



# Endacott SOCIETY

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Welcome Center  
and Adams Alumni  
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## 2 special events in November

**Endacott ReMembers**, an annual event to honor members who have died, will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 7, in the Burge Union, Forum B. See Page 3 for details. Endacott President MaryKayMahoney is organizing the 2022 program.

**Cinema Studies & Lunch Bunch** plan a combined Bring-Your-Own Lunch and a film program from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10, at the Lawrence Public Library, Room C.

J. Tom Adams, Cinema Studies co-chair, says, "Although Nov. 10 is National Vanilla Cupcake Day, we are viewing the Mexican movie *Like Water for Chocolate*. We are providing special snacks and drinks in addition to coffee."

The screening room has a "comfort" capacity of 20 to 25. Please let J. Tom Adams [papawmik2004@yahoo.com](mailto:papawmik2004@yahoo.com) or Nora Clark [nora.clark@wsu.edu](mailto:nora.clark@wsu.edu) know if you plan to attend.

Members should bring their own lunches. Free parking is available on the top level of the garage. All other levels are free for the first two hours. A \$2 fee is required if your stay is over two hours. Handicap parking is available. See Page 4 for a description of the film.



Photo by Kevin Boatright

## Welcome Center and Alumni Center expected to open in spring 2023

About 35 Endacott members toured the new Jayhawk Welcome Center construction and Adams Alumni Center renovation on Oct. 7.

Mark Reiske, University architect, estimated that both buildings should be ready for move in, early in the first quarter of 2023.

The Welcome Center will house Admissions staff and be the starting point for campus tours.

In photo above, Kristi Laclé, Alumni senior vice president of programs and hospitality, who led our tour, began in the Welcome Center lobby, which will also be the entrance to the Adams building (the brick wall in the background of photo). Glass-paneled walkways connect the two buildings. The Adams building will have a front entrance, but not for daily use.

The reception desk (at left in photo above) will serve visitors to

both buildings. A two-story tall jumbo screen above the reception desk will greet visitors by name, provided they use an Admissions code on their cell phones.

The building planners asked KU architecture students how they would envision a welcome center, and they recommended a modern structure with lots of light and space.

Alumni officials have observed that the contrast of the conjoined colonial and modern building styles might reflect alumni and new generations of students.

The massive wall screens used throughout the Welcome Center will display photos and videos that reflect KU success stories and legends. At times, when sandwiched between jumbo screens, visitors might feel immersed in the action. While today's 18-year-olds have grown up with supersized TVs and jumbotrons, the wall-screen technology dazzled more than dazzled some members who remember test patterns on TV.

# *New Guide to Kansas Mushrooms* published this fall

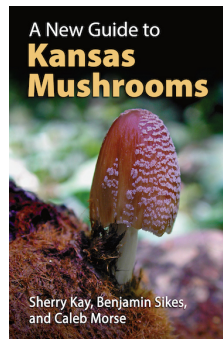
Couple planned revisions for new guide during emergency-room wait

During a four-hour wait in an emergency room six years ago, Richard “Skip” Kay helped his wife, Sherry, organize what became *A New Guide to Kansas Mushrooms*, published this fall by University Press of Kansas.

Skip, a medieval historian; Sherry; and two friends, microbiologist Bruce Horn and electron-microscope technician Dean Abel, wrote the first *Guide to Kansas Mushrooms* in 1993. By 2017, it was out of print. Mycology taxonomy was changing dramatically, largely due to advances in molecular genetics. About a fourth of the fungal names had changed since 1993. And the list of mushrooms found in Kansas had expanded in 25 years from about 725 to more than 1,200 different species.

By 2016, Skip had been retired nearly 18 years. He and Sherry were doing Home Hemo Dialysis for his kidney disease when the University Press asked if he would revise the book; he declined. Bruce and Dean were consulted but also declined. Sherry, the field mycologist who had introduced Skip to hunting for mushrooms, volunteered to undertake the revision. That 2016 emergency-room wait was the lull that gave them time to plan the new book.

Sherry described Skip as an intense scholar, a Dante specialist who was content to work at his desk. She urged him to get outside and join her in looking for mushrooms — something she had done since childhood. She had also taken a few courses with the late Robert “Bob” Lichtwardt, botanist and renowned mycologist.



Skip took their field hunts a step further. He, Sherry, and friends who also enjoyed hunting, identifying, and sometimes eating mushrooms, organized the Kaw Valley Mycology Society in the 1990s. The first Kansas guide soon followed.

After Richard’s death in 2018, Sherry recruited Benjamin Sikes, a microbial ecologist researching soil fungi, and Caleb Morse, a botanist in KU’s Biodiversity Institute who is interested in lichens, to work on the revision. Caleb concentrated on the index and the keys. Ben’s work included “a phenomenal cladogram showing how mushrooms are related to one another,” Sherry said.

The revised edition is written with both novice and seasoned mycophiles in mind. It includes online resources and notes on how to grow mushrooms in Kansas.

Keeping pace with changes in mycology was a challenge, Sherry said. “The day we took the manuscript to the printer, we discovered that five names had changed since the month before (really!)”

