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**THE AOSHS  
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Donations to help preserve the *American Overseas Schools Archives (AOSA)* for posterity and historical research are appreciated.



Readers are encouraged to submit short, factual articles of human interest regarding their experiences overseas. Articles printed may or may not reflect the opinions of the AOSHS.



The  
**AOSHS  
QUARTERLY**

*A Journal for All Past and Present American  
Overseas Schools Personnel, Students, and Families*



Dear member, you will already have noticed that this issue of The Quarterly is the first to be mailed without an envelope. For the past four years, dedicated volunteers have filled, labeled, stamped, and sealed envelopes. But now, the growth of the society requires the elimination of these time consuming tasks. We hope this is not an inconvenience to you. In an attempt to also save your time, we draw attention to a procedure on pages 15 and 16, which we think will simplify renewing your membership.

You may have also noticed that this issue commemorates the Tenth Anniversary of The American Overseas Schools Archives, established in November 1989, on the campus of Northern Arizona University.

Now, ten years later, it is well recognized that The Archives began the previously neglected task of collecting, recording and preserving the history of American overseas schools, educators and students.

The unanticipated fast growth of The Archives with the rapid accumulation of two and three dimensional items from around the world; precipitated the founding of The American Overseas Schools Historical Society, both of which are summarized on page 5.

It is important to note, that as the 20<sup>th</sup> century draws to a close, the AOS Historical Society and other kindred organizations with similar objectives, are exploring ways in which to better promote, cooperatively assist, and work together. Some, but not all, of these organizations are identified on page nine.

This being the last twentieth century AOSHS Quarterly, the Board of Directors and Regional Representatives wish all current and past overseas schools educators, students, and families, much success and happiness ushering in, and experiencing life, in the next millennium.



**AOSHS POLICY**

The Trustees realize that to obtain all objectives: (1) the strong support of the membership is absolutely essential and must be recognized, (2) that although the Society greatly appreciates and recognizes all donations and gifts, it will not recommend nor will it encourage its members to obtain the services or products of any company, and (3) the Society will not discriminate on the basis of lifestyle, race, sex, religion or political affiliation.

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The AOSHS has three personnel databases maintained by: **JOHN BROKAW**, **TINA CALO**, and **MARGIE PRATER KUGLER**. If you have been, or are an overseas educator, please send your name (including maiden); mailing address; telephone and fax numbers; e-mail address; countries, schools, and above school level offices where worked; years at each location, including grade levels, subjects, and positions to **JOHN**. If you have been, or are an overseas student, please send your name, (including

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

⇒ **U.S. DEPENDENTS SCHOOLS TEACHERS DECEMBER 1946.** The Archives (AOSA) is now in possession of an original list, title above, of the first 146 teachers who served in Europe in 1946. Fragile and brown with age, it has been chemically treated to stop destruction due to the acid content of the paper. It was acquired just in time, and is considered a valuable historical document. Printed on seven 8x13 inch papers, it has four columns of names, school assignments and addresses, residence and school phone numbers.

A fair number of these first teachers in Europe registered with AOSA in 1989—a smaller number joined AOSHS in 1995, and five are still active, supportive members in their late 80s and early 90s. They are Faye Abrell of Bloomington, Indiana; Alfred Beerbaum of Pacific Grove, California; Eunice (Chute) Matthews-Johnson of South Pasadena, Florida; Rex Gleason of Fort Worth, Texas; and Gay Long of Kingston, Tennessee.

*The board is taking action to convey honorary membership on these five, and to officially recognize, honor and thank them at the DoDDS XII Reunion in Boston, next July. The AOS Historical Park in Wichita will recognize and honor all 146. The AOSA is now searching for lists of the first teachers in the Atlantic, Pacific and Panama.*

⇒ **New Address for AOSA.** Memorabilia for the American Overseas Schools Archives (AOSA)—all two and three-dimensional items such as personal histories; school, district, area, regional and Washington, DC office histories; video/audio tapes and disks; photographs; year books; scrapbooks; old and current curricula; newspapers; magazine and journal articles; current and expired documents; papers and records; banners, trophies, plaques, etc.—should now be sent to:

### **The American Overseas Schools Archives Building 539 South Water Street, Wichita, KS 67202**

As in the past, all items received will be classified, recorded, preserved and stored intact under the names of donors (individuals, schools etc.) for the supervised use of historians, researchers, writers, the general public, donor heirs/descendents, and future generations.

The Wichita Patrol South Police Office, headed by Lt. Darras Dalamaide, now located in the same building provides 24 hour, seven days per week security for the archives. The Wichita Chief of Police, Mike Watson, is an alumnus of DoD Dependent Schools in Germany.

**The address for AOSHS—The American Overseas Schools Historical Society—temporarily remains the same: PO Box 777, Litchfield Park, AZ 85340. Regular mail e.g. letters, dues etc., should be sent to this address.**

⇒ **The AOSHS has a supply of T-shirts, caps and patches.** AOSHS Logo Patches are \$5.00, AOSHS Caps \$16.00. Basic white or ash gray T-shirts, with an AOSHS Logo on the upper left front are \$16.00 and available in sizes M, L, XL, XXL, and XXXL. These items make great gifts for your current and past overseas friends. Make checks payable to AOSHS and send your order to Lee Davis, 2224 Periwinkle, Mesa, AZ 85206.

