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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.



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



AOSHS is in its first year of fundraising, external to the society, for Phase One of the American Overseas Schools Historical Park in Wichita, Kansas. **Of the announcements and articles in this issue of *The Quarterly*, it is most important for all members to read AOSHS ENDOWMENT UPDATE on pages 5-7.** This article stresses the importance of all members donating, only what is comfortable to donate, to an already established AOSHS Endowment Fund at the Luke Federal Credit Union in Litchfield Park, Arizona. The fund has been established to pay, in perpetuity, salaries of an executive director, an assistant, a maintenance person, utilities and maintenance for Phase One, the Visitors Center of the historical park. The reason for this request is to demonstrate to potential funders of the historical park that all AOSHS members are involved in this project.

The article also justifies and recommends that current AOSHS endowment and building funds in Luke Federal Credit Union be combined and transferred to a professional nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization established to manage endowment funds in compliance with federal regulations, and at a higher interest rate than that paid by the credit union.

Of high importance also are announcements promoting the DoDDS XIII Reunion, July 20-23, and the Overseas Brats Homecoming 2001, July 19-22, in Wichita, Kansas. A total of seven hotels are involved, as is the Century II Convention Center. AOSHS will display its Memorial Program website on computer kiosks in the lobbies of the Hyatt and Broadview Hotels—headquarters for DoDDS XIII and OSB Homecoming '01. A 3-D model of the AOS Historical Park will also be in the lobby of the Hyatt.

ATTENTION ! Those who have registered for DoDDS XIII in Wichita, and those who plan to attend. AOSHS was informed by a member on Feb. 10, that a limited number of rooms are available on a "first come, first serve" basis, at \$75 per night, for those 62 and older. This we have confirmed and we wish we had a faster means of informing you.



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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ANNOUNCEMENTS

⇒ **SATURDAY, JULY 21, 2001 – Site Dedication Day for the American Overseas Schools Historical Park in Wichita, Kansas** Weather permitting, dedication of the site of the future AOS Historical Park, in the middle of The Museums on the River District in Wichita, Kansas, will take place on July 21, 2001.

Planning for this important event is being coordinated with the offices of the mayor and city manager. Being considered, in addition to the dedication ceremony, is a picnic under the trees in the park, near the bank of the Arkansas River on the south side of the future Historical Park.

The AOS Historical Park could not have a more convenient nor better location. The Wichita Metropolitan Area is the most central of all metro areas in the 48 states, and the park site is surrounded by other interesting, diverse, historical and cooperating museums. West of the site are the Wichita Botanical Gardens and the Old Cowtown Museums. North, across the street, is the Wichita Art Museum. Across the street to the east is the All American Indian Center and to the south is the Society of Decorative Painters and Exploration Place.

⇒ **ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS** - Nominations are now being accepted for the position of 1st Vice President of AOSHS. The term of office will be from January 1, 2002 to December 31, 2004. The election will take place during the Annual Meeting of Members on July 21, 2001 in Wichita, Kansas. Nominations of qualified nominees will also be accepted from the floor. The incumbent, Mr. Leland E. Davis of Mesa, Arizona will not run for re-election.

⇒ **AOSHS Membership Dues – At the Fifth Annual Meeting of Members in Boston, MA on July 17, 2000 members voted to increase dues from \$10 to \$20 per year** Members not present who had personal concerns about the increase were requested to contact AOSHS individually. To date, no concerns have been reported. Reasons for the dues increase are: (1) operational costs exceeded revenue from dues, (2) increasing costs of printing and postage, and (3) the need to publish professional quality promotional materials for potential funders beginning in January 2001. The increase was implemented October 1, the beginning of the fourth quarter of 2000.

⇒ **The address for The American Overseas Schools Archives (AOSA) is 539 South Water Street, Wichita, KS 67202** – Send historical items and memorabilia to this address. The address for The Historical Society (AOSHS) remains the same: PO Box 777, Litchfield Park, AZ 85340. Send correspondence, membership and renewal applications to this address. E-mail sent to the <OverseasSchools@Juno.Com> address is received at both locations.

⇒ **AOSHS WEBSITE: {<http://aoshs.wichita.edu>}** – The site, courtesy of Wichita State University, provides a wide range of information and web links of interest to current and former American overseas schools students and educators including the American Overseas Schools Archives (AOSA) and the future Museum and Historical Park. The number of visitors to the site average 50 per day. The AOSHS Webmaster, Lyn Baskett Fort, is President of the HH Arnold High School Alumni Group and also Webmaster for the HH Arnold Alumni High School website.

