



Endacott SOCIETY

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Celebrating
40 years
1983 - 2023



BEFORE & AFTER On Feb. 3, Endacott members unpacked oral histories and other files stored in members' homes during the renovation of the Adams Alumni building.



Ultimately, they moved most of the books (left) into storage cabinets to make room for the more than 700 oral histories of KU retirees. More photos on pages 2, 7, 8, and 9.

OVER-BOOKED

Endacott's office library shelves fill up with oral histories

The new office library shelves have space for the more than 700 bound copies of oral histories conducted over the past 40 years.

Members volunteering to help move files and books that had been stored during renovation of the Adams Alumni building discovered that most of the books would need to be stored elsewhere to make room for the oral histories.

As books were transferred from the office-library shelves to storage cabinets, suggestions for solutions included having a book sale, giving members an opportunity to take books, or donating the books to the Lawrence Public Library sale.

Endacott Society has donated duplicate or older books in good

condition to the Lawrence Public Library sale in previous years. And the library committee has also kept a Grab Cabinet of duplicates and older books for members to take.

Jim Woelfel, who has been the library chair since 2019, noted that the Endacott library and KU Archives receive copies of each oral history. He said the question becomes, "If the oral histories aren't digitized and there are two paper copies of the oral histories available, is it important to the membership to have immediate access to a paper copy?"

Before the pandemic and renovation closed the Alumni Center, Jim had arranged the books by topic, shelving them in

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STAND BY Alumni scheduling for March TBA

The Alumni Association's Facilities and Events Services Team estimated in January that it could begin scheduling Endacott Society activities in the Adams building by March 20.

Before scheduling can be confirmed, the Endacott Society needs to sign a Memorandum of Understanding listing KUAA policies for renting and scheduling rooms in the new Jayhawk Welcome Center complex. KUAA owns and operates the complex, which includes both the new building and the renovated Adams building. KU Admissions leases the Jayhawk Welcome Center from KUAA.

The Endacott Society expects to receive the Memorandum of Understanding soon.

Once the memorandum is signed, KUAA leaders have advised that flexibility will be needed in scheduling its events. The KUAA Facilities and Events Services Team expects to meet regularly with Endacott's leadership regarding scheduling. Endacott's executive committee includes all officers, the immediate past president, and the newsletter editor.



Finding space

Far left: Dave Mannering and Dave Marden check storage cabinets in the corridor leading to Endacott Society's office-library for more shelf space. **Left:** Jo Cink loaded books from office shelves into lower shelves of one storage cabinet.

Photos by Mary Jane Dunlap

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alphabetical order by author. He was in the process of removing duplicates when the pandemic closed the campus. Removing duplicates would be a first step, “but the reduction wouldn’t make a huge difference,” Jim said.

Phyllis and Dick Sapp, who chaired the library committee for several years into 2017, said that, if space permits, they would recommend keeping some books by KU and Kansas authors and books about campus and Kansas history. They recalled keeping a shelf designated for university authors as well as for Kansas and campus histories in the former McGinnis Library. (The former library space now houses the Student Alumni Association.)

“It was convenient and interesting to have a library for Endacott members to go to,” Phyllis said. “But you can’t have everything. It is more important to have the oral histories available.” Those aren’t as readily available elsewhere on campus as other resources, she explained.

Phyllis recalled that a McGinnis family member once offered to donate 700 books from a

family estate to the library. She and Dick found space to accept 100 of the books offered.

Between 2017 and 2019, David Mannering and Susan Levine served as library chairs.

The library chair also keeps subscriptions current (all discontinued while the alumni building was closed) as well as managing shelf space. Those tasks have left little time to catalog the books.

Books transferred to the storage cabinet included campus history references such as *The University of Kansas: A History*, by Clifford Griffin; *Transforming the University of Kansas: A History, 1965-2015*, John L. Rury and Kim Cary Warren, editors; and *On the Hill: A Photographic History of the University of Kansas*, compiled by Virginia Adams, Katie Armitage, Donna Butler, and Carol Shankel.

