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TJC SPREADS CRIMSON & BLUE AT ST PAT'S

Our TJC St Pat's parade contingent was larger than ever including the TJC band on the bandwagon, 8 decorated vehicles including both customized local KU cars, Brad Miller's blue bug and Stefano Fusaro's PT Cruiser featuring exterior hawks and portraits of AFH and Memorial Stadium, Beverly Bernardi's baton brigade, kids in wagons and strollers and walkers. Members handed out 2000 Jayhawk stickers and 1440 red and blue beads. This activity every year allows TJC to come in contact with 20-30,000 area residents, many of them kids--all the while showing our passion for the teams and university we love. Most TJC participants agree it's the most important KU-promoting activity we undertake every year.

**ANNOUNCING
THE FIRST TJC MEMBERSHIP CONTEST
WIN 2 Single Game Football Tickets, SIT with Coach Mangino
at TJC's Summer Picnic, EAT for FREE!
BE INTRODUCED AT THE PICNIC**

All you have to do is sign up more first-time TJC members than anyone else.

The contest is open to any current or new TJC member. All you have to do is send in the memberships together with a not saying you signed them up and please keep track of them for your contest total. The contest starts immediately and ends June 30th.

You can download the membership form from [here](#). You can also call 271-1224 and have forms mailed to you,

Upcoming Activities

April		April	
FOOTBALL		BASEBALL	
16th	Spring Scrimmage	1-3rd	@ A & M
TRACK		6th	WSU (Cox-Wichita)
21st	KU Relays	8-10th	@ OU
22nd	KU Relays	13th	WSU
23rd	KU Relays	22-24th	@ TTech

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26th	New Mex St @ KCKS
27th	Sac St @ KCKS
29th	@ KSU
30-1st	KSU

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FOOTBALL'S COMING

Mark your calendars for Spring Scrimmage on April 16 and the upcoming football season, KU's 116th. Only 11 NCAA schools have played football longer. This fall's schedule is:

2005 Kansas Football Schedule

Sept. 3 vs. Florida Atlantic (6 p.m.)

Sept. 10 vs. Appalachian State (6 p.m.)

Sept. 17 vs. Louisiana Tech (6 p.m.)

Oct. 1 * at Texas Tech

Oct. 8 * at Kansas State

Oct. 15 * vs. Oklahoma (Arrowhead Stadium, KC, Mo.)

Oct. 22 * at Colorado

Oct. 29 * vs. Missouri

Nov. 5 * vs Nebraska

Nov. 12 * at Texas

Nov. 19 * vs. Iowa State

* - Big 12 game

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THINGS YOU PROBABLY DIDN'T HEAR ABOUT AFH'S 50th

Lost in the Allen Fieldhouse anniversary hoopla are these facts gathered from a KU Connection article authored by Mark D. Hersey, KU Department of History:

--Everybody knows KU beat K-State in the first game played in AFH. But did you know K-State was favored, and that was the ONLY home victory for the Hawks that year?

--Phog Allen did not coach that first game, letting assistant Dick Harp take over so as not to put undue pressure on his players on that night of special importance to him.

--KU also won in Manhattan that year (an early version of the "Streak") at the dedicatory game of Ahearn Fieldhouse!

--Phog Allen first voiced his dream of playing in a huge fieldhouse in 1927! The legislature took a while to find funding. The Depression also didn't help much.

--AFH cost \$2.6 million to build.

--AFH's interior was originally painted drab green because it was also supposed to be used as an armory.

--Before AFH was built, KU team members dressed in Old Robinson's locker rooms and walked next door in the winter weather to play in Hoch Auditorium.

--A mild controversy arose over naming the fieldhouse since it was not tradition to name buildings after living people. Those who wanted the building named for Naismith were calmed somewhat by renaming Michigan Street to Naismith Drive. Others wanted Naismith-

Allen to grace the building, but the very much alive Phog was honored and humbled when it was named solely for him. The UDK ran a student poll in which over 1000 students voted. 914 supported naming the building for Allen--a landslide in anybody's book.

--When built, AFH was second in size only to Minnesota's arena.

--At the end of the AFH dedication ceremony, the KU Alumni Association presented Allen with keys to a brand new Cadillac.

--During the halftime dedication ceremony, 103 former players lined the court, including one from KU's first basketball team in 1899.

--During the very first game, students discovered that stomping made the building shake--a discovery apparently not much appreciated by the legislators present.

--Unspoken in the drive for a new building was the very real recruiting advantage it provided--an advantage which worked well only a year later with the announcement of the coming of Wilt Chamberlain.

--In his final game of the only season he played basketball at KU, Phog Allen scored 26 points, a KU record that stood for almost a decade. The year? 1906.

