



# Alumni Center renovation begins! Endacott members might tour new space in early Fall

Using his visit at the May 18 Wednesday Coffee Hour, Heath Peterson, Alumni Association president, said that renovation work at the Alumni Center began the week of May 8. The timelines for the renovation and the Welcome Center construction have not changed much, he said, and both buildings are scheduled to open in early 2023.

Peterson and Michelle Lang, senior director of alumni programs and hospitality, attended the coffee hour to talk with members about the progress of the association's renovation and construction projects.

In response to President Omofalabo Ajayi-Soyinka's question about when it might be safe for members to view the new combined library and office space designated for the Endacott Society, they said by September or October.

Peterson said the budget for the combined construction and renovation projects had increased from \$29 million to \$29.45 million due to rising prices. All money for the construction (\$21 million) and renovation work (\$8 million) has been donated. About \$400,000 remains to be funded.

Move in dates will be announced later. A grand opening and donor celebration will be scheduled in 2023.

In partnership with the University, the Alumni Association will operate the new Welcome Center, designed to enhance the campus visit for prospective students and their parents. Electronic and interactive displays will showcase what it means to be a Jayhawk and how KU can help a student set a career course. Part of the May 18 slide presentation included displays of KU's national basketball championships. Sandra Wiechert noted that while KU's basketball achievements are a good attraction for prospective students, she hoped the Welcome Center would feature nationally acclaimed academic achievements as well. Peterson added that the storytelling features will capture all that it means to be a Jayhawk, not simply athletics.

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## Annual Meeting June 22 Wednesday Coffee hour

T he 2022 annual membership meeting will be Wednesday, June 22 at 10 a.m. during the coffee hour in the Kansas Memorial Union Malott Room. This will be a hybrid meeting. Links to join by Zoom will be in the June Zoom Guide.

The annual meeting is required by the Endacott Society's constitution to submit an annual report of business and activities for the fiscal year. Officers for the new year, beginning July 1, are elected at the annual meeting.

Send Annual Reports by June 1 REMINDER: Standing committee and activity reports are due June 1. Send to David Bushouse, bushouse@ku.edu. As Endacott secretary, David compiles the annual report to the membership for the annual meeting.

#### ALUMNI CENTER continued

The Welcome Center opens directly into the Alumni Center building. The adjoining buildings will serve prospective students as well as alumni and current students, faculty, and staff.

Alumni programs will dominate the majority of the space in the alumni center. The meeting rooms are available to paying customers. Peterson explained that everyone, including the Endacott Society, is a customer, noting that Endacott's programs are more extensive than other customers.

The Endacott Society is among the Alumni Association's affinity groups, such as Jayhawks in Banking and Finance; KU Black Alumni Network; Latinx and Hispanic KU Community; Jayhawks in Higher Education; and Asian, Asian American, and Pacific Islanders Jayhawks. Affinity groups are listed online at <u>mentoring.ku.edu</u>

Folabo thanked Peterson on behalf of the Endacott Society for his regular updates on the renovation and construction projects.

The Alumni Center building opened in 1983 as a multifunctional building with several rooms on the first level designated for use of retired faculty



Rendering by Helix Architecture + Design

A two-story LED display panel will dominate the new Welcome Center lobby and can flash a personalized welcome message for each visitor.

and staff, then known as KU Retired Faculty and Staff Club. With the renovation, much of which involves the technology to operate the Welcome Center, one room will be designated for Endacott Society's exclusive use. Meeting rooms will be scheduled as available. As in recent years, during commencement and homecoming, for example, priority for meeting rooms will be determined by alumni needs.

#### **ORIENTATION ADVISORY!**

Summer Orientation will take place **Tuesdays through Fridays June 7-July 22**, in the Kansas Memorial Union. Members are advised to wear masks and observe other Covid-19 protocols while at the Union.

#### Donations accepted through June 30 for Alumni projects

**S** ince December 2021, Endacott Society members have donated \$2,300 to support the Alumni Association's dual projects to renovate the Adams Alumni Center and to boost student recruitment with the new Jayhawk Welcome Center.