Several books focus on state history or are written by KU or Kansas authors, such as *Coach Phog Allen’s Sports Stories* by Forrest “Phog” Allen. A handful are histories of early Phillips Petroleum executives -- including multiple copies of a 66th birthday biographical tribute to K.S. “Boots” Adams, for whom the building is named.

Planning ahead

Daylight Savings Time Begins:

March 12

Spring Break: **March 13-19**

Commencement: **May 14**

Summer classes begin: **June 6**

Summer classes end: **July 28**

Fall classes begin: **Aug. 21**

Former KU Visitor Center at 15th and Iowa renamed 1502 Building

The Provost’s Office announced Feb. 3 that the former KU Visitor Center at 1502 Iowa St. has been renamed the 1502 Building.

The Admissions office staff has moved into the Jayhawk Welcome Center at 1266 Oread Ave. and began conducting campus tours the week of Feb. 13.

The new center is the destination for prospective students and their families.

The 1502 Building continues to house units within Enrollment Management, including the University Registrar, Financial Aid & Scholarships, Student Information Systems, Graduate Enrollment Management, Recruitment Communications and Systems, Enrollment Management Shared Services, and the Admissions Operations.

MARCH ACTIVITIES

NOTE: No programs scheduled in March for:

- Arts & Sciences Lecture
- Evening Lecture and Potluck
- Movement Workshop (Tai Chi)
- Out of Town Travel

10 O'CLOCK SCHOLARS

(Wednesday Coffee Hour -Hybrid)

MaryKay Mahoney mahoneym@merrimack.edu

With one exception, the March coffees are scheduled in the Kansas Memorial Union.

Wednesday, **March 1, 10 a.m.**, Malott Room

Wednesday, **March 8, 10 a.m.**, Centennial Room

Wednesday, **March 15, 10 a.m.**, Centennial Room

Wednesday, **March 22, 10 a.m.**, Centennial Room

Wednesday, **March 29, 10 a.m.**, TBA. Zoom will depend on the site.

ARMCHAIR TRAVEL Lecture (Hybrid)

Ron Schorr rwwschorr@gmail.com

Thursday, **March 9, 1:30 p.m.**

Kansas Memorial Union, Pine Room, Level 6

Latvia, Summer 2022

Georgeann Eglinski will present highlights of the summer 2022 trip she and Ron made to Latvia.

Ron says he will kibitz.

CINEMA STUDIES

Nora Clark nora.clark@washburn.edu

J. Tom Adams papawmik2004@yahoo.com

March marks the beginning of new things each spring. We have scheduled a variety of sources for movies this month and would appreciate your comments and preferences for the future: full-length movies, full-length series, miniseries, lectures, talks, etc. You may bring your own lunch or snacks and drinks; coffee, tea, and snacks will be provided.

DOCUMENTARY

Tuesday, **March 28, 1:30 p.m.**

Lawrence Public Library, Room C

Understanding the Inventions That Changed the World

This video is the first lecture of 36 in the series "The Great Courses,"

available through Kanopy, the Lawrence Public Library's Digital Library. The lecturer is W. Bernard Carlson, professor and chair in the Department



of Engineering and Society, University of Virginia. (2013, 36 lectures, 30 minutes each)

DOMESTIC FILM

Tuesday, **March 14, 1:30 p.m.**

Lawrence Public Library, Room C

The Big Easy

Dennis Quaid and Ellen Barkin star in this romantic thriller, a box-office hit that captivated audiences with its saucy blend of New Orleans nightlife, steamy romance and sultry suspense.

When a hood's murder triggers a bloody gangland drug war, detective Remy McSwain (Quaid) is on the scene. He's a smooth-talkin' cop who fits right in with the easy style of Cajun country. Remy meets his match in Anne Osborne (Barkin), a no-nonsense assistant district attorney in town to investigate police corruption.

