

OLD BOY QUARTERLY



The Old Boy Quarterly is targeted to the alumni rugby players of the Kansas Jayhawks Rugby Football Club.

These issues chronicle both interesting parts of the club's 50 year history and inform the readers about the club's current status & future plans.

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Notes on the past Fall Season 2012

By Rick Renfro, Coaching Coordinator KJRFC

Fall season 2012 was a lot like life in general. Some highs and some lows, but it still goes on. We had a great start and a rough finish. The club side had one of their best seasons and the college side dropped off a bit. **The club side had big wins over the KC Blues, Aspen RFC, Denver Highlanders and KCRFC and played a good match against the Glendale Raptors.** The college side had nine injuries and had a tough time finishing the schedule, just a reverse of the Spring 2012 season. It brings home again that we need squads of 25-30 not teams of 18-20.

We now have the best coaching staff we have EVER had.

Scott Adamson (former Jeff City, JoCo, KC Blues coach) has joined the team. One of the most knowledgeable and up to date rugby coaches around the Midwest and a really nice guy. **Jonie Hare** (Scottish player & coach) is coming back for the spring season. **Billy Pryor** did a great job and will be back along with **Doug McCauley, Joe Kiltyka, and Dave Hamill.**

We also contracted with Ortho Kansas to have a certified trainer at every practice and home game. **It was not cheap (\$1,800) for the semester, but it is the best money we have ever spent.** It is really nice having someone around that knows what they are doing instead of relying on the bucket and "magic sponge". **We have a good product with personnel and infrastructure, now we need to get busy recruiting players.**

Eight of the nine injured players will have made full recoveries and we are beating the bushes for more players. **If you know some kid at KU who might want to try rugby please let us know.** We have talked to KU about their international program and have

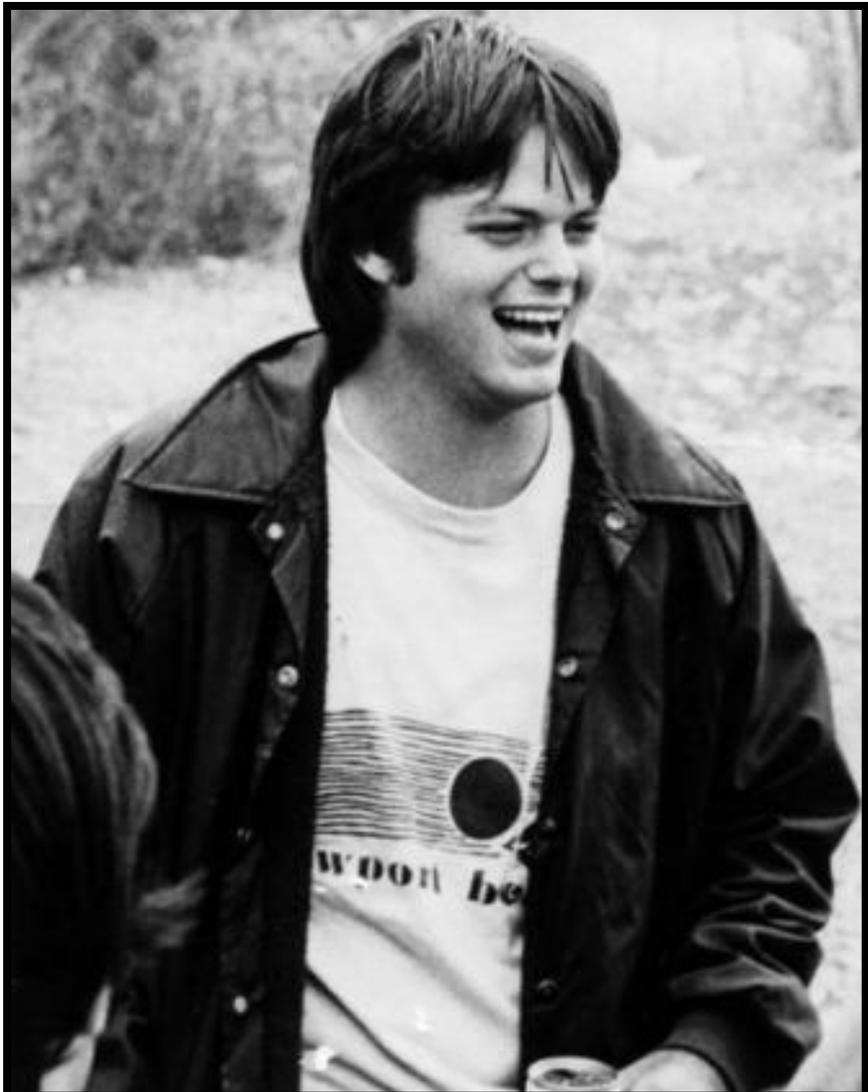
some inside connections with the football team that we hope will pan out. **We are hoping to field a "19 and under" squad this spring and the club side will be fairly strong.**

The South Africa tour this coming summer is shaping up nicely with 26 players (20 from our club) and 17 tourists. We leave June 12 for two weeks

and four games. **We are trying to organize a game with the touring squad for the Alumni weekend.** We will get details about the Spring season to you as soon as they are finalized.

I look forward to seeing a bunch of you guys in Vegas for golf and sevens and the rest of you soon.

Rock Chalk Jayhawk! ***



Rick Renfro circa 1975-79 era
We dug up this old photo in researching this edition.

Overview of 1975 – 1979 Era & This Edition

By Steve Lange

The late **Allen Chapman** was an important person in the history of the Jayhawk Rugby program. This edition of the Old Boy Quarterly will largely be devoted to his contributions and his times.

Context

Before Chapman, the KU teams that took the field between 1964-1975 were usually as good as, or frequently better than their peers in a 4 or 5 state region regarding: talent, technical ability, depth of playing numbers, won-loss record, finances, and even organization. It was a successful club by those criteria.

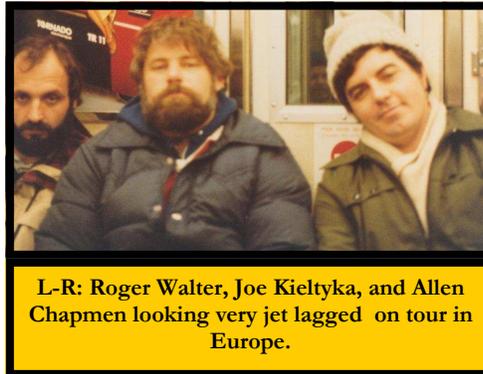
Allen Chapman joins a list of influential foreigners who have passed through Lawrence, but with a major difference. The other foreign players' contribution was largely limited to playing the game on the field. Chapman was the first to also bring a contribution to the off-field organizational backbone of the club. **He had a different "business model". His model was that of the English rugby clubs.** He upped the complexity. He thought long term. He encouraged buying land for a pitch. He planned foreign tours so that the players could experience rugby at a level above the sandlot sport of the Heart of America.

Today this is a great business model, because it encourages the inclusion of YOU, the former-player. The big tent that is now "the club" includes current players, former players, and social supporters.

Timing

Chapman was the "the right guy, at the right place, at the right time". Imagine Chapman arriving at the Lawrence rugby field in earlier eras. In the mid-1960's, would his ideas of an elevated organizational structure have played well with the ex-football players who were burned out on organized

sports? If he arrived in 1972, would the senior-dominated club have cared about his long-term plans? If he arrived in spring 1973 and saw less than 15 at practice, would he have even bothered to get out of his car? However, Chapman arrived at a time when the club was deep in talent and was in a period of success. The fall 1975 players also realized that they were hitting a wall against city clubs like KCRFC and KC Blues who did not have to deal with the annual rollover of graduating talent. The 1975 club was looking for that "next thing" and Chapman provided it.



L-R: Roger Walter, Joe Kieltyka, and Allen Chapman looking very jet lagged on tour in Europe.

The world outside of Lawrence was rapidly changing, too.

In late 1975, the USA Rugby Football Union, and the four territorial unions were formed, creating a vehicle to funnel rep side players up to a national team and providing a ladder for club championships. Soon thereafter, rugby clubs were being sorted out between "university sides" and adult "club sides". Rugby in America entered an age of rapidly increasing sophistication. You could also argue that airline deregulation in 1978 reduced the cost of flights, enhancing the feasibility of tours.

Having ideas is easier than the execution of ideas. It takes steps, management of people, and determination over a long period of time. Chapman was the "dream-weaver" and a good motivator, but needed people who would & could carry out those dreams. **Roger Walter** introduces us to Allen Chapman in the

next piece. It will be followed by an interview with **Paul Diedrich**, the club's very talented CEO from 1976 to 1990. In that Diedrich interview, you can see the big network of people who got involved in an array of club tasks. This led to some of the club's very best years. **This is an example of how a bunch of talent pulling in the same direction can accomplish much.**

In the coming April 2013 edition of this Old Boy Quarterly, we will examine the tremendous impact of some graduating players buying **Johnny's Tavern** in the late 1970's and establishing a clubhouse on its 2nd floor. This started a wave of good players who graduated, but stayed on to play for the great club they were building.

Contrasting Eras

In this issue, I got to do a very interesting interview. **Doug McCauley & Billy Prior** were players from the 1975-1979 era of focus in this edition. They are **ALSO** current coaches on the club. This allows some great questions about comparing the past to the present. **This is the first time I have had this sort of opportunity.**

Changing Interview Format

In the prior editions of the Old Boy Quarterly, I could pick a window of time and capture interviews with the transient pool of student-players who then played for the club. However, starting in this edition I have to change that interview format. I can still interview players from a targeted window of time, but some of the talent of the club started to remain in place for a decade or more. I will interview these long-term people and cover the whole arc of their involvement, which sometimes exceeds the targeted era's window of time. Bear with me as I conduct interviews in the two formats. ****

Chapman – Romantic Visionary

By Roger Walter

So it was August of 1975. I had just taken the Kansas Bar Exam and had decided to take a non-lawyer position with a Lawrence company, a high tech company engaged in remote data sensing of satellite imagery. The company was owned and run by **George Dalke** who played next to me at inside center. One of the perks of the job was that I could take off every day at 4pm for rugby practice. Most of my class mates thought I was nuts, but I didn't care. I wanted to play rugby and I wanted to play at KU. Clearly I suffered from a severe case of "Peter Pan syndrome."

I was out on the rugby pitch behind Oliver Hall by myself kicking and retrieving a rugby ball when a lone individual jogging across the field stopped for a conversation. He was in his late 20's, dark hair and had distinct English accent. Great, I thought conjuring memories of **Ian Henry**.

He introduced himself. His name was **Allen Chapman**. He was a graduate student in architecture from London Polytechnic. Of course I immediately solicited him to play on the team, noting we were short a scrum half for the fall season. He broke into uncontrollable laughter that almost brought him to his knees. I didn't get the joke then, but I did later.

You see Allen had played a passable second team hooker for the Newquay Hornets. Newquay was an idyllic town on the coast of Cornwall. His forte, he explained was not as a player, but he said he might show up when practice started to see if he could contribute in some way. That was the start of a long and close friendship that developed into a life-long adventure that saw the club

touring overseas to: 1) Cornwall / England, 1977; 2) Scotland / Ireland, 1979; 3) Wales / France, 1981; 4) New Zealand, 1983; and 5) Argentina / Brazil, 1985. This took the club to a whole new level

Allen did show up for practice. He quickly formed an alliance with **Joe Kieltyka** coaching the side. Joe was liberated to pursue his passion; coaching the backfield, and Allen took the scrum. That year a contingent of ex Shawnee Mission HS football players joined the club: **Rick Renfro, Doug Hassig, Randy Renfro, Bill Boyle** and others. That fall also saw the addition of **Ted McGrade**, an excellent

scrum half who had previously played in New Mexico and filled that critical position that was otherwise vacant. That group developed into great players who formed the nucleus of the club for years to come. All followed me in playing rugby at KU long after their years as students ended. We all forged a lasting, life-long bond as friends and cohorts. Allen ("Chips") became our leader and mentor. He was frequently compared to the fictional English prep school teacher made famous by Robert Donat in the movie "Goodbye Mr. Chips."

