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Bratcon Radio Hits the Airwaves by...Kay Galloway

Bratcon Radio is a unique program of the VoiceAmerica Variety Channel. Each Thursday, Dennis Campbell and co-creator Pat Caves host a program at 7:00 p.m. EST that focuses on the lives of students in many countries to which they and their parents were assigned. Having come to be known colloquially as BRATS, these students have attended both military and international schools for many years.

(Initially, a British term: \underline{B} ritish \underline{R} egimental \underline{A} ttached \underline{T} raveler, later adopted by American Culture after WWII. Today BRATS number nearly 8 million—about 5% of all Americans.)

Bratcon Radio is a talk show designed for an American audience that appeals to civilian and military listeners alike. It offers cutting-edge discussions that explore topics related to the lives of individuals who grew up as children of military service members or State Department employees assigned to live and work across the United States and

around the world. It also provides unvarnished discussions of experiences living on both domestic and overseas military installations. Bratcon's inaugural broadcast was November 11, 2010.

Access Bratcon Radio online at www.bratcon.com. Listen to past programs or call in during the Thursday show by phoning 1-866-472-5788.

This program is the brainchild of Dennis Campbell and Pat Caves, founding partners of Brats in Broadcasting, LLC. Together they bring unique erspectives to the BRAT experience. Dennis spent most of his childhood as a "civilian," moving to Germany with his family in high school when his

father took a position with the government there. Pat

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was born into the military, her father being a career Army officer. Born in Germany, she spent her childhood moving around the United States, enduring extended periods of separation and ultimately returning to Germany in time for high school. It was there, in Heidelberg, that Dennis and Pat's paths crossed.

Bratcon Radio keeps alive the legacy of the overseas schools and helps get our history into the public domain. For example, one program reported on the Munich air disaster of 1960 in which a number of London Central High School students lost their lives. Three programs focused on Berlin: the first talked to students there before the Berlin Wall, the second during the Wall, and the third, after the Wall came down. All of these programs are a great reminder of the history we lived through and what students, teachers, and their parents faced. Dennis also has reported on the history of the DoDDS system and the reorganization of 1976.

AOSHS President Tina Calo listened to the program on March 30, in which three students reported on life in Teheran when their fathers were

taken into captivity and the school was closed. A number of programs have reported on dangerous assignments. Steve Osborne also called into the program on March 30 about his experiences teaching in Naples and more recently in Afghanistan.

Former AOSHS President Ann Bamberger (shown in the photo) took part in one of the first broadcasts on December 30, 2010. She brought

listeners up to date on the founding of the AOSHS Archive in 1989 and the formation and activities of AOSHS from its founding by a small group led by Dr. Tom Drysdale in 1995. Also on the show was Jeri Glass, a Berlin Brat, who served on the AOSHS board of directors for six years.



Message from The Board

Message from the Board by...Donovan R. Walling

This issue of the AOSHS Quarterly is the last that I will edit. My three-year stint on the AOSHS board of directors is coming to an end. Where has the time gone? Indeed, it's hard to fathom where not only the past three years have gone but the past decade and a half.

As I write this, I am looking at the AOSHS charter member certificate that hangs on my den wall. It's dated December 31, 1996, and signed by Ann Bamberger, Tom and Norma Drysdale, Lee Davis, Lucille Hansen, and Bruce Taft. I can't say that in the mid-1990s I ever expected to meet several of these people, much less work with them on this important endeavor: the American Overseas Schools Historical Society. What a pleasure that has been!

Like many who will read this, I got involved with AOSHS first, because of being associated with DoDDS—as a student in Butzbach, Gelnhausen, and Nürnberg during the late 1950s and 1960s, then as a teacher in Zweibrücken during the 1980s. My second reason was a love of history and a keen sense that the unique story of America's overseas schools merited preservation. Getting involved with AOSHS was simply the right thing to do.

