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Happy Valentines Day Jayhawk Lovers. Download and print your very own Jayhawk themed Valentine's Day cards right [here](#).



ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

This year's St Patrick's Day Parade is going to be on Saturday March 14th. Once again, the Topeka Jayhawk Club will participate and we would very much like any of you to come and join us. We always have a need for walkers to walk along the parade route along side our decorated vehicles and the Alumni and Friends Band trailer and help pass out 10,000 beads and Jayhawk stickers to all the Jayhawk fans! If you would like to help out and join us in the parade this year, please call Larry Tenopir @ 233-9467.

2015 KANSAS FOOTBALL IN FEBRUARY

On Tuesday, February 17th, Kansas football head coach David Beaty and all nine members of his coaching staff and other athletic department officials will attend a Happy Hour event from 5 – 7 p.m. at the Topeka Ramada Inn downtown. If you have been somewhat discouraged with the direction of the KU football program the last few years, I would strongly encourage you to attend this event to meet the new staff and to listen to the new direction the program is headed. I am pretty sure you are going to like what you hear.

A cash bar and appetizers will be available and there is no charge for this event.

TJC TO AWARD UP TO 3 \$500 SCHOLARSHIPS.

The application deadline is MARCH 31! Don't miss it! In order to apply, you must live in northeast Kansas and either be a current KU student or a high school student entering KU for the 2015 fall semester. ALSO, the student or a parent or a grandparent of the student must be a current TJC member and have been a member for at least 3 years. The board hopes that this will become a very important benefit to TJC members in the years to come and significantly help our local students attend the university we all love. Check out the application and rules on our website, www.topekajayhawkclub.com.

HOW DO YOU DRAW A JAYHAWK?

For years, that question stumped fans. Henry Maloy, a cartoonist for the student newspaper, drew a memorable version of the Jayhawk in 1912. He gave it shoes. Why? For kicking opponents, of course.



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Don't forget to check out the Friendly Merchants page on our website. Receive discounts when you present your Topeka Jayhawk Club membership card.



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If you own a business and would like to be a part of this program, please contact any board member listed above.

HAWKS LOOK POISED TO RUN AWAY WITH BIG 12 TITLE.

By Jim Williamson

Things just got a lot less interesting Monday night after KU's convincing 89-76 win over legitimate rival Iowa State.

That win boosts KU's record to 8-1 in the Big 12, two games up on West Virginia and the Cyclones in the win column. The conference schedule is only half over, but it looks like Kansas' "worst team in 10 years" – yes, I actually heard someone say that – is in great position to not only win their 11th straight Big 12 title but to run away and hide with it.

There are nine games left, five on the road. One of those will be played at Texas Tech. Texas Tech is in Lubbock, a place where I spent a month one weekend. There's no reason in the world why KU shouldn't win by two touchdowns.

Another will be the annual rent collection at Allen Field House West which coincides with the one game all year where there aren't a couple thousand Wildcat fans dressed as empty seats.

The other three road games are at Stillwater, Morgantown and Norman.

KU won't do any worse than 3-2 on the road. Oklahoma is a very tough match-up for KU, and Lon Kruger can make chicken dumplings out of chicken droppings. West Virginia's style of play borders on something that should get you 30 days in the Shawnee County lockup. Be that as it may, Bob Huggins has his Mountaineers winning, and Morgantown is a rough place to play.

Don't get me wrong: I wouldn't be surprised to see the Jayhawks win both of these games. If they lose either or both, however, you won't find me on any window ledges. It's the road in the Big 12. Losses happen.

KU will play Baylor, Texas Christian, Texas and West Virginia in The Phog. Scott Drew may get Baylor close to a win, but history tells us he'll find a way to snatch defeat from the jaws of victory. West Virginia could sneak out a win, but no sane person bets against KU in the friendly confines.

Let's say the Fighting Huggies do get the rare win in Allen Field House. That still means Kansas finishes 14-4, and the Jayhawks will win conference title number 11. That's a staggering achievement, one best left for another newsletter.

Rock Chalk!

Jim Williamson is a lifelong Topekan and Jayhawk. He has written articles and columns for several websites and publications, including Phog.net and Jayhawk Illustrated. He was able to touch the rim in high school.