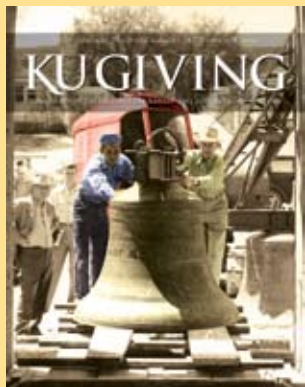


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"A Sweet, Familiar Sound," our feature on KU's World War II Memorial Campanile, moved several readers to respond.

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The choice was widely criticized, particularly in comparison with the student union, which was built as a WWI memorial. Many felt it was unconscionable to ask grieving parents to buy a \$10,000 bell when a two-bedroom house could be bought in Lawrence for \$7,000.

The campanile was referred to as the "singing silo," and a student referendum on its selection was proposed. The administration refused, no doubt feeling the choice might well be rejected.

LAIRD CAMPBELL, law '50
Denver

Been there, rang that

I toured the John Taylor & Co. factory in England recently. They are still building beautiful bells — I have a small handbell of theirs now sitting in my living room.

I have wonderful memories of walking through the campanile and down the slope into the stadium for graduation. I didn't realize in 1962 that the campanile was only eleven years old!

HARRIET KAGAY COPPOC, music education '62
West Lafayette, Ind.

Pre-professional interest

We received a phone call from Glen E. Davis, civil engineering '54, who now lives in Leawood, Kan. Both his wife and a fraternity brother are certain he's the young man watching in the background in the cover photo of the installation of a bell. He says that he does not remember the occasion, but that, as an engineering student, he certainly would have stopped to watch. The ultimate giveaway? "I still comb my hair that way now," he says.

L. MARTIN JONES, MBA '47
Lawrence

Campanile controversy

I entered KU in the fall of 1941 and left for the Army after spring 1943. When I returned from overseas for spring 1946, there was vigorous disagreement about the selection [of a campanile as a war memorial].

Plug and play

Website tracking shows that our online recordings of the carillon have been played hundreds of times. If you haven't heard them, it's not too late to listen at kuendowment.org/campanile/.

Our spring 2007 story on a gift for the J-School, "Beyond 'the shack,'" prompted an alumnus to share.

Yesterday's paper

"The Shack" was the name applied to the journalism department, which was in the college until 1944. The stone building, to which the frame structure was an addition, was once used as a medical building (for, I believe, dissection of corpses, when the first year of medical school was in Lawrence) until 1923, when it was turned over to journalism.

In a large news room that reached up three stories to rafters, someone had posted a sign that said "Accuracy Begins Here." Portraits of famous editors hung around the room, and there was a stone porch on which *Kansan* reporters and editors gathered to chat and smoke (in those good old days reporters all smoked). Inside, all was business — getting out the *Kansan* four times a week.

The Shack was torn down when the journalism school moved into its present quarters in 1952.

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Corrections, clarifications

The carillon bells were installed and dedicated along with the campanile structure in 1951, not in 1955.