The next step, some years later, was answering the call to serve on the board of directors, something I have enjoyed enormously and would recommend to any reader. And we are always looking for future board members who can step up and take an active part in the many interesting activities and responsibilities that keep the society operating smoothly.

In this parting I want to take a moment to thank Bob Van Epps, the designer and publisher of the *Quarterly*, who has made my editorial work easy and who creates the look of the publication with great skill. We've had a fine partnership.

Thanks, too, go to Tina Calo—an absolute rock of strength and good sense as board president—my board colleagues present and past, and all of you who



About the New AOSHS Quarterly Editors

The new co-editors of the AOSHS Quarterly are Allen Dale Olson and Circe Olson Woessner. Olson served as a teacher and administrator in Turkey, Germany, England, and France and for twelve years as an executive officer at the European Directorate, where he was responsible for public affairs and school-community relations. For nine years, he was the Army-Europe liaison to DoDDs and later served as dean of the Graduate School, Schiller International University.

Woessner graduated from Karlsruhe American High School, attended the University of Maryland, Munich campus, before teaching for DoDDS in Germany and Puerto Rico. She works full time for the Department of Veteran's Affairs and is executive director of the Museum of the American Military Family.

Memories Selected by...Winanne Murray

Faye Abrell provided this narrative: Germany: 1946 - 1947, Frankfurt.

I was with the "delayed" first group of some 120 teachers. We sailed from New York on the ship *George Washington* the first week of Oct. 1946. We were delayed because of the New York boat strike. The first two groups waited for us in Frankfurt.

My orders got sent to Bloomington, Illinois, instead of Indiana. I was corresponding with one of the three Indiana teachers selected and found she had her orders. I phoned and was told to proceed without orders. Things worked out well in New York.

We arrived at Bremerhaven and took the train down to Frankfurt. Our first meeting was aboard Hitler's yacht on the Rhine River trip. The 65% damaged Frankfurt was unbelievable. My assignment was at Frankfurt Headquarters Command in the military compound. After assignments and some nights at the hotel, I was taken by a German driving a jeep to my apt. building that was half bombed away. The old school building across the street was where I taught 4th grade. There were trees around the building and a playground.

Soon our principal decided to go home. I was asked to take the principal's job. Having not chosen to be a principal at home because I preferred teaching, I hesitated. I did offer to take it temporarily until they could get someone. They did, but would be happy for me to continue. I thanked them, but said I would be glad to return to my fourth grade class.

Early in a meeting our Colonel Supt. asked us to remember the status in service for the fathers of our students. One brave teacher spoke for us saying American teachers could not consider rank, and we would be the wrong if we did this. We didn't hear of this again.

My German teacher usually found I hadn't studied because of my duties and some weekend travel but she took me to places with information so I could take my class. She went on some trips with classes like to an old fort dating to 400 AD. However, the Estonian refugee lady who came to class daily to give a German lesson found the students could get the language quite quickly, while I prepared for my work. All Germans wanted to speak English. That first year it was easier to meet German people if you had letters of introduction. I did from Indiana University friends. I got to know Dr. Beutler and family, curator of the Goethe Museum, and saw some things he had

in their apt. that had been saved in the caves. I saw them when I returned to Germany in 1967, as well as a few others I had gotten to know well (and saw Germany remarkably rebuilt).

We had hoped for more contact with German schools than we had but there were some exchanges.

I had hesitated to accept the invitation of my superintendent to be interviewed for the job for which I was selected from a good many applicants and I have never regretted that decision to go.

Our food, furnished by America and well cooked by the Germans, was good. It was the coldest winter for 50 years but we found field coats kept us warm while teaching. All our children's parents invited us for dinner. On one such occasion a mother told me her son said upon their arrival, "The German children next door, I can't understand what they say but they laugh just like we do!" Good observation.