They are at odds from the moment they meet, and their electrically charged attraction keeps the sparks flying. Co-starring Ned Beatty as Remy's superior officer, **The Big Easy** is a tale of crime and seduction set against a city with a mood all its own. (1986, 1 hour 43 minutes)



FOREIGN FILM

Friday, **March 24, 1:30 p.m.**

Lawrence Public Library, Room C

Lovejoy: The Firefly Cage (Season 1, Episode 1) and Smoke Your Nose (Season 3, Episode 9)

This British comedy-crime-drama series features Lovejoy, an irresistible rogue with a keen eye for antiques. The part-time detective scours murky salesrooms, auction halls, and stately homes, always on the lookout for a find. When not seeking the odd collectible, Lovejoy uses his con-artist skills to help out the less fortunate. His partners in crime are wealthy Lady Jane; his dim assistant, Eric; and the congenial Tinker. (TV series 1986-1994, 73 episodes, 45 minutes each)

DRAMA STUDIES (Hybrid)

Michael Shaw michaelhearneshaw@gmail.com

Tuesday, **March 7, 1:30 p.m.**

Tuesday, **March 21, 1:30 p.m.**

Pioneer Ridge Retirement Community, 4851 Harvard Road, Community Room

The Dark at the Top of the Stairs, by William Inge
Kevin Boatright will host the readings of this 1957 play by William Inge. Copies are provided. **The**

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Dark at the Top of the Stairs deals with family conflicts and anti-semitism during the early 1920s in a small Oklahoma town. It was nominated for five Tony Awards, including Best Play, and is considered the most autobiographical of all Inge plays. Born in Independence, Kan., Inge graduated from KU in 1935. His plays include **Come Back, Little Sheba** (1950), **Picnic** (1953 Pulitzer Prize), and **Bus Stop** (1955), all of which were adapted for film. He received an Academy Award in 1961 for his screenplay of **Splendor in the Grass**. The black box theatre in KU's Murphy Hall is named in his honor. Independence Community College's annual William Inge Theatre Festival will celebrate its 40th anniversary in April.



GARDEN SEMINAR (Hybrid)

Cal & Jo Cink ccinkbird76@gmail.com
Kansas Memorial Union, Pine Room, Level 6
Wednesday, **March 8, 9 a.m.**

Houseplants: Basics and Beyond

Wednesday, **March 22, 9 a.m.**

Kew Gardens, Powerpoint presentation



Early crocus bloomed Feb.18 in Cal and Jo Cink's garden. The blooms popped up after the ice and snow showers on Feb. 16.

Photo by Cal Cink

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION (Zoom)

Jim Woelfel woelfel@ku.edu
Wednesday, **March 8, 1:30 p.m.**

Hospital Sketches by Louisa May Alcott

Louisa May Alcott served as a volunteer Army nurse in a Washington, D.C., military hospital for six weeks in 1862. *Hospital Sketches* is Alcott's lightly fictionalized account of letters she wrote to her family. It initially appeared as a series in the Commonwealth, a Boston newspaper, in 1863. Her stories of nursing wounded Union (and a few Confederate) soldiers were eagerly read by families and veterans amid the staggering casualties of the Civil War. Although Alcott had been publishing short pieces before 1863, it was the *Hospital Sketches* that brought her critical recognition as an author. *Hospital Sketches* is available in paperback and online. Readers might find it interesting to

contrast Alcott's narrative with Walt Whitman's poem "The Wound-Dresser" in the collection of his Civil War poetry, *Drum-Taps*, published in 1865.

LUNCH BUNCH

Ron Schorr rwwschorr@gmail.com

Ron will announce a local restaurant each week. Suggestions for locations are welcome. If there are any reasonably warm Wednesdays, he will announce the plan to lunch picnic-style at the Weinberg Pavilion at the Rotary Arboretum, 5100 W. 27th St.