⇒ **AOSHS BYLAWS AMENDED** – At the Fifth Annual Meeting of Members in Boston, MA on July 17, 2000 members voted to change the wording of ARTICLE FOUR, SECTION 1, PARAGRAPH 4 from “Officers must reside in the State in which the Archive is physically located.” to “Officers may reside in any state or territory of the United States of America.”

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⇒ **AOSHS Representatives for Florida** – John and Joann Middleton have volunteered to represent the large concentration of current and retired overseas schools educators who live full- or part-time in Florida. Sunny Schwentner will continue as a representative for overseas schools alumni in Florida. The Middletons have been appointed by the board, and are listed on page two of this journal. This action will be ratified at the Annual Meeting of Members in Wichita next July.

⇒ **To: Members in or Visiting Arizona** – Lucille Hansen, AOSHS 2nd Vice President, is anxious to make a video recording of your overseas experiences. She lives in Mesa, AZ. Call her at (480)898-8671 or leave a message. She prefers that you arrive at an appointed time at her home. If you would like to have a copy, bring a blank VCR tape. This is an opportunity to record your overseas experiences for posterity in the American Overseas Schools Archives in Wichita, KS <luclieh @ Juno.Com>.

⇒ **AOSHS Boater Totes and Smaller Tote Bags are Available** – The “AOSHS Little Red School House” logo design Boater Tote Bags that sold out at the recent DoDDS–XII Reunion in Boston and were a hit at the Overseas Brats Gathering of Alumni Leaders in Wichita October 19–22, are again available. Two new sizes are also available. All have the full “AOSHS Little Red School House Whose Windows are the World” logo by Jim Louwers (Honorable Mention winner in the logo contest) printed in seven brilliant colors and are made of heavy canvas.

Large Boater Tote	(19½ x 14½ x 5")	with outside pocket & handles.....	\$20.00 each
Smaller Boater Tote	(14½ x 15 x 6¼")	with shoulder straps & bamboo handles	\$17.00 each
Small Gusset Tote	(10½ x 14 x 5")	with hand-shoulder straps	\$13.00 each

Shipping to the same address: One bag \$3.00; two bags \$4.00; three bags \$5.00; four bags \$6.00 All profits after cost, printing, and shipping go into the AOSHS Building Fund.

NOTE: \$422.45 went into the Building Fund from the sale of the first order of 72!

Send check or money-order payable to “AOSHS” to cover the cost of your order to:

Pat Taft, 8153 E. Madero Ave., Mesa, AZ 85208-5238. E-mail <btaft@dancris.com>.

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

⇒ **Planning for the 30th Anniversary of the Wichita River Festival next May**, includes a Museums/Attractions Day on Friday, May 18 with museums/attractions open to the public with River Festival Buttons. Friday will encourage people to come to Wichita for the weekend. There will be no sponsor fee or charge to the museums for the event, and all will be listed, along with the hours of operation in the official Festival Guide. Marketing the Festival on a more regional, rather than a local basis, supports the idea of a weekend visit to Wichita. The River Festival attracts several hundred thousand people each year.

⇒ **Memorial Bricks for Reunions, etc.** – Personnel attending school reunions may want to take up a collection or consider as part of the registration fee, allocating \$100 for the purchase of a Memorial Brick commemorating your Reunion or meeting. Contact: Memorial Program, PO Box 4312, Scottsdale AZ 85251 E-mail: <abamberger@juno.com>.

AOSHS ENDOWMENT UPDATE

Recommended Reading for all AOSHS Members

In the Summer and Fall 2000 issues of *The Quarterly* it was announced that an AOSHS Endowment Fund had been established to pay in perpetuity, salaries of three employees, utilities, and maintenance of Phase One of The American Overseas Schools Historical Park. There was also an urgent request for members to donate to the fund to show potentially large donors that all AOSHS members are dedicated and have contributed first.

As expected, the response from members illustrates a strong commitment of support and a desire to see the historical park become a reality. Encouraging letters and notes of support, money orders, and checks made out to The AOSHS Endowment Fund arrive daily, and we expect that soon all members will have contributed. What is highly important to a potential funder, is evidence of the involvement and backup of all members in an organization that has submitted a proposal for a grant or financial assistance.