That total was reached in March with an anonymous single donation of \$1,000.

We will continue to collect these taxdeductible donations through the end June 2022. Please make your checks payable to KU Endowment and send them to our treasurer, Pam Houston, 1807 N. 1150 Road, Lawrence KS 66046.

#### CAMPUS ROAD CLOSURES

Use Mississippi St. entry to parking garage

**F** rom May 31 to Aug. 12, the Oread Avenue entrance to the parking garage adjacent to Kansas Memorial Union will be accessible only from the north. Gary Mohr in the Facilities, Planning and Development office advises avoiding Oread Avenue and using the Mississippi Street entrance to the parking garage.

Here's a list of campus road closures for summer months. To view map locations and for more details, visit <u>Construction Closures | Facilities Planning &</u> Development (ku.edu).

- 13<sup>th</sup> Street Oread Avenue/Jayhawk Boulevard to Louisiana Street
- Oread Avenue North of 13<sup>th</sup> Street (*Welcome Center entry construction*)
- Naismith Drive From Sunnyside Avenue north to 15<sup>th</sup> Street
- Naismith Drive South of 19th Street (*City Storm Sewer Project*)
- 18<sup>th</sup> Street West of Naismith Drive (*Oliver Hall demolition*)
- 19th Street East of Naismith Drive (*City Storm Sewer Project*)

PRESIDENT'S NOTE Members attending hybrid meetings, birthday celebrations resuming, Endacott's new president taking office

ith the steady downpours and cooler temperatures in Lawrence last month, it is hard to believe summer is officially just a few weeks away. But this is Kansas, these May rains promise plenty of humid days and sweltering times. But we are not in isolation, and we can move about and be humans again! So let's make the best of the times and reclaim more of our space from the Covid-19 invasion as we navigate our "new normalcy."

Hybrid meetings rise to the top of our new normal. Members are attending Wednesday Scholar's Coffee at the Union in person and on Zoom, and more programs are available with the hybrid format including Armchair Travel and the Garden Seminar. Thanks to members who provide rides on request, physical attendance has also increased. IT'S PARTY TIME!

We are having a party! On June 15, we will resume our monthly birthday celebrations that we observe on the third Wednesday of the month. We will observe and celebrate all the birthdays we have missed since March 2020. Save the date. Come One, Come All!

WELCOME PRESIDENT MARYKAY MAHONEY!

Our annual meeting on June 22 will take place as the Summer Solstice (June 21) ushers in a new season and our new president. I welcome MaryKay as our next president. Congratulations!

> — Omofolabo Ajayi-Soyinka President, 2021-22.

 ${f S}$  o let's welcome June with garlands of roses and gallons of lemonade.

Let's breathe in the scent of the honeysuckle while we fire up the barbecue.

A string of pearls delights the neck. June days take luminous route to the solstice.

– Omofolabo Ajayi-Soyinka

## Signs of spring



Photos submitted by Mary Jane Dunlap Nesting dove and clutch.

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#### Save the date for retirement farewell June 23, Thursday, 4-6 p.m.,

Lied Center Pavilion

Chancellor Doug Girod has invited all Lawrence faculty, staff, and affiliates to save the date for a Farewell Event for Dale Seuferling, retiring as president of KU Endowment. <u>RSVPs are appreciated</u>.

## YouTube 2022 Tour of Breidenthal Biological Reserve

**F** or those who missed the April 30 Kansas Biological Survey & Center for Ecological Research 2022 spring tour of the KU Field Station within the Baldwin Woods Forest Preserve (Breidenthal Biological Reserve), here's a link to a slideshow of photos by highly regarded Lawrence photographer Mike Yoder. <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qi7ur8xjnLw</u> The majority of the reserve is eastern deciduous forests. A tributary of Coal Creek (Wakarusa River drainage), flows through the forest.

# JUNE ACTIVITIES

#### NOTE: To receive Zoom links and passwords,

email Omofolabo Ajayi-Soyinka omofola@ku.edu;

For in-person meetings, in consideration of everyone, participants are expected to be fully vaccinated and using masks if recommended.

No programs are scheduled this month for Armchair Travel, Arts & Sciences, Public Affairs.

