



Endacott Society

Retired Faculty and Staff endacottsociety.org January 2021



Good riddance to a miserable 2020 and welcome to a hopeful 2021! Although Covid19 is still with us in scary high numbers, we do have the beginnings of distribution of several vaccines that will eventually bring us protection from the dreaded virus and the possibility of in-person meetings of the Endacott Society late in the year. How much later is still a big question.

Our executive committee met with Heath Peterson, president of the Alumni Association, and some of his staff via Zoom on December 17 for an update on plans for the new student visitor center and remodeling of Adams Alumni Center. Phase 1 of the project, the new construction of the student welcome center is slated for ground-breaking in late March 2021. The conservative estimate for its completion is fall 2022. Phase 2, the remodel of the existing space in the Alumni Center is dependent upon securing additional funding. You may get further details when Heath visits our Zoom Wednesday coffee on January 6 and get a chance to ask some of your questions then.

We have a request to make of our members. Because we can no longer use the Alumni Center for an extended period of time, the search is on for meeting sites when we can safely gather in person again. Several people have suggested churches in Lawrence which have fellowship halls or other spaces that have ease of access from ample parking lots and reasonable fees for their use. At the same time, we are not sure about specific dates later this

year when we would start using the facilities. It would seem that our best chances of securing meeting places would be for a member of a church's congregation to approach the minister there to ask about the use of their facilities. The enquiry should emphasize that the Endacott Society would be flexible enough that the church's needs for that space (eg. a funeral reception) would have priority. We would need to know what times would be available for us, what audiovisual equipment might be available, how many people can be accommodated, a contact person's phone and email address, and any fees charged. Let one of the executive officers know the results of your enquiry.

Happy Birthday to members of the Endacott Society who celebrate birthdays during January and congratulations to those of you celebrating anniversaries during the month. ----Jo Cink, President

There are a variety of interesting films, discussions and topics scheduled for January in your Zoom Guide. Consult this resource for links to meetings of interest groups. Some additional details for a few are provided below.

Armchair Travel has scheduled its first ever Zoom meeting for Jan 7 at 1:30 PM. Ron Schorr will provide a visit to Costa Rica based on his travels there with Georgann on a Road Scholar tour. A relatively small country, Costa Rica has 5% of the world's biodiversity, 121 volcanic formations, and 801 miles of coastline.

Cinema Studies theme for the month is the bond between fathers and sons--sometimes good, sometimes bad, but never indifferent. All films are at 1:30 PM. Email plim@ku.edu for the Zoom links.

The **Documentary Film** on Jan 1 is Syrian filmmaker Talal Derki's *Of Fathers and Sons*, which chronicles the lives of a radical Islamist family, where the father raises his five sons to be terrorists.

The **Foreign Film** on Jan 8 is Pier Paolo Pasolini's *Oedipus Rex* which begins and ends in contemporary Rome, but mostly journeys to medieval Morocco to tell the fearsome Greek tragedy of a son who kills his father and marries his mother.

The **Domestic Film** on Jan 12 is Vincente Minnelli's *Home from the Hill* with Robert Mitchum as a womanizer married to Eleanor Parker, with two sons, one legitimate (George Hamilton) and the other illegitimate (George Peppard).

Paul's Pick on Jan 29 is Vittorio De Sica's *Bicycle Thieves*, a deceptively simple tale about a young son who accompanies his father to look for the stolen bicycle which the father needs for his job in post-war Italy, but you'll never forget this one after you've seen it.

Computers & Technology Studies

The meeting on Jan 11 at 10:00 AM is Diagramming with MS Visio. The meeting on Jan 25 includes the highlights from the Consumer Electronics Show this January.

Drama Study

The two meetings this month (Jan 5 and 19) discuss the famous Bertold Brecht play *Galileo*. Kenneth Tynan summarized it thus: "Life of Galileo (1937-9) is a decidedly equivocal portrait of a seeker after truth battling Catholic orthodoxy." It tells the story of Galileo's proof

of the Copernican sun-centered model of the universe and its consequences: in fourteen scenes, the focus constantly shifts. We see the price his daughter paid for his unorthodox views, the threat of his views to social order, the economic progress that will result from science, his defense of freedom of inquiry against the church, his rejection of his works under threat from the church, his sense that he has failed and that science will be the tool of politics and religion (which in this 1947 rewrite by Brecht clearly refers to the atomic bomb.)

Music Appreciation for Jan 22 is the film, *The Eddy Duchin Story*. Tyrone Power plays the famous pianist and band-leader of the 1930s and 1940s, when he all but abandons his son after Kim Novak dies in childbirth. Carmen Cavallaro provides all the keyboard wizardry. Email plim@ku.edu for the Zoom link.