Phase One of the American Overseas Schools Historical Park is a 7,000 square foot Visitors Center with archive collections that have been recorded, the beginnings of a museum, a gift shop, meeting rooms, and office space. Following phases will include buildings for archives—recorded and to be recorded, a museum, and a 250-seat auditorium, all interconnected in a rectangle with the Visitors Center. Total square footage under roof will be approximately 30,000 square feet. Plazas for memorials and landscaping, within and without the four building rectangle will occupy most of five acres. Three additional acres will be held available for future expansion.

The year 2001 has been announced as the beginning of Fundraising for Phase One of the AOS Historical Park, and we are following the advice of museum directors in Wichita and elsewhere to do the following:

1. Establish an Endowment Fund for Phase One. This we have done at Luke Air Force Base FCU.
2. Obtain donations from all members for the Endowment Fund. This we are doing.
3. Identify potential "brick and mortar" funders who have an interest in our type of project.
This we have done and will continue to do.
4. Submit written proposals, in person, to potential funders following the DoDDS XIII Reunion in Wichita next July. This we will do.

The Wichita Community Foundation

Additional advice from our "advisors" has been to transfer our Endowment Fund to a professional nonprofit 501 (c) (3) corporation established to manage endowment funds in compliance with federal regulations. The reason being that AOSHS, committed to provide service over the long haul, sooner or later will need a permanent endowment, income from which will provide that extra margin of readily available funds to:

- ◆ Do research and long-term planning.
- ◆ Accumulate funds to replace and renew physical facilities.
- ◆ Respond to that occasional great opportunity.
- ◆ Overcome that otherwise debilitating emergency.
- ◆ Promote AOSHS among a wider range of constituent users and supporters.
- ◆ Meet an otherwise devastating shortfall in normal operating support.

Following this advice, we have had three exploratory meetings with the Wichita Community Foundation (WCF), established in 1986 to build charitable endowments and serve donors.

The WCF, a 501 (c) (3) corporation, is one of more than 600 community foundations across America growing endowments to meet changing community needs and opportunities. All donations to WCF qualify for the maximum deduction for charitable contributions under IRS regulations.

The WCF is in the business of endowment management. AOSHS is not. The WCF exists to attract large blocks of private capital, and has professional expertise in endowment fundraising and management. The expertise of its professionals, serving agencies such as AOSHS, is in the delivery of services.

The WCF can provide important services to AOSHS in managing and building a permanent endowment, and assume responsibility for:

- ◆ Legal administration of the Fund
- ◆ Receiving and processing additional assets and donations at any time
- ◆ Managing the investment of the Fund's assets
- ◆ Re-investing the income from the Fund's assets until distributions are made
- ◆ Preparing and filing all tax returns
- ◆ Responding to federal regulations and audits
- ◆ Providing periodic statements on principal, balance, and available income
- ◆ Distributing earnings to and for AOSHS on an annual or more frequent basis

Additionally, WCF would include the AOSHS Fund in each of its annual reports and publicize the fund in its newsletters, bringing the AOSHS message before many giving-capable prospects on its mailing list. The WCF aims to encourage the growth of endowments and thereby strengthen philanthropy in the Wichita region.

The WCF has determined that the AOSHS meets its criteria for the drafting of a document of understanding, stating terms for establishing an endowment.

To cover the cost of investing endowment funds and performing other services, WCF assesses a nominal fee according to the following schedule, charged quarterly.

- ◆ For balances up to \$50,000 – One (1.0) percent of the fund balance per annum.
- ◆ That portion of the balance from \$50,000 to \$250,000 – One half (0.5) percent per annum
- ◆ That portion of the balance above \$250,000 – One quarter (0.25) percent per annum.

An agreement between WCF and AOSHS would include provisions to cover special needs and circumstances in accordance with IRS Code provisions defining component funds held by community foundations.

The goal of WCF is community improvement. Its primary objective is to attract permanent endowment, the income of which may be applied either for general charitable purposes or for the purposes of a specific agency, such as the AOSHS. For example: In helping donors to add funds to an AOSHS endowment, WCF would fulfill its charitable mission. It would like to manage an AOSHS Endowment Fund, see it grow and strengthen the private charitable sector in the Wichita area. Thus, in serving AOSHS, it would serve the entire Wichita area.