Volunteers needed to chair Games Theory, Music Appreciation, and Opera Study activities.

#### 10 O'CLOCK SCHOLARS (Hybrid)

(Wednesday Coffee Hour)) Omofolabo Ajayi-Soyinka omofola@ku.edu Kansas Memorial Union, Malott Room, Level 6

> Wednesday, **June 1**, 10 a.m. Wednesday **June 8**, 10 a.m. Wednesday, **June 15**, 10 a.m. Birthdays celebrations Wednesday, **June 22** 10 a.m. Annual meeting, Wednesday, **June 29**, 10 a.m.

#### Need a ride to Wednesday

Coffee Hours? Three members have volunteered to give rides to those needing transportation to our Wednesday Coffees at the Union: Sandra Wiechert 785-842-5467 Ron Schorr 785-842-8625 Nora Clark 785-491-8445

#### ARMCHAIR TRAVEL

*Ron Schorr* <u>rwwschorr@gmail.com</u> Programs will resume in September.

ARTS & SCIENCES Kevin Boatright, Programs will resume in September.

#### CINEMA STUDIES

Nora Clark <u>nora.clark@washburn.edu</u> J Tom Adams <u>papawmik2004@yahoo.com</u> Nora and I would like to thank you for the movie selections and ideas for our "Virtual Library of Movies." We appreciate your help and request that everyone submit ideas to us by email, text message, or telephone.— J Tom Adams

#### DOMESTIC FILMS

Tuesday, **June 7, 1:30 p.m.** Kansas Memorial Union, Alcove D, Level 3 *Sully* 

A biographical drama about the "Miracle on the Hudson," when pilot Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger landed his damaged Airbus A320

in the river on Jan. 15, 2009. The whole world witnessed Capt. Sully glide the damaged plane onto the frigid river, saving all 155 on board. Although heralded as a hero, the FAA investigation that unfolded threatened his reputation and career. (2016. 1 hour 36 minutes)



#### FOREIGN FILMS

Friday, **June 17, 1:30 p.m.** Kansas Memorial Union, Alcove D, Level 3 *Waking Ned Devine* 

An Irish comedy about a lucky winner of the National Lottery, Ned Devine, who dies from the shock of winning and whose closest friends scheme to keep the prize money close to home, in memory of Ned, of course. (1998. 1 hour 31 minutes)



## COMPUTER & TECHNOLOGY

STUDIES. (Zoom) Dave Mannering <u>dmannering@yahoo.com</u>

Monday, **June 6, 10 a.m.** Web Browser Ad Blockers: Richard Kershenbaum

Monday, **June 20, 10 a.m.** Maker Spotlight: Arduino + xylophone + 3D printer = ? (Dave Mannering)



#### DRAMA STUDY (Zoom)

Michael Shaw michaelhearneshaw@gmail.com Tuesday, **June 7, 1:30 p.m.** Tuesday, **June 21, 1:30 p.m.** Sleep Deprivation Chamber, by Adrienne Kennedy and Adam Kennedy Omofolabo Ajayi-Soyinka will lead the reading and discussion of this drama.

#### GARDEN SEMINAR (Hybrid)

Cal & Jo Cink ccinkbird75@gmail.com Kansas Memorial Union, Pine Room No seminars after June 8 until July. Wednesday, June 1, 9 a.m. Wednesday June 8, 9 a.m.

#### GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION (Zoom)

Jim Woelfel james.woelfel@yahoo.com Wednesday, June 8, 1:30 p.m. Short stories by Charlotte Perkins Gilman We will discuss seven short stories by Charlotte Perkins Gilman (1860-1935) from the Dover Thrift collection, 'The Yellow Wallpaper' and Other Stories, (available new for \$3.16 (including tax) and accessible as PDF file). The stories are: "The Yellow Wallpaper," "Three Thanksgivings," "The Cottagette," "Turned," "Making a Change," "If I Were a Man," and "Mr. Peebles' Heart." Total reading is 70 pages .Gilman was a leading feminist intellectual and activist of the late 19th and early 20th centuries and a prolific and internationally read author. Her writings range from a utopian novel, Herland (1915), to such substantial books as Women and Economics (1898) and His Religion and Hers (1923).