Sherry says she doesn’t eat many mushrooms from the field anymore, as dealing with specimens past their prime has been a deterrent. “I just like tracking them down and figuring out what they are.”

She is now trying to digitize a lists of mushrooms identified by members of the Kaw Valley Mycology Society and others since 1989. Much of it is in her handwriting. “These are field lists. We didn’t do any genetic analysis of what we found. I can only work on it an hour at a time.”

Then it’s time to go outside.

## Azizi family:

### Giving thanks

The Azizi family, who fled their home in Afghanistan a year ago and have been in the United States for five months, is working to adjust to their new surroundings in Overland Park. Their son, Baset, who has been in the United States since 2016, graduating with three KU degrees in May, posted an update last month on his GoFundMe page. <https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-basets-afghan-family-resettle-in-kansas>

He writes: My parents and two older sisters are working while taking English courses. My youngest sister is in high school. They are learning the

language, and the culture, and working on projects such as getting their driver's licenses. I am hoping that they feel at home in Kansas.

I want to thank you for your friendship and ongoing support. Your generosity is making a significant difference in the lives of my family members ... I never imagined that moving to a new country would be this challenging and costly. But we are grateful for your support ... We are grateful that our family is reunited and lives in a safe community. We are also grateful to have caring friends who supported us on this journey.”

(See the 2022 July-August and September newsletters for more about the family.)

## 2023 AARP Tax-Aide recruiting volunteers

Volunteer recruitment continues for the Lawrence-Douglas County district AARP Tax-Aide, a free volunteer-run tax preparation and assistance service for low- and moderate-income individuals and families.

For details contact Tax-Aide District Manager Sarah Merriman, [smerriman@swbell.net](mailto:smerriman@swbell.net). Most training is in early January. The service runs Feb. 6-April 15, 2023.

# NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES

NOTE: No programs scheduled this month for:  
Armchair Travel  
Arts & Sciences  
Evening Lecture & Potluck  
Great Books Discussion  
Movement Workshop  
Singing for Fun

## SPECIAL EVENT

### Endacott ReMembers

MaryKayMahoney  
[mahoneym@merrimack.edu](mailto:mahoneym@merrimack.edu)  
Burge Union, Forum B  
Monday, Nov. 7, 1:30 p.m.

On the first Monday of November, Endacott ReMembers honors Endacott members who have died. Following a reading of names of deceased members, we will watch the 1991 film *Defending Your Life*.

## 10 O'CLOCK SCHOLARS Wednesday coffee hour (Hybrid)

MaryKay Mahoney [mahoneym@merrimack.edu](mailto:mahoneym@merrimack.edu)  
All sessions are in the Kansas Memorial Union,  
Malott Room, Level 6

Wednesday, Nov. 2, 10 a.m.  
Wednesday, Nov. 9, 10 a.m.  
Wednesday, Nov. 16, 10 a.m.  
Wednesday, Nov. 23, 10 a.m.  
Wednesday, Nov. 30, 10 a.m.

*The trouble with retirement is that  
you never get a day off.*

*-Abe Lemons*

## CINEMA STUDIES

Nora Clark [nora.clark@washburn.edu](mailto:nora.clark@washburn.edu)  
J. Tom Adams [papawmik2004@yahoo.com](mailto:papawmik2004@yahoo.com)  
Our movies are viewed and discussed in the  
Lawrence Public Library on the Lower Level in  
either Room A or Room C. Library policy permits us  
to bring our own food and drinks as long as we pick  
up after ourselves. Coffee is usually provided.  
Free parking is available on the top level of the  
adjacent garage. All other levels are free for the first  
two hours. A \$2 fee is required if your stay is over

two hours. Handicap parking is available.— J. Tom  
Adams

## DOCUMENTARY FILM

Friday, Nov. 18, 1:30 to 4 p.m.  
Lawrence Public Library, Room A  
**Lion**

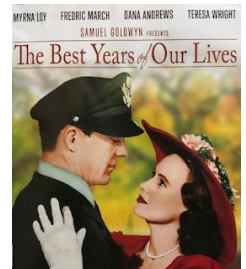
Based on the true story of Saroo Brierley, who lived a  
poor but happy life in central India with his mother  
and older brother. At the age of 5, he was separated  
from his brother when he fell asleep  
on a train and awoke a thousand  
miles away in Kolkata. He was  
adopted by an Australian couple  
and, after 25 years, he began  
searching for his Indian family.  
Adapted from Brierley's book *A  
Long Way Home*, the screenplay  
was written by Luke Davies. The  
movie was nominated for six  
Oscars and won 59 other awards from a total of 159  
nominations. (2016, 1 hour 58 minutes)



## DOMESTIC FILM

Tuesday, Nov. 8, 1:30-4 p.m.  
Lawrence Public Library, Room C  
**The Best Years of Our Lives**

Three World War II veterans, one traumatized and one  
disabled, return home to discover that they and their  
families have been irreparably changed by the war.  
The story focuses on the social  
readjustments of these men.  
Directed by William Wyler, the  
film won seven Oscars. Harold  
Russell, the disabled veteran,  
became the only actor to win two  
Academy Awards for the same  
role. The Board of Governors,  
thinking he would not win, gave  
him an honorary award “for  
bringing hope and courage to his fellow veterans  
through his appearance.” Russell won Best  
Supporting Actor. (1946, 2 hours 50 minutes)



