



Endacott Society

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Zoom Coffee Meetings



The above screen shows attendees at the Wednesday Coffee meeting on April 22. We had been averaging just over 30 attendees in our previous two meetings, but 36 joined in this one.

The discussion covered a wide range of topics from opossums to toilet paper. Can you tell who was speaking when this screen shot was taken?

First Memories of KU As reported by members of the Endacott Society – Part 2

This is a continuation of the article published in the previous newsletter.

Jeanne Klein first arrived in the summer of 1984 from teaching in Ada, Ohio to test whether she wanted to earn her Ph.D. here. She stayed at JRP dorm with other grads, watched fireworks out her 4th floor window in the stadium, and visited area sites. Despite heat and humidity, Mount Oread was breath-taking with lovely landscaping. When Jed Davis retired, she followed his giant footsteps on the faculty and later joined the Endacott Society upon her retirement.

Linda Mannering's parents took her to a play at the Crafton Preyer Theatre when she was 10, and she still remembers the costumes and scenery. Her next visit was a few years later when she attended the MidWestern Music and Arts Camp. She remembers the long hot walks from McCollum Hall to Murphy Hall and of course the music lessons.

David Marden attended the KU/Nebraska basketball game with his fellow teammate of the Liberal High Basketball team. His group had a good view of the Allen Fieldhouse lights from their hotel at 23rd and Iowa. He doesn't remember much else about the visit except that the Jayhawks lost by 1 point.

Helen Martin recalled looking out of her husband Ed's office window, with its view of Lawrence's trees and flowers.

Paul Lim's first view of KU was from I-70 when his friend, Grant Goodman, pointed to Fraser Hall on the horizon and said that its roof was the highest point in Kansas.

Pat Miller remembers the beautiful campus.

Fred Pawlicki came to build the world class Lied Center. He was impressed with the Fine Arts Council and the quality of KU's deans and faculty.

Cathy Pawlicki enjoyed the walkable campus.

Jan Roth's high school orchestra teacher brought his students from Neodesha, Kansas to KU about 1956.

She remembered what an exciting and special place the KU campus was. They played in Hoch Auditorium with other high school orchestras. She later returned to KU with her biology teacher to visit Snow Hall with science opportunities and to attend special events with her KU boyfriend. She remembers it was so exciting to walk down Jayhawk Boulevard with all the university students.

Dennis Sander recalled the campus reminded him of home in Pennsylvania, with its hills and lakes in front of Marvin Hall.

Dick Sapp visited campus in February 1957. Arriving by train from Houston, Dick stayed at the Free State Hotel. He remembers coming up the hill in a car, but not much about the campus. When he learned the Physics Department had the very expensive and specialized equipment he needed to continue his research, he knew that KU was the right fit for him.

Esther Smith came in 1970. She was impressed with KU's green spaces and the walkability of the campus.

Shari Stimetz

When I was 10 years old my oldest cousin, Carol, was a sophomore at KU. Her parents invited me to join them on a Saturday to visit her in Lawrence. After touring her sorority house we toured the campus - the Union, museums, library, and of course the football stadium and Allen Field House. Everyone we met was so friendly, and we could see they all were so happy to be in Lawrence and took great pride in this University. I told my aunt, uncle, and cousin right then and there that KU is where I wanted to go to college, and upon returning home I told my parents the same thing. I attended KU, got my degree, and became a lifelong football and basketball fan. I often remark that I bleed crimson and blue, and every time I visit the campus I get chills remembering all the wonderful times I have had at KU. For me my experiences can all be summed up in two words - ROCK CHALK.

Paul Willhite came during the KU spring uprising in 1969, from conservative western Oklahoma, so that first fall semester was difficult for him and his wife. However, they soon learned to love Lawrence.

James Woelfel came to KU in 1966. He remembers the steep 14th street hill. He was very impressed with the Dyche Hall Natural History Museum. Old Frasier Hall was gone by then. He also recalled helping with enrollment in the Field House.

Memories Project Extended

Last fall I started collecting first time impressions of Endacott Society members who remembered their arrival on the KU campus. It's not too late to respond with your memories of this seminal event!

My new request is for your memories of the burning of the Memorial Union on April 20, 1970 and the days and weeks before and after this happened. We also have a unique opportunity to document our individual reactions to COVID-19; whether that's adjusting to shelter in place, the discovery of ZOOM to have an online way to still have Endacott meetings, your responses to the hoarding of certain items, your anxiety for news of family and friends, or discoveries you learned about yourself. These perhaps can be shared in the newsletter and the time capsule (when that project resumes), unless you specifically request that they are not.

Thank you for your candor and support of this project. - Jo Cink.

