



Fans of all ages welcome the team home at the April 8 championship celebration at Memorial Stadium.

Our Fall 2007 story on KU's World War II Memorial Campanile continues to bring mail. The cover featured a photo from KU Archives of the bell honoring alumnus Rodney Walden Selfridge.

**Shared history**

Thank you for sending copies of the *KU Giving* issue with my cousin's bell on the cover. I included them in my Christmas greetings to all of my Selfridge relatives, including Rodney's sister-in-law, nieces and nephews.

The article was very timely, as this fall [2007] I had watched Ken Burns' series on World War II. I learned more about the Battle for Okinawa in which my cousin was killed. My brother, John Selfridge, c'59, was 8 years old when Rodney was killed. When I gave him a copy of the magazine, he shared details he recalled from that era. We had never discussed it before, and he might never have mentioned it were it not for the article.

I deeply appreciate the opportunity it gave me to learn more of my family's history and connections with KU.

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**Write to us**

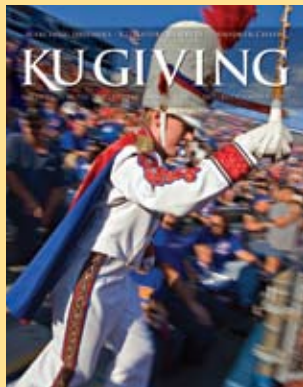
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**Winter 2007**

Our last issue featured a story on KU's Marching Band, with drum major Brittani Boyd, senior from Le Mars, Ia., on the cover.

You'll find this and other past issues online at [kuendowment.org/publications/](http://kuendowment.org/publications/).



I admire all the kids who are part of this great tradition, thank them for the time and effort they put into this endeavor, and wish them all well in their studies and future life.

KIRBY D. CLARK, EDUCATION '60  
Tonganoxie, Kan.

Palco, Kan., population 295, is a regular stop on KU's annual Wheat State

Whirlwind Tour, covered in our Fall 2007 issue. Former mayor Leo Von Feldt wrote to let us know he had shared our story with neighbors.

**P.O. Box**

Thank you for the copies of the magazine that you recently sent. I placed them in the post office so patrons could read the story when picking up their mail. I have already received several comments on the article.

As I have said before, it is very interesting visiting with the faculty members of KU. Both my wife and I enjoy it immensely. We appreciate [tour director] Don Steeples bringing the group to visit our fair city.

LEO J. VON FELDT  
Palco, Kan.

**Passion and pride**

I enjoyed the informative article about the Marching Band. I'm a KU grad who follows our athletic teams with a passion, especially track and field (bring back the pink and blue)! But more than that, I truly love and am proud of our marching band. Mr. Clemmer is doing a great job as director of athletic bands. I hope your article will draw increased interest and support.

I've seen and appreciated other Big 12 bands, but none surpasses the beauty of ours or summons such emotion in this old Jayhawker's heart as when I hear our band play "Home on the Range." When listening to this piece, your heart swells with pride, and a little tear wants to gather in the corner of your eye. It's everything about being a Jayhawk, about being part of this great university!