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Guests at the 1946 dedication gathered at Danforth's main entrance on the west. Above, a view of the south side shows the new addition to the right.

Danforth Chapel reborn

For 61 years, Danforth has provided a refuge from the stresses of college life and served as the site for more than 5,000 weddings. Designed by one of KU's first architectural engineering graduates, Edward Tanner, '16, it was built with stones from a limestone fence near Kanwaka in rural Douglas County. German prisoners of war, living in a prison camp in Lawrence, helped build the chapel.

The March 2006 microburst storm, which destroyed the chapel's

roof, heightened awareness of the toll of age and use. Through gifts from Linda and John T. Stewart III, along with other alumni and friends, Danforth's renovation and expansion was completed in September. Funding needs for some projects remain, including organ repair and maintenance endowments to keep the chapel looking its best for future generations.

To make a gift, please contact Burke Beeler at KU Endowment, 785-832-7443. Couples married in Danforth may wish to contribute in honor of their anniversary. To see photos of the restoration in progress, as well as interior and exterior views of the chapel, or to contribute online, visit kuendowment.org/danforth/.

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