#### LUNCH BUNCH

#### Ron Schorr rwwschorr@gmail.com

During June, if the weather is pleasant, the group will meet at noon Thursdays at the Pavilion at the Rotary Arboretum, 5100 W. 27th St. If the weather is inclement, Lunch Bunch will be canceled. Thursday, **June 2** Thursday, **June 5** Thursday, **June 16** Thursday, **June 23** Thursday, **June 30** 

#### **MOVEMENT WORKSHOP** Tai Chi

Haskell Springer springer@ku.edu Sessions in South Park, east of bandstand. No session June 17. Friday, June 3, 9 a.m. Friday, June 10, 9 a.m. Friday, June 24, 9 a.m.

#### OLD TIME RADIO (Zoom)

John Nicholson <u>wryterjccc@gmail.com</u> Monday, **June 27, 1:30-3:30 p.m.** 

The Old Time Radio group will listen to *The Saint*, starring Vincent Price. We will then watch a TV show (yes, a TV show!), *Remember WENN*, from 1996. Although this is not really OTR, it is related; the show is about a small radio station and takes place in 1939 and the 1940s. Finally, we get to the *Suspense* show we missed a couple of months ago starring Lucille Ball. The episode title is

"A Little Piece of Rope." This was voted the most suspenseful show of the series by OTR listeners. Please join us. Guests are always welcome. The Waiting Room opens at 1:15.

#### PUBLIC AFFAIRS FORUM (Zoom)

Allan and Louise Hanson No program scheduled for June. Link to YouTube recording of the May program, "Who Decides? School Curriculum" <u>https://</u> youtu.be/ 21JMoGiq38

#### SINGING FOR FUN

Jim Woelfel james.woelfel@yahoo.com

Stay tuned. June scheduling depends on weather and vacation plans. If a date can be coordinated, Jim will announce a songfest for June by email. Let him know you want to be on his contact list.



# Assorted June events in the neighborhood

#### **Summer Band Concert Series**

**June 1-July13**, 8 p.m. Wednesdays, South Park, 1141 Massachusetts St. Free. In the event of inclement weather, the concert will move to the Lied Center, 1600

Stewart Drive.

https://lawrenceks.org/lprd/specialevents/ summerconcerts/

#### **Concert themes:**

June 1: Downtown Dance Mix June 8: From Stage and Screen June 15: Hands Across the Channel June 22: Sunny Days, Warm Nights June 29: American Vistas July 6: American Salute July 13: Grand Finale

The band will be socially distanced and perform on the east side of South Park, on the concrete slab east of the bandstand. Participants are asked to adhere to social distancing guidelines in the park. For more detailed COVID-19 guidelines, visit <u>https://assets.lawrenceks.org/lprd/covid/</u> <u>smartsafe21.pdf</u>

### Wakarusa Wetlands Celebration

Sunday, June 5, 9-11 a.m.

Haskell Indian Nations University, 155 East Indian Ave., Medicine Wheel (see link below) Cocal authors and artists will share their creative work, connections to the wetlands and more of the outside world — enhancing our connections to nature, a sense of place, and community. Sponsors: Lawrence Public Library, Haskell Indian Nations University, and Raven Book Store

Feel free to bring a lawn chair or blanket. Plan to arrive at least 15 minutes early to allow time to walk from the road to the Medicine Wheel. A Land Rover will be available for mobility assistance over the uneven ground. In case of inclement weather, expect cancellation. For directions and a list of authors and artists: https://lawrence.bibliocommons.com/events/ 627d209e9c5c1d28009e6b79

#### KU Mini College returns to campus, lectures also offered virtually June 6-8

he 13th annual KU Mini College offers a three-day lectures series for inquisitive adults, in partnership with KU's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute.

The Mini College was first offered in 2009 through the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Since 2016 when budget cuts forced the university to stop offering the Mini College, it has been conducted as a volunteer effort by dedicated alumni in cooperation with KU. The lecturers also volunteer their time. The 2022 lecturers include **Endacott member Jim Peters** and KU retiree Max Utsler.