I had opportunity to travel to most countries in Europe, which later I could not have afforded to do. Some of us decided to come home on the latest ship in August and were able to go to some countries we had not visited. All of these experiences, I believe, were valuable in my following teaching years. \varkappa

Taking Care of Our Own by...Donovan Walling

Nine DoD high school seniors made headlines recently. They had been relocated from Japan because of the recent destruction there and were in danger of not being eligible to participate in their



new school's commencement ceremony. So they joined 27 seniors from Quantico Middle/High School on the Marine Corps base at Quantico, Virginia, for a special DODEA commencement ceremony on June 3. Their diplomas were awarded by First Lady Michelle Obama.

During the commencement address, Mrs. Obama lauded the graduates' strength, resilience, and maturity—traits they acquired as military children.

"I think that all of you are incredibly special," Mrs. Obama told the graduates. "You really are the greatest. Your families know that. Our military leaders know that. I know that. My husband knows that. And we want every single American to know it as well."

American Overseas Schools Archive: A Real Success Story by...Tom Drysdale

The archive consists of three components:
Department of Defense Overseas Dependents
Schools, Department of State Assisted Overseas
Schools, and private American overseas schools.
Following receipt of endorsement letters from
federal and national agencies, the American Overseas
Schools Archives (AOSA) was established in the
Wilson Riles Building of the Northern Arizona
University (NAU) campus in Flagstaff, Arizona, in
November, 1989.

By 1993 the archive storage area was filled with historical memorabilia and artifacts donated by current and past overseas schools educators, alumni, schools, and district, area, and regional offices around the world. The DoDDS component of 20,000 pounds was considerably larger than the other two components.

During 1994 the archive office and adjacent halls were also filled to capacity. This resulted in the university requesting that overseas schools personnel not send any more items until a larger facility could be located. As a result the American Overseas Schools Historical Society (AOSHS) was formed in 1995 as an Arizona nonprofit corporation, and NAU then donated the archive to AOSHS.

In 1996 the archive was moved to Litchfield Park in the Phoenix area. The historical society then notified DoD, DoS, and the private American overseas

schools that the donation moratorium had been lifted, and the archive soon began receiving thousands more items.

From 1996 to 1998, the society investigated fourteen competing metropolitan areas in hope of finding a permanent location for the archive. In 1998 the city of Wichita, Kansas was notified that it had won the competition. By 1999, the archive exceeding 30,000 pounds was moved to 539 Water Street in a building provided by the

city at no expense. Thus in 2002, the AOSHS Arizona corporation ceased to exist and a new AOSHS Kansas nonprofit corporation was established. By this time the archive had expanded and occupied an additional building across the street, also provided by the city. Soon the Water Street buildings were filled to capacity and AOSHS was forced in 2004 to rent additional storage space for the constantly expanding archive.

AOSHS learned that Wichita and Sedgewick County taxpayers had spent \$10.6 million in 2005 to subsidize a dozen city and county attractions, including all of the museums in the River District, and to bail three of them out of financial trouble. Consequently AOSHS decided to stop planning for a museum and concentrate solely on the further development, expansion, and improvement of the already successful AOSHS archive. It was then decided, in an officially approved and recorded document, that AOSHS would loan its large museum items and artifacts for occasional or temporary exhibition in Wichita's Museum of World Treasures, which operates at a profit and receives no subsidies from the city or county.

Shortly thereafter, following a two-year search, AOSHS bought two adjacent buildings at 704 and 708 West Douglas Avenue, a major east-west thoroughfare. During 2005, the AOSHS main office and more than 60,000 pounds of archive items were moved into the 704 address. The building at 708 is held for future expansion but currently rented to a tenant.



The AOSHS Memorial Program

Memorial Program

You may purchase a brick or paver in your own name, as a gift, in memory of a friend or loved one, or a school. Write to the Memorial Program address or the e-mail address below for the correct order card(s). You may include a 300-word biography and a photo along with the check when you submit your order. The selection of bricks/pavers appears below.