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May at the Endacott Society

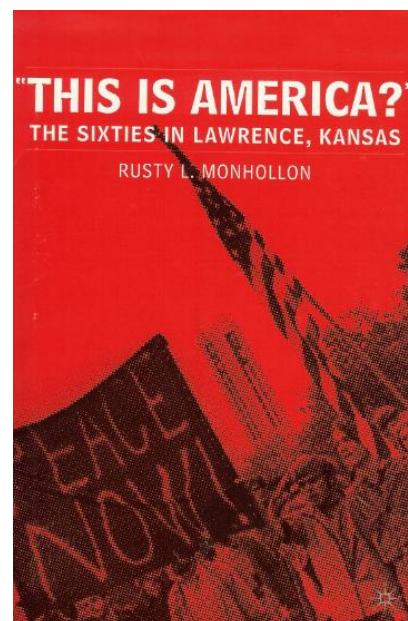
We are planning to meet via Zoom through the month of May. The **May ZOOM Guide** (to be sent to subscribers on April 28) will contain the information you need to attend the meetings. Meeting dates, times, and topics can be found on our web site calendar. In addition to **Garden Seminar, Wednesday Coffee, and Drama Studies**, we will be adding weekly **Saturday Lunch Bunch** meetings, and **Computer and Technology Studies** meetings on Monday mornings. The attendance at the upcoming April 27 session of **Old-Time Radio** may determine whether a Zoom session for it will continue in May.

We continue to explore other Endacott activities that can be conducted via Zoom, but we have recognized that some Endacott activities will not work well via Zoom for licensing, technical or legal reasons.



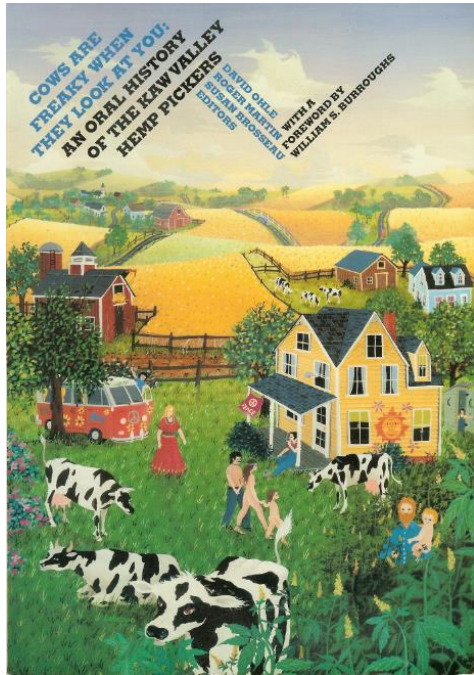
1970 in Lawrence, Kansas was a surreal experience, as only two days after the KU Union fire South Park was filled with a celebration of the very first Earth Day. The old saying that "if you remember the sixties you weren't there" isn't true of 1970, for most everyone who was in Lawrence that year remembers it all too well.

A number of sources exist that detail the history of that period, "**This Is America?**" by Rusty L. Monhollon does an excellent job of chronicling the years leading up to 1970.

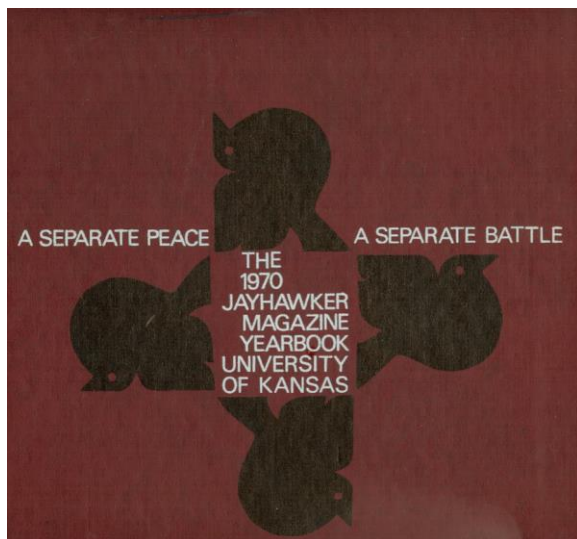


One of my favorites is "**Cows are Freaky When They Look at You** – An Oral History of the Kaw

Valley Hemp Pickers” by David Ohle, Roger Martin, and Susan Brosseau.



But an often overlooked source is one whose pages were composed while in the midst of the experience: The **1970 KU Jayhawker Yearbook**.



Interspersed amongst the photos of athletes, honor societies, Greek house and residence hall inhabitants, and the usual academic boasting were poems, stories, photo montages, and quotes from the popular (counter) culture that attempted to express the *Zeitgeist* of the time. Here's an excerpt from "**A Separate Peace, A Separate Battle**":

Hunger comes creeping, but not for us.

War weeds us out. A little.

But still this place in this time remains a separate peace where we're sheltered for a while, where the only real battle we have to fight is with ourselves. And that's enough.

- Richard Louv, Editor, Fall 1969

This was written weeks before the Union fire and the following societal havoc. The idea that students were sheltering in a separate peace did not last long.

-Dave Mannering (KU Sophomore in 1970)