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# Topeka Jayhawk Club

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**H**appy New Year to each and every one of you. Thank you for your continued support of the Topeka Jayhawk Club. This is our 21st year since reorganizing in 1994, and we will strive to make this our best year ever. Our new 2015 Officers and Board Members are listed on the side of this page. If any of you would like to be a part of making this club bigger and better, please contact any of the board members and let them know of your interest. We are always looking for Jayhawk fans who have some spare time to spend helping us organize and setup our events.

Basketball is in full swing as are our watch parties at the Lazy Toad. If you have provided us with your email address, you should be receiving notices when we have one. If you are not receiving notices, chances are they are going directly into your spam or trash folder because of email rules setup by your ISP. To get around that, please add [pat@topekajayhawkclub.com](mailto:pat@topekajayhawkclub.com) to your address book.

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**BANDWAGON NEEDS NEW HOME CLOSE TO DOWNTOWN**

As you may know, TJC bought the Midwestern Music bandwagon at auction in 2014. We had borrowed it several times in the past for the St. Pat's parade. We plan to use it every year for that purpose and maybe other purposes. While it's currently stored in a barn near Auburn, we'd like to find a free space in someone's garage or storage facility as near to downtown as possible to minimize the distance it will need to be towed each year for the parade. Ideally, we'd like a space which would allow us to work on it this winter as funds become available to update the wiring and sand and paint it. Please call Larry Tenopir, 233-9467 if you have a space.

**January Membership Dates—Fairlawn Mall**

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| 4  | 5  | 6  | 7           | 8  | 9  | 10 |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14<br>5-7pm | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21<br>5-7pm | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28<br>5-7pm | 29 | 30 | 31 |

## **INEXPERIENCE AND YOUTH NOT FOR THE WEAK OF HEART**

There's good news and bad news about this youthful Kansas basketball team (11-2 overall, 0-0 Big 12).

The good news is, there's always going to be good news about this youthful Kansas basketball team.

The bad news is, there's always going to be bad news about this youthful Kansas basketball team.

The second half of Saturday's UNLV game in the friendly confines was clearly KU's best half of the season. Heading into conference play, the timing is ideal. Jayhawk fans have seen, up close and personal, the inconsistency that comes with a team that is freakishly athletic yet inexperienced at the college level.

Junior Perry Ellis is the team's most consistent player, leading in both scoring and rebounds (13.0 and 6.6). Even so, he's been KU's leading scorer in just five of their 13 games. And it's not just Ellis. The same night Kelly Oubre went for 20, Wayne Selden connected on just one of his seven shots. One half, KU is active on defense and plays with energy on offense. Other halves...

For every good performance, there's one that's, well, not so much.

Then again, Kansas fans have come to enjoy watching Bill Self's teams grow up in front of us. Kansas is rarely the first team to 20 wins anymore, but you also know they'll be better in March than they were in December.

Kelly Oubre is starting to find his scoring rhythm. It's been fun watching Cliff Alexander and thinking about how he resembles Thomas Robinson every now and again. Yes, that Thomas Robinson – the monster with the Marvel Comics superhero muscles and an obsession with rebounding.

Wayne Selden's shot is coming around. He was 4-of-8 against UNLV from beyond the arc. As Frank Mason goes, so go the Jayhawks. He's quickly developing leadership skills like we haven't seen since Russell Robinson and an ability to fearlessly finish at the rim like we haven't seen since Keith Langford.

If KU doesn't win their 11th straight Big 12 regular season championship this season, their collective lack of experience will probably be a big factor.

But if they do, it will be because another young but incredibly talented, passionate team grew up in front of us. Again.

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