An honors student, All-American basketball player and 1923 engineering graduate of the University, Paul Endacott became president of the Phillips Petroleum Co. Remembering with gratitude the guidance from KU faculty and staff that contributed to his success, Mr. Endacott and his wife, Lucille, began honoring these individuals through gifts to the KU Endowment Association. Their gifts established the “Expressions of Appreciation” program, through which other alumni and friends could thank talented professors and staff members for their influence.

Mr. Endacott also collaborated with fellow donors and planners of the Adams Alumni Center to ensure that retired faculty and staff members could conduct meetings and activities in the Center, which also houses the headquarters of the KU Alumni Association.

The Adams Alumni Center is on Jayhawk Boulevard at the corner of 13th Street. Parking is available at the Center or for a fee in the nearby parking garage.

The Endacott Society website is at: http://groups.ku.edu/~endacottsociety

Excerpts from the Endacott Society Bylaws
Adopted June 14, 2006

Article I - The name of the organization shall be the Endacott Society, a program of the Kansas University Alumni Association.

Article II - The purpose of the Endacott Society shall be to provide a program of activities that enables the members to continue their professional relationships with the University of Kansas and to participate in the service, educational and social opportunities of the Endacott Society.

Article III - The following persons are eligible for membership:

Section 1. Persons who have officially retired from the University of Kansas and who are members of the Kansas University Alumni Association.

Section 2. Faculty who have officially retired from another accredited four-year institution of higher education who are members of the Kansas University Alumni Association and who reside in the Lawrence area and their spouses.
Study Groups of the Society

Ten O’clock Scholars, aka “Wednesday Coffee”
About 90 members meet for coffee and business of the organization each Wednesday at 10 a.m. The business meeting begins at 10:30 a.m. and usually lasts about 15 minutes. Upcoming events are described and health reports about ailing members are shared.

Afternoon Lecture Series
Meets at 2:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month. Coffee and conversation at 2 p.m. precede the lecture. Birthdays of Endacott members for the month are celebrated. Guest speakers are announced in the newsletter.

Armchair Travel
Meets at 2:30 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of the month five or six times a year. Coffee and conversation at 2 p.m. precede the talk. Generally presentations are by members of the society about their worldwide travels. Check the newsletter for dates and topics.

Card-and-Game Theory
Meets in the afternoon on the third Thursday of each month to develop Bridge and Scrabble skills.

Cinema Studies
Meets at 2 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month to view and discuss classic films. Check the newsletter for dates and titles.

Computer Study
Meets from 9 to 10 a.m. Wednesdays during the academic year. Topics include a wide range of computing issues, depending on the interests of the group and availability of guest speakers. Attendees have varying degrees of computer proficiency from early users to seasoned veterans of computer combat.

Drama Study Group
Members interested in reading plays meet at 1:30 p.m. on the second Friday of each month in the Music Room. Plays are selected in advance and distributed to the readers.

Evening Lecture Series
A potluck dinner precedes the lecture, which is held twice each semester and once in August. Social time is 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 6 p.m. A lecture by a guest speaker follows dinner.

Great Books Study Group
Meets at 1:45 p.m. on the second Wednesday of most months during the academic year to discuss books of mutual interest.

Opera Study
Periodically throughout the year, opera fans meet to share their love for opera. Sometimes the group meets in private homes to share in Metropolitan Opera radio broadcasts. Check the newsletter for dates and planned events.

Singing for Fun & Education
The group meets at 2 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month or as scheduled. The purpose is to learn about and enjoy group singing.

Gardening Seminar
Meets from 9 to 10 a.m. each Wednesday. Attendees sometimes discuss gardening, though they never restrict or confine their discussion. Topics are rarely announced in advance. Seminar members hold frequent plant exchanges, particularly during the fall and spring. Some attend primarily to ensure good parking for the 10 a.m. group coffee.

Music
Following the Ten O’Clock Scholars on Wednesdays, a musical program is presented for those who would like a few minutes of rest and relaxation in the Music Room. Some members bring their own recordings so they can hear them on really superb sound equipment. A wide range of musical styles is explored.

Out-of-Town Travel
Meets whenever and wherever the travel takes them. Travel is usually by bus or car or sometimes by train. The coordinator is open to suggested itineraries. Participant numbers may be limited by transportation available. Cost of these travel events is paid by the participants. Check the newsletter for dates and planned events.