In 2020, no Mini College was held, and in 2021 most lectures were online only. For 2022, lectures will be offered both virtually and inperson, most in the Commons, Spooner Hall, 1430 Jayhawk Blvd. Click here for registration and fee details.

A sampling of lectures: **The Serious Decline in the U.S. Bird Population**: A. Townsend Peterson, University Distinguished Professor in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology and curator in KU's Biodiversity Institute

**The Life and Music of George Gershwin**: Paul Laird, professor of musicology.

**Presidential Assassins:** Jim Peters, director emeritus of KU's Osher Lifelong Institute.

A Just Machine — The Emergence of Computing in the Early 1900s: Perry Alexander, AT&T Distinguished Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science and director of the Information & Telecommunication Center.

**College Sports and Television — Playing the Game (and the Game Is Football):** Max Utsler, associate professor emeritus, journalism and mass communication.

Landmark Court Cases That Changed the Country: Michael Hoeflich, Distinguished Professor, School of Law. (This lecture will be delivered in Spooner via Zoom and online.)

### Watkins Museum screening of film on 1882 lynching in Lawrence

#### Saturday, June 11; showings at 1 and 3 p.m.

Watkins Museum of History, 1047 Massachusetts Street

Then Three Were Taken: The True Story of an 1882 Lawrence, Kansas, Lynching, a short documentary by Riverking Productions adapted from the novel Vinegar Gang Lynching: Sis Vinegar's Story, by Lawrence attorney and author Napoleon Crews. More than 135 years later, we remember what happened and consider possibilities never discussed in 1882 news reports. Reserve your seats for this free film screening at the Watkins.

#### JUNETEENTH Celebration Lawrence

#### June 16, Thursday, noon ZOOM

Juneteenth, Independence, and the Nation: Then and Now, League of Women Voters Hot Topics! With Dr. Kim Warren and Deborah L. Dandridge ZOOM link <u>https://bit.ly/3LtvdGR</u>

## Omofolabo Ajayi-Soyinka receives African Literature Association distinguished service award

D uring the 2022 African Literature Association (ALA) conference (conducted on Zoom in May), the president surprised Omofolabo Ajayi-Soyinka with the Distinguished Member Award for an outstanding record of service to the ALA and promotion of African literature.

The award cited her life's work as an educator and an ALA member, including serving as vice president in 2010 and as president in 2011. In 2019, she served as first chair of the newly inaugurated ALA Performing and Theatre Caucus. "In addition to her creative work and scholarship, which includes monographs, creative writing, and choreography, Professor Ajayi-Soyinka has contributed immensely to the growth of African Studies, both on the continent of Africa and in the United States, Europe, and other parts of the world. She has devoted her physical and intellectual energy to the dissemination of knowledge on African Theatre, Critical Race Theory, Gender and Sexuality at KU as well as Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y., and the former University of Ife, now Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Nigeria."

#### **June 17, Friday, 7 p.m.** Community Gospel Choir

Victory Bible Church, 1942 Massachusetts St.

#### June 18, Saturday, 11 a.m.

Parade on Massachusetts Street begins at Seventh Street to South Park **Saturday, noon** Juneteenth Celebration, South Park, 1100 Massachusetts St.



Music, videos, speakers, essay contest winners, and more. Includes children's play area, Juneteenth T-shirts, social service and health booths, and food vendors

#### June 19, Sunday, 3-5 p.m.

Walking Tour at Maple Grove Cemetery, 1710 N. Third St., (intersection of U.S. 24 and 40) North Lawrence

## New gift expands Siegfried Lindenbaum Memorial Scholarship

J eff Lindenbaum and his wife, Joan Sorenson, both physicians in Billings, Mont., have committed a \$1 million gift to expand the Siegfried Lindenbaum Memorial Scholarship for pharmaceutical chemistry students.

Jeff's father, Siegfried Lindenbaum, taught in the School of Pharmacy for more than 20 years before his death in 1993. His widow, Loraine Lindenbaum, was an active Endacott member before her death in 2019.