⇒ An agreement for *Wichita State University*, to host a **Website for the American Overseas Schools Historical Society** was recently signed by both presidents. *WSU* and AOSHS consider that both institutions will benefit from the interchange of ideas and practices generated by an AOSHS Website hosted by *WSU*. The site will be developed and maintained by AOSHS personnel.

The agreement outlines the general terms and conditions under which *WSU* will provide computer server space to host the Website for AOSHS, the parent organization for The American Overseas Schools Archives. The Website address will be posted in the near future.

⇒ **Frankfurt American High School** classes of 1967-71 have created an all-school web site, and would appreciate any exposure/links to help them find lost alumni. Contact Steve Dean, FAH '67 at deansco@worldnet.att.net and look at <http://www.frankfurthigh.com>.

⇒ The Summer '99 issue of the AOSHS Quarterly reported John J. Mitchell's donation of two old US Passports, and money towards the eventual construction of a Passport Display Rack in the AOS Historical Park



*Museum* in Wichita. The idea has caught the attention of others. Passports for the display have been received during the past two months from Albert and Rosella DeRiemer, Carrie Henderson, Marcia and Douglas Howard, Phyllis Lee, Bill Michie, John Mitchell, and Jan Mohr. The Howards donated a historically important collection of nine passports saved over the years. Members are now encouraged to donate old passports, and save current ones for the display. One suggestion is to have a large world map surrounded by rows of named passports, with colored cords extending from each passport to countries visited. Donations for the display rack, and possibly a larger exhibit, will be appreciated.

⇒ Following AOS Archives Guidelines for the Classification of Donated Items, board member **Donna Gillis**, of Goodyear, AZ and **Kathy Egoff** of Pinellas Park, FL, classified hundreds of two and three dimensional items received in the last shipment of memorabilia from the Panama Canal Zone Schools. This enjoyed labor of love and reminiscing took place at Donna's residence during the week of September 14. Donna was a teacher in Panama from 1971 to 1995, and raised a family there. Kathy was born and educated in Panama and a teacher there for more than 25 years. Collectively they served more than 50 years in the Canal Zone Schools. The carefully and accurately classified items, now in eight large boxes, will be transported to the Archives Building in Wichita early next December.

⇒ **Philanthropic support** has played a vital role in the growth of AOSHS. Donations, Matching Gifts and Gifts-in-Kind have helped AOSHS preserve what is unique about educating American children and youth abroad, while also ensuring that the society can meet the challenges of the future. What started as a small collection of memorabilia at Northern Arizona University in November 1989, is now a large collection in Wichita, Kansas, awaiting the construction of an American Overseas Schools Historical Park. What started with 200 Charter Members in 1995, is now a managed growth society of nearly 2,000 members.

As we begin a new century and millennium, the archives and the historical society will continue with the steadfast support and generosity of donors. To assist, and guide donors in their gift giving endeavors, the society will soon publish, in pamphlet form, five **Life Income Plans** specifically designed to satisfy their financial needs. The programs are: (1) **Estate Planning Strategies** That Meet Your Needs; (2) A Blueprint for **Planning Your Will**; (3) How You Benefit from **Gifts of Securities**; (4) Tax Benefits of **Giving Real Estate**; and (5) A Versatile Gift That Pays You for Life—**Charitable Remainder Trust**.

#### ⇒ **AMERICAN OVERSEAS SCHOOLS: 2000 AD Announcement of Publication.**

*Submitted by Dr. Robert Simpson, Dean-Emeritus of the University of Miami School of Education.*

The long-planned review of American elementary and secondary schools located in foreign nations has been completed and being given a final edit by Phi Delta Kappa.

Contributing editors are AOSHS member Bob Simpson and Dean Charles Duke of the Appalachian State University College of Education, the sponsoring institution. Royalties will go to support the ASU's scholarship program in education leadership. None were paid to editors or contributors.

Several AOSHS members contributed including President Tom Drysdale, who also served on the General Editorial Board. Other supporting organizations were the Association for the Advancement of International Education, Lew Grell, Executive Director, and the Department of State's Office of Overseas Schools, Keith Miller, Director. The DoDDS Directorate supplied materials. The book however, is not an official publication of any agency of the United States Government.

The book will provide information for the general public as well as teachers including anecdotes about living, working and traveling in foreign nations plus adjusting to different cultures.

Donovan Walling, PDK Special Projects Director and an AOSHS member, says Phi Delta Kappa is aiming for a publication of January 1, 2000, the first education text of the millennium. (Yes, we know the millennium doesn't really start till 2001, but all the hoopla is around the 2000 date).

Around publication time an announcement will be in the AOSHS Quarterly as to how members may best obtain a copy.

⇒ **Fund Raising Idea**, submitted by <Berfrank@aol.com>. Let's bury a time capsule next to the museum and dig it up every 25 years. Charge \$50 to \$100 for each item placed in the capsule and return the items each time the capsule is re-interred. 📖



## The Unanticipated Progression and Growth of The AOSA

This is the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of *The American Overseas Schools Archives (AOSA)* which began operation on the campus of **Northern Arizona University (NAU)** during November of 1989. Letters, from then **President Eugene M. Hughes**, were sent to DoD and private American overseas schools announcing the mission of the *AOSA* to collect, record and preserve the history and memorabilia of the schools, associated students, families, educators and foreign nationals. The first response, eagerly awaited, was from **John Andrew Derby**, Education Program Manager, Scottish Schools Liaison, Holy Loch, Scotland, and a 24 year veteran of military dependents schools in Germany, Denmark, Italy, Greece, England and Norway.