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THINGS YOU PROBABLY DID KNOW ABOUT AFH, BUT IT'S NICE TO KNOW OTHERS AGREE (OR ELSE JAYHAWK FANS JUST SPEND MORE TIME ONLINE)

[ESPN.Com](#) recently conducted an on-line poll about basketball arenas in which we encouraged our members to vote. Over 110,000 voters chose KU as having the best home-court advantage (39.3% to Duke's 32.5%); AFH as the toughest venue for visitors in college basketball (38.5% to Duke's 26.9%); and AFH as the place you'd most want to watch a game (42.1% to Duke's 29.5%). (FYI, North Carolina didn't make the top 5 in any category.)

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TIGERS ABOUT AS CLASSY AS USUAL

[Bucknell University](#) reports a lot of orders from Missouri for Bucknell t-shirts trumpeting its victory over KU in the NCAA 1st round. Guess those Mizzou fans just couldn't find any t-shirts touting themselves--such as "MIZZOU--NEVER BEEN TO A FINAL FOUR--EVER!" or "MIZZOU 2005--Another NIT FIRST ROUND LOSS--AT HOME--IN FRONT OF LESS THAN 6,000 FANS", or "MIZZOU, where KLEIZA TRAVELS BUT THE COACHES CAN'T" or "MIZZOU--KU MAY HAVE SIMIEN, BUT WE HAD CLEMONS!"

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AND SPEAKING OF CLASSY MIZZOU FANS

Summarized from the [Journal-World](#)...During the March KU game in Columbia, four KU fans unfurled a 6-foot banner over the second-tier railing at "Mizzou Arena". The banner had several names of MU's arenas crossed out followed by, "Call it what you want, it'll always be Allen Fieldhouse East." One KU fan said an usher said it was ok unless someone complained about it. A Mizzou fan sitting below the banner began to take the banner down and had words with one of the KU fans who said he'd take it down himself. The MU fan then grabbed the KU fan's shirt and said, "Do you know who I am? I'm the police chief of the University of Missouri." Another nearby MU fan and former Missouri legislator said the chief over-reacted, and he was afraid the KU fan was going to fall over the railing after being grabbed. The KU fan was ejected from the arena. He was told he could not re-enter the arena using the ticket

he had in hand. The KU fan purchased another ticket and attempted to re-enter the arena, was arrested for trespass and taken to jail. The KU fans have filed a complaint with the MU Police Department and the university administration. One involved KU fan summarized the experience, "Even in victory, they can't do it right." (Hmmm. Wonder if while he was in jail the KU fan met any current or former MU players.)

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TJC Membership Cards Coming Soon.

Watch your mailbox for your Topeka Jayhawk Club Membership Card. They will be mailed out next month and will offer special savings for you at the KU Bookstore. Hopefully, there will be more special savings for TJC members in the near future, just for presenting your card.

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BEAKS & TAILS



From the KU Connection--The Men's Glee Club on tour in California in January attended a taping of "The Price Is Right" in which Bob Barker invited them to come on down at the end of the show to do an impromptu version of "I'm A Jayhawk."



Also from the KU Connection--TJC member Frank Sabatini and family have contributed \$1 million to KU to complete the Multicultural Resource Center.



KU is one of five schools to win the Sen. Paul Simon award for Campus Internationalization. Among the statistics which won the award is the amazing 20% of KU graduating seniors who study abroad as part of their curriculum, choosing from among 100 exchange programs with over 50 countries. That percentage of students learning abroad ranks fourth nationally.



On a related note from the KU Alumni magazine, KU ranks 23 in the country among large colleges and universities in alumni serving in the Peace Corps with 47 serving in 24 countries.



From This Day in History in the KU Connection--70 years ago the campus was shrouded in darkness by 2pm when a dust storm struck Lawrence.



Find 1993 KU grad Rob Riggie as the only new cast member of Saturday Night Live.



For unique KU jewelry, check out The Etc. Shop, 928 Mass in Lawrence.



KU football's expanding the popular Family Zone sections in the stadium.



Most KU sports offer summer camps for kids or coaches, even parents. For full information, check online at www.kuathletics.com.

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ROCK CHALK SPORTS TALK

Weekdays from 3 to 6 PM on ESPN Radio 1320 KLWN

RCST can now be heard weekdays from 3—6 and is broadcast online through Phog.net as well as KLWN 1320 on your radio dial. Hear all the latest news and view on the Jayhawks at KLWN's Rock Chalk Sport Talk 1320.

Rock Chalk Sports Talk is the number one source for Jayhawk fans in Lawrence and Topeka who want to hear all KU sports during evening drive time. While the show also covers the Chiefs, Royals and other local sports teams, no other talk show comes close to RCST's coverage of the Hawks.

All Kinds of current and former players are frequently on the show, and RCST always has great preview segments into the upcoming KU games. Top that off with fantastic giveaways and a great forum for Jayhawk fans to call in and you've got the perfect show for those who bleed crimson and blue.

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