## FOREIGN FILM

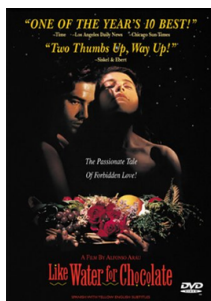
**Special Lunch Bunch & a Film**  
Thursday, Nov. 10, 12:30-4:30 p.m.  
Lawrence Public Library, Room C

### **Like Water for Chocolate**

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bring-your-own lunch and a film. Please let us know  
if you plan to attend, as the room has a “comfort”  
capacity of 20 to 25.*



In a Mexico village, Tita and Pedro fall in love, but their marriage is forbidden by traditions. Tita's mother, Elena, sees Tita's role as her caretaker for life — no younger daughter has ever married first, and her daughter will not be the first to break tradition. Tita's heart breaks when her mother offers Pedro her sister, and he accepts just to live near Tita — he says. Now they live in the same house, and the mother



cannot forbid their love as she did their marriage. Based on Laura Esquivel's acclaimed novel, the film was directed by Alfonso Arau. It won 10 Ariel Awards, including Best Picture, and was nominated for a Golden Globe for Best Non-English Language Film. (1992, 1 hour 45 minutes)

## DRAMA STUDIES

*Michael Shaw* [michaelhearnshaw@gmail.com](mailto:michaelhearnshaw@gmail.com)

Location - To Be Announced

### *Death of a Salesman*

Tuesday, Nov. 8, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 22, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Arthur Miller's 1949 *Death of a Salesman* received the Pulitzer Prize for Drama. This tragic story of a family's unfulfilled yearning for the American Dream, and the self-destructive consequences of one man's delusions, is widely regarded as the most important play in the history of American theatre. A discussion will follow our live reading of the play. Whether the November sessions will be on Zoom or in person has yet to be determined.

## GARDEN SEMINAR (Hybrid)

*Cal and Jo Cink* [ccinkbird75@gmail.com](mailto:ccinkbird75@gmail.com)

KU Memorial Union, Pine Room, Level 6

Wednesday, Nov. 9, 9 a.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 23, 9 a.m.

### **Wildlife Damage Prevention and Control in the Lawn and Garden**

In addition to wildlife damage, we will discuss preparing our gardens for winter.

## LUNCH BUNCH

*Ron Schorr* [rwwschorr@gmail.com](mailto:rwwschorr@gmail.com)

If the weather is pleasant, the group will meet at the Weinberg Pavilion at the Rotary Arboretum, 5100 W. 27th St. If not, Ron will announce a local restaurant for that week. No session on Nov. 24, Thanksgiving.

Thursday, Nov. 3, noon

Thursday, Nov. 10 12:30 *Special Lunch Bunch & Film* (See Foreign Film for details).

Thursday, Nov. 17, noon

## OLD TIME RADIO (Zoom)

*John Nicholson* [wryter@gmail.com](mailto:wryter@gmail.com)

### **Holidays theme**

Monday, Nov. 28, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

We'll listen to three programs: *Casey, Crime Photographer*; *The Bing Crosby Christmas Show* from 1953; and the Hallmark Playhouse episode *Silent Night*. If you haven't heard the story of how and why the carol "Silent Night" was written, don't miss this one. The waiting room opens at 1:15 p.m. If you haven't attended before, please consider joining us. No reservations are necessary.

## TECHNOLOGY STUDIES (Hybrid)

(AKA Computer & Technology Studies)

*David Mannering* [dmannering@yahoo.com](mailto:dmannering@yahoo.com)

Kansas Memorial Union, Malott Room, Level 6

Wednesday, Nov. 2, 9 a.m.

Cyber Attacks: Viruses, Denial of Service, Ransomware & More

Wednesday, Nov. 16, 9 a.m.

Future Technology: A look at some new ideas and implementations

## Grant Goodman Memorial



Photo by Paul Lim

Some Garden Seminar friends gathered in Paul Stephen Lim's backyard recently to view a wood sculpture by Karl Ramberg. The memorial sculpture was created from the trunk of a honey locust tree that died this summer. Grant Goodman had planted the tree in Lim's backyard in 1985 as a house gift. Grant would have been 98 on Oct. 18. Pictured from left are Denise DeTomasso (Ramberg's partner), Jan and Stan Roth, Ramberg, Cal Cink, Jon Standing, Jo Cink, and Mary Standing.



# ASSORTED COMING EVENTS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

## **Dole Fellow 2022 Discussion Series (Hybrid)**

### **Can Democrats Prevent a Tidal Wave?**

**Nov. 2, Wednesday 4-5:30 p.m.**

Dole Institute of Politics, 2350 Petefish Drive  
History and public polling suggest Republicans are likely to regain control of the House, but Democrats see their prospects improving as voting draws near. Maya Rupert, campaign manager for Julian Castro's presidential campaign and later consultant to Sen. Elizabeth Warren's 2020 campaign, will explore the question: Can Democrats defy expectations?