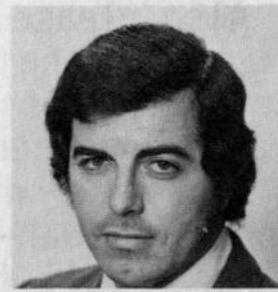
As the season progressed, there were many evenings after practice when we all drank too many beers. Allen regaled us with stories of life in his beloved Cornwall, a finger of land on the extreme southwest coast of England known as "Land's End." He quickly informed me he would accept characterization as "British", but never refer to him as "English"! The Cornish were a hardy group, many miners, Celts with a distinct Cornish cultural identity... and proud of it.

Allen warmed quickly to this rag-tag group of students and hangers-on. In retrospect, I suspect he was a bit lonely and home sick, and found an easy kinship with the Lawrence rugby community. **He once informed me over several beers that in the end, when he was gone, he would be happy to be remembered as a man who was devoted to a "sense of community"**. You see, he viewed rugby as more than just a game or sport; to him it was an "ethic of social fellowship" that was the same the world over.



**Allen & Margarett Chapman
On 1983 New Zealand Tour**

A.C. Chapman (Allen), U.K. Host
 Hooker: 33 yrs., 5'9", 187 lb. (13 st. 5 lb.)
 Kansas University Faculty 1975-76
 Architect (pre-associate); single
 Newquay R.F.C. (UK); P.N.C./RFC (London);
 Lawrence R.F.C.



Allen Chapman's picture & bio from 1977 Tour Program

There were certain themes emphasized by Allen from the outset. The first was a commitment to an extreme level of **physical fitness**. Early on he asked me whether I was committed to playing rugby at a high level of competition. Of course, I replied I was. He smiled and told me I had no concept of the level of fitness that required.

The second point was the need for an **organizational structure** that had continuity beyond the present group, and the imperative to **acquire land for a playing field and clubhouse**.

Lastly, he stressed the objective of **touring overseas** to gain a perspective beyond our own little world. He knew this would transform us and motivate us to achieve the other goals he had set. This was his master plan.

So over the next year and a half, he quietly set about reorganizing the club, creating a separate "collegiate side" and a "club side" consisting of all the non-students. He formed a club charter and executive committee. He continually prodded us at every opportunity to organize a tour. He conceived that the first of many tours would be to his homeland, Cornwall.

At the end of 1975 we had a grand banquet organized by Allen at which he introduced his new organizational structure. He also took the opportunity to introduce a new award to replace our tradition of awarding a Most Valuable Player Award. The new award was called the "**Kernow Cup**". Kernow is

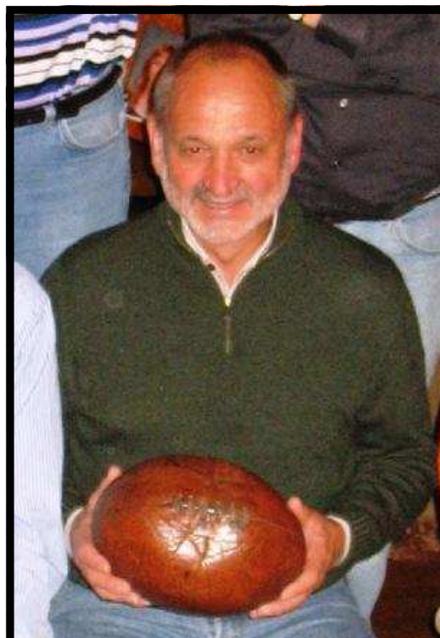
Cornish for Cornwall. It was a beautiful, oversized trophy cup mounted on a base with a plaque that read "**For Distinguished Performance and an Exemplary Attitude as Player, Complemented by a Sustained Commitment to the Rugby Ethic of Social Fellowship**". Every year since it has been awarded at the club's annual banquet, followed by drinking whiskey from the Cup by all present and, I fervently hope, still is followed by the recipient performing a Zulu warrior dance.

The next, as we say, is "history". Allen led us, kicking and screaming "We can't do this!", to tour Cornwall and England the following year. This presaged the development of an enduring Jayhawk rugby touring tradition. The experience indeed transformed the club and gave us the opportunity to form lasting relationships overseas. That in turn led to hosting touring sides from Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Russia, New Zealand, Canada and Argentina in Lawrence, and recruit players from all over the world.

Allen went on to teach architecture at Kansas State, where he led their rugby program for several years and then on to Miami University at Oxford, Ohio. For a time we stayed in touch, but then all contact faded. In August of 1992 many of us, out of the blue, received "the letter." It was a haunting, seven page poignant retrospective of his life in Cornwall, his life with KU rugby, and other personal matters. Sadly, the letter also informed of his terminal brain tumor. Some of us renewed con-

tact and traveled to Oxford. A year and a half later he was dead. I had the distinct honor of speaking at his funeral; reminding everyone that he had achieved his goal of being remembered as a man with an enduring sense to community wherever he was. He died too young and had so much yet to accomplish.

Allen was many things. He was one of the most remarkable individuals I have ever met. He had a relentless energy and focus. Most of all, Allen was a romantic visionary and dreamer. He did not see things as they were, he saw them as they could be. I miss him greatly.



Roger Walter

Paul Diedrich

Jayhawks' Extraordinary 14 Year Player & CEO

Before **Paul Diedrich**, the organization of the rugby club was in the hands of a changing cast of students who served while they were in school. After they graduated, they moved on. Although there were a few, like **Pat Rapp**, who stayed involved with the club a few years after graduating in the 1960's, and **Rick Whitson** who quietly helped steer the club in the 1970's. It wasn't until Paul Diedrich arrived at KU in 1976 that the club had a long term CEO. **Allen Chapman** arrived in 1975 and created the club constitution and formal organizational structure. On Paul's arrival, he immediately became a member of the Executive Committee and subsequently spent many of his 14 year career with the KJRFC as either CEO or President. As you will read, Diedrich was a perfect fit. He served in these roles until 1990 and helped preside over what is arguably the most robust period of the club's history; both on and off the field.



Diedrich continues to be the club's Faculty Advisor (both men and women's collegiate teams), which is a key to remaining linked to the university. He has also served as the KU Endowment Association Disburser. At the writing of this article, Diedrich is planning to retire from KU in the summer of 2013. That will open up that "faculty advisor" position and the club needs a replacement to step forward.

Q: Tell me about you as a player.

Diedrich: I started out playing rugby for a club that doesn't exist anymore, the Kansas City Bulls. I started with them in 1975 and then enrolled in grad school at KU in the fall of 1976. I was 6'2" 235 lbs and played #8 for the Bulls and then #8 for a few years at KU before moving to 2nd Row, which I must have played for at least the last 10 years of my career at KU. I played Rep Side Ball for the Heart of America for 2 or 3 years in the earlier years of my career, but was never

good enough to make the Western Rep Side. I quit playing rugby in 1990 after playing for 15 years.

Q: What is the link between grad school and your current job working for KU?

Diedrich: I entered grad school at KU to get my Masters in Public Administration - Health Concentration. The program was for two-years, one year of classes and a one-year internship. In my second year, I began the internship with the Bureau of Child Research (BCR) which then transitioned into a full-time job. I have been in this position for the past 36 years. The BCR transitioned into the Life Span Institute (LSI) in 1990. LSI works with people of all ages with a variety of disabilities. The BCR originally worked with children with mental retardation, but over time, the kids grew up and the BCR was merged with the Gerontology Center, thus the "Life-Span" approach to researching disabilities. I work with the fac-

ulty/scientists helping put together their grant proposals to Federal and State agencies to do research, training and service. I have basically been a professional bureaucrat my whole life. When KU gave me the job, I figured anybody willing to hire me while I was playing rugby; I'm going to work for them! (Laughs)

Q: During your years as club CEO, the club became a standout organization in the sport. You had a college side, a club side, you took foreign tours, you hosted tours visiting the USA, you hosted tournaments and national clinics, the club was incorporated, a field was purchased. There is so much to ask you. What was it like heading up the rugby club through this period of growth?

Diedrich: When I arrived in 1976, **Allen Chapman** had been already been at KU for a year. He had already drafted a constitution which included a 10-member executive committee with standing subcommittees. He had org charts and all that kind of stuff. **Allen was the "dream weaver" and I, with others, would help implement his many dreams.** That's basically what I do at work. I don't know science, but I can help scientists with their budgets, grant proposal formats and where to get funding, etc. **I learned more about what I need to do as a professional by helping run the rugby club, than I did in graduate school.** If you can get 10 drunk rugby players (including myself) sitting around a table to do the kind of things we were able to do, then it's easy to work with sober professionals. (Laughs) During the 80's we thought we could handle anything and the club just kept growing.

Q: Let's break this down, starting with the tours.

Diedrich: In 1977 Allen Chapman organized the first tour of England to play

the clubs he knew from growing up there. Allen continued to be the person to initiate the contact with the foreign clubs on tour into the early 1990's. This was even after Allen was working at K-State. In advance of the tours, I would help get gifts purchased and all the other sundry duties in putting a tour together – fund-raising, ordering tour uniforms, and purchasing items to swap, etc. Funds for the tours would sometimes come through the KU Endowment Association, because certain tourists would donate to KU and get matching funds from their employers. On tour, you would give items – such as a team plaque to teams that hosted you and they in return would give you theirs. You also wanted to have things to swap, we had pins, ties, sweaters, etc.

Once we went overseas, some of the clubs that hosted us would want to come back to the USA to play us. That's how we got started hosting visiting foreign teams that were on tour in the US. We would also help set up matches with other opponents for them to play while they were here, like the KC Blues and KCRFC.

Our success and reputation for doing a good job in hosting visiting clubs, and various HoA and WRFU functions helped us secure the bid for the first USA Rugby Union Coaching Clinic (which we hosted in the inaugural and second year). We were hosting 7's tournaments at 23rd & Iowa, Collegiate Play-off Matches, etc. We were also in the middle of the country, which helped. Keep in mind to accomplish these things, we have the 10 member executive committee and 5 subcommittees like land acquisition committees, tour committees, funding committees who all participated in various ways. We had a huge group of people that were involved.

Q: Give some background about the pitch at 23rd and Iowa.

Diedrich: The money from KU for the club was and always has been pretty small. The biggest thing KU ever provided for the club was the field that they

gave us to use at 23rd & Iowa. The field was also the biggest thing I worried about losing at KU. The worst thing that would happen is if it rained real hard and the school called up and said that the field could not be used the next day and you already have a club coming in from out of town. **Rick Renfro** and I would plead with KU to use the pitch and tell them that whatever damage we do to the field, we will fix (Renfro had local contacts who could do these repairs). **Rick Renfro has some of the best people skills of anybody I ever met in my life.** I was good at implementing plans, but if Rick told somebody we would do something, they would believe it.

Q: What else contributed to all the growth?

Diedrich: It's my opinion that the BIGGEST thing that helped the KJRFC evolve into both a collegiate and club side (other than the pitch and the constitutional structure) was the **Clubhouse at Johnny's Tavern.** Originally purchased by **Rick Renfro and Doug Hassig** in 1977, it gave the KURFC a permanent home. Through their generosity and subsequent partner **Louie Riederer**, we were able to convert part of the upstairs of the original Johnny's in North Lawrence into a place to conduct business, host teams after matches, and consolidate team paraphernalia including trophies, jerseys, rugby literature, etc.

Q: Talk about the Kansas Rugby Foundation, Inc. and the creation of Westwick.

Diedrich: When the KJRFC wanted to purchase the land that ultimately became known as **Westwick**, the club wanted to avoid running the money raised through the KU Endowment Association. The club didn't want the land to belong to the University. Likewise, the university didn't want the legal liability for a parcel of ground way out in the county, where rugby was being played. **Jim Bartle, Roger Walter and Wint Winter, Sr.** were all attorneys and **Randy Renfro** was a CPA and they were the driving force behind us getting our not-for-profit, charity status known as a 501(C-

3) which was named the **Kansas Rugby Foundation, Inc.** At the same time, **Rick Renfro, Louie Riederer, Steve Merdinger** and **Frank Krizman**, (whose son **Haden** was a standout player for the Club) created **Westwick, L.C.** who owned the land and leased it back to the club. This all happened in the early 1990's after I retired, so I never played there.