Memorial Fund

You may organize a fund for a deceased friend or loved one. The fund will be announced in two issues of the Quarterly so that others may contribute. When the fund closes in six months, you will receive an accounting and determine which item the fund will purchase. Write to the Memorial Program address or the e-mail address below to request a Memorial Fund Form, or print the form at www.aoshs.org/kiosk; just click on Memorial Program.

Donate

You may also donate to an already established fund by sending a check payable to the AOSHS Memorial Fund at the address below. Please note the honoree's name on the check's memo line.

AOSHS Memorial Program, PO Box 4312 Scottsdale AZ 85261-4312 [Don't forget to indicate the honoree's name on the check's memo line.]

Memorial Program for Alumnae/Alumni

We have had many names added to our <u>Those No Longer</u> <u>with Us</u> paver, where friends or loved ones have sent a donation to remember a special person in their lives, but did not wish to purchase a brick or start a memorial fund.

Though this began as an educator remembrance, several of those recognized are alumni. Because of the increase in donations for this fund, we feel it appropriate to create a second paver specifically to recognize alumni. If friends wish to remember a deceased former student, send the honoree's name, school, and year of graduation (if appropriate), and it will be included in alphabetical order on the kiosk page, which can be viewed by going to www.aoshs.org/kiosk, then clicking on the Interactive Kiosk link, and following directions.

To remember an alumna/alumnus in this way, send a check payable to the AOSHS Memorial Fund at the address below.

e-mail: memorialprog@aoshs.org

[Note: e-mails must include AOSHS in the subject area, to pass through our spam filters.]

Type Of Bricks And Pavers Offered In The Program	Size (in inches)	Characters/Line (includes spaces)	Maximum Lines	Total Characters (includes spaces)	Cost
Ceramic Brick	4 x 8	15	2	30	\$100
Ceramic Paver	8 x 8	15	5	75	\$250
Medium Granite Paver	8 x 8	15	5	75	\$500
Large Granite Paver	16 x 16	25	11	275	\$1000
Premium Granite Paver	24 x 24	35	17	595	\$2500

MEMORIAL FUNDS

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENTS (MAX. 400 WORDS PLEASE)

Deborah Jean Stafford October 20, 1951 - September 25, 2010

Debbie grew up in Cheyenne, Wyoming and graduated from the University of Wyoming in 1974. After teaching in Wyoming for three years, Debbie obtained her master's degree in library science and began a long career in education, first as a high school librarian in Denton, Montana, and then with DoDDS in South Korea and Germany.

Debbie started her DoDDS career in 1984 as a media specialist at Seoul Elementary School. From there she moved to Seoul High School to teach social studies until 1989. She then transferred to Nürnberg, Germany, as the media specialist at Kalb Elementary

School and was there until the school closed in 1994. She went to H.H. Arnold High School in Wiesbaden, where she was the head librarian/media specialist until 2005, when she became the librarian at Wiesbaden High School until her death in 2010.

Debbie will be remembered for her dedication to, and the care of, her family, her students, and many friends, and her love for her dogs. She was an integral part of school committees, activities, and events wherever she was assigned. She made the library the heart and soul of the school and will be greatly missed by all who knew her.



SECOND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Linda Ramos

...... Died February 2011

Linda was a talented and well-loved music teacher at Wurtsmith and Grissom elementary schools at Clark Air Force Base in the Philippines. She was an inspiration to many. She and other Filipino American teachers would gather around the piano at Wurtsmith gymnasium to greet everyone with beautiful Filipino music as they arrived at school.

Linda spent most of her teaching career at Clark. She was helpful and knowledgeable in guiding students and colleagues in what to do and see in the Philippines. After retirement and time spent in the United States, Linda returned to her home in the Philippines.

Beverly Tsatsos Buchwald

...... Died February 2011

Beverly was in DoDDS for many years. Her specialties at Wagner Middle School in the Philippines were ESL and Career Education. She was known base-wide for the World of Work and Hobbies that she organized each year at Clark.