## **Dole Fellow 2022 Discussion Series (Hybrid)**

### **An Instant Look at the Results**

**Nov. 9, Wednesday, 4-5:30 p.m.**

Dole Institute of Politics, 2350 Petefish Drive  
On the day after the election, Jackie Calmes, Los Angeles Times political columnist and former White House and congressional reporter for the Wall Street Journal and the New York Times, will take an in-depth look at the outcome.

## **The Counselors / Resolved: Felons Should Be Allowed to Vote After Completing Their Sentence (Hybrid)**

**Nov. 10, Thursday 6:30-8 p.m.**

Dole Institute of Politics, 2350 Petefish Drive  
In a cross between a courtroom trial and a debate, two counselors present opposing arguments and call two expert witnesses. The counselors will be Edward C. Duckers, partner at Stoel Rives LLP and head of the firm's Litigation Practice, and Pedro L. Irigonegaray, attorney and partner at Irigonegaray, Turney & Revenaugh.

## **Lawrence Veterans Day Parade**

**Nov. 12, Saturday, 11 a.m.**

Begins at Seventh and Massachusetts Street and ends at 11th Street  
Sponsored by the nonprofit Lawrence Veterans Day Parade Association, the parade honors all veterans and Gold Star families. **Warren Corman**, World War II Navy veteran, will be parade marshal. The parade will include three bands, members of American Legion Post No. 14, ROTC honor guards from KU and Haskell Indian Nations University, the Civil Air Patrol and antique vehicles. This is the first Veterans Day parade in two years. The annual event was cancelled in 2020 due to Covid restrictions. In 2021, the parade plan coincided with the KU-KSU football game, scheduled to be televised by ESPN. The

association arranged to honor veterans in a half-time ceremony on the field at David Booth Memorial Stadium.

## **11th annual KU Vets Day 5K**

1101 Mississippi St.

**Nov. 13, Sunday, 9 a.m.-noon**

The KU Student Veterans of America and KU Veterans Alumni Network pays tribute to all veterans with their 5K for runners, walkers, wheelchair racers. The campus run begins and ends at Memorial Stadium, traveling past KU's war memorials. All proceeds support KU Student Veterans of America chapter, the KU Veterans Alumni Network and the Lt. Gen. William K. Jones Military-Affiliated Student Center. Registration and sign-up fees. Discounts for Military/Veterans and KU Alumni Association members. <https://runsignup.com/Race/KS/Lawrence/KUVetsDay5K>.

## **Service Above Self: Women Veterans in American Politics (Hybrid)**

**Nov. 15, Tuesday, 2-3:30 p.m.**

Dole Institute of Politics, 2350 Petefish Drive  
Erika Cornelius Smith will discuss her book, *Service Above Self: Women Veterans in American Politics*.

## **Dole Fellow 2022 Discussion Series (Hybrid)**

### **How the Outcome Will Change Washington**

**Nov. 16, Wednesday, 4-5:30 p.m.**

Dole Institute of Politics, 2350 Petefish Drive  
John Harwood, veteran political journalist, and Lindsay Wise, Wall Street Journal reporter, will explore the question: How will the midterms affect how Washington works, now and through the 2024 presidential election?

## **Primer on Social Security's 2023 Cost of Living increase**

**O**n Oct. 9, the New York Times published the primer "Social Security's Cost-of-Living Increase: Everything You Need to Know," by Mark Miller. "Inflation dictates the annual benefit adjustment, known as the COLA, for retired Americans. The latest boost of 8.7 percent for 2023 is the highest since 1981."

If you are not a subscriber or you missed it, you may be able to access it for free on a one-time basis by searching for the headline. Or, if you are a Lawrence Public Library patron, you can access the New York Times online with your library card and PIN number. On the library's web page, the link for newspapers is under Resources: <https://lplks.org/resources/newspapers-and-magazines/>

## IN MEMORIAM

We have included members of Endacott and retirees and their spouses in the KU community. The names in boldface are recent members.

### WALTER GEHLBACH 1928-2022

Walter Roy Gehlbach died Sept. 16, 2022. His life was celebrated on Sept. 22 at Southminster Presbyterian Church in Prairie Village. An Air Force veteran, he served in Korea 1951-1953. After earning his master's degree in 1954 at Kansas State, he taught vocational agriculture and coached football at Alma High School and in 1957 at Lawrence High School. In 1966, he became director of student admissions and records for the KU Medical Center, establishing that office at the medical center in 1968. He retired from KU in 1991. Preceded in death by son Bruce and wife Lou, he is survived by his brother Charles, his children Deb (Ray) Rowden, Gregg (Linda) Gehlbach and Dan (Janis) Gehlbach; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

### RUDOLF JANDER

Rudolf Jander passed away Sept. 22, 2022, in Ithaca, N.Y. A native of Heidelberg, Germany, Rudolf received his PhD from the University of Munich in

1957. He taught entomology at KU for 47 years. He enjoyed a lifelong passion for ants and their unique behaviors. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Ursula Jander (Ithaca, N.Y.), his daughter Birgit Hindman (Redmond, Wash.), his sons Georg Jander (Ithaca, N.Y.) and Albrecht Jander (Corvallis, Ore.), eight grandchildren and his sisters Hildburg Grau (Wiesbaden, Germany) and Sigrid Carsten (Ladenburg, Germany).