Q: The club's website has a "History" section which shows its record of significant wins and the history of the tours. That information was written as a "first draft" for the website, using information from a 1995 club program. That is why the information stops at 1995. It needs to be updated and probably will after this newsletter progresses through few more eras. However, it seems that the 1980's may have been the "golden years" for the club. What are some things you recall as far as games played?

Diedrich: In 1982 the Jayhawks came within 1 try of going to the "Final Four" of rugby. We played the Denver Barbarians out in Colorado for the Western Rugby Union Championship. Do you remember when you and I used to play the KC Blues and it looked like they were the fathers and we were the sons? The Barbarians were even bigger. We went out on the field and just went "Oh My God!" If I recall correctly, the Barbos kicked off and the Jayhawks' **Kirk Goza** immediately ran for an opening try. That got their attention, and we started to believe that we might just pull this off. The game went on – and it seemed like the last 15 minutes of the game was all played inside the Barbarians' 25 meter line and we just couldn't score. That was as close as we ever got to getting on the "national scene" as a club side. If we had gone on any further, we would have had to play teams like Old Blue out of New York or California, and they would have killed us. All that was built off what you guys built in the 1970s and we built in the 1980's.

In the early 1980's the Big 8 College Rugby Tournament ended. OU won it

like four years in a row. Every year it was KU versus OU in the final. We would get on a bus and chant "No More Norman" then OU would beat us. Finally, fewer Big 8 teams bothered to come, starting with Colorado. When the Jayhawks beat both OU and MU in Columbia in 1975, did all the teams show up? (Editors note: Oklahoma State was the only no-show in 1975.)

Q: Why were the 1980's such a great period and what changed?

Diedrich: A number of players were on the club for over 10 years during that time frame, in addition to the names above the group including **Dave Hay, Paul Berardi, Doug McCauley, Billy Pryor and Bill Boyle**, to name a few.... It really was different after the constitution; when we had all those people involved in running the club rather than one or two people doing everything - like earlier eras. It really took on the identity of being a club as opposed just a team. That was something that Chapman engrained in us, and we all "drank the kool-aid".

Back then you were either a club or a college side and it was rare that you could be both. We did it in Lawrence in

the 1980's. People graduated and even if they moved to Kansas City, they still wanted to play for the Jayhawks and not for the club teams in Kansas City. Even the guys who graduated from K-State like **Don "Duck" Harris** and **Larry Krisman** wanted to play for the Jayhawks rather than play in Kansas City. Obviously there was something going on in Lawrence that people wanted to join. The club side people who played here for those years went through the equivalent of 3 or 4 rotations of college teams, assuming a student played for 4 years. Some of the younger guys that played with and after us like **Pete Knudsen, Pat Roberts, Paul King and Larry Clarke** stayed for longer periods, but most of the players moved on.

Lange and Diedrich: I remember in the 1980's **Jimmy Bartle** asked the club's 1964 founder, **George Bunting** to come to Lawrence to talk to the club's exec committee. Bunting said he was concerned about the club, because the emphasis wasn't about the college side anymore. He noted that the club side wasn't "KU" and the university's rugby club is supposed to be about college kids playing ball. At that time, a lot of terrific foreign players were playing on the club side like **Dominic Barnao**. It was a time when you could get players like that to

come to Lawrence. Now they are in bigger cities where the players are sometimes actually getting paid to play and not just have a job in town. So the model of the game changed since the 1980's.

Diedrich: By 1990 there were a number of my rugby colleagues who retired and the club at that point began to change direction. I think that after that group of people on the 1980's org chart went through, the focus of the club shifted back to the college side. The people who know the most about that era are brothers **Matt & Tom O'Donnell and Grant Lichtenberg** (who still plays for the club side). They were just starting to play rugby about the time I was getting out. Matt and Grant are still involved in the club, I believe. They are from a different generation than Bartle, Renfro, and me. They would be some of the guys to talk to about the 1990's.

Q: Going back to Allen Chapman, what were some of the things left behind from that era?

Diedrich: Even when Chapman moved to Manhattan to work at K-State and helped K-State's college side, Allen kept involved with KU to develop its club side. He did that clear up until he passed



Back row: Nevin Whitely, Rick von Ende, Phil Dyer, Doug Schimke, Doug McCauley, Dave Prather, Randy Renfro, Bob Lynch, Rick Bess, not sure -- maybe Herb Lwellyn, Bob Hills, not sure -- could be Dave Pearlman, Rick Renfro, Doug Hassig, Louie Riederer, Bill Boyle, Joe Kielytyka, ?, Paul Diedrich

Middle row: -?-, Kenny Dunn, David Kim, Mike Herrick, Jim Bartle, David Hay, Craig Oliphant, Jan Burrows, Steve Brack, ?, Rick Hessling (I think)

Bottom row: John Chirello, Steve Dawkins, ?, Kirk Goza, George Neale, John Bengé, Bernie Zarda, Ted McGrade, Don Huggins, Pat Kennedy.

away. He started the **Kernow Cup** as an annual award for the club's biggest contributor as a player, club activities, and social fellowship. For many years it was the club's highest honor, but I believe it became the 2nd most important thing on the club after the MVP award. **Roger Walter** was the 1st recipient, **David Hay** won it 2nd, and I was 3rd. **Pat Roberts** and **Grant Lechtenberg** are the only ones to win it twice.

Chapman also invented the Heart of America Union's "**Merit Table**" system. The union had always struggled with how to pick a champion. Should it be the highest place finisher in the HoA fall tournament? What if a pair of teams met twice in a year and each team took a victory? Chapman came to a HoA meeting in the late 1970's and had it all worked out. It used annual schedules with designated "Merit Table" matches that would officially count to determining a union champion every year. The top team in the lower division moved up a division and worst team in the top division moved down. He coined the terms that are still used today.

The late **Clive Emmanuel** got the Jayhawks into conditioning in the early 1980's. He was the one that came up with the **Cyrmu Cup** which consisted of the "**Magnificent Masochist**" for person in the best shape and the "**Persistent Perspirer**" for the person who worked the hardest at conditioning.

Q: What has been your biggest surprise about the sport of rugby and where is it has gone?

Diedrich: I always thought the game would keep growing as a grass roots thing. Instead, the bigger clubs kept getting bigger. All the emphasis went towards the national club sides etc and not growing the number of clubs; whether it was college or club. In 1975, I was in Kansas City and played for the Bulls. There were 6 teams in KC. I came up to KU and a few years later there were only 3 left. Rockhurst became part of the Blues. The Bulls folded into KCRFC. River Quay ceased to exist. Johnson County eventually

stopped, too. It ended up that the Blues absorbed everybody. KCRFC tried to hang with them, but they weren't the Blues.

I think if you could get some experienced kids from high school to build their skills before they get to college, the college side would be terrific. When you go overseas, it's unbelievable how good the players are. You look at the other team and think you should be able to kick their butts. You are bigger and more athletic and the other guys end up killing you. Playing rugby is all about experience.

Lange and Diedrich: You know the difference between some college clubs now is that at some places like OU and Arkansas State, it's a varsity sport and not a club sport. Therefore they have big money; university money. That's a big difference. You look at a team like Cal Berkeley's website and that will humble you. They used to play matches against the New Zealand All Blacks. Jack Clark has been their coach for years and he was the Eagles first #8. He wins national championship after national championship. Their 7's team does, too. They have a budget of hundreds of thousands of dollars and give scholarships.

Q: What support does the club get from the university?

Diedrich: The club actually gets more money NOW than it ever did in my days as a player. The club can get money for travel, but then they treat it almost as if you were a staff member traveling at KU. There is a lot more paperwork than when we played.

Q: What is your current relationship with the rugby club?

Diedrich: I haven't been a club officer since 1990, so I don't get involved with submitting budgets any more. I did so much administrative stuff for the club in my 14 years that I got burned out. When they formed The Kansas Rugby Foundation, I was its original President for a few years, but when they asked me

if I minded stepping down, I couldn't say "no" fast enough. Today, I only do things for the club that are not time consuming.

Q: Talk about your continuing role as the club's "Faculty Advisor".

Diedrich: The rugby club needs a Faculty Advisor to remain in good standing as a sports club. I am not a teaching member of the faculty; so in 1977 I went over there to talk to them. I told them I was an unclassified, professional staff member and the school accepted it. The position's function is to be the connection between the club and the school. I think **Rick Whitson** was the faculty advisor before me. I have been doing it for over 35 years. When I retire and stop doing it, the club will need to have someone replace me.

(Editor's note: This came up when I received the formal release to use the Jayhawk logo in this newsletter. The school made sure the club was in "good standing". That included finding out if it had a Faculty Advisor.)

Q: Do you remain in contact with the club and players?

Diedrich: **John LaRocca** and **Pat Rapp** are guys I see occasionally, but that's just because they live in my neighborhood. My contact with the rugby club anymore is playing golf with some of the older players during the summer (**Pete Knudsen's** Whacker Outing) and going on **Louie Riederer's** winter golf trips.

Q: Thank you for the interview. The 50th anniversary of the club is coming up and one of the goals of the newsletter is to connect the past players of all eras. Although I haven't interviewed key people from later eras yet, I think you were probably the club's greatest CEO. I would love to get your help in some way.