Soon letters of endorsement and encouragement from **DoDDS**, the **Department of State Office of Overseas Schools**, the **National Education Association**, the **American Federation of Teachers**, and the **American Association of School Administrators** were received, framed and proudly displayed in the archives office.

Operations began in a fully equipped office, staffed with volunteer assistants **Millie Pettitt**, (retired DoDDS Mediterranean District Office administrator), **Rosie Sewell** (retired DoDDS teacher), and NAU students who had attended overseas schools. Adjoining the office was a large storage facility, anticipated to be large enough to last for the next 50 to 100 years.

In July 1993, **Dr. John Stremple**, Director of DoDDS, and **Marilyn Witcher**, DoDDS Public Affairs Officer, officially dedicated the DoDDS Component of the Archives during the Fifth Annual Reunion of DoDDS in Flagstaff, Arizona, and presented letters of commendation to President Hughes and the archives staff from the office of the Secretary of Defense.

By the summer of 1994 the storage facility was filled to capacity with memorabilia from hundreds of schools, and thousands of students, alumni, past and present educators, forcing the staff to plan for a nonprofit corporation structured to take ownership of the archives. From the beginning, both the growth and success of the archives have been recognized as the result of a non-anticipated increasing momentum. As the archives grew, word spread, and the more they grew—exponentially. The archives are now located at 539 South Water Street in Wichita, Kansas.

## and The AOSHS

The Arizona Corporation Commission recorded the establishment of *The American Overseas Schools Historical Society, Inc. (AOSHS)*, on July 20, 1995, with a membership of slightly more than 200 Charter Members—all previous donors to the archives. Soon thereafter, in October 1996, at an **Overseas Brats Gathering** of alumni associations, board members and association leaders escalated **The Dream** of a society owned archives building, to that of **The Vision** of an American Overseas Schools Historical Park.

Following a two-year investigation of 14 US Metropolitan Areas, the City of **Wichita, Kansas** was selected in July 1998 by the membership to be **Hometown** for past and present overseas schools students (brats) and educators, who are from everywhere and nowhere, and to be the location of a historical park to honor, recognize and remember their service to country.

Wichita, the Air Capital of the World, with a large defense/industrial complex, McConnell Air Force Base, state and private universities, and cultural amenities galore, exceeded all expectations of the society for the location of a historical park. The city has provided acreage in the middle of their **Museums on the (Arkansas) River District** for the Historical Park, and a building for the archives, at no expense, until the park is constructed.

Continuing growth is expected, having doubled each year, but due to lessons learned during the *AOSA* "explosion", it will be managed, and not allowed to get out of control. The potential is mind-boggling!



There are only two lasting bequests we can hope to give  
our children. One is their roots, and the other, wings.

— Hodding Carter

## The Story of Bricks, Blocks, and Pavers for the AOS Historical Park in Wichita

By Ann Bamberger and Lee Davis

Over the past two years, we have been looking around the country at paved areas with engraved bricks, blocks and pavers, and making notes about or photographing them. In early October 1999 we met with the architects in Wichita, providing photos which indicated our preferences in color, pattern, size and texture. This will allow the architects to design an appropriate pattern when the time comes to install them in the courtyard, walkways or walls of the museum/archive complex. Our plan is to ensure they will be long lasting, attractive and easy to identify by location.

When purchasing these items either in your own name or in memory of someone, please know that the cost ensures support of five important projects. The funds derived from these sales will provide needed operational funds; the beginning of an endowment for the continued maintenance of our beautification program; the creation of a scholarship fund; and the purchase, engraving, transportation and installation of the memorial items, plus a computer program which will compliment these memorials by providing information for visitors in reference to each memorial. You are not merely buying a brick, block or paver, you are ensuring the continuing work of the historical society and future ongoing programs.

The items will come in four sizes: 4x8 inches, 8x8 inches, 16x16 inches, and 24x24 inches; and in two different textures: ceramic and granite. This allows a family to purchase a larger block to include the parents and students and possibly their graduation dates, or a former student might list all the schools attended or countries where he/she lived, an alumni association may choose to recognize its alma mater or specific students in a special way, a graduating class may want to be recognized, or an educator may want to list the various locations where he/she taught. An item purchased as a memorial may include a short poem. It will allow individuals or groups a greater choice to meet their needs.

If you choose to do so, at no extra cost you may include with your order a 300-word biography of yourself or the person memorialized for inclusion in the computer program which will be designed to identify the location of each brick, block or paver, when a person's name is highlighted on the screen. The biography would also appear at that time. **With all this in mind, the following items are offered for your consideration:**

Type	Size (inches)	Max Characters per Line (including characters and spaces)	Max Lines	Total Characters (including characters and spaces)	Cost
Ceramic Brick	4x8	15	2	30	\$ 100
Ceramic Block	8x8	15	5	75	\$ 250
Granite Block	8x8	15	5	75	\$ 500
Granite Paver	16x16	25	11	275	\$ 1,000
Granite Paver	24x24	35	17	595	\$ 2,500

Your price is tax deductible.