### DONALD MARQUIS 1935-2022

Donald Bagley Marquis, 86, of Lawrence, died Sept. 13, 2022, after a brief illness. A Celebration of Life will be held at a future date. He taught at KU from 1967 until his retirement in 2016. During that time, he published many papers on medical ethics, particularly abortion, physician-assisted suicide, and clinical trials; earned many teaching awards; and inspired a love of debate and critical inquiry in those around him. Don was married to Janet Goldsberry from 1958 to 1985. After their divorce, Don enjoyed spending time with his loving companion, Lois Clark, for 19 years until her death in February 2022. He is survived by his daughter Alison and her partner Roal Carlson, son Cary and his partner Laura Bingham, and six grandchildren.

## A glimpse at other university retiree organizations

**D**uring a recent Wednesday coffee hour, some members suggested looking for ideas to boost the Endacott Society's presence in the KU community. The Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education may be a resource. AROHE is a nonprofit representing more than 50 retirement groups in universities and organizations.

Three area universities with AROHE membership are Colorado State University, Iowa State University and Oklahoma State University. Both Iowa State and Oklahoma State retiree groups are linked to their alumni associations.

Colorado State's organization is known as the Society of CSU Faculty & Staff Retirees, The provost serves as responsible administrator for the society, and the society provides biennial reports to the provost. <https://society-faculty-ap-retirees.colostate.edu>

The ISU Retirees Association formed in 1975 and has been part of the the ISU Alumni Association since 2006. There are no membership dues. The ISURA's board of directors is an official university committee whose members are appointed to represent each college, the University Library, Extension, the merit staff, the professional and scientific staff, and the University Benefits Committee. ISU Alumni Association staff and a

university administration representative are ex-officio members of the committee. <https://www.isualum.org/s/565>

The Oklahoma State Emeriti Association was formed in 1988. The organization is housed in the Conoco-Phillips Alumni Building that includes an Emeriti Suite (a rental space). The OSU Alumni website notes: "The Alumni Center has given our alumni their first visible 'home' on campus. .... It also includes a much-needed permanent home for the Emeriti Faculty and Staff Council." <https://emeriti.okstate.edu>

### Armchair Travel's September program on North Macedonia on YouTube

If you missed the Sept. 22 Armchair Travel program on recent travels in North Macedonia by Richard Kershenbaum and Jenny Lattimore, it is now on YouTube thanks to David Mannering.

Ron Schorr suggests it's worth a look. <https://youtu.be/rLrZNj3MXbY?t=390>





## Jayhawk Welcome Center features big tech, expansive view

Top photo: Kristi Leclé from KU Alumni Association explains the use of the wall screens and sound system that will tell KU success stories and allow visitors and prospective students to visit campus or Lawrence locations at the touch of a screen. Lower left: Ed Meyen looks out across the campus from the top floor of the Welcome Center. Center right photo: an exterior view of the conjoined buildings. Lower right, Endacott members standing at the reception desk in the lobby. The reception desk will serve visitors, prospective students, and alumni. The Welcome Center lobby is the entryway to the Adams Alumni building.

Photos by Kevin Boatright

**Welcome Center:** 30,000 sq. ft  
**Funding:** all private gifts  
**Cost to build Welcome Center and renovate Alumni Center:** approximately \$29.45 million  
**Estimated opening:** by early spring 2023



At right: The Adams Alumni Center lobby was removed to create more open space and natural light flow. The old front entry is behind Kristi Leclé on far right. The camera is facing the south side of the old lobby. The hall behind the tour group opens to the south east-west corridor. Below on left is the base of the new open stairwell that replaces the old spiral staircase.



Photos by Kevin Boatright

Above: A former conference room on the far southwest corner of the Adams building will become the Endacott Library and Office. The window at the back of the room looks out on Oread Avenue. Left photo: The All-American Room on the second floor of the Adams building will be an open rather than an enclosed room. The Welcome Center is behind the fireplace on the back wall.