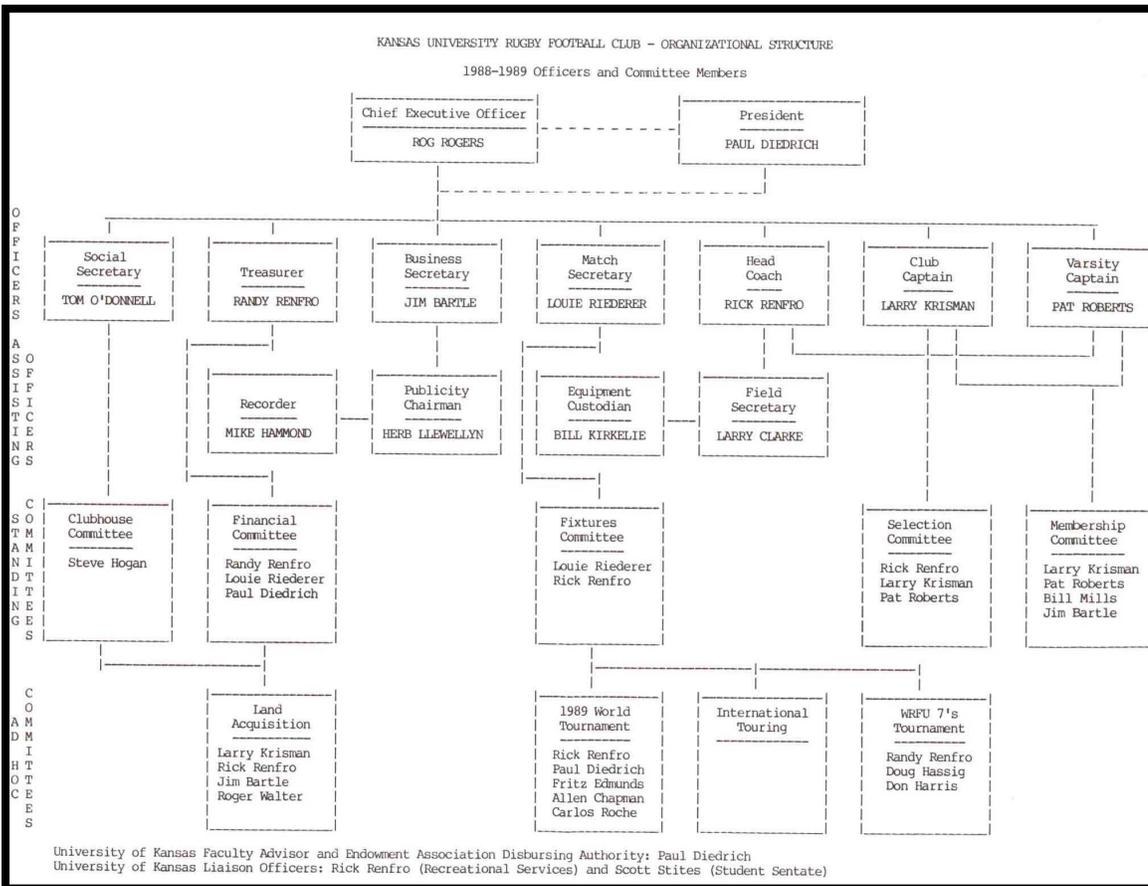
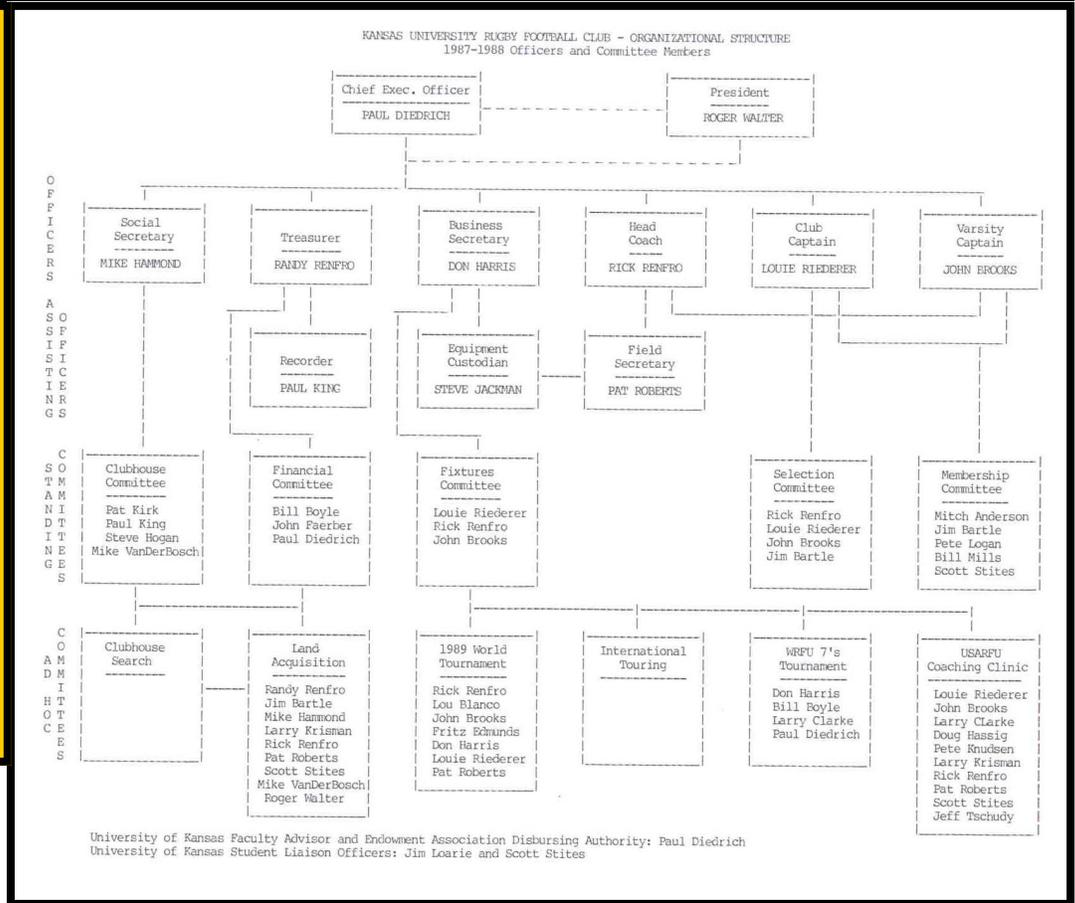
Diedrich: Count me in!

Org Charts

These club org charts from the 1980's exhibit the big number of talented people that were involved in the non-playing aspect of the club and the number of major projects the club could simultaneously pursue.

It is also testimony to Paul Diedrich's considerable management skills.

The participation in these various projects was a great life-experience for all the players involved.



Past Players Return to Coach the Jayhawks

Doug McCauley & Billy Pryor

Doug McCauley & Billy Pryor played for the club in the late 1970's. During that time, the club developed a playing style suited to the roster's relatively small players. It featured quickly getting the ball to the backs to escape the big forwards that were usually featured on other clubs. Additionally, the club trained to a level of **extreme fitness**. As a game wore on, the Jayhawks' team speed would stay at a level way above their opponent's.

After being away from the game for a couple of decades, McCauley and Pryor decided to return to the Jayhawks 2 years ago and commit to helping with coaching duties. They bring their years of experience and winning tradition to the current club. They were interviewed in December at the rugby club's Mecca, **Johnny's Tavern** and the club house above the bar.

Personal Backgrounds:

Doug McCauley still talks with a southern twang from being raised in the little town of Wynne, Arkansas, (60 miles west of Memphis). He initially went to Dodge City Community College where he became friends with Dodge City native **Louie Riederer**. Both transferred to KU in 1975 and were roommates in a Lawrence trailer park. **Bob Tucker** and **Fritz Krusen** got trailers in the same neighborhood and became their friends. In the fall of 1976 the four became roommates. That same fall Louie Reiderer ran into **Doug Gunn** on campus. Gunn was also from Dodge and was playing rugby. Gunn invited Reiderer to a practice on a Tuesday. On Thursday, Riederer returned with all the roommates and the entire group was hooked. McCauley said **"I was addicted. I knew I was never going to stop playing."** The 6'3" 180 lbs McCauley played some 2nd row, but mostly flanker in his 20 year playing career.



L-R: Doug McCauley, Rick Renfro, and Billy Pryor
Photo in front of iconic home-base of the Jayhawk Rugby Club, Johnny's Tavern in North Lawrence, KS

McCauley graduated with a degree in journalism, but spent the next 8 years working for the Lawrence Water Department, so he could continue to play rugby. He went on the international tours starting with the 1979 tour of Scotland & Ireland and the bi-annual tours that followed. He played rugby for the Jayhawks until retiring from the sport in 1996 at age 40. McCauley got a Masters in Adaptive Education in 1990. Today he is a recreational therapist and school teacher in Kansas City.

Billy Pryor was born in Ft. Smith, AR, but grew up in Topeka. His introduction to rugby was in the spring 1976 where he played for Ft. Smith, AR Community College. By the end of spring, he was good enough to be on the Ozark Touring Side playing wing. He played games with them that summer as they went around the region. The 5' 5 1/2" 135 lbs Pryor came to KU at age 18 and started playing at KU in the fall of 1976.

After graduating from KU, he was a high school teacher and wrestling coach in Topeka, while continuing to play rugby for the Jayhawks. In 1981, the Topeka schools reduced their teacher numbers and Pryor was out of a job. He bought a bar in Topeka and named it Pryor's Pub. Billy played for the Topeka Rugby Club for the next 9 years. In 1990 he moved to Santa Monica, CA and played for their rugby club until he retired from the sport in 1994 at age 36. Pryor moved back to Topeka a few years ago and today manages a trucking company.

Group Interview:

Q: What was your usual starting roster in the late 1970's?

M&P: Louie Riederer, David Hay, and Dan Katz front row. Paul Diedrich and Doug McCauley 2nd row. Randy Renfro & Mike Forth flankers, Rick Renfro #8, Ted McGrade scrumhalf, Billy Pryor flyhalf, Bill Boyle, Roger Walter and Doug Hassig centers, Kenny Dunn, Kirk Goza, and David Kim played wing or full-back. Other guys rotated through, too.

Q: What was the club like when you played in the late 1970's?

M&P: The experienced players from the 1973 – 1975 era were quickly retiring. By 1977 they were pretty much all gone. The new players were smaller and lighter than the club had been before and we initially got absolutely killed in games against the bigger more experienced clubs. Worse than that; the number of players on the club was thin. We would lose a game by 30 or 40 points and then about half of the first team would have to go out and play in the second team game and get pounded in another lopsided loss. We were inexperienced. Rick Renfro was one of the more experienced players and had only played since 1975. We were all learning the game.

The international tours in 1977 and

1979 started to change things. We got better and better. In 1978 we started beating the area teams. It's because we started playing better rugby. In those days the teams we played against were huge. KCRFC, KC Blues, and Wichita all had massive 2nd rows. Diedrich was the biggest guy on our team and the opponents were much bigger and would just beat the heck out of you. It really was like "David and Goliath." Our style was to get the ball away from the other team's forwards. The game plan was to get the ball out to Roger Walter at outside center. We did a lot of looping to try to get someone running with the ball in open field. The idea was to exhaust the other team, by making them run.

Q: The January 1977 tour of England seemed to be a turning point that changed the club, both on & off the field. What happened?

M&P: We started seeing how they did things over there. They had clubhouses, the ladies were cooking, and retired players were around; it was this whole "club atmosphere". In Lawrence it was just the game and the bar and that was it. When you went over there, you saw this whole OTHER side of the game.

The Jayhawks' club really came together in 1978 and we ramped up our overall organization. We formed an executive committee, and it really functioned well. The first England tour in 1977 (by comparison) was just thrown together. In 1979, when we went to Scotland and Ireland, the executive committee knew exactly what they were going to do. Then it started clicking on all the tours that followed. We had meetings in this very room, right here and decisions were made and they were all followed through. "Commitment" was a huge word. If we said we would do something; we did it. Not to be derogatory, but this room used to be immaculate. We met here every Thursday night and had meetings. It was a well-oiled machine.

When the 1974-75 guys were here, they were really a close knit group. That was what we aspired to be. We got

really close on the tours. Our group played together for the next 10-15 years. **The group from our period still hangs out to this day and goes on golf trips.**



Coach Doug McCauley

Q: What was the coaching like then?

M&P: Coaches were Allen Chapman, Joe KIELTYKA, and then Clive Emmanuel came.

McCauley: I was intimidated by Allen Chapman. Allen was so refined and I am not a very refined person. Our personalities clashed. I had a huge admiration for him, but I didn't know how to behave around him. He was a gentleman.

Joe KIELTYKA was a love-hate relationship, maybe more hate. I just wanted to punch him in the mouth sometimes. Joe would just run you ragged and yell at you constantly. I might have hated Joe half the time, but I'll have to admit he made me and the team better players.

Clive Emmanuel was my biggest inspiration. He came along and for the first time I was “comfortable”. Everybody liked him. Whatever he said, you just wanted to do it. He was a small guy, but huge presence.



Clive Emmanuel
Inspirational Past Jayhawk Coach

Pryor: There was one practice where **Joe Kieltyka** and **Randy Renfro** were wearing the same looking red jersey with a white collar. Joe had been riding my ass. We were in a ruck and I saw that red jersey sitting there and I just bit into the forearm and it felt so good ...except that **Randy** screamed!!!

Joe Kieltyka brought toughness to the team. One time Joe told me to get the f___ out of practice. I started to walk off and decided it was just as much my practice as his and went back in the drill where the backs were running & passing. Joe said “I thought I told you to leave!” I said “It’s just as much my club as yours!” He said “OK... your’re right, just start doing things right!”

McCauley: When Clive Emmanuel got here, we went from being fit, to EXTREMELY fit. Clive was from Wales and came here to work for KU. He was a little guy who was not a player. He would have a “Death Run” as we called it. After a 2 hour practice, he would take you on a 40 minute run that was absolutely brutal. Guys would vomit.

Pryor: When you came to Chapman’s practice, it was well organized. We didn’t have training equipment so we did

things from when he was a kid, where you carried other players on your back or rolled players on the ground...all these crazy things you would do to build up your strength. Practices were hard. We had several guys as fast as or faster than me and we would try to out-run each other. The practices were as hard as any game.

My second year, I was a “selector” along with **Joe Kieltyka** and **Paul Diedrich**. We were down in the corner of Johnny’s, both of those guys were much bigger than me, and we would get into it about who would start. I’m Italian, Joe’s Polish, and Paul’s German. It would get ugly. Then after you made the selections, 4 or 5 guys from the club would be pissed off.

McCauley: It was highly competitive. You knew that if you didn’t do well; you weren’t going to start. I could remember coming down here and seeing the list of starters and walking out of here mad as Hell.

Q: What games from the late 1970’s stick out in your mind?

M&P: I think we beat the KC Blues in Swope Park in the late 1970’s. That was a time when our style of play just beat their style. We had progressed and they had not. We moved the ball better. We also used to play great games against OU in the late 1970’s.

One time the Blues came to Lawrence. **Rick Renfro’s** grandmother came to see him play for the first time. In the first 10 minutes a fight broke out. **Rick Coulson** ran over to try to breakup the brawl and got punched right in the nose and leveled. The game turned into an all-out brawl. The game was called off. Later she commented on the strangeness of the game

Q: Any comments about the players on your team from the late 1970’s?