The WCF manages seven types of funds—Unrestricted; Field of Interest; Designated; Donor Advised; Scholarship; Family foundation; and Agency. The AOSHS is considered an agency and an endowment fund would protect capital for the future and provide the rewards of donor investment management. Individuals and corporations would be able to add to the AOSHS Endowment.

In addition, the three meetings with James D. Moore, Executive Director of WCF, the AOSHS Board of Directors has carefully investigated WCF, in and out of Wichita, during the past three months.

Consequently—

The Following Actions are Recommended:

1. The transfer of money in the AOSHS Building Fund to the AOSHS Endowment Fund, both of which are deposited in the Luke Air Force Base Federal Credit Union. Rationale—AOSHS most likely will never build a multi-million dollar historical park funded by dues and donations from members. Therefore money in the building fund would better meet objectives now if transferred to the endowment fund.
2. Establishing by March 31, 2001, an AOSHS Endowment Fund of \$50,000 or more with the Wichita Community Foundation with money in the Luke FCU. Rationale—The management fee for \$50,000 or more is only 0.5% per annum, and WCF target return on investments is CPI + 7.5%. Actual annualized returns for three year periods ending June 1998 were 14.9%; June 1999 – 14.0%; and June 2000 – 10.6%, much better than Luke FCU, currently at 3.8979%. More importantly, a WCF experienced professional investment committee carefully manages and overseas the investment of funds, and a professional staff, overseen by a board of community leaders, helps carry out the wishes of WCF's donors. Obviously the AOSHS board of directors cannot match the investment expertise of the WCF staff.
3. Transferring \$22,500 in CD's in a Pentagon Federal Credit Union AOSHS Memorial Fund account, to a WCF AOSHS Memorial Fund Endowment, when they become due in 2002 and 2003. As of February 15, AOSHS had an additional \$15,000 in a Bank of America—Scottsdale Memorial Fund (bricks, blocks and pavers) account, for a total of \$37,500 in AOSHS Memorial Fund accounts.

How do we do this?

As of February 12, 2001, monies in the AOSHS Endowment and Building Funds at Luke FCU were \$12,213.23 and \$25,132.47 respectively, for a combined total of \$37,345.70. On the same date, the AOSHS Operating Fund at Luke FCU was \$25,288.64. A transfer of \$50,000 to the Wichita Community Foundation to establish an AOSHS Endowment Fund of \$50,00 from Luke FCU would leave a balance of \$12,634.34 in the Operating Fund at Luke FCU. That would be enough to meet operating expenses. Also, since that time all three funds at Luke FCU have increased.

AOSHS IS MEMBER-DRIVEN.

Therefore the Board of Directors makes the following recommendation to all members:

- ❑ Following the above-described actions, establish an AOSHS Endowment Fund in the amount of \$50,000 or more with the Wichita Community Foundation by April 1, 2001.

Members who have made donations to the AOSHS Building Fund, and who oppose this recommendation should notify the board, in writing, not later than March 15, 2001. In such cases, money they have donated to the building fund will remain in a building fund account at Luke FCU.

Members who do not object to the above board recommended action will be considered as voting in favor of the recommendation. If by March 15, 2001, the majority of members are in favor of the action, it will be implemented by April 1, 2001 and ratified at the Annual Meeting of Members on July 21, 2001 in Wichita, Kansas.



The AOSHS Memorial Fund

PO Box 4312, Scottsdale, AZ 85261

The following is a recap of the memorial program currently available.

All purchases and donations are tax deductible.

1. You may purchase a brick, block or paver in your own name or for a friend or loved one, living or deceased. 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 photo with your order.
2. You may organize a memorial fund for a deceased friend or loved one. The fund will be announced in two issues of the AOSHS Quarterly so others may contribute. When the fund closes in six months, you will receive an accounting and determine how the funds will be used. Write to the Memorial Program address or the e-mail address below to receive a Memorial Fund form.
3. You may donate to a memorial fund already established. Make all checks payable to AOSHS Memorial Fund and note the honoree on the memo line. Send checks to the

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Ceramic Brick	4x8	15	2	30	\$ 100
Ceramic Block	8x8	15	5	75	\$ 250
Granite Block, Polished	8x8	15	5	75	\$ 500
Granite Paver, Polished	16x16	25	11	275	\$ 1,000
Granite Paver, Polished	24x24	35	17	595	\$ 2,500

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

THE FLORENCE E. BACKHAUS (1927-1