Wednesday, **March 1, 11:45 a.m.**

Wednesday, **March 8, 11:45 a.m.**

Wednesday, **March 15, 11:45 a.m.**

Wednesday, **March 22, 11:45 a.m.**

Wednesday, **March 29, 11:45 a.m.**

OLD TIME RADIO (Zoom)

John Nicholson wryterjccc@gmail.com

Monday, **March 27, 1:30-3:30 p.m.**

1925 Music and 1948 Crime

Due to a problem with Zoom, the program scheduled for January will be in March. We'll listen to **Billboard's Top Five best-sellers of 1925**. Can you guess 1925's most popular song? Then, Alan Ladd returns with an episode of **Box 13** from 1948. We conclude the session with a **The Life of Riley** episode in which Riley tries to stop the neighborhood from filling up with juvenile delinquents. If this would be your first time attending, please consider joining us. No reservations are necessary.

SINGING FOR FUN

Jim Woelfel woelfel@ku.edu

Friday, **March 24, 10 a.m.**

Location TBA

Jim will send email announcements with more details about the location and theme.

TECHNOLOGY STUDIES (Hybrid) (AKA Computer & Technology Studies)

David Mannering dmannering@yahoo.com

Kansas Memorial Union, Centennial Room, Level 6

Wednesday, **March 1, 9 a.m.**

Tableau Public Revisited: Strange interactive charts and graphs.

Wednesday, **March 15, 9 a.m.**

The Connected Traveler, Richard Kershenbaum



Before entering the MAYA Exhibit at Union Station on Feb. 16, Endacott members gathered for a photo. **Standing from left:** Kevin Boatright, David Bushouse, Laura Borchert, Jan Roth, Dave Marden, Cal and Jo Cink, Georgann Eglinski, and Jim Woelfel. **Kneeling from left,** Deborah Boatright, Mary Jane Dunlap, Omofolabo Ajayi-Soyinka, Pam Houston, Susan Rendall, Judy Niebaum, Doug Houston and

Ron Schorr. Not pictured: J. Tom Adams, Ling-Lung Chen, Felix Moos and Nora Clark. The weather was awful, but the exhibit was excellent. Those driving were super-cautious due to icy roads and blowing snow on the drive both to and from Kansas City. Sixteen stayed to have lunch at Harvey's in Union Station before returning to Lawrence.

Carlin moderating Dole Institute series on first ladies

Diana Carlin, retired from both KU and the University of St. Louis, is moderating the Dole Institute's Presidential Lecture Series on First Ladies as Presidential Partners this spring. Carlin is a founding member of the First Ladies Association for Research and Education (FLARE).

The series began in February and continues in March. The programs underscore the two-person nature of the presidency and the influence first ladies have on their husbands' administrations, women's issues, and U.S. culture.

The March programs are: **March 9, 7 p.m.**

"First Ladies, Women's Rights and Suffrage" with Nancy Kegan Smith, first ladies scholar, and Stacy Cordery, historian and biographer

March 23, 7 p.m.

"First Ladies, the ERA and Beyond" with Myra Gutin, president of FLARE, and Bob Bostock, consultant to the Nixon Presidential Library Foundation

The programs take place at the Dole Institute and are live-streamed on its website.

The Robert J. Dole Institute of Politics is celebrating its 20th anniversary. This spring's programs honor the late Sen. Bob Dole's centenary in July.

Spencer Art Museum plans LEVEL UP! AN ART PARTY March 4

The Spencer Museum of Art recently updated its collection galleries upstairs to increase accessibility and put more diverse artwork on display. The staff is throwing a party from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 4, to celebrate art and community in the new spaces. The public is invited to explore historic and contemporary art from around the world, take part in creative challenges and activities, and enjoy performances and refreshments.

APRIL NEWS deadline

The newsletter is edited by Mary Jane Dunlap and Evie Rapport. Please submit news and photos for the April 2023 newsletter by March 20 to Mary Jane. mjdunlap@ku.edu

IN MEMORIAM

We include Endacott members and retirees and their spouses in the KU community. The names in **boldface** are recent members. To find the full obituary, visit the website listed with each entry.