Beverly came to the Philippines from Okinawa and after many years at Wagner Middle School, she transferred to Bad Kreuznach in Germany. She was a good friend to so many.

Harry Lyons

...... November 15, 1927 - February 8, 2011

Harry Lyons may have been born in Lowell,
Massachusetts, but he was truly a man who lived in the
world. With the Department of Defense, Harry taught
elementary school, primarily sixth grade, in Japan, England,
Puerto Rico, Germany, Turkey, Italy, Denmark, Spain, and
lastly in Korea.

On retiring, he returned to the United States, where he taught adult education in Lowell, the city where he began his teaching career. Briefly and unhappily, he also taught in Palm Springs, California. After a few years, missing his overseas peripatetic life, he returned to work, this time for the private oil schools with assignments in Iraq, Saudi Arabia, and Syria. Through his varied assignments, he made many lifelong friends, who paid him homage until the very final days of his life, writing to him, visiting him, sending his favorite gift, "sweets." No one ever said a negative word about Harry. He was a true Renaissance Man: eclectic, filled with humor, warm, and caring, while still very private.

John Robert Hunt

John spent his childhood in Bend, Oregon, and earned his BA from the University of Washington in 1948. He joined the Army Air Force and served as a decorated officer in the Korean War. After his discharge, he returned to the University of Washington and received a Masters of Fine Arts degree in oil painting. A few years later, he completed a second master's program at Ohio State.

John began his overseas career in 1959 in Poitiers, France. Subsequent assignments were in Würzburg, Zweibrücken, Kaiserslautern, and Sembach, Germany. He also taught for the University of Maryland for several years, continuing after he retired from DoDDS in 1989. His classes visited and studied great works of art and architecture all over France and Germany. In 2001 John moved to Bradenton, Florida. There, he was an active Democrat. He also was an avid opera and theater buff and loved swimming, picnics at the beach, entertaining friends, and good food and wine. He was a colorful storyteller and was always ready to laugh. He delighted in Florida sunsets across Sarasota Bay, especially when he could share them with good friends and a scotch.

John is survived by two sons, two daughters, twelve grandchildren, and many, many friends whose lives were enriched by knowing him.

Cheryl Davis Griffin

...... August 14, 1945 - October 16, 2010

Cheryl grew up in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, and earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in Education from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. She started her DoDDS career in 1968 at Clark Air Force Base in the Philippines. A year later she transferred to Schweinfurt, Germany, as the librarian. It was there that she met and married her husband Jerry. In 1971 she moved to Rhein Main Elementary School and was the librarian and media specialist until her retirement in 1995. After her retirement, Cheryl and Jerry moved to Orlando, Florida, where Cheryl worked for two years. After she completed her library career, she continued to enjoy reading, became active in the local garden club, and volunteered at the community wildlife park. In 2002 Cheryl and Jerry moved to the new home that they had built in Homosassa, Florida.

Throughout her career, Cheryl touched the lives of countless students and faculty members with her gentle, easy-going, and cooperative manner. She was an inspiration as she continued to share her strength and warm laughter with reunion friends throughout her three-and-a-half-year battle with brain cancer.

Teddy Jay Steenson

...... October 14, 1943 - December 25, 2010

Teddy was born and raised a farm boy in Wolbach, Nebraska. In 1971 he entered DoDDS and began a thirty-year career that took him to schools in Holland and Turkey before his final assignment: twenty-six years in Kubasaki High School on Okinawa. After his initial studies of Ikebana for three years, in 1980 Teddy began teaching this art. Teddy also studied Budo, Shodo, Chado, and Noh Shimai, further exploring his love for Japanese culture.

