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SAVE THE ROCK CHALK CHANT FROM WOOS

If you listen to archives of game broadcasts before the '88 championship and after the '88 championship, you'll hear the birth of the notorious 'woo.'

It began when the KU fan base swelled new fans of Danny and the Miracles. Then some of those new fans (had to be, because the existing fans versed in KU traditions never did this) noticed the haunting silence between rounds of Rock Chalk would be a perfect time to holler loud enough to be heard by their buddies not lucky enough to be at the game (much like the guy who hollers at the beginning of Seven Bridges Road live recording). More and more fans joined in, students included, and probably for the same reason. The pre-woo generation of students graduated, and the new generations of students, having never known Rock Chalk without the woo, assumed it was part of the chant and dutifully joined in. Finally, the cheerleaders cemented the added Woo into the Rock Chalk chant by teaching it to freshmen during Traditions week. So sad to see it happen like that. But that's "modern progress" I guess!

jaygirl193 comment on *kusports.com*

Editor's note: the KU basketball band and cheer staff have stopped the "WOOING".

...AND THE HOME OF THE BRAVE

Students are so inventive. Our national anthem was written by Francis Scott Key in 1814 after the bombardment of Ft McHenry in Baltimore, now ends with "the home of the Chiefs" in the student section. Most new innovations are good, but one like this is just plain appalling. Let's just hope that they don't mess with the AFH announcer's words: "Welcome to the campus of the University of Kansas, and to Allen Fieldhouse the home of the Jayhawks"!

MIZZERY & (s)TATERS

If Missouri wants so badly to keep the Border War engaged, why ... nope, not going to do it. Not going to get into the heads of Missouri folks. **Too many cavities.**

-Kevin Haskin, *Topeka Capital Journal*, 1/31/12

The state of Kansas will get by just fine with the Sunflower Showdown as a keen rivalry.

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From the Department of Irony:

Kansas State is distributing an open letter from Frank Martin asking students to refrain from using profanity at Bramlage Coliseum. Martin, you may know, has dropped a few pennies in the swear jar over the years. He is contrite in the email, acknowledging his own blue streak while urging students to stop the vulgar chants. "As I work at completely eliminating profanity from my actions, I ask you to help me by not using chants that contain profanity," he wrote. "There is no place in education, or representing K-State, for any of us to use profanity."

... Odds of Martin going cold turkey on the curse words: Let's start with baby steps.

-Austin Meek, *Topeka Capital Journal*, 2/10/12

ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

The 33rd Annual St. Patrick's Day parade will begin at High Noon on Saturday, March 17th at the intersection of Kansas Ave and 4th Street. Our TJC board member Matt Dowd is vice-chair of the event, and board member Larry Tenopir is again the TJC coordinator.

All TJC members are invited to walk or ride in the parade. Help is always needed to pass our beads and stickers or to lead our group carrying our banner. Vehicles will line up at the parking lot north of the Ramada Inn and drive over to the staging area together at a time yet to be determined. Walkers will meet the vehicles west of the Law Enforcement Center before noon.

Call Larry at his office (233-9467) for further instructions if you are going to have a vehicle in the parade. Wear your **crimson, blue and green!**

HAWK WATCHES

The last regular season Hawk Watch will be Saturday, February 25th at the Lazy Toad in Fairlawn Plaza. The Jayhawks will tip off at 3PM against Mizzery, so be there extra early and extra juiced!

Hawk Watches for the Big XII Tournament and NCAA Tournament will be announced at a later date.

BITS & BEAKS

Polls taken on *kusports.com*:

Do you like the "woo" some students are adding to the end of the Rock Chalk chant?

Yes 09%

No 85%

Undecided 05%

Should KU fans stop shouting "home of the chiefs" after the national anthem?

Yes 87%

No 09%

Don't know 02%

KU basketball recruit Perry Ellis from Wichita Heights High School was named a McDonalds All-American. He will represent the East in the 35th annual game to be held March 28th in Chicago's United Center. This is KU's 32nd McDonald's All-American and Coach Self's ninth.

Carolyn Davis, Junior forward and All-American candidate suffered a dislocated knee and torn ACL three minutes into the KU-K-State game Sunday, February 11th. She will miss the rest of the season.

With five regular season games and tournament games remaining, Jeff Withey ranks 5th on the list of single-season blocks with 88. Cole Aldrich is first with 125 in 2010.

There are presently 550 household members and 1142 total members in the Topeka Jayhawk Club. 175 household members have not renewed. Those who have not renewed by May 1st will surrender their privileges.

Allen Fieldhouse has "THE MOST PASSIONATE FANS IN THE GAME"...One of the three sites where "**you must watch college ball before you die.**"

Men's Health magazine