McCauley: We got tough as nails. **Paul Diedrich** came up to me before a Blues game and said “You know, we

are going to go out there and fight most of the game?” I said “I know”. The Blues had some bad asses, Gary Shull was a Golden Gloves heavy-weight boxer, there was Tommy Doyle, and some guys who were just great big, but we never backed down from anybody. We were really fit, fast, and tough. The toughest player on our team was **Bill Boyle**. He was like hitting concrete. You could not hurt him. We weren’t as physically tough as Boyle, but we were as mentally tough as him. We stuck together. Nobody wanted to let anybody down.

Best “strategic” player was **Rick Renfro**. Not the “fittest”, but understood the concepts better than everyone. He is just a guy that picks things up. I remember I used to play racquet ball against him. I was a hundred times fitter than Rick, but he knew where to hit the ball and kill me. I would be running all over the place and he would barely move. He just knew where to be.



Jayhawk Center, Bill Boyle

Pryor: If you said there are 10 things a player should have, none of us had 5 of them, but when you put all 15 of us on the field, we were really fast. We were really close, like brothers.

Q: How did you guys get back into helping the club with coaching?

Pryor: I was having breakfast one day last spring and ran into **Rick Renfro**. We started talking about the college 7's team. It's mandated by the USA Rugby Union that if you are going to compete with a 15's team, you must also field a 7's team (because 7's is in the Olym-

know, I am carrying 200 lbs guys on my back. When they started doing contact drills, I decided to just sit down and just watch for a little while. I ended up crawling off to my truck. I was a mess. My back was screwed up for 3 weeks. I came back and told Rick I would coach.

tackled, you just to put the ball on the ground behind you and then covered your head with your hands. Now you lay down lengthwise with your feet towards the opponent and your head towards your team. You are allowed to handle the ball on the ground, so the ball is in your out-stretched hands, so it can be presented to someone.



Coach Billy Pryor

pics). Rick said they would have a separate practice on Wednesdays to focus on 7's and asked if me if I would be interested in helping coach that.

McCauley: My journey into coaching was more personal. I quit playing and got married in 1996. I got away from everything. I quit drinking. I got away from rugby, too. In the next 15 years, I might have gone to 2 games. I put time into my family and kids. Then 2 years ago I got divorced. The first year, I sat around and felt sorry for myself. The second year I realized I needed some sort of outlet. I was going nuts. I ran into **Rick Renfro** and at age 55, I said I wanted to come out and play. I came to practice and tried to keep up. We started doing drills. The next thing I

The same thing happened this past fall when **Larry Krisman** called me up and wanted to come back and play in his mid 50's. I said "Good luck with that." Larry came to practice one night and I don't think we have seen him since.

Q: Talk about coaching and incorporating your playing style from the 1970's.

M&P: When we both decided to coach the 7's team, we went to a 2-day coaching clinic in Manhattan, KS and got certified. That is required now so that the players don't get hurt in practices and games. It's like all sports; they are worried about concussions etc. You have to know what's going on.

There are new terms that weren't used in our playing days. The game has changed, too. **The game was always a game of continuity, but now it's to the point of being nearly continuous flow.** It never stops play. The practices are still strenuous and hard, but there is a lot more technique. The practices are set up to avoid injuries to head and neck. You used to be able to muscle through rucks and mauls, but now the game is designed to be quick. Now if there is a breakdown (tackle) and you have more than 3 or 4 people in it; that means something has probably gone wrong.

In a maul, if the ball doesn't come right out, you lose it. In the old days the ball could stay in there as long as the maul was moving forward. The maul may become obsolete. It's not effective. In the old days we used to focus on mauls because you could handle the ball in there.

In rucks in the old days, if you got

This new style would have suited us really well when we played back in the late 1970's. We were a small, fit, agile, "get around the field" team. This style of rugby would work for anybody, but is designed for who we were. The game is just so much faster now. There aren't the long rucks and mauls where people just plowed in there. Instead, the ball just comes out. The current rules really accentuate the way we tried to play the game in the late 1970's and work well with the way we like to coach. All the parts of the game that we struggled with in the 1970's have been taken out of the game. The current team is now about the same size as we were in the late 1970's.

You could see the contrast in the game styles when we played in the Aspen Rufferfest this past fall. We played the same way we did in the 1970's and got the ball clear out to the wing. The clubs we faced in Aspen stayed close to their forwards, while we got the game wide and away from their forwards. The "default mode" for teams with big players is to stay close to their forwards. It's hard for them to move the ball wide. Their size penalizes them in wide-open play. The Jayhawk team was thin on numbers in Aspen and we lost players as we went through the tournament. We needed to have 20 good players that we could mix & match and have the exact same type of team.

Q: Let's talk about some funny stuff from the late 1970's. You had a team bus.

M&P: The club bought it from the Bird (Lawrence's Flamingo Club) in 1979. It was in bad shape. It was yellow when we got it. We bought gallons of house paint and colored it blue and wrote "KU Rugby" on the side in big

white letters. McCauley lived out in the country and parked it at his place. We would bring the bus from his house to the rugby field and use it as a locker room at practices and home games. We only drove it to a few away games in Kansas City. It was burning so much oil, we had to carry a case of oil and periodically pull over to pour more in. The last time we went to Kansas City, it broke down on K-10. The bus got towed to McCauley's house where it sat parked for a couple of years. At one point they realized a homeless girl in her mid-20's was secretly living in it. Doug's roommate **Pete Knudsen** saw her feet sticking out and went up into the bus and found her. She had been living in the bus a couple of weeks and getting corn out a nearby field. Pete took her to the bus station, bought her a ticket, and gave her some money. The bus was sold as salvage around 1984.

Q: Discuss some of the off-field insanity.

M&P: We had "**Rugby Kangaroo Court**". Trumped up accusations of some sort would be brought against a player and the court would sentence the player to some humiliating punishment, like getting tossed in a motel swimming

pool by the rest of the team. Nobody was ever found innocent in court.

However, the **BIGGEST** generator of insanity was the club's prop **David Hay**. He had a standing gag he did to **Roger Walter**. He would come to Roger's house before dawn, roll a lawnmower under Roger's bedroom window, start it up, leave it running, and drive away. He usually did this on a morning when he knew Roger had been out late the night before.

David Hay made sure everyone on the club got pied in the face on their birthday. He came up with formal rules and printed them on round paper with holes around the edge and yarn stitched through the holes. It looked just like a pie. He called it "The Pieble" (like The Bible). You had to yell "MAZUDA!" when you threw the pie. One of the rules was that if you could not find a pie, you were allowed to substitute with a Twinkie. They were usually cream pies and they were frozen when you bought them in the store, so you had to thaw them. We would put them on our car's engine in the parking lot. If it was your birthday; you knew you were going to get pied. Doug remembers' hiding and being careful all

day on his birthday. They went to a soccer game on a bus. He looked through the windows of the bus before he got on. He looked in the john before he went in. They had lots of opportunities to pie him and it never happened. It got to the end of the day. **Rick Renfro** was congratulating him for not getting pied and **Randy Renfro** sucker-pied him. It got out of control. They think someone finally broke **Roger Walter's** nose with a pie and it all stopped. **(See next article.)**

Pryor said of the era that there was just so much camaraderie on the field, you just liked going to the bar with the guys afterwards. Every night there would be 15 or 20 hilarious things that would happen that just made everyone laugh.



The Terrible Fear of Being PIED

By Dan Katz



My gut feeling is that **Roger Walter** was behind the whole thing. I think he did the booking and they split the profits and I am quite sure it was all cash. Knowing David I bet there is a ledger somewhere. His "flight" to Houston, I was told was somewhat curious. I think it was kind of a quick getaway. It happened about the same time Roger took a bigger job with the State.

During the day....I knew whenever there was a loud knock on the door, my suspicion was that it was **HIM** and somebody had put a hit on me. Always looking over my shoulder, I thought often about a restraining order; however I knew that he could get around it. I must say that the experience was quite threatening. There were days that I donned poly work out suits, expecting that critical assault..... **the Fear, the Fear!!!**

One time I looked in the back of his '60's something Chevy, the floor board was littered with pie boxes, whipped cream cans, and for the less expensive contract.....shaving cream. There were "post it notes" covering the dash board. Often during a game day party,

Mazuda!!!

he would get this look in his eyes... after watching him whispering with Roger on several occasions and I knew, just a gut feeling, that someone was going to get it that night, somehow..., some place....I think I saw Roger give him a pink note or two.

Was it **Mills?**, certainly not **Hunter?**, was it **Bob Fields?**...no way... that would hurt. What about the Frat Boys?....that would end up being a lot of legal trouble.....We were to play K-State next week. It was a morning game, which we all hated, but heck there was a football game also.....a great venue for a good party evening that was going to last thru the night.

I showed up somewhat at a reasonable time. Game time was 11am; I was there by heck10:50, so plenty of time before kick off. Mr. Hay obviously showed up hours before. The pitch was staked and even the sidelines were trimmed and marked. (The night before, leaning up against the bar, I had told Mr. Hay that I would help him mark the field and he could count on me)

So putting on my boots I broke a shoe string, therefore focusing on the repair...then a tin pie pan drifted to a close span of sight. I looked up...nothing...no one, noth-

ing...it was an enigma ...game started and frankly it was a real battle. **Renfro** and **Hassig** were quite animated **Boyle, Renfro, Goza, & Dunn** as well. They were playing against their high school buds. It was a great game!

During so, I kept thinking in the back of my mind, about the pie tin that surfaced at my feet when I was putting my boots on. So toward the end of the game, I think we were ahead by 4 points we had a scrum down and we were pumped up. "Lets go, lets go"! I think we were at half field . Mr. Hay, my Prop, (as a hooker who recognizes what a prop means to one's neck).... looked at me and asked "**Do I like Lemon or Banana?**" I am sure I looked at him with a WTF. Then we scrummed and ran off to join the next ruck. Penalty issued ...as often.

Diedrich kicked the ball to about the four yard line. Great kick! (For a big, ugly guy with no hair, his foot was fantastic!) We had a line out that ended up in a knock on. So we were going down at the scrum. We got set; then I hear a question..."**How do you feel about whipped cream?**"

I got pied without being pied. ****



Recovering prankster, David Hay is now a respected dog behavior therapist and lives in Houston.

Random Memories of the Jayhawks' 77 England Tour

By Jack Kline

Disclaimer. These are one man's memories, most likely somewhat fallacious as this particular one man was once known to occasionally inhale medicinal products that affect short term memory.

We met several to organize at an old ramshackle farm house (destined to become the dining sensation: Kieltyka's Stonewall Inn). It was every man for himself to New York City where we would all regroup and board a flight to London.

Hal Edwards, Steve "Hannibal" Hayes and I rode together in Hannibal's piece of shit compact car. Hal and I had played for the Jayhawks earlier in the decade and all three of us were currently playing for City. This was during the Arab oil embargo so gas was not only expensive, but scarcer than at any time before or since. Stations actually ran out of gas to sell. Hannibal's car got good gas mileage, it's only redeeming social value. The front passenger seat back was broken so we had to pile coolers, kit bags, luggage, etc. behind it. Otherwise the front passenger would be in permanent full recline. To make things more interesting, during a late night gas stop (New York City?) I was lying in the back, my feet propped on the debris pile that held the front seat up. As I stretched my legs a bit, my misbehaving feet popped out the car's rear wing window. Whoops! Keep in mind, this was January and the window refused to be returned to its rightful place.

We arrived near the airport in the middle of the night with a lot of time to kill – too much. A bunch of us found a motel that rented rooms by the hour – a fine establishment. We rented a room for a few hours to get some sleep. About ten of us covered the floor and the bed, including **Ted McGrade's sister Kathy**.