## Adams Alumni Center renovations upgrade technology; create more spacious central corridors

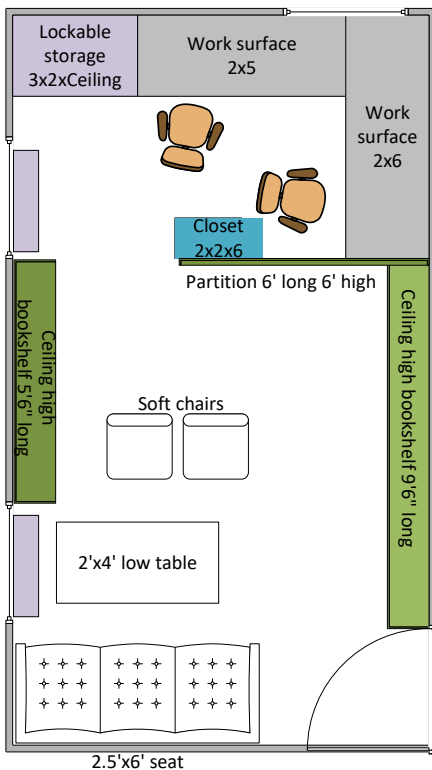
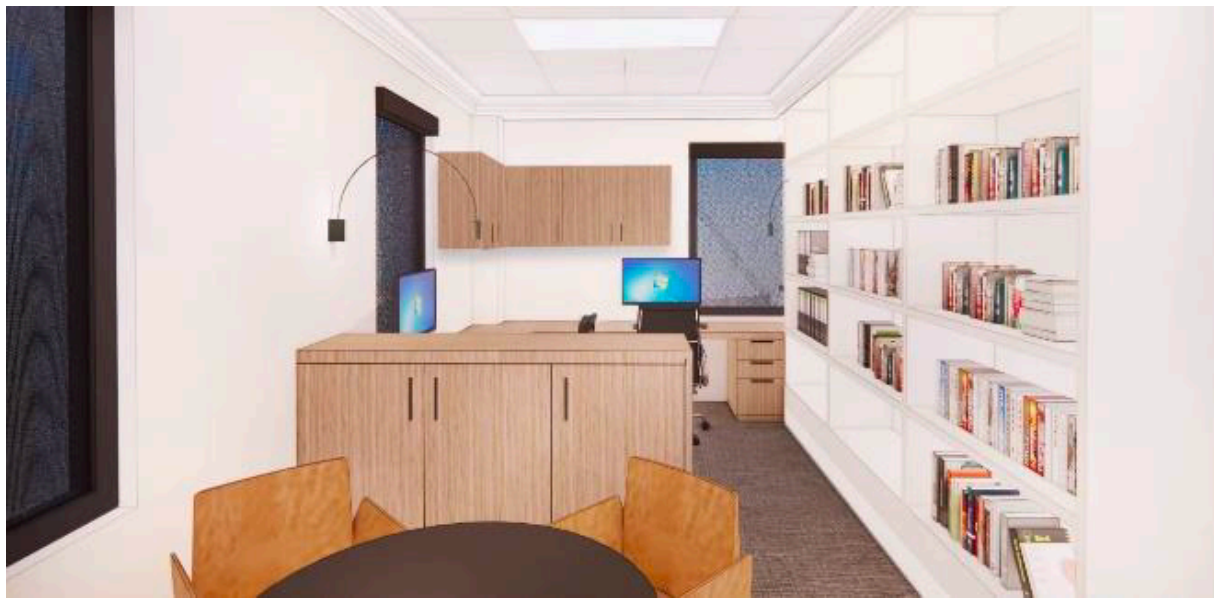
In the Adams building, the central corridors on the first and second floors have been widened to allow more natural light to flow from east to west. The reception desk was removed, and the spiral staircase was replaced with a multi-landing square-cased stairwell, opposite the elevators. The former computer room and office for the Endacott Society,

previously along the south wall of the Alumni building, became part of a general meeting room on the south wall. A former conference room in the southwest corner on the first floor will serve as a library and office space for the Endacott Society. Endacott events can be held in the meeting rooms.

Much of the renovation is to upgrade technology needed for both buildings.

The Alumni Association manages both buildings and leases or rents space in both. The KU Admissions office leases the entire Welcome Center space from the KU Alumni Association.





Above: An early architectural rendering proposed by Alumni officials. Left: The Endacott executive committee (see Timeline below) asked to move computer stations to the right side of the room and create a 6-foot partition between the office and library sections of the room. They also proposed replacing the table and chairs with a sofa and soft chairs. They later learned that the sofa and chairs configuration wasn't workable for wheelchairs or fire codes. A third proposal was to continue to use the table and four chair arrangement. We weren't able to obtain the current room floor plan for this edition.

## Floor plan evolution

The Endacott Society's new Library & Office, on the southwest corner of the first floor, previously served as a small conference room. It measures 9 feet 11 inches wide x 18 feet 7 inches deep. The bookshelf space is the same as it was in the McGinnis Library. Alumni officials determined space allocation for the

Endacott Society in part on how frequently members used the previous spaces. Another consideration in reconfiguring the first-floor space was providing the Student Alumni Network with a visible office and making students feel welcome in the Alumni Center. The former library space is being converted to offices for the student network.

## TIMELINE

### Aug. 20, 2020

An Endacott task force met on Zoom with Alumni Association officers for a first look at architectural plans for the \$29 million, two-phase project to construct a new Welcome Center and renovate the alumni building.

The task force included **Jo Cink**, president; **Pam Houston**, treasurer; **David Bushouse**, secretary; **Omofolabo Ajayi-Soyinka**, president-elect; **David Mannering** and **Paul Lim**, past presidents. They recommended changes to the plans for the combined Endacott library-office space. The Alumni officers planned to get back with the task force regarding changes requested.

With Covid restrictions, the building was closed to the public for the fall semester. Endacott officers were asked to inventory Endacott materials in the McGinnis library and the Endacott Society office. All Endacott items not designated for storage during the projected 18-month construction period needed to be removed from the building.

### Dec. 17, 2020

Endacott's task force met with Alumni Association officials via Zoom to review the changes suggested in August. Ground-breaking for the Welcome Center construction was estimated for late March 2021. The conservative estimate for completion was fall 2022. The Alumni Center Renovation — Phase 2 of the \$29 million project, entirely privately funded — depended on securing additional funding.