**Order forms for the above will be sent to members in a separate mailing in the near future.**

Please be aware that the placement of these items will not be initiated until after the completion of Phase I and possibly Phase II of the building plan. They will be placed only when we are sure further construction needs will not cause undue wear or damage. Your understanding and patience is appreciated and, we trust, will be rewarded by an outstanding display when completed.

The Board of Directors is pleased to announce that Carolyn Wilber, retired DoDDS math and computer science teacher will manage the database for the Memorial Fund. She lives at 9291 East Windrose, Scottsdale, AZ 85260.

When a brick, block or paver is purchased, Carolyn will input the data, issue letters of receipt, track the closing date if it is a memorial donation, and provide accounting information for the board using one of the new Gift-in-Kind Computers from INSIGHT Enterprises, our first corporate sponsor. Carolyn taught at Wagner HS in the Philippines, Kadena HS in Okinawa; Kaiserslautern, Bitburg, Ramstein High Schools in Germany; and Soesterberg HS in The Netherlands.

**REQUESTS  
TO ESTABLISH  
AOS HISTORICAL PARK MEMORIALS  
for  
Deceased Educators, Students, Families,  
Host Nation Teachers and School Employees**

Requests of 100 words or less, from individuals, families, schools, alumni associations etc., should be sent to **Carolyn Wilber, AOSHS Memorials Database Manager, 9291 East Windrose, Scottsdale, AZ 85260**. Requestors will receive a form to complete and return with (1) a check make out to AOSHS Memorials, (2) a 300-word or less biography of the honoree, and (3) a photograph if possible. Visitors to the Historical Park will be able to read the biography (and hopefully see a photograph) of the honoree on a computer screen adjacent to the Memorial Plaza or Courtyard. The computer will also identify the exact location of the memorial.

The cost for a Memorial Ceramic Brick, 4x8 inches, with two lines of inscription will be \$100. A Memorial Ceramic Block, 8x8 inches, with five lines of inscription will be \$250. A Memorial Granite Block, 8x8 inches, with five lines of inscription will be \$500. Memorial Granite Pavers, 16x16 or 24x24 inches, with eleven or seventeen lines of inscription, will cost \$1,000 and \$2,500 respectively. Additional brick, block, and paver information is on page 6 of this issue.

Announcements of each Memorial will be printed in two consecutive issues of *The Quarterly*. Then, at the end of a six month period, the total amount of money donated for a memorial will determine whether it will be a brick, a block, or a paver.

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**ANNOUNCING  
The Duncan Weir (1964–1998) Memorial Fund**

Duncan, the son of DoDDS educators Bob and Cathy Weir, was educated at Clark Air Base schools, graduating in 1982 from Wagner High School. Following engineering and computer science degrees from Washington University in St. Louis, he became a highly successful chip designer at Hewlett Packard in Fort Collins, CO. His greatest accomplishment was the positive impact he had on those around him. A book about Duncan, by HP associates, is dedicated: In honor of a dear friend whose loss has left an irreparable tear in the fabric of our lives. Though he is no longer with us, his joyous spirit lingers; memories persist; laughter remains. We are grateful that we had a chance to witness his rare and beautiful soul."



## ANNOUNCING

### **The Dr. John L. Steele (1911–1994) Memorial Fund**

From Johnsbury, VT, John received BA and MA degrees from Boston University, and a doctorate from Columbia. He served with the Army in Europe and Africa during World War II, and in the Korean conflict. He taught high school in Vermont and Connecticut, was a student counselor at Boston and Harvard Universities, and associate dean of Springfield College. From 1957-63, he was **Superintendent of Army Dependents Schools in Europe and North Africa**. During his service with the Army, he received many awards, including the **Legion of Merit** and the **Meritorious Civilian Service Medal**. He was highly regarded and respected by teachers, administrators, parents, the military, and foreign nationals during his tenure as Superintendent of Dependents Schools in Europe and North Africa.

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### **The Dr. Harry Heiges (1914–1999) Memorial Fund**

From York Pennsylvania, Harry was hired in 1948 to teach science and coach at Heidelberg American High School. From 1949–57 he was Principal in Bremerhaven; Supervising Principal in Wiesbaden; Superintendent of European Northern Area Command Schools; and as Admin. Assistant at School Headquarters in Karlsruhe, Germany where he completed Harvard University doctoral studies. His dissertation was "Development of Programs for American Schools in Germany to Promote Social Interaction Between Americans and Germans." From 1958–72, he was Superintendent of Schools in Collingale, Pennsylvania. In 1972 he returned to Europe as Superintendent of Schools in France, and Principal of Bitberg, Germany and Upper Heyford, England Elementary Schools. He retired in 1981. This

### *Who?*

Who will pay homage to American children  
and educators who have died overseas?

Who will record and preserve the history of American  
elementary and secondary education abroad?

Who will preserve the legacy of  
American Overseas Schools?

Who will archive the memorabilia of  
American Overseas Schools?

If AOSHS doesn't do it, who will?

## *Attention All Brats Worldwide*

If you don't already know about the FIVE adult Brats, described below, you will soon. During the past year, they have taken unsolicited, active supportive roles, individually and cooperatively, to assist and promote the objectives and mission of *The AOS Historical Society*.

Two of the Brats, **Marc Cutis** of Redlands, California, and **Vann Baker** of Roswell, Georgia, are devoting large portions of their lives trying to help other Brats find kindred Brat souls.