In announcing the IRA beneficiary gift, KU Endowment noted that Siegfried and his younger brother were war refugees, sent to England by their parents through the Kindertransport effort to rescue children from Nazi-controlled countries before World War II. The brothers were the only members of his family to survive. They lived with relatives on a farm in New Jersey. Siegfried earned undergraduate and graduate degrees at Rutgers University and worked at Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Tennessee before coming to KU in 1970.

Drs. Lindenbaum, radiology, and Sorenson, pediatrics, have a son, David.

## KU Retiree Rights and Benefits Committee

2023 survey being planned addressing needs, preferences of all faculty and staff

Note: The following is an excerpt from Ed Meyen's Annual Report on the Retiree Rights and Benefits Committee

ith the endorsement of the KU University Senate, the KU Retiree Rights and Benefits Committee (RRBC) is undertaking a study of the needs, preferences, and services desired and provided to all (i.e., faculty and staff) KU retirees on all KU campuses.

Professor John Poggio in Educational Psychology and Research chairs the committee. Ed Meyen is the committee's Endacott Society representative.

Central to the committee's mission is the task of surveying all KU faculty and staff retirees\_to ascertain their perceptions of retiree benefits and the policies that support them.

The RRBC is early in the planning process for a 2023 survey and has received a grant from KU Endowment to support the work. The new survey will also explore the University's initiatives to prepare retirees for the life changes that occur in retirement and will include KU Medical Center faculty and staff.

Fulfilling the survey mission is a timeconsuming and complex process. However, it is exceedingly important to faculty and staff preparing for retirement and for all aspects of the University in recruiting future faculty. Future students will, in turn, select a university because of its faculty.

Higher education is in an era of determining its future. There are many unknowns. But the need for high-quality faculty and students must be central to the future of the University. The Retiree Rights and Benefits Committee will address the retirement benefits and policies that will enhance the recruitment and retention of the best faculty and staff.

Further, many faculty and staff during their careers at KU are contributors to the philanthropic mission of the KU endowment association's support of the University. Upon their retirement, they continue as friends of the University in appreciation of their KU experiences throughout their careers.

The committee believes that this work will result in guidance, policies, and benefits that increase the numbers of faculty and staff choosing to join the Endacott Society and who will contribute to KUEA through support for scholarships, special initiatives, and facilities.

The challenge that we face as the RRBC is the magnitude, cost, and scope of the survey plan, design, information collection and analyses, and final reporting. Through the RRBC collective efforts, this will be achieved.

**Broad Statement of General Tenor of Past Survey (2008 and 2019) Responses:** 

wo prior KU retirees' surveys (in 2008 and 2019) found many recurring themes. Collectively and in the main, the largely open-ended survey responses reflected the perspective that the University places little value on the career contributions of retirees. Many respondents noted several benefits that once existed are no longer available to retirees, or cost/charges have increased markedly. These concerns are systemic and repeated between the 2008 and 2019 surveys with little to no evidence of an institutional response to them over time. Rather, they reflect evidence that some benefits have even been reduced.

The tenor of retiree responses across both surveys reflects a need for the University to address how the institution responds to the desires and needs of faculty and staff in preparing for and during retirement.

The KU Benefits Office provides individualized retirement information to employees upon notification of retirement, or upon request, and there is retirement information on the KU web pages, but these sources for information may not be widely known. The University's institutional response to the retirees' concerns reflects on the culture of the institution, therefore it is important that future efforts reflect a culture that values retirees: out of sight is <u>not</u> out of mind.

In the 2022 report RRBC prepared from the 2008 and 2019 surveys, the committee identified 12 themes and a complementary recommendation derived from each theme. The 12 themes were grouped into two major "timing" areas meriting attention: *Preparation for Retirement* and *During Retirement*.

# Loss of Latin teaching position for Lawrence sparks praise for Latin and former teacher

hen the Lawrence school district announced in April that Latin was being cut from the high-school curriculum, word got around.