Services for **DENNIS M. DAILEY**, 84, Lawrence will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 4, at the First United Methodist Church 946 Vermont St. in Lawrence. (See January 2023 newsletter) warrenmcelwain.com

PAUL DELBERT 'DEL' BRINKMAN, 1937-2023, died Feb. 19. A celebration of life is being planned. He lived in Overland Park. Del began his career as a journalist for a newspaper once edited by William Allen White and retired 48 years later as a distinguished journalism educator and dean. After earning a doctorate in mass communication at Indiana University in Bloomington, he first taught at Kansas State University and then at KU. He was dean of the William Allen White School of Journalism for 11 years and vice chancellor for academic affairs for seven years. In 1993, he left KU to direct journalism programs at the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation in Miami. Before retiring in 2002, he served as dean of journalism at the University of Colorado-Boulder. In retirement, he remained active in professional and civic organizations. Del was preceded in death by his first wife, Evie; second wife, Carolyn; and his sister, Rosie Pounder. He is survived by his sister Barbara Becker; brothers Ronnie and Marvin; son Scott; daughter Susan Moeser (Chris); stepchildren Cindy Cummings (Bill), Debra Baker and Jeff Backer (Jennifer); grandchildren, step-grandchildren and five step-great grandchildren. He will be buried at KU's Pioneer Cemetery next to his wife Evie, who died in 1988. rumsey-yost.com

DONALD E. CHAMBERS, 1930-2023, died Feb. 3. A memorial service was held Feb. 6 at Warren-McElwain Mortuary in Lawrence. Don was a professor in the KU School of Social Welfare, specializing in research and policy development. An avid sailor and outdoorsman, Don sallied forth on local lakes, great lakes, and even the Atlantic Intercoastal Waterway from Miami to Lake Ontario. His wife, Mary Anne McKillip Chambers, died in 1990. His remains will be interred alongside his wife in KU's Pioneer Cemetery. They are survived by their

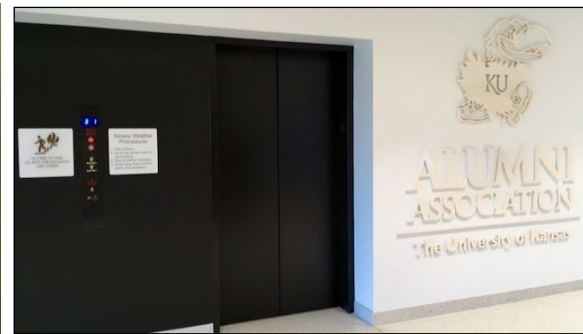
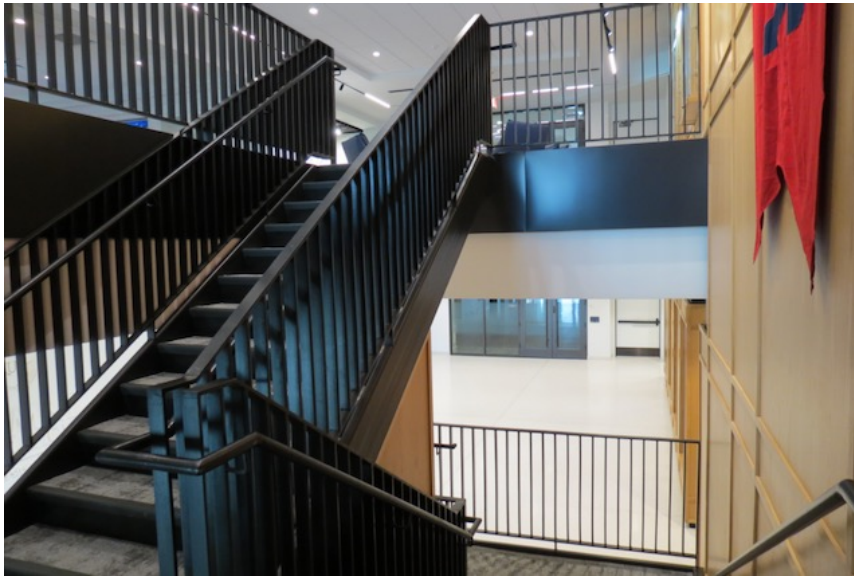
three children, Kristin, Jane, and Timothy; three grandchildren, numerous great grandchildren, and a great-great grandchild. warrenmcelwain.com