A word about **Kathy McGrade**: She was a beautiful high school senior traveling with a university rugby team, a brave girl. And Kathy wasn't just beau-

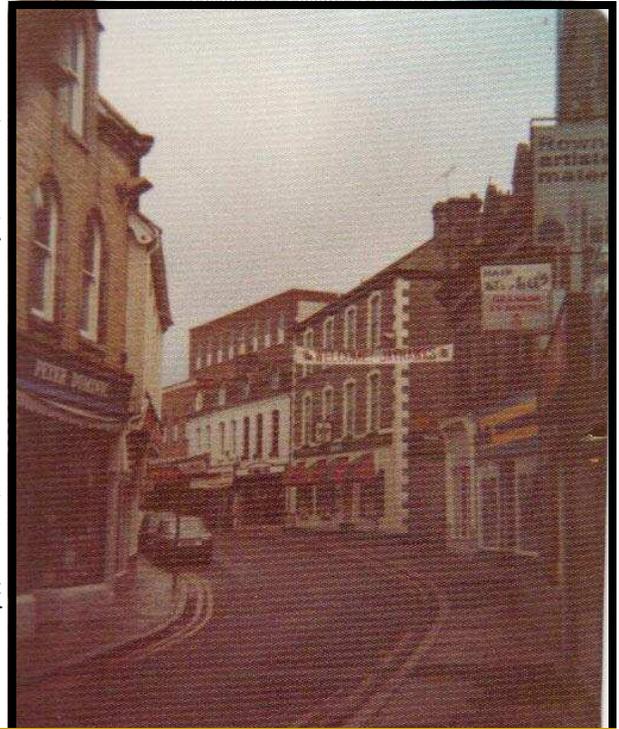
tiful, but strikingly so. To this day it is difficult to imagine, from appearance only, how Kathy and Ted could have come from the same genetic strain.

The flight to London took at about three days. Or so it seemed anyway.

We landed at Heathrow where we boarded a bus for Newquay, Cornwall. County Cornwall is England's version of Florida, even down to the palm trees; I shit you not, palm trees in England. We would spend a week based in Newquay.

Our team stayed at the Central Hotel as guests of the Newquay Hornets RFC. We quickly learned that the beer in the hotel bar was warmer than the temperature in the rooms we slept in. **Bill Mills** was originally slated to be our club's titular (love that word) head, but could not make the trip so **my dad, Phil**, a towering 6'4" rugby aficionado, politician, accomplished-speechmaker and glad-hander agreed to fill in. That first night in the hotel bar he was a chick magnet. I managed to glom onto one of his entourage, one of the hotel waitresses. We drank and conversed. I could tell she spoke English because every now and then I understood a word or a phrase. Her cockney urban accent often had me scratching my head. But she seemed to have no trouble with my beer-slurred Kansan dialect. Very late that night Colin warned me that I might be playing the following day against St. Maughans RAF. My new waitress pal had to take a friend home on her motorbike anyway. She and I would meet up again.

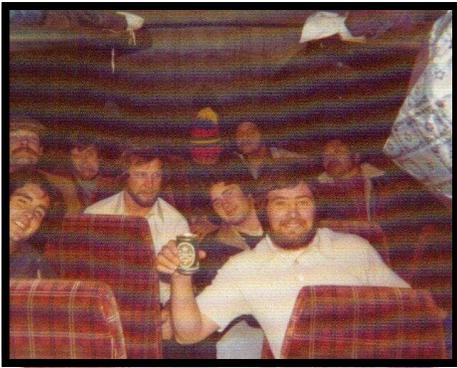
The following day we trounced a weak St. Maughans side. It wasn't the first time I'd played with a hangover. Our next match was under the lights



Downtown Newquay

Note "Welcome Jayhawks" banner over street

against St. Ives on a pitch with bleachers not unlike a large high school football field around here. We lost 25 – 18, but the Brits were surprised how well we played. The newspaper the following day gave us short shrift for taking it to their lads. I remember one snippet: **"The Yanks, prone to high tackling, ... blah blah blah."** Next we played the Penzance & Newlyn Pirates, also under the lights. I played flanker in that match and recall doing some things particularly well in the match. We lost 19 – 10. After the match, in the pub drinking with our opponents, the flanker opposite me sought me out and we chatted. He shocked me by telling me everything about my game, my strengths, my weaknesses, everything. He told me that, as hard as I was to tackle, I needed to stiff-arm more when I had the ball. He was right, and that advice made me a better player for the rest of my playing days.



We played our Newquay hosts in the last match of our Cornwall stay. The weather was chilly and windy and a light drizzle fell. As a thank-you to our hosts we allowed them to thoroughly spank us. Mercifully, I don't remember the score. These matches made it evident that though we had superior talent and athleticism, we had a lot to learn about the game of rugby.

There was some sightseeing interspersed in there somewhere including a chapel in Truro and a really cool old castle that was on an island (in Plymouth?) except for a few hours a day at low tide.

That final night we were hosted to a departure banquet in the hotel's ritziest meeting room. There were exchanges of gifts and much jovial speechmaking in which my father excelled. As the formal banquet died down, seven of us Jayhawks excused ourselves and went into the kitchen where a female co-conspirator donned a bed-sheet toga-gown and the seven of

us disrobed in front of the kitchen staff including my waitress pal. Then we took a "Hi Ho" lap of the banquet hall as **Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs**, KURFC-style.

We boarded our bus and drove to London, and this is where things get a little fuzzy for me. We played some matches and lost most, a couple against the equivalent of junior college teams. London had a great subway system with station names that we knew from Beatles songs and American restaurant chains. We toured the House of Parliament among other places. London was a bizarre mix of extremely old and ornate, right beside modern steel and glass.

One night we went to a restaurant called The Prospect of Whitby on Wapping Wall, River Thames. It is the oldest riverside public house in London, more the 450 years old.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prospect_of_Whitby

Our host was **British actor Laurence Naismith** (no known relation to our Jayhawk James Naismith – I asked).

<http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0619802/>

I recall the food was excellent, as was the Irish whiskey. Mr. Naismith and my father provided a humorous battle of wits on the merits of England versus "the Colonies."

We also attended a Five Nations qualifying match between England and Scotland in sold-out Twicken-

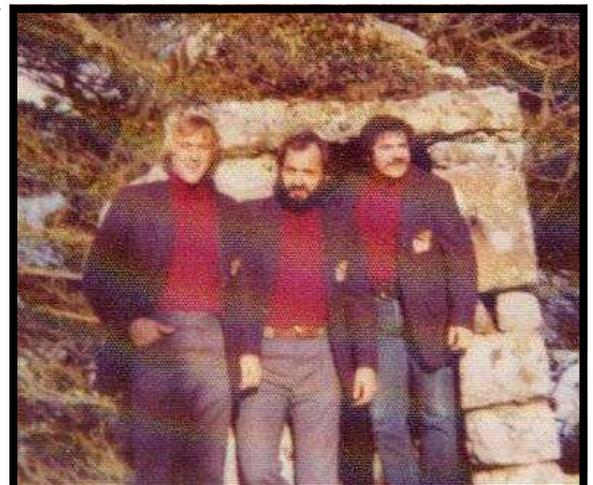
ham stadium (77,000). Very impressive. The fans, in equal numbers, sang and chanted throughout. England won. Most peculiarly, instead of tailgating before the match, each enormous parking lot held a giant concrete block building in its center. The buildings were actually giant bars where the crowds congregated after the match. **It was wild, and our Jayhawk contingent in full Yank regalia – KU gear, cowboy boots and hats, made quite a splash, especially with the Scots.** They were quite enamored with us Yank ruggers. During our uproarious time swilling ale with the Scotsmen one of them asked my dad, **"And why didn't ye come to Scotland?"**

"We weren't invited," my dad replied using his spot-on Scottish brogue.

"Well ye are now, Laddie."

I do recall, after the flight home, I was singled out by customs in New York for a complete search. Following the search, I was accused of smuggling British soil into America. No shit, Sherlock. It seems, never one to spend much time on fastidiousness, my rugby cleats in my kit bag were still mud-caked. I was sent to a secure restroom with a guard - to make sure I didn't try to pocket any of the contraband. He watched while I washed off the mud to his satisfaction. Then I was released under my own recognizance.

And that's all I remember about the first Jayhawk rugby tour. ****



L-R: Jack Kline, Roger Walter, & Rod Randel on the 1977 tour

1977 Tour of England

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Back Row:
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Middle Row:
Rick Renfro, Rich Millard, Harvey Schnieter, Doug Gunn, Kevin Regan, Bob Carter, Hal Edwards, Steve Francesconi, Monte McCormack, Jack Kline

Front Row:
Frank Mirikitani, George Dalke, Allen Chapman, Craig Frasser, Roger Walter, Bill Mills, Joe Kieltyka, Bill McGillivray, Jon Mellon

The KU Rugby Story

Prior to 1964, not only did rugby not exist on the Kansas University campus at Lawrence, it did not exist anywhere between the west bank of the Mississippi and the Rockies. Fortunately, a "missionary" ventured forth in the person of George Bunting. He had labored for his undergraduate degree at Dartmouth and in the fall of that year entered the KU Law School.

So it came about that GB issued an "all are welcome" invitation in the columns of the University Daily Kansan. In response, a few short of 20 turned up in a room reserved in the Union, to what, in retrospect, was to be the first meeting of the KU Rugby Club. His success was compounded when it transpired that among those assembled was one Wynard Feimer, a distinguished South African practitioner of the art. A doctoral candidate in residence at the time, George recalls with delight that Wynard was able to "kick with either foot and play in any position".

During the same period, the current President of the Western Union, Gerry Seymour, was one of a pair actively engaged in the founding of the Kansas City RFC. Naturally, there being no other clubs in the region, it was left to KU and KC/RFC to inaugurate rugby in the Midwest with a first ever encounter, played on ground in the care of UMKC. The result: a no-score tie, accomplished, a participant recently explained, because everyone charged about the playing enclosure "hitting" each other in the style of the grid-iron code, with little regard for the game's more important objectives.

The following spring Bill Pritchard joined the club. A player from Swansea (South Wales), he was the first of a succession of British nationals who have since represented the Jayhawks. His arrival was particularly timely as it coincided with a ten-day tour to the east coast during which the "hawks" challenged Holycross, Yale and Princeton, and, for good measure, stopped off in St. Louis on the return journey for a four-match tournament. One of the "survivors" of the excursion, Joe Kieltyka, is still serving the club, at the moment, in the role of coach.

In the intervening years many fine athletes have had the honor of wearing the "blue and red" and, while it may be argued that the Jayhawks are less celebrated in that respect at present, the contrast between the rugby played then and the sophistication of the game now more than compensates. It will indeed be interesting to observe how the collective skill and flare of current players compares with the indigenous talent of the British.

As we know that rugby, however, is not just a sport but an entity with extensive social ramifications, the character and abilities of members off the field is equally important. In this respect, the "hawks" have been endowed from their inception with a succession of individuals who have been so committed to the affairs of the club as to jeopardize their personal careers. Mark Mullins, Rick Whitson, Hal Edwards, Jean Roberts, Tom McCormack and Steve Lange are but a few of the names that warrant a mention.

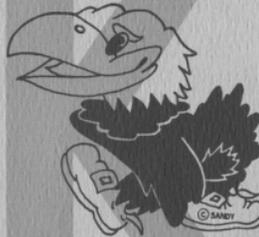
Understandably, in memory, the efforts of the administrative stalwarts are overshadowed by more exotic (erotic) events; in particular those relating to post-match parties. Censored by space and a respect for public decency, it will suffice (for those privy to the details) to list at random such names and places as: Pat Rapp and the basement of the Beer Staubb; dead dog and the KU chant; breakfast at The Lamp; Mr. Snowman and his proverbial flaming torch; 103 Iowa; the Big 8 Tournament; frolics at The Bird, and so on.

The parties will continue, as they must, but historically the period of institutional adolescence has now been formally terminated. Quite recently KU adopted a new constitution and accepted in principle a long-term strategy. Although continuing to play as "The Kansas Jayhawks", KU is now known as the Lawrence Rugby Football Club, with plans already advanced for a comprehensive rugby facility. The reformed club is probably unique in that it has a single "umbrella" administration operating a dual program; a varsity division, exclusive to students registered at KU and City teams open to all-comers, including students not selected for the varsity squad. An example of relations between "town and gown" at their best.

Just how much progress will have been accomplished by the end of the club's second decade of existence is, inevitably, the subject of much speculation. For the present, they have every reason to be proud of the fact that they have contributed so significantly to the Spirit of '76. After all, they are the first club from the state to venture as far afield as Europe and this is no mean feat, bearing in mind that they have no recourse to the professional resources available to the "giants" of collegiate sport.