Teddy chose Sarasota, Florida, for his retirement. There he was immensely active in the local DoDDS family reunions, established a database for all the DoDDS retirees in Florida, and continued to be active in Ikebana International. ♣

The richness and fullness of his life enriched all those who knew him and loved him. Without Teddy's physical presence, there is a void in many facets of life.

Recently Closed Funds

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Surfin' Our Websites

In addition to DoDDS/DODEA schools, the AOSHS directory includes a variety of international schools. One of these is St. Stephen's School in Rome, Italy. St. Stephen's is a co-educational, non-denominational, boarding and day school, enrolling students aged 14 to 19 in grades 9-12 and for a postgraduate year. Founded in 1964, St. Stephen's provides a demanding classical liberal arts education taking full advantage of its location in the historic center of Rome.



The school is modeled on the American independent school tradition and offers a rigorous program based on well-rounded and comprehensive preparation by each student in six major academic areas: English, foreign and classical language, history, experimental science, mathematics, and the arts. Primary objectives are academic excellence, fellowship and cooperation among students and faculty, and the development of students as independent, responsible, and involved members of the larger world community. The curriculum prepares students for the American high school diploma, including a variety of Advanced Placements (AP) subjects, and the International Baccalaureate (IB), which allows students to enter universities worldwide. For more information, check out the school website at:

http://www.ststephens-rome.com. 🗷

Scrapbook Chronicles DoDDS Schools in France by...Grant Seymour, Archive Assistant

Some time and effort were recently put in to obtaining a more comprehensive view of the eighteen-year history of DoDDS schools in France. Though the current history is limited for a number of reasons, a few pieces in the archives really shine as valuable resources that aid in providing a comprehensive look into the past.

One of these is a scrapbook, donated by Daniel DeCarlo, dedicated to the subject of Orleans Elementary School. It gives, among other things, a wonderful assortment of print media describing Classe de Neige—class in the snow. As the accompanying text states:

"Two weeks were devoted to skiing, attending classrooms in their regular academic subjects and socializing in the way of movies, games and conversation, with French school children."

This dull, slate-green binder, showing wear from the elements and use since its creation circa 1968, has newspaper clippings, black-and-white photos, color postcards, maps, and a fair amount of print giving contextual details. For example, one note informs"

"The French inaugurated the 'Classe de Neige' in 1953 as a fresh-air program. Americans joined the program in 1962. Over a thousand American students have participated in this program since 1962."

Orleans Elementary participated by sending sixthgrade students "for three successive years" by 1967. Additionally, "This program was held at Chamrousse near the site of the 1968 winter Olympics."

Interestingly, one newspaper clipping reports, "This program was expanded to 10 weeks" in 1967, while the majority of other clippings and notes say that the students spent two weeks at the school. This is just one of a couple of interesting "discrepancies" that gave pause for speculation.

Overall, the real wonder remains in what an exciting and enriching time and place this must have been to experience education.

Thanks are certainly owed to those who continue to provide the archives with such a fascinating history. As more resources are collected, a greater comprehensive view of the past can be formed for all to share.

Please continue to send your memorabilia and questions. It makes our workday,

....literally. &

Nonprofit Membership Program

AOSHS welcomes new members to join using this form. Please feel free to pass it along to friends and colleagues.

[NOTE: Effective August 1, 2009, the Individual Life Membership Program was discontinued. With the cost of operations continually on the rise, this seemed to be one of the economic moves to help us stay operational. Once we become life members, many of us forget that donations are still needed to help keep us afloat. {Those of us who are life members are, of course, grandfathered in – ALL existing life memberships are still in place. The program simply has been closed to future, new life memberships.}

So please do not forget to send in a donation — use your birthday as a reminder, for example. For those of you who have an annual membership, please renew on time. Your renewal date is listed on the address label of the *Quarterly*. You also may pay ahead. Just be sure to indicate that on the form. Dues may be paid by check, money order, or credit card. Use the form as well to update your information. It's important to keep us informed about address changes, as the newsletter is not usually forwarded.]

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