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TJC SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS ANNOUNCED.

The Topeka Jayhawk Club has awarded two \$500 scholarships to Topeka students attending KU. The first recipient is Lindsey Huss who won the first TJC scholarship last year. She is finishing her second year at KU and is pursuing a degree in Supply Chain Management in the business school. Lindsey's dad is TJC member Jeff Huss. The second is Kenzie Kimble, granddaughter of TJC members Pete & Debby Maxon. Kenzie maintains a 4.02 GPA at Washburn Rural and plans to major in Music Performance at KU where she will be a freshman. She plans to join the Marching Jayhawks and hopes to make the basketball band. Congratulations to both recipients!

TJC GOLF TOURNAMENT

A warm sunny June afternoon greeted golfers at the 16th Topeka Jayhawk Club Golf tournament held at Shawnee Country Club. After lunch, golfers listened to talks given by KU Athletics Director Sheahon Zenger, new Women's basketball coach Brandon Schneider, football coach David Beaty and men's basketball coach Bill Self. Dr. Zenger mentioned that this was the first time that all four of them had ever been at an event together. The Topeka Jayhawk Club is proud to have been that venue and would like to thank them all for taking the time out of their busy schedules to come over and mingle. Coach Self was also presented with a donation to the "Assists Foundation" from the Topeka Jayhawk Club.

WEBSITE REDESIGN

If you haven't been to our website lately, at www.topekajayhawkclub.com, I recently did some design work on it and it is now more responsive to the type of device you are on. You will see a slightly different design if on a smartphone or tablet than you will if using a desktop or laptop computer. This should make reading much easier on smaller devices.

GRANTLAND ARTICLE

Grantland, an online magazine published by ESPN, ran a story in May about KU football and the challenges Coach Beaty has in front of him. It's a really good story and should be read by all KU football Fans. [Grantland Story](#)

ROCK CHALK WEEKLY

Here is a great weekly electronic magazine published by the KU Athletics Department and available for free for the iPhone, iPad, Android, Kindle and web. [Rock Chalk Weekly](#).

TJC GOLF RESULTS

First Flight

#1 Rich Jantz	Kent Beisner
Van Ewart	Rob Farha
#2 Craig Wright	Alan Rose
Mark Akage	Chris Hutchens

Second Flight

#1 Russ Cole	Scott Cole
Pat Brown	Link Brown
#2 Steven Steele	Brian Brady
Jason Kuder	Jeff Vitter

Closest To Pin #13	Mike Corcoran
Longest Putt #18	Joe Mabon
Long Drive Women	Pat Brown
Long Drive Men	Derek Wilson

A PRIEST, A RABBI AND A FOOTBALL COACH WALK INTO A BAR...
BY AARON CEDENO

Stop me if you've heard this one before.

The University of Kansas hires a brand new coaching staff. Optimism ensues because, well, they're new. Words like “energy” and “commitment” and “championships” get thrown around a lot because the good people of Jayhawk Nation want to believe. And for a few glorious months, they get to do so. They get to picture fall Saturdays on which the scoreboard doesn't read "Jayhawks - Not Many, Visitors – A Bunch.”

When Kansas Athletics Director Sheahon Zenger hired Charlie Weis, those words got thrown around early and often. Weis was supposed to be a shot in the arm – I'm pretty sure the administration used that exact phrase, in fact – for Kansas football. His name, his Super Bowl rings and his not-so-distant success with the Kansas City Chiefs allowed fans to dream the glorious dream.

And then reality crashed down upon Memorial Stadium, as it always seems to do.

So, yes, you are to be forgiven if you approach the coming season and the first of the David Beaty Era with some trepidation. Many of the same words are being bandied about by media and players alike. Especially energy. There's so much of it, apparently, the United States government may want to look into ways to harness it as a cheap and inexhaustible source of power.

But don't close your heart just yet. Don't fall prey to the cynicism just yet. Because the honest to goodness truth is, this hire could not be more different from the hire of Weis.

Weis was hired as a defibrillator, to breathe life into the smoldering wreckage left behind by Turner Gill. His failure on the field (let's give credit where it's due; he truly believed in the "student" part of "student-athlete") left the administration humbled and with fewer options. So instead of hiring the flashy guy for right now, they did the right thing. They hired the right guy for the long term – the guy who knows how to lay a foundation.

The staff Beaty – himself an assistant under former head coach Mark Mangino – assembled is one with a purpose. He kept Clint Bowen on board because not only does he know the personnel, but Bowen's an underrated coach and the purest Jayhawk alive. He brought in Rob Likens and Zach Yenser from Cal-Berkeley to run a version of the popular Air Raid offense, where they were wildly successful with it with the Golden Bears. Beaty and Co-Defensive Coordinator Kenny Perry know the fertile recruiting grounds of Texas in and out, with relationships and roots that run deeper than the mythical lake underneath Memorial Stadium. Every hire seems to have a clearly defined purpose.

Good coaches. Good people. Brought in to address a specific need.

So don't give up just yet, Jayhawks. Don't bail on this one before the ingredients have a chance to come together.

We'd hate for you to miss out on the sweet taste of success.