PATRICK MICHAEL FAGAN, 1943-2023, died Feb. 7 at Bridge Haven in Lawrence. A funeral mass was held Feb. 13. He earned a bachelor's in education from KU, graduating from the Naval ROTC program, and earned a master's degree from Pepperdine University. He was a graduate of the Naval War College and the National War College. He retired in 1996 at the rank of captain and as commanding officer of KU's Naval ROTC. In retirement, he taught for eight years in the Junior Naval ROTC program at Shawnee Mission West High School in Overland Park. He volunteered with Lawrence Meals on Wheels. He is survived by his wife, Regina "Jeannie" (Tierce) and their three sons: Mark (Susie), Lawrence; John, Washington, D.C.; and Paul (Jennifer), Matthews, N.C.; four grandchildren; and a sister, Anne Marie (Tony) Maurin, of Metairie, La. warrenmcelwain.com

STANLEY (STAN) T. ROLFE, 1934-2023, died Jan. 23 in Valley, Neb. A celebration of his life was held Feb. 4 at St. John's Catholic Church in Valley. A celebration is being planned in early June at Plymouth Congregational Church in Lawrence, Kan. After earning a doctorate in civil engineering at the University of Illinois, he began his career at U.S. Steel. In 1969, he joined KU's School of Engineering, where he served more than 40 years. As the Alfred P. Learned Distinguished Professor of Civil, Environmental & Architectural Engineering, he was a leader in fracture mechanics and fatigue in steel and concrete research. He co-wrote a textbook laying the groundwork for fracture mechanics as a field of study. His numerous awards and recognitions included induction into the National Academy of Engineering. In 2012, he served a one-year term as interim dean of engineering. Stan is survived by Phyllis, his wife of more than 66 years; children David Rolfe (Brenda), Pam McCarville (Pat), and Kathy Vigil (Jeff); 11 grandchildren, three great grandchildren; and brothers Tom Rolfe and Richard Rolfe (Susan). warrenmcelwain.com



INSIDE story



Above: Looking west to Oread Avenue in the Adams Alumni building's only east-west corridor. The new stairwell is opposite the elevator. **Center left:** The stairwell leading to second floor. The glass doors to the Summerfield Room can be seen in lower half of photo. **Center right:** The black elevator doors provide stark contrast with the white walls and the white Alumni Association sign.



Above: Pam Houston, Wes Hubert, and MaryKay Mahoney unload boxes of materials that Pam stored in her home. **Right:** Three storage spaces for Endacott Society viewed from the office-library entry. Look for it: the sign above the three storage cabinet doors reads: Endacott Society. The office door has no signage.



Cozy space

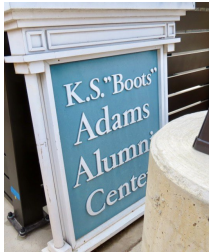
The new library has space for the 700-plus oral histories. Most of the books were transferred from the shelves to the storage cabinets in a corridor. The library and office spaces are separated by this two-toned partition (see also below left), which is attached to the modular desktop, with space for two computers and a printer.



Top, clockwise from left: Sandra Wiechert at partition, Dave Bushouse (sunglasses), Wes Hubert and Dave Mannering. **Above, from left:** Judy Niebaum sorts through oral histories to alphabetize them for shelving. **Center:** Dave Mannering looking into the office space as Dave Marden deposits a box to unpack. **Right:** J. Tom Adams opened the front door for incoming boxes, most unloaded from cars parked at street. **Lower left:** Dave Mannering, standing in the corner formed by the modular desktop, holds a trophy found in one of the boxes. **Lower right:** Bells used to call for announcements during weekly coffee-hour meetings.



Linking past & future Jayhawks



The new Jayhawk Welcome Center at the Adams Alumni Center opened in mid-February. The adjoined buildings link Jayhawk alumni with prospective students. KU Alumni Association owns

and operates both buildings as one unit. The alumni center got a facelift in addition to interior renovation. The new building sign, top left, matches campus signage, unlike the former sign.

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 to find the membership option for Endacott Society.