



Endacott Society

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Pandemic Anecdotes (until there is an antidote)

Linda and I have a small Little Free Library in our yard. It's been there for years and has a loyal neighborhood patronage. About a week before the stay-at-home order we put a sign on the library saying that we were swabbing parts of it every day with Clorox wipes. Two days later a tiny bottle of hand sanitizer mysteriously appeared on the library roof. The next day I noticed a brown plastic bag stuffed into the library. Now we've had some unusual things appear in the library but this was a first. We opened it up with both curiosity and a bit of trepidation and found a full roll of toilet paper! Our neighborhood is the best! – Dave Mannering

If you have your own light-hearted pandemic anecdote – send it to endacottsociety@gmail.com, and it might appear in our next newsletter.

First Memories of KU

As reported by members of the Endacott Society in fall 2019 – Part 1

(Compiled and excerpted by Jo Cink)

This is the first half of the entries. The rest will be in the next newsletter.

Ann Blackhurst was impressed by the campus architecture especially Dyche Hall with its

gargoyles and Spooner Hall just across Jayhawk Boulevard.

Laura Borchert arrived on Labor Day, 1968 from South America. People were friendly and she soon became involved in the University Women's Club. She too commented on the beautiful campus.

Kay Bradt came in 1955 from Colorado. She remembers that Lawrence was hot and humid in August, but the campus was beautiful.

Betty Bunce arrived at KU in 1970 from Temple University with a stop in Colorado. She was expecting Lawrence to be flat, and was pleased to find that it was not.

Cal and Jo Cink came to KU in July of 1972 and were impressed with Dyche Hall and Dr. Richard Johnston's campus tour. He introduced the faculty and grad students on the Bird Range where Cal would share an office while pursuing his PhD. The welcome continued with lunch in the Union and Mrs. Johnston's tour of Lawrence. She also tried to help find housing that afternoon.

Irene Davis came in 1970 with small children. People were friendlier here than in Chicago. She enjoyed taking the children for outings on campus. They enjoyed the trees and hills but the lake was a big draw for them.

Laurie Doud and her family traveled from the cool climate of Northern Wisconsin in 1973 to 100 degree heat in Lawrence with no AC in the car!

They especially appreciated the innumerable amount of huge shade bearing trees and Potter's lake on the campus.

Kevin Boatright stopped at the top of Daisy Hill to take a photo of the campus for a fellow student back in Iowa and thought it was as beautiful a view as any campus in the country. He showed her the photo, and though it didn't lure her to KU, they did end up getting married a few years later.

Mary Jane Dunlap was a member of a group of Wichita University students visiting KU when she was senior. The campus was in full bloom and the weather was warm and sunny. After a picnic in a park with some international students and a show at the University Theatre the group returned to Wichita. Mary Jane didn't return until 30 years later when she enrolled as a KU student.

Janis Hutchison came to campus in 1950 for Piano Camp. Her instructor had steel-tipped fingers due to cancer. The stage was warped and she recalled the piano slipping away from her while she was accompanying someone. Clayton Kroihbel became the tenor on a Robert Shaw recording. One afternoon they moved the piano out on the lawn and she accompanied Pop Goes the Weasel and a neighborhood dog howled on cue.

Mary Kay Mahoney came from Boston during a big cicada hatch. The droning din was unfamiliar and confusing to her.

Dave Mannering came to visit a friend who was a KU student. It was April, the sky was clear and blue, and the air was full of the fragrance of

lilacs in bloom, making it feel like a magical place.

We'd love to hear more of these first impressions of KU. Send yours to endacottsociety@gmail.com for publication in a future newsletter)

Cutest Pet Contest

The Lawrence Humane Society held a **March Cuteness** tournament which ended today, and Paul Lim's pet *KeeWee* led the field of over two dozen dogs and cats right up to the last hours of the contest when she was overtaken by another dog. The tournament was based upon donations and raised more than \$6,800 for the Humane Society. Congratulations to Paul and "that's a good girl!" to *KeeWee*.



KeeWee Being Safe

Allen Wiechert Memorial

The funds donated to the memorial were sufficient to provide for a bench with plaque and two trees which will be planted in a plot at the Lied Center between the main entrance and the box office entrance (behind the Jayhawk).

The blue flags in the plot photo mark the planned locations of the bench and flanking Rising Sun redbuds. Susan and Doug Rendell are handling the installation. Susan is managing the material orders, and Doug, who has been gardening for the Lied for five years, has started removing the plantings that were in the project's footprint. We will keep you updated on the status of this project.



Cink's Garden

Photos from Jo & Cal Cink's garden. They know what these flowers are, do you?



Endacott Society Rezooms Some Activities

We have conducted two weeks of test meetings using the Zoom teleconferencing software, we have acquired a license, and we are ready to resume some regular activities. In April **Drama Study, Garden Seminar, Wednesday Coffee,**

and **Old-Time Radio** will conduct meetings via Zoom.

Check the Endacott Web Site calendar for times and dates. Instructions for joining these activities are provided weekly via the Retirees E-mail List.

One more challenge for the maze addicted (from KrazyDad.com):