Letters to the editor appeared in the Lawrence Journal-World from alumni of the Lawrence high schools and three from Endacott members:

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former students were postmarked Lawrence and elsewhere including Brooklyn, N.Y.; Dallas; Pittsburgh; Seattle; Washington, D.C.; and one from Athens, Greece (a U.S. State Department officer). They generally credited Latin with helping them as college students and into their careers.

Many of the letter writers had been students of **Anne Shaw**, who retired in 2004 after 20 years of teaching Latin in both high schools. Like the district's current Latin teacher, her full-time position was split

between the two high schools with the opening of Free State High School in 1997.

This school year, 80 students are enrolled in Latin classes. Enrollment in other languages is much higher: Spanish, 985; French, 279; and German, 160. Lawrence High School enrollment is 1,582 and Free State, 1,810. Kansas does not require foreign language credits for high school graduation.

Anne and her husband, **Michael Hearne Shaw**, retired from the KU classics faculty, were among Lawrence residents urging school board members to keep Latin in the curriculum. When the Lawrence Journal-World contacted Anne for comments about the decision to cut Latin, she pointed out that the study of Latin includes learning the culture and history of a civilization that remains relevant today.

"I mean, good grief, Latin literature is full of people like Cicero complaining about the system and what they can do about the system."

Last week, in a phone conversation, I asked Anne if she had a favorite Latin quote. She offered one from Virgil's *Aeneid* that a class of Latin III students had liked and had emblazoned on the back of the T shirts they had made for the class.

To set the scene, she explained: Troy has fallen, and Aeneas and his followers are trying to

get to Italy but have ended up on the coast of Africa. Aeneas encourages his companions, reminding them that they have come through many troubles: *forsan et haec olim meminisse iuvabit*. Translation: **"Perhaps even these things at some point it will be good to remember."** 

Anne wryly noted: "I think there was a fair amount of irony involved in the choice of quotation, given the sufferings imposed by Latin III." Anne said if any good came from the news of this cut, it was that she has been able to get in touch

with more former students.

remember."

Her own decision to study Latin and classical literature was influenced by her high school Latin teacher in South Africa. Anne was born and raised in Johannesburg. She earned her undergraduate degree in South Africa and graduate degree from a college in England. She arrived in the United States in 1966 to pursue a doctorate in classics at the University of Texas-Austin, where she and Michael met. They moved to Lawrence when Michael accepted an appointment in KU's classics department. — *Mary Jane Dunlap* 



## They waited 52 and 50 years to Walk Down the Hill

Above: Members of the classes of 1970 and 1972 gathered on Memorial Drive for a photo before joining the 2022 Commencement procession on May 15. The classes both missed the opportunity to walk down the Hill because bad weather forced their ceremonies to move to Allen Fieldhouse. In 2020, the Alumni Association invited the Class of 1970 to return, but that ceremony was canceled because of the pandemic. As Chancellor Doug Girod pointed out in his address, the third time was indeed the charm for the group. The Alumni Association organized the event, to which the Class of 1972 Gold Medal Club members were invited. We spied Endacott members (right) Michael and Evie Rapport and got a close up. Watch Alumni video of these grads: <u>https:// www.youtube.com/watch?v=x0b-Jeg3HuE</u>



JULY-AUGUST Newsletter

Send news items for the **July-August newsletter** by **Monday, June 20**, to <u>mjdunlap@ku.edu</u>

Members may subscribe to the Endacott e-mail list by sending a request to endacottsociety@gmail.com

#### DUES & GIFTS

To be a member of the Endacott Society, one must have retired from KU or any accredited institution of higher learning. Sign up and remit dues as a member of the KU Alumni Association, designating "Endacott Society membership." (Call 785-864-4760, asking for Records, or go online at www.kualumni.org/join; scroll down to Membership Options for Every Jayhawk, click on Endacott Society, and select an option.) Dues for retirees are \$30 a year. Spouses or partners can be added at no additional cost.

Contributions or memorial gifts in honor of current or deceased persons should be paid directly to the Endacott Society in care of the Adams Alumni Center, 1266 Oread Ave., Lawrence KS 66045-3169. These funds will be deposited in the **Expressions of Appreciation Fund** and can, if so designated, be used to support the Endacott Society's various activities.

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