**Marc**, is a Broadcast Professional with more than 30 years experience, and a National News Network Bureau Manager for five years. He is the owner of *Southern California News Services*, a television news and production company providing coverage of breaking news stories, feature news, video news releases, commercials, industrial training and entertainment for numerous clients. Marc is also the founder of *Military-Brats Registry* (two years old), with 35,000 registered brats, and growing by about 50 per day. Point your browser to <http://www.militarybrats.com> where you can search for friends and list yourself so your friends can find you. AND it's free to use!

**Vann**, a graphic and web site design artist, writer, and freelance designer, is involved in all aspects of creating and growing the first and oldest web site dedicated strictly to Military Brats, both stateside and overseas—*Military Brats Online*, which is a number of related military links. His skills include creative problem solving, HTML, marketing, business plan writing, print production, understanding Internet technologies, and team building. Two years ago he connected with Marc online and by phone. Since their web sites complimented each other, they formed an alliance to offer brats everywhere, links, content and connections to other Brats.

Together Marc and Vann have created the *Military Brats Network Newsletter, ON THE MOVE*, a quarterly publication. The third edition will be issued soon. For information contact [newsletter@military-brats.com](mailto:newsletter@military-brats.com) or to subscribe pull up <http://www.military-brats.com/onthemove.cfm>.

**Sam Britten** of Abilene, Texas is the creator and webmaster of *TCK World*, located at <http://www.tckworld.com>. This is an internet web site which focuses on the challenges of Third Culture Kids (military, missionary, corporate and diplomatic corps, and others who have moved cross-culturally during their developmental years), and provides resources for their parents and teachers, as well as Adult TCKs. Born in Germany and raised an Army Brat during the cold war, Sam moved 12 times during his childhood. He is a published writer with speaking engagements before corporate, professional, academic, and civic groups. He currently serves on the Planning Committee of Families in Global Transition, and is writing a non-fiction book, which describes and uses his experiences as a TCK to illustrate practical applications for parents and teachers.

**Reta Jones Nicholson** of Columbia, Missouri, credits her upbringing in the military as the source of her community service and stewardship, which she has provided to many local, state, and national initiatives addressing social ills, their prevention, and community service. As a personal expression of service to her childhood military community, Reta co-founded "*Operation Footlocker*", a traveling collection of donated memorabilia and artifacts that serves as a mobile monument to the heritage she shares with millions of fellow "brats". She is currently promoting the availability of "*Operation Footlocker*" as a visiting exhibit on loan from AOSHS to museums on and near military installations, to encourage them to collect, preserve, and exhibit the history and contributions of military dependents on their installations.

**Eugene Moser, Jr.**, of Hampton, Virginia. Gene is an English, sociology, photo-journalism teacher, and a retired, decorated, Army Field Artillery officer. He plays an important leadership role in the military brat quest for identity and remembrance. He is cofounder of "*Operation Footlocker*" with Reta Jones Nicholson and Mary Wertsch ( see *The AOSHS Quarterly*, Summer 1997). As an educator, he has written curricula, evaluated programs, advised yearbook, newspaper and special interest groups, and coached cross-country teams. While on active duty with the Army, and later with the National Guard, he served in a wide variety of assignments at battery and battalion level.


## ***Fundraising Suggestions Requested from Members***

The AOSHS Board of Directors will begin implementation of a coordinated Fundraising Plan of Action in 2000 for Phase I of the AOS Historical Park in Wichita, Kansas.

The board is generally familiar with the literature, having acquired a small library of fundraising videos, books, magazines, journals, newspapers and newsletters.

During the past two years, board members have interviewed and consulted professional fundraisers, institution development officers, and attended seminars, workshops, and conferences on the subject. During this exploration, they have repeatedly been advised, that in comparison with professional fund raisers, they are considerably more knowledgeable regarding the needs to record, preserve, and exhibit American overseas education than are professional fundraisers, and that they should be the ones to present fundraising proposals to interested government agencies, foundations, corporations and philanthropists already identified in the Fundraising Plan of Action. As a consequence, the board feels knowledgeable and somewhat confident. Even so, and regardless of their recently attained knowledge, their fundraising skills have yet to be fully developed. **Therefore, the board wants and needs fundraising suggestions and ideas from members.**

The historical society is a member driven organization. Its members are informed and consulted before taking actions not covered by policy or by-laws e.g. with surveys, questionnaires, the newsletter etc., then later ratified during Annual Meetings of Members. The board considers the membership to be a valuable pool of knowledge and skills regarding all aspects of overseas education, including fundraising. Therefore members should not have the impression that the board knows it all and does not need any help. Members, alumni as well as past and present educators, should not assume that the board has thought of everything. Regardless of any ideas or suggestions they think the board has already considered, they should be sure by forwarding them now, or anytime in the future. The suggestions will always be considered valuable, recorded, and given every consideration. Remember—without you, we are not an “us.”



### **MAIL BOX**

**From Donna Alvah, Department of History, University of California, One Shields Ave., Davis, CA 95616, (503) 750-0492, e-mail: [dxalvah@usdavis.edu](mailto:dxalvah@usdavis.edu).**

Many thanks to all who have completed their questionnaires and returned them to me. In providing such illuminating information about your experiences overseas, you've made an important contribution to historical scholarship. Several respondents wrote extensive and detailed accounts of their experiences and impressions abroad. For those of you who have not yet returned your questionnaires, please know that your responses are important, however brief or lengthy. Also—a few people returned their questionnaires but not their consent forms. If you still have yours, please send it to me. If you have lost the consent form, please contact me and I will send another.