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 ETA London (Heathrow) 6:40 am; depart est 7:30
 ETA Cornwall (Newquay) 2:00
 Afternoon 'open'/depart hotel 6:45
 Reception; Newquay Sports Centre 7:00
- WED 5: Workout 10.00/12.00, NSC
 Lunch NSC, CRFJRS Seminar 12.00/2:00
 Afternoon 'open'; depart 6:30
 St Mawgan Parish Church 7.00
 The Falcon Inn, St Mawgan 7.30
- THU 6: Workout 10.00/12.00, NSC
 Lunch LSC 12.00; depart Newquay 1:00
 Truro: Museum & Cathedral 1.30
 Reception, County Hall, Truro 3.30
 St Ives RFC, KO 6.30 (floodlights)
- FRI 7: Workout 10.00/12.00, NSC
 Lunch NSC 12.00; depart 1.00
 Illogan (mine engine) 2.00
 'Afternoon tea', Camborne 3.30
 Penzance & Newlyn RFC (The Pirates) KO 6.30 (f/i)
- SAT 8: Jog on beach 11.00
 Lunch NSC 12.00
 Afternoon 'open' (shopping; Newquay v Falmouth)
 Evening, Tall Trees Country Club 8.00
- SUN 9: Breakfast/lunch 11.00
 LRFC Executive v NHRFC Executive 1.30
 Newquay Hornets KO 3.00
 LRFC Banquet for Newquay RFC, Central Hotel 8.00
- MON 10: Workout 10.00/12.00, NSC
 Lunch NSC 12.00; depart 1.00
 Jamaica Inn, Bodmin Moor, 2.00; depart 3.00
 ETA Berkshire (Baughurst) 7.00
 Horse & Hounds 8.00
- TUE 11: Cross-country jog 7.30
 Breakfast 8.15; depart 9.00
 Sight seeing London (Westminster) 10.30/12.00
 Reception; Palace of Westminster 12.00/1.00
 Lunch, Dirty Dicks
 Afternoon; The Tower of London
 Dinner; The Samuel Pepys
 Westend cabaret show 8.00/11.30; depart Trafalgar Sq. 12.00
- WED 12: Workout 10.00/11.30 Newbury
 Lunch NRFC 11.30; depart 12.00
 Polytechnic of North London KO 2.45
- THU 13: Cross-country jog 7.30
 Breakfast 8.15; depart 9.00
 Hampton Court 10.00/12.00
 Lunch 12.00; depart by boat (R/Thames) 1.00
 ETA Westminster pier 4.00
 Dinner, Chelsea (King's Road) 5.00/7.00
 Cinema; depart Trafalgar Sq 12.00
- FRI 14: Workout 10.00/12.00 Newbury
 Lunch NRFC 12.00; depart 1.00
 Basingstoke shopping centre 2.00/4.00
 Esher RFC (rep. XV) KO 6.30 (floodlights)
- SAT 15: Depart 8.30
 Richmond (rep. XV) KO 10.30; depart 1.00
 England v Scotland, Twickenham 3.00; depart 6.30
 Sin in Soho 7.30/11.30; depart Trafalgar Sq 12.00
- SUN 16: Breakfast/lunch 11.30; depart 12.30
 LRFC Executive v Basingstoke Executive 1.30
 Basingstoke RFC KO 3.00
- MON 17: Depart Baughurst 8.30
 Depart London (Heathrow) 11.00
 ETA/NY JFK 1.35 pm (local time)

the Schedule ...

History of the Game

In 1823 an English schoolboy named William Webb Ellis added a new dimension to the game of soccer by picking up the ball and running with it toward the goal.

In essence, there was the birth of the world-wide sport we know today as RUGBY.

It took its name after the school at which young Ellis had displayed his disregard for the rules, but it grew very slowly until about the 1870's, when each team was limited to today's quota of 15 men per team.

1885 marked the first year the combatants were afforded the fine luxury of a mediator, or referee.

Rugby spread first to the lands of the British Commonwealth, but it wasn't until the end of the 19th century that the game found its way to the rest of the world.

Today rugby is played in most countries under the auspices of regulating bodies called Rugby Unions, which ensure that the sport is professionally organized yet played by amateurs.

However, on a very small scale in several countries it is played by paid brutes. Most followers of the game consider this version (Rugby League) a vexation to the true spirit of the game because of basic differences in play.

Unfortunately, most Americans are unaware of the more popular amateur version because old Roone chooses only to show you Rugby League on Wide World of Sports!

In Europe the major rugby playing nations are England, France, Ireland, Scotland, and Wales.

Other leading rugby countries are Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, South Africa, and Japan. But you will find clefted and yes, bare, feet pounding rugby pitches in places like Poland, Madagascar, Moscow, Montreal, Chile, Nigeria, Hong Kong, Vancouver, Viet Nam, West Lafayette and many others.

Americans often view rugby as that English version of their game of football. Actually, that American football is a refinement (or perversion, if you will) of its ancestor...rugby.

Rugby was contested only twice in the Olympic Games...in 1920 and in 1924. Oddly, the United States chose a strong national side and amazed the world...by winning gold medals both times!

We may find rugby re-introduced into Olympic play in the 1970's, as the host country may add a new sport during the Games.

In the U.S. today, more than 400 city and university rugby clubs compete in both spring and fall seasons, and the number is growing rapidly.

Many clubs organize tours each season to Canada, the Bahamas, Fiji and the British Isles. Those sojourns invariably live in gross legend and song for many seasons.

It's generally conceded that the best rugby played stateside is found on the east and west coasts, but interior areas are beginning to produce respected rugby powers.

Regional Rugby Unions regulate the sport in America and a move is well underway to form a United States Rugby Union. That being done, one day this country should be offering stiff competition for other national teams around the world.

Who plays rugby in America?

Well, he's not often the guy-next-door type. An athlete with that gritty competitive urge yet a sportman's respect for his opponent, you will find a rugger's enthusiasm for life is limitless.

Rugby ...

the Team ...

W.R. Mills (Bill), Manager
Second-row: 27 yrs., 6'4", 220 lb.
(15 st. 10 lb.)

Kansas University Alumnus: Class of '72
High school teacher; married
K.U. Rugby Club; Topeka R.F.C.



J.J. Kieltyka, Jr. (Joe), coach
No. 8: 35 yrs., 6'0", 205 lb.(14 st. 9 lb.)
Kansas University Alumnus: Class of '68
Restauranteur; married, 3 children
American Football: fullback(KU)
Lawrence R.F.C.; Tour of Ivy League '66

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R.N. Walter (Roger), Captain
Centre: 29 yrs., 6'1", 195 lb.(13 st. 13 lb.)
Kansas University School of Law '75
Attorney at Law; single
Lawrence R.F.C.; HoARFU trial '76



C.S. Fraser (Craig), Touch Judge
Wing-forward: 30 yrs., 6'2", 190 lb.
(13 st. 8 lb.)

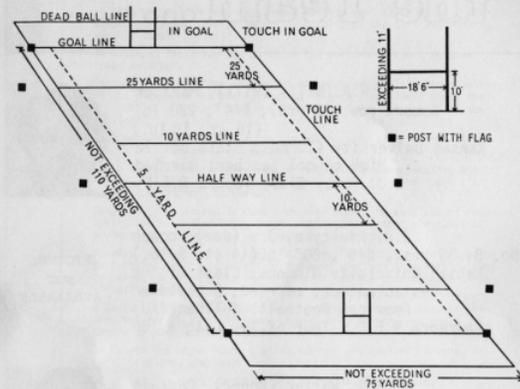
Kansas University Faculty 1975-76
Univ. Professor (Criminal Justice); married
Purdue U/RFC; K.U. Rugby Club;
Kansas City Bulls; HoARFU/R.S.



A.C. Chapman (Allen), U.K. Host
Hooker: 33 yrs., 5'9", 187 lb.(13 st. 5 lb.)
Kansas University Faculty 1975-76
Architect (pre-associate); single
Newquay R.F.C.(UK); P.N.C./RFC(London);
Lawrence R.F.C.



The Field Plan



These are the perfect dimensions; they aren't always possible, and so some fields are smaller. But none may be larger; the center line must be in the middle; the 25-yard line must be 25 yards from the goal line; and so on.

Play can go on anywhere within the outer boundaries, i.e., the dead-ball line at each end and the touch line along each side. But the field-of-play is only from one goal line to the other. This is important when we come to scrums and tackles and line-outs, which can only happen on the field-of-play.

Also please note that the goal lines and touch lines are not in the field-of-play. If the ball lands on a touch line, it's out of play; if a player grounds the ball on his opponents' goal line, he has scored. A try can be scored anywhere in your opponents' in-goal area, but not on the touch-in-goal line or the dead-ball line. Finally, when a ball is said to be "in-touch", it is in fact out of play: on or over a touch line.

R.B. Carter (Bob)
Second-row: 24 yrs., 6'4", 210 lb.
(15 st. 0 lb.)
Kansas University Alumnus: Class of '74
Realtor; single
K.U. Rugby Club; Kansas City RFC



R.S. Coulson (Rich)
Fullback: 22 yrs., 6'0", 180 lb.
(12 st. 12 lb.)
Kansas Univ.: Business Administration, 5th yr.
Student; single
Lawrence R.F.C.



G.W. Dalke (George)
Centre: 36 yrs., 5'11", 185 lb.
(13 st. 3 lb.)
Kansas University Alumnus: Class of '64
Engineer; single
K.U. Rugby Club; Topeka R.F.C.; HoARFU trial '76



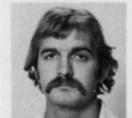
H.H. Edwards, Jr. (Hal)
Wing-forward: 27 yrs., 6'3", 215 lb.(15 st. 5 lb.)
Kansas University Alumnus: Class of '73
Saloon Proprietor; married
K.U. Rugby Club, Kansas City R.F.C.
Rep. HoARFU '75 & '76; Rep. Western RFC '76
London Welsh; USA Rugby '76



S.L. Francesconi (Steve)
Wing three-quarter: 22 yrs., 6'2", 205 lb.
(14 st. 9 lb.)
Kansas University: Pharmacy, 4th yr.
Student; single
Lawrence R.F.C.; invitation HoARFU trial '76



D.B. Gunn (Doug)
Second-row: 22 yrs., 6'3", 200 lb.
(14 st. 4 lb.)
Kansas University: Social Welfare, senior
Student; single
Lawrence R.F.C.





D.R. Hassig (Doug)
Wing three-quarters: 21 yrs., 5'10", 162 lb.
(11 st. 8 lb.)
Kansas University: Physical Education, junior
Student; single
Lawrence R.F.C.



J.D. Hay (Dave)
Prop forward: 20 yrs., 5'10", 177 lb.
(12 st. 9 lb.)
Kansas Univ.: Cartography/English, junior
Student; single
Lawrence R.F.C., Galway Corinthians RFC(Ireland)



J.S. Hayes (Steve)
Centre three-quarters: 22 yrs., 5'10", 195 lb.
(13 st. 13 lb.)
Rodeo rider/Assistant saloon manager; single
Kansas City R.F.C., Rep. HoARFU

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D.B. Katz (Dan)
Hooker: 19 yrs., 6'0", 180 lb.(12 st. 12 lb.)
Kansas University: Business, sophomore
Student; single
Kansas City Bulls, Lawrence R.F.C.

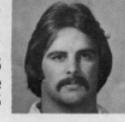
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J.D. Kline (Jack)
No. 8: 27 yrs., 6'1", 195 lb.(13 st. 13 lb.)
Kansas University Alumnus: Class of '71
Park attendant; single
K.U. Rugby Club; Kansas City RFC



D.L. Krisman (Larry)
Wing forward: 20 yrs., 6'0", 170 lb.
(12 st. 2 lb.)
Kansas State Univ.: Bus. Administration, junior
Student; single
Kansas State RFC

W.B. McGillivray (Bill)
Stand-off half: 23 yrs., 5'10", 180 lb.
(12 st. 12 lb.)
Kansas University Alumnus: Class of '76
Staff, Electric Power Company; single
K.U. Rugby Club; TITS tour, Milwaukee '76



M.M. McCormack (Monte)
Prop forward: 22 yrs., 6'2", 245 lb.
(17 st. 7 lb.)
Emporia, Kansas State: Phys. Ed., senior
Student; single
American Football: defensive tackle(EKSC)
Emporia Rugby Club



T.M. McGrade (Ted)
Scrum half: 23 yrs., 5'7", 155 lb.
(11 st. 1 lb.)
Kansas University, '75, '76
Staff, Marketing Div. Electronic Co.; single
New Mexico Tech Rugby Club; Lawrence R.F.C.