## TIMELINE *continued*

### **Jan. 6, 2021**

Heath Peterson, Alumni Association president, joined the Wednesday coffee hour on Zoom to summarize progress on plans for constructing the Welcome Center and renovating the Alumni Center. Fundraising for Alumni Center phase of the project was continuing.

### **March 23, 2021**

Endacott's executive officers met with the Alumni Association president and his team on Zoom to review suggestions made in December to improve the configuration of the Endacott library/computer room. An architect from Helix+Design was working on solutions and would meet with the Endacott task force in the near future.

### **March 24, 2021**

The Lawrence Journal-World reported on plans filed in City Hall for the Alumni Association's construction of the new Welcome Center. "\$21M project will connect to existing alumni center."

### **April 21, 2021**

About 30 Endacott members met via Zoom with Heath Peterson, Alumni Association president, during the Wednesday Coffee. He reported that the new \$21-million Jayhawk Welcome Center had been fully funded with private donations. Groundbreaking would be May 6. About \$3.5 million had been raised toward the \$9.1 million Alumni Center renovation. If full funding for the Alumni Center can be secured by June 30, then both projects would be done simultaneously, with a completion date of August-September 2022.

He reviewed plans for the new Endacott library/computer room and meeting spaces on the first and second floors. Architect renderings showed the library/computer room with changes proposed by the Endacott task force. This included placement of the bookshelves and small seating area, a keypad for security on the door, cabinets above the computer desk and between the computer area and seating area.

Storage for larger items would be in the adjacent hall. Meeting spaces would be in a room adjacent to the library, which could be partitioned into two smaller rooms. The Summerfield Room (on the east end of first floor) would be renovated and available for larger gatherings. On the second floor, the Adams Lounge would remain as a meeting space. The Bruckmiller Room could be used for potluck suppers. Audiovisual equipment will be built into all meeting areas, along with hearing loops. Parking will be in the KU garage across the street. An additional lot adjacent to the parking garage was being

considered. Some handicapped parking would be available next to the building.

The University Daily Kansan **April 21, 2021**, **headline:** KU Alumni Association plans \$21 million 'Jayhawk Welcome Center,' faculty members respond with anger

### **May 6, 2021**

Groundbreaking for the Jayhawk Welcome Center.

### **Aug. 1, 2021**

Cancellation of all in-person, indoor meetings for Endacott coffees that had been announced in the July-August newsletter, due to a surge in spread of the Delta variant of the coronavirus in Lawrence.

### **Oct. 20, 2021**

Heath Peterson, Alumni Association president, joined the Wednesday coffee hour on Zoom to announce that the Adams Alumni Center renovation would begin in early 2022. He expected the building to reopen next fall, when the Welcome Center was scheduled to open. The \$8- to \$9-million renovation and technology upgrades for Adams Alumni Center were nearly fully funded.

### **Oct. 27, 2021**

Endacott members attending the Wednesday coffee via Zoom proposed the membership make individual donations to support the two-phased alumni project. Our donations would recognize the significance and positive impact of the two projects — not only to student recruitment, but also to current students, faculty, staff, and of course retirees.

### **Nov. 24, 2021**

For the first time since March 2020, 19 vaccinated and "boosted" Endacott members gathered for a Thanksgiving coffee at the Dillons at Sixth and Wakarusa.

### **Dec. 29, 2021**

To celebrate the end of 2021 and a new year, 18 vaccinated and "boosted" Endacott members gathered for coffee at the Dillons at Sixth and Wakarusa.

### **Feb. 1, 2022**

Endacott members collectively had donated \$1,300 in support of the Alumni Association's dual projects to renovate the Adams Alumni Center and boost student recruitment with a new Jayhawk Welcome Center.





Photo by Kevin Boatright

Oct. 7, 2022: Endacott Society members gather to tour the renovated alumni building directly behind them and the new Welcome Center to the left of the alumni building.

### *TIMELINE continued*

#### **March 1, 2022**

The Endacott newsletter announced that an anonymous donor had contributed \$1,000 to the Endacott Society's donations in support of the Alumni Association's dual projects. Since December, Endacott members had collectively donated \$2,300 toward the Alumni Center renovation.

#### **March 9, 2022**

Alumni President Heath Peterson joined the Wednesday coffee hour on Zoom to update progress on the dual projects and to thank Endacott members for their collective donations of \$2,300. About \$500,000 remained to be funded for the combined \$29 million project. Both buildings were expected to be open by January 2023. Move-in dates would be announced later.

#### **March 16, 2022**

Endacott members met for a trial in-person coffee hour at the Hy-Vee cafe. It was the first scheduled in-person meeting since December.

#### **April 6, 2022**

The Endacott Society coffee hour began hybrid meetings in the Kansas Memorial Union.