I'd like to take this opportunity to solicit responses from teachers, students, military personnel, spouses, and anyone else who lived in Okinawa between 1945 and 1965. Okinawa is a significant part of my dissertation, but I have received few questionnaire responses from people who were there in the period I am studying. Please contact me if you have any questions.

*Note: Donna is a Ph.D. history candidate at the University of California in Davis. She is involved in a research study about the perceptions and experiences of Americans and host citizens who resided at or near US overseas military bases spanning the Cold War years from 1945 to the early 1960s.*



## NASA ASTRONAUTS VISIT THE AMERICAN SCHOOL IN JAPAN

On October 29, 1998 the Space Shuttle *Discovery* lifted off for the 25<sup>th</sup> time into space on a nine-day mission. The shuttle carried with it the Spartan solar observing spacecraft, the Hubble Space Telescope Test Platform, and the oldest astronaut to ever return to space—John Glenn. On January 25, three of the mission's seven crewmembers visited the American School in Japan to talk about their experiences.

Gathered on the perimeter of the lower playing field on a crisp, sunny Thursday morning, the eyes of both the ASIJ parents and students focused on the blue skies overhead. Their ears listened for the first indication—a faint chopping sound—that ASIJ's special guests were about to arrive—by helicopter.

On a visit to Japan at the invitation of the Japanese government, three space shuttle *Discovery* astronauts—Commander Curtis Brown, Pilot Steven Lindsey, and Senator John Glenn—flew into ASIJ to spend some brief but quality time with students.

The three gave presentations to the Elementary School and later to a combined Middle and High School group, with parents and teachers filling up any space left over in the Middle School gym. The astronauts talked about their mission, and answered questions from the audience. "The astronauts explained everything they could about space. They told us their problems, and what was fun about it. When I heard that they could eat upside-down, I really envied them. It was a great experience I will never forget," says Elementary School student Yuhki Yamashita. "I loved all the answers the astronauts gave us, like about eating on the ceiling," added classmate Kentaro Watari.

At the end of the first presentation, Elementary School kids made an especially graceful exit: each was able to "high-five" an astronaut on their way out. In the second presentation with older students, both the questions and the answers were more sophisticated. "The astronauts seemed genuinely interested in our school and answered questions from our students with respect. I believe having them visit ASIJ gave the students a day to remember, and three wonderful role models. The astronauts told the students to go for their goals and maybe they will reach them. Those three astronauts certainly did," said High School science teacher John O'Leary.

The astronaut visit was just amazing! I still can't believe that I actually gave John Glenn a high-five! I wrote about it in my diary." Fourth grader Nitzan Green's comment summed up the excitement of a short but wonderful visit with the astronauts. But there was more than just the publicity aspect to their visit. Student Jeannie Harrell explained, "It was a pleasure to have the astronauts come here. To most people, it was like a celebrity visit, but to me it was all educational, because I learned about being an astronaut." Shuttle Commander Curtis Brown expressed similar sentiments on the purpose of the visit, "What would make me happy is to know that by our coming here today, we influenced even one student to follow a dream, or to set a higher goal for themselves that they will try to reach."

At the end of their presentations, Headmaster Peter Cooper escorted the three astronauts back to the waiting helicopter amid cheers from ASIJ parents and students gathered to bid farewell to these special guests. With the howl of engines and a whirlwind of dust and grass, Brown, Lindsey, and Glenn waved goodbye to the hundreds of new friends they made one clear bright day in January.

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## US Air Base Closes as Panama Canal Handover Looms

*Excerpts from a November 14, 1999 news release by Tim Gaynor via Skip Rowley and Norman Gillis.*

PANAMA CITY (Reuters) – The last wave of U.S. airmen pulled out of Panama Monday, as **Howard Air Force Base** reverted to Panamanian control, bringing eight decades of U.S. air power in the Central American nation to a close.

It has been a good partnership, and we leave with pride in our hearts, base commander Col. Roger Corbin told dignitaries and reporters at a steamy reversion ceremony.

Howard's closure marked the end of a U.S. air presence in Panama that began in 1917, when pioneer army fliers unpacked two biplanes at Balboa docks, at the Pacific coast entrance to the Panama Canal.

A ceremony on Dec. 14 will mark the final withdrawal of all U.S. armed forces from Panama after a 96-year presence, and the reversion of the canal to Panamanian control.

Of the more than 2,000 pilots and ground support personnel once based at Howard with the USAF 24<sup>th</sup> Wing, just 125 remained last week.

Today's ceremony opens a new page ... not just for our history books, but in our relations with the United States," President Mireya Moscoso said in her remarks, adding that future relations would be defined by "cooperation, respect and friendship."

For many airmen, the 800 buildings grouped around a runway—including a hospital, a bowling alley, riding stables and a baseball field—were more than just a military base.

"It used to be such a community, filled with children and laughter. Now all that's left is silence and memories," said Air Force Chaplain Sam Rorer, recalling the 600 members of his once lively congregation.

For Panama, the site—valued at \$635 million—is the most valuable of the former Canal Zone military bases that have reverted to national control.