J.P. Mellon (Jon)
Prop forward: 22 yrs., 6'0", 190 lb.
(13 st. 8 lb.)
Kansas University: Pharmacy, 5th yr.
Student; single
Lawrence R.F.C.



R.F. Millard, Jr. (Rich)
Wing forward: 21 yrs., 6'1", 173 lb.
(12 st. 5 lb.)
Kansas University: Bus. Administration, junior
Student; single
Lawrence R.F.C.



F.K. Mirikitani (Frank)
Prop forward: 35 yrs., 5'10", 190 lb.
(13 st. 8 lb.)
Research Technician, married
K.C. Blues; rep. K.C. All Metro vs. Sanyo, Japan
Bahama tour '72; London tour '73



R.W. Randel (Rod)
Hooker: 23 yrs., 5'6", 160 lb.(11 st. 6 lb.)
Kansas University: Advertising, senior
Student; single
Lawrence R.F.C.



K.E.J. Regan (Kevin)
No. 8 21 yrs., 6'3", 200 lb.(14 st. 4 lb.)
Emporia, Kansas State: Pre-law, senior
Student; single
American Football: defensive end(EKSC)
Emporia RFC



R.R. Renfro (Rick)
Wing forward: 20 yrs., 6'0", 185 lb.
(13 st. 3 lb.)
Kansas University: Business, junior
Student; single
American Football: linebacker(Ottawa)



H.L. Schneiter (Harvey)
Prop forward: 24 yrs., 6'1", 210 lb.
(15 st. 0 lb.)
Teacher; married
Amer. Football: defensive end(K.S.C.Pittsburg)
K.S.C. Pittsburg RFC, Topeka RFC



S.J. Swallow (Steve)
Wing three-quarter: 24 yrs., 5'10", 140 lb.
(10 st. 0 lb.)
Kansas University Alumnus: Class of '74
Staff, Racquet Club
K.U. Rugby Club; Topeka RFC; Kansas City RFC



J.C. Swift (Jim)
Scrum half: 26 yrs., 5'9", 185 lb.(13 st. 3 lb.)
Kansas University, '76
Electrical Engineer; single
Kansas State RFC; Johnson Co. RFC; TITS tour,
Milwaukee '76

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Steve Swalwell discovered more items from the 1967 club.

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SPRING 1967 SCHEDULE KANSAS UNIVERSITY RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

MARCH	1-Wed	St. Benedict's**
	4-Sat	St. Louis University at St. Louis, Mo.
	11-Sat	Missouri University**
	12-Sun	Kansas City RFC at Atchison, Ks.
	18-Sat	Kansas City RFC at Kansas City, Mo.
	25-Sat	St. Louis Tournament at St. Louis, Mo.
	26-Sun	" "
APRIL	6-Thurs	Illinois University at Champaign, Ill.
	7-Fri	Michigan University at Ann Arbor, Mich.
	8-Sat	Windsor RFC at Ontario, Canada
	9-Sun	Indiana University at Bloomington, Ind.
	15-Sat	Kansas City RFC**
	22-Sat	Palmer College**
	29-Sat	St. Benedict's**
MAY	6-Sat	Rolla**
	13-Sat	Missouri University at Columbia, Mo.
	20-Sat	Kansas City Blues** Rockhurst**

**Games to be played at Lawrence, Kansas

Watch the 1966 Jayhawks

John LaRocca found an 8mm film that has 5 minutes of a 1966 game, played behind Oliver Hall. We have it on the internet...See if you can count the frequent scores by KU in the red uniforms.



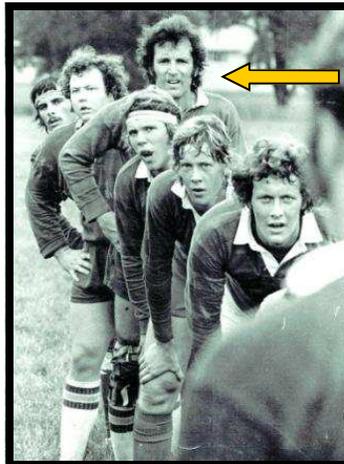
Go to www.youtube.com
Search: **kularoccarugby**



Photo of Scotsman, Ian Henry readying the side before a 1973 Aspen Ruggerfest game. Although a small fellow, he was a prolific scoring machine.

Located:

Craig Frasier - One the Jayhawks' big flankers and a fine song leader from fall 1973 and spring 1974.



While in Lawrence in 1973, Frasier was conducting research into the effectiveness of police patrolling techniques. He has stayed with police research and is now a principle in a Washington DC consulting firm that works with city police departments nationwide. If you are familiar with terms like "community policing", you could start a conversation with **Dr. Frasier**.

Here is his email:

I remember those years at KU as the most fun I had in my rugby career! I had played at Purdue in graduate school and then moved to Lawrence when my then wife went to KU. We later moved to Kansas City and I played a year or so for the KC Bulls, started by **Reagan Malone**. I started refereeing there and was a better referee than I was a player.

I next moved to Tallahassee FL and played a few games for the local side, then moved to North Carolina where I again took up the whistle. I retired as a referee, because my knee was increasingly a problem.

I now live in Maryland and commute to work in DC. There was a kids' sport association here and a bunch of us started a kids' touch rugby program in the summer -- 7 a side so all the kids got to handle the ball. We had both an "under 11" side and an "under 14" side. I coached for about 5 years until my kids (1 boy, 1 girl) went on to other things. For one of my last matches, our coaches and oldest kids took on another team's coaches and older kids - it was about ten on ten, still touch, but great fun. **I got to play with my son and we combined on a try; me passing the ball to him and him scoring after a long run. ******



Recent dinner with **SOME** of the 1974 team. CC Buck passing through town and the recent Newsletter prompted some of the players & spouses to have an impromptu dinner the weekend after Thanksgiving; a Cajun feast cooked up by Mrs. Buck. We say "SOME" of the 1974 team, because the recurring topic was that it would be great to do this again with the rest of the guys. L-R standing: Rick Whitson (hooker), Andy Sibbersen (flanker), Bryan Hunter (2nd row), Steve Lange (prop), Joe Kielyka (#8), sitting: CC Buck & Steve Swallow (wings), Roger Walter (outside center), and Rich Coulson (fullback).

Located:

Bob Kiene – Jayhawks 2nd rows from mid 1970’s and primary jumper in 1975 Big 8 Championship victory.

Kiene (crimson & blue) in alumni game from late 1970’s.



The very tall and very bright Mr. Kiene played for the Jayhawks while an undergrad and during KU law school. He practiced law a few years in Kansas City. Then became fluent in a handful of languages and enjoyed a long career in the country’s diplomatic corp, helping American businesses in foreign countries. He worked in some spectacular posts in the Caribbean and Eastern Europe. He played rugby wherever he went.

Here is his email:

I can't tell you how great it is to have your contact. I will be pleased to get

the KU newsletter. I was drawn back into the rugby sub-culture after KU and played a few years with the KC Blues (B team of course, but we were darn good even so). Then I actually kept playing rugby sporadically until I was about 53, approaching the maniacalness of **Wint Winter**. As you know, wherever I went, it was a good way to get to

know people, they are always welcom-

am retired in Prague until my daughter gets out of high school, at least. I am still proud to say I am from Kansas, if only for the puzzled looks I get. I have hosted several parties in foreign parts for Kansas Day on Jan 29 that went over well. **If the KU or other KC teams ever want the experience, I could help to organize a tour in Prague, it would be well worth it for the beer and (ahem) the women, oh yeah, and rugby too. ******



ing. I was the US Consul in Bordeaux, France and played with a police team there. In Prague, I was on the Prague Old Boys team and flew with them all the way to San Diego in 2005 to play in a World Old Boys tournament. I played a few games with West Potomac in Washington DC in 2005-06 and that was it. I always tell people that **“I hated the fascism of American football and loved the anarchy of rugby.”**

Big Bob Kiene playing for Prague Old Boys at 2005 World Old Boy Championships in San Diego.
You gotta love the Prague Old Boys. They line up on the sideline before the match and all down a beer.

So now I



Feedback on "K-State Saga" in the last edition of Old Boy Quarterly, from K-State then KU 2nd row, Bryan Hunter

Wow, I loved the articles. How much money am I supposed to send to you, Roger Walter and Steve Swalwell?

We had a great team and a great time!!

On the "The K-State Saga" story, of course I have a different opinion of the Penalty Try game and the Rockhurst battle. The Rockhurst game was won "cough" by KU when Ian Henry made a penalty kick after the cheating referee disallowed an obvious try by KSUFR and shortly later called a penalty and then moved Ian closer when we bitched. Game over. I do remember that game well and all the heavy hitting.

I played in all the KU-KSUFR games you talked about. The only game I was on the losing side was at Rockhurst. I tell everyone I never played on a losing side in the KU- KSUFR series. It is only a little white lie.



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That's the number of email addresses of past players and other interested parties that receive the Old Boy Quarterly.

Consider that if 20 new players came out each year for 50 years, there would be 1,000 Jayhawk rugby players out there.

Grant Lechtenberg scores magazine cover and article about the Jayhawk rugby club

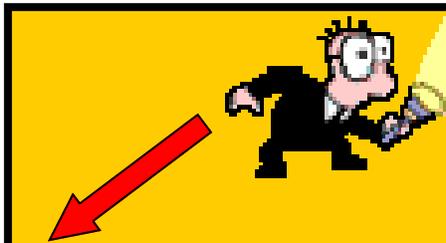
Current Jayhawk player Grant Lechtenberg was on the cover of "Lawrence Magazine" in the spring 2012 issue. Inside the edition, he has a multi-page story about the current club. There are also lots of great photos, but Grant's mug shot on the front cover is worth looking up.

We can't reprint the cover and article because of copyright issues, but we can tell you where to look on the internet.

http://issuu.com/sunflower_publishing/docs/lmspring12

Or, go on Google and search

Lawrence Magazine spring 2012



Help us find your old teammates!

Although 243 is a nice percentile of past players, there are lots more who could be getting this newsletter.

Take a moment over a lunch hour or weekend and go into Google, Facebook, or LinkedIn. Put your old friend's name and University of Kansas into the search field and see if you can look them up. After making contact, get their email address to us and we will put them on the distribution list.

Acknowledgements:

Jack Kline was a great flanker from the 1968-72 era. He is a professional writer today and has been a contributor of essays in several editions. Asking Jack to give a written essay to this newsletter is akin to bumming a diagnosis off a doctor you meet at a cocktail party. In fact its worse; Jack puts effort into these rugby essays that he could be focusing on an income-producing work. If you are interested in seeing (and perhaps buying) some of Jack's non-rugby works, visit his website. <http://jackkline.squarespace.com>

Steve Swalwell was a speedy wing in 1974-75. He is a professional photographer today. In some issues, he has attended games and shot photos with his big-lense camera. He is consistently the go-to guy when paper photos need to be digitized for use in the newsletter. It's the same story as with Jack Kline, I am mooching off the guys' livelihood when I ask him to accompany me or fire up his lab equipment. Steve's specialty is photographing completed construction projects for contractors and facility owners. If you are a contractor or commercial property owner and would like a pro to help document your great feats, anywhere in the country, consider Steve. Here is Steve's website. <http://www.architecturalfoto.com>

Roger Walter was the outside center that generated a whole style of offense for the Jayhawks starting in 1973. Today he is an attorney with a broad-spectrum firm. He has produced essays in several editions about his personal experiences on the club. For more about Roger's specialty in securities law and his firm, see his website. <http://www.morrislaing.com/attorney-walter.php>

Shameless appeal for \$\$\$

Per the opening article from Rick Renfro, the club has an assortment of operating expenses that may not have existed in your day, such as having certified trainers at home games. Make a gift to the rugby club's charity entity and help defray these sorts of expenses. (See cover for donation info)