Opera Study on Jan 15 features Verdi's, *La Traviata*. Ermonela Jaho, hailed by critics as the quintessential Violetta, and Placido Domingo in his final performance as the austere father who ruins his son's life make this a special performance. Email plim@ku.edu for the link.

Old-Time Radio on Jan 25 listen to Bogart and Bacall in The Lux Radio Theatre recreation of their hit movie, *To Have and Have Not*, loosely based on the novel by Ernest Hemingway. This will be a one-hour presentation. We will also listen to the precursor of the I Love Lucy television show, called *My Favorite Husband*. This stars Lucille Ball and Richard Denning. Please join us.

Endacott Society 2020 Program History

2020 started out as a normal year for the Endacott Society, but as we all know, in March our regular meetings ceased and we embarked, albeit gradually, on our new Zoom-based meetings. Month by month we added more meetings to the schedule until we are now back

to nearly the same number as before. Many thanks to all of you who stepped forward to make this happen. At the end of each calendar year the history list on EndacottSociety.org is updated to list the programs that were given for that year. The 2020 lists are now published. If you'd like to refresh your memory of the year, go to the individual activity page, scroll down to the history area and open up the 2020 dropdown list. If you find errors or omissions in the lists, please let me know, and I'll correct them. – Dave Mannering

For those who got stumped by one or two of the questions on last month's KU Trivia Quiz; the answers to last month's trivia questions

1. Lawrence was also called "Wakarusa", "New Town" and "New Boston"
2. Bismarck Grove was developed by Union Pacific Railroad in 1880 in North Lawrence. It was a park, fairgrounds, and racetrack and the site of many temperance meetings, revivals and races.
3. Red and blue were adopted as KU's official colors in 1896. Supposedly blue came from Yale's colors and red from Harvard.
4. Bud Stallworth's given name was Isacc.
5. Nolan Cromwell was dubbed the Ransom Rambler.
6. First whistle blew in March 1912.
7. KU streetcars first ran up Mississippi and down Sunflower Road in 1910.
8. KU opened in 1866 with 55 students
9. Potter Lake was first developed as a source of water in case of fire.
10. The Observatory was named for Clyde Tombaugh.
11. The KU figure who was the first voice of the Kansas City Chiefs was Tom Hedrick.
12. Streets named for trees in North Lawrence were Ash, Elm, Hickory, Locust, Maple, Oak and Maple.
13. Lynette Woodard was Kodak All American 4 years.
14. KU basketball was played in Hoch Auditorium before Allen Fieldhouse.
15. Head coach for David Jaynes was Don Fambrough.

KU -Lawrence Trivia Quiz- Part 2

1. Lawrence High School is at 19th & Louisiana now. Where was Lawrence's High School located previously and what was it called?
2. When did the Rock Chalk Chant originate and who started it?
3. What local artist created the statue of Moses on campus?
4. Where was the Old Windmill in Lawrence?
5. What KU athlete appeared in 4 Olympic Games?

6. What is the unlikely name of the sculptor of the bronze Jayhawk which stands in front of the Adams Alumni Center?
7. What living group had a house where the Adams Alumni Center is now?
8. What is the house that Wilt built?
9. What and where is Prairie Acre?
10. What actor attended KU from 1970-72 and appeared in the movie *The Princess Bride*?
11. What medium or style did the artist Robert Sudlow use?
12. What was the original name of Mount Oread?
13. What famous landmark bar has a flood line painted on its side and when was that flood?
14. What local writer wrote *Flesh, Flash and Frank Harris*?
15. Who was the only KU basketball coach to leave with a losing record?

Cranberry-Apple crisp -Ellen Gold's recipe

5 cups pared sliced Granny Smith apples,
about 6 medium apples

1 ½ cups fresh or frozen cranberries

1/3 cup sugar

Mix the apples and cranberries with the sugar until coated. Transfer to 9 inch sq baking pan.

Topping

½ cup whole-wheat or all-purpose flour, ½ cup brown sugar, 1 teaspoon cinnamon

¼ cup chilled butter cut into small pieces

Mix flour, brown sugar and cinnamon. Cut in butter until light and crumbly. Sprinkle topping evenly over apples and cranberries.

Preheat oven to 375 & bake crisp in the middle of the oven. Bake 45 minutes or until apples are tender. Be careful not to overbake. Cool about 15 minutes before serving. Serve with ice cream or frozen yogurt. This is a huge amount of apples and takes a long time to peel and slice. Suggest making half a recipe. Check on cinnamon. I personally like ginger. For me, the thing is: not too sweet. You may like it sweeter. Be sure to use brown sugar for the topping, not white.

Most recipes use oatmeal as part of the topping, but I think this is just fine. 12/2020