As a presidential honor guard raised the Panamanian flag over Howard, a group of jubilant patriots shouted out the rallying call of "one territory, one flag."

With Howard's closure, just one of 12 U.S. bases remains in the former Canal Zone. Fort Clayton will be handed back to Panama on Nov. 30.



## Second Annual Third Culture Kids Conference in Indianapolis

By Samuel L. Britten <[sbritten@tckworld.com](mailto:sbritten@tckworld.com)>

The Second Annual "**Families in Global Transition**" Conference was a great success, providing an opportunity for parents, educators, Adult TCKs and trainers to learn about and discuss the challenges of highly-mobile families. **Hosted by Cultural Connexions**, November 5–7, 1999, in Indianapolis, the plenary and concurrent seminars were designed for those who have lived a global nomadic lifestyle, or are working with those who do. A broad group of professionals spoke, addressing business, diplomatic, military, and missionary issues.

The speakers included Dr. David C. Pollock, Executive Director of TCK Interact who discussed his "Third Culture Kid Profile", Ruth E. Van Reken, author of the widely acclaimed book "Letters Never Sent" and co-author with Dr. Pollock of "The Third Culture Kid Experience: Growing Up Among Worlds", and Dr. Steven O. Kidd and his wife Anne. Samuel L. Britten, of TCK World, presented an adapted version of "Home Is In My Backpack: Exploring the TCK Concept of 'Home.'" Other speakers included Helen Fall, the daughter of a military chaplain; Norma McCaig, founder of Global Nomads International; Beverly Roman, author and principle of BR Anchor Publishing; Barbara F. Schaetti, of Transition Dynamics; Christine Dowdeswell and Janet Fischer of the International Center of Indianapolis.

The next conference is scheduled for November 1–3, 2000. A special effort will be made to focus even more on the needs of international educators. **For more information visit TCK World at <http://www.tckworld.com> ...** the web site dedicated to the support and understanding of Third Culture Kids (TCKs); military brats, missionary, foreign service, corporate kids, and others who have lived as children in foreign cultures.

## REUNION NEWS

## BOSTON "TEA PARTY"

**DoDDS XII plans are well under way.** We will meet in the **Park Plaza Hotel in Boston**; dates will be **July 15-18, 2000**. Since the hotel is located in the center of town, (near shopping, restaurants, sites of interest, and good public transportation) there will be no need for attendees to rent cars.

The hotel will give the same rates from the 13<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup>, for those who wish to be there a longer time. Announcements will be sent as soon as all plans are finalized.

Plan ahead for 2001 in Wichita. The dates will be July 20-23. The hotel will also give the same rates from 18-25.

Please send any names and addresses of persons whom you feel might not be on our "list", or have moved, relocated, retired, etc. Thanks!

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**(949) 443-9709 or <JSWBigbark@aol.com>.**

## Johnson High School Alumni

## YOU, YOUR SIBLINGS, and FRIENDS ARE MISSING!!!

We are preparing for **REUNION 2000** to be held in **Las Vegas, Nevada June 15-18, 2000**. We have a list of over 4,000 names, but with addresses for only a fraction of the alumni that attended JHS and of those we have, we are in the process of making sure they are current. So, please mail, e-mail, or phone any information you may have on brothers, sisters, friends and faculty from JHS. It will help us fill in the blank spaces and validate information we have.

We are making a major effort to list every student and faculty member that attended Johnson High School between 1960 and 1973—the entire fourteen years of its existence. Once we have the database updated we will try another approach for keeping track of everyone's current address. Our objective is to locate a large percentage of the thousands of students that attended JHS, and make them aware of the planned June 15-18, 2000 reunion in Las Vegas. We also have addresses for many of the faculty and will be inviting them as well. At past reunions they have enjoyed themselves and were centers of attention. A large turnout will make the reunion more memorable for everyone. Thank you for your support.

We are getting a lot of early interest in attending Reunion 2000.

**Contact Timothy McDonald (71) at 5419 W. Townley, Glendale, AZ 85302 (602) 934-2759**

**E-mail: <taMcDona@apsc.com>.**

## HEIDELBERG HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI NEWS

## THE EARLY YEARS

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**2001 REUNION IN HEIDELBERG???** Ron Lamar '60 is trying to organize a reunion in Heidelberg in October 2001. He traveled to Heidelberg in September to see if arrangements could be made with the school, the Schloss, and the Molkenkur. Ron pointed out that by having it in October there would be a big cost savings for those attending.

**ALL SCHOOLS' REUNION IN WICHITA, KANSAS, JULY OR AUGUST 2001.** In conjunction with the anticipated groundbreaking for the American Overseas Schools Historical Park. Watch for further information in **Heidelberg "Early Years" Alumni News**. **We will be participating in this event.** For updates, contact Joan Dickson at 10124 DuBarry Street, Glenn Dale, MD 20769 (301) 805-7285.



(Reunion News, continued)

## Alumni Association of the American Community School at Beirut, Lebanon

**Reunion 2000 in Portland, Oregon.** AA/ACS held its first reunion in Alexandria, VA in 1982. Since then, reunion sites have criss-crossed the nation. Our reunions are a wonderful experience. On Saturday, August 21, 1999, we had our first planning committee meeting for Reunion 2000. For more information **contact Jon Stacey '61**, Chair, Reunion Committee, % AA/ACS, 13570 N.E. 54<sup>th</sup> Place, Bellevue, WA 98005

## OVERSEAS BRATS "Wichita Gathering"

October 19-22, 2000, at the Broadview Hotel in downtown Wichita, KS, *Our first event in Wichita – "our" future home!*

The Broadview is a historic property (opened in 1922) that is completely renovated. It is within just a few walking minutes from the future home of the American Overseas Schools Historical Park, and Archives. The downtown shopping and entertainment district is just approx. nine blocks away.

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Hotel rates are \$85/night for a room. Get a friend to share a room or organize a party together and split the costs for a suite and save yourself \$\$\$.

**Great location and time for your group to hold a reunion! Let OVERSEAS BRATS help your group make this a FUN and memorial reunion experience.**

For more information, and periodic updates, contact Joe Condrill at Overseas Brats, PO Box 29805, San Antonio, TX 78229, (210) 349-1394, <osbPres@aol.com>.

## Taipei American School Stateside Alumni Association Newsletter October 1999 – *Back Thru the CHINA GATE*

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, TAS! 1949 to 1999 and Forward**

*By Hope Phillips*

The parents of several nationalities and professions joined to inaugurate the Taipei American School on September 26, 1949. Their goal was to answer the need for an English-language school based on the American system of education. Graduates numbering 5,088 to date, as well as thousands more that attended TAS, were the beneficiaries of their vision.

We applaud the founders' foresight. We honor those first nine students who were pioneers, and also all of their successors who have made TAS what it is today. In this academic year, TAS invites staff, students, parents, alumni around the world to join in this unique anniversary year celebration, extending birthday wishes and hopes for the second half century.

Among the activities scheduled to mark this celebration are (and the first was planned before the tragic earthquake):

**Convocation**, Tuesday Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>, with visits by the Mayor of Taipei and the President of the Republic of China.

**Mini-Reunion**, Wednesday, Dec., 22<sup>nd</sup> for all alumni from Taiwan and any returning from abroad.

**Homecoming**, April 17-21, 2000. For all wishing to return to Taiwan for the reasons of interest

(Reunion News, continued)

and nostalgia. Friday evening, April 21<sup>st</sup>, a dinner and a dance for local and returning alumni titled "The Ball for Seniors."

On tap here in the United States are Double Ten-Day (and 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) celebration in: **Chicago**, a full weekend event. **Contact Kieran O'Dowd Downey** for details at <kloDowney@excelonline.com>. **Washington, DC**, a 10-course dinner feast in Chinatown on Sunday, the 10<sup>th</sup>. **Contact Steve Eisenbaugh** at <tasTiger@visuallink.com>.

Look for other regional events to be scheduled later for those that cannot make the trip to Taiwan for those festivities. Those events will be posted on a special page of our website.....

<www.taipeiAmericanAlumni.org/50th.html>.

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## YOKOHAMA AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL REUNION 2000

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**Resident Planners: Bruce (Watts) & Bill Krucke**, 7352 Toogoodoo Rd., Yonkers Island, SC 29449. (843) 889-6191 <bKrucke@awod.com>. All questions welcomed and encouraged. We love Charleston and you'll be getting a packet on all the wonderful things to see and do here. PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS BEFORE 30 AUGUST 2000!

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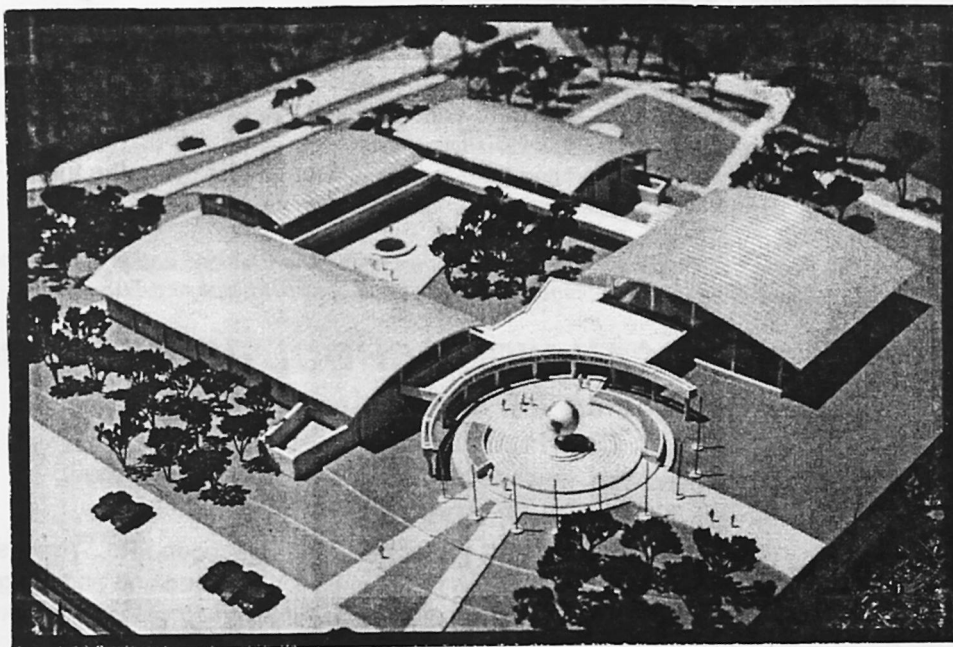
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