boyd wants to control the pace of every minute of every game by forcing the other team into uncomfortable situations and pressuring them to take shots that they usually would not.

Although the offense may at times appear to be a “playground style” without logical strategy, Boyd prefers to describe it as “organized chaos.” This means that it will entail definite structure but at the same time allow his players to outsmart and hopefully outgun their less-conditioned opponents.

“We may give up some easy layups,” says Boyd, “but we hope to make up for these by taking advantage of the steals created by our defensive intensity.”

He also mentions that it takes time to recruit the type of players to fit into this style of play, but that this year’s team has the appropriate players to fill most of the roles that it needs.

Boyd’s style of play demands that every player be well-conditioned aerobically so that they can keep this intense pace for a full 40 minutes and, by doing this, create frustration and fatigue for their opponents.

Assistant coach David Todd, in charge of the team’s conditioning, has been taking the squad out to the track for daily sprint and distance workouts since the beginning of the year. After they are finished at the track, they slip on their hightops and take to the court where they run some more — this time with a ball in their hands.

As team member Kirk Hendricks puts it, “At the beginning of the year I wondered if we had accidentally joined the cross-country team, but now we are all starting to see the benefits of our hard work.”

This year’s key player is Rolando Garcia. As the only returning starter, “Reto” will add a great deal of experience and leadership in his final season with the Bisons.

Key newcomers, junior transfer Keith Nelson and freshmen Jason Parker, will add excitement and talent to the squad, and Coach Boyd has Jason Atkins, Michael Wood, Brad Prince and David Collins, among others, to hold the three-pointer.

For the fun, this will be an exciting season full of fast-paced, high-octane action that no one will want to miss.

As Boyd says, “We have the best fans in the league and nobody denies that; we are just trying to give the fans a top-rated team to match.”

Harding’s conference opener, scheduled against UCA, will most likely be played in the old gym and is guaranteed to be as emotion-filled as last year’s playoff game at UCA. This will be just one of the many games to see, so come out and watch Harding rock the competition this season.

HE’S GOT HIGH HOOPS. Rolando Garcia, a center for the Bison basketball team, aims to score in one of last year’s games. Garcia, the only returning starter, is expected to be a key player this season. (photo by Leslie Devere)
Bisons end season with a win; 13 play last game

by Terry Austin

The Harding Bisons knocked the Southern Arkansas Muleriders off their high horse Saturday afternoon at Alumni Field in Searcy with a 22-14 thrashing of the eighth-ranked SAU squad.

The Bisons, left without a shot at the NAIA playoffs or a conference championship, look like the playoff hopes of the Muleriders and trampled them under the feet of a powerful running game, led by Richard Holmes and Darrell Biggers.

Biggers, a junior back, ran over the SAU defense for 187 yards and one touchdown. He also set up a Harding score with a 80-yard, touchdown pass to senior tight end Kris City for 18 yards. These two plays keyed a drive that ended with another boot from Goodwin, this one a 27-yarder with 4:16 left on the clock, to put the Bisons up 19-6 at the 9:27 mark.

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However, 28 seconds later, Holmes broke his 50-yard touchdown run. Goodwin put in the point after touchdown to set the score at 19-14 with 3:34 to go in the game. An interception by Rodgers sealed the Bison victory.

This was the final game for 13 Bison football players.

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