#### **May 18, 2022**

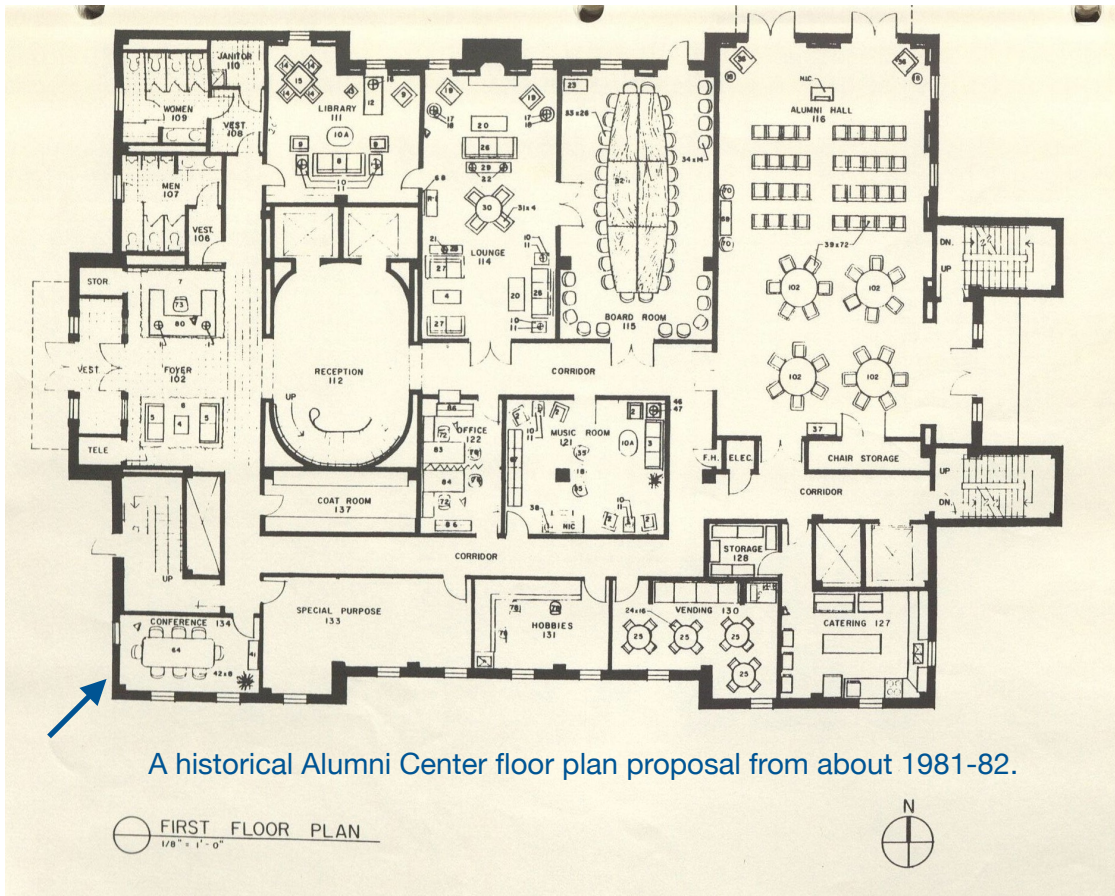
Heath Peterson, Alumni Association president, attended the Wednesday coffee to announce that the Alumni Center renovation began the week of May 8. Both the Welcome Center and the renovated alumni building were scheduled to open in early 2023. The budget for the combined projects had increased from \$29 million to \$29.45 million due to rising prices. All money for the construction (\$21 million) and renovation (\$8 million) was contributed by private donors. About \$400,000 remained to be funded.

The adjoined buildings will serve prospective students as well as alumni and current students, faculty, and staff. The meeting rooms will be available to paying customers.

President Omofolabo Ajayi-Soyinka requested a tour of the renovated center once it is possible to have a group in the building to view the space designated for Endacott's library-office.

#### **Oct. 7, 2022**

Staff from KU Alumni and from Facilities Planning & Development led about 35 Endacott members on a tour of the renovation and construction work. Projected move-in dates are for early in first quarter of 2023.



A historical Alumni Center floor plan proposal from about 1981-82.

The above floor plan is from the early 1980s — one of the several revisions drafted during the planning for the Adams Alumni Center then designed to house alumni offices, a faculty dining club and KU retiree services.

The plan was copied from a notebook kept by Paul S. Endacott of his correspondence and papers related to his original proposal for a KU retirees center in the 1960s and 1970s. His notebooks are in the KU Archives.

This floor plan is similar to the configuration of the building when it opened in 1983. The arrow shows the location of the conference room that will be the library and office for the Endacott Society in 2023.

## DECEMBER NEWS

Please submit news and photos for the December 2022 newsletter no later than Nov. 20 to Mary Jane Dunlap.  
[mjdunlap@ku.edu](mailto:mjdunlap@ku.edu)

## Expressions of Appreciation

Contributions or memorial gifts in honor of living 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 gifts will be deposited in the **Expressions of Appreciation Fund** and can, if so designated, be used to support the Endacott Society activities.

## MEMBERSHIP & DUES

Formed in 1983, the Endacott Society is a program within the KU Alumni Association for retired faculty and staff and is open to retirees from other accredited institutions of higher education. Our purpose is to provide activities that enable members to continue their professional relationships with KU and to participate in our service, educational, and social opportunities. Annual dues are \$30 for an individual or couple membership. To pay dues or apply for membership, contact the Records Office of the KU Alumni Association by calling 785-864-4760 or go online [www.kualumni.org/join](http://www.kualumni.org/join) to find the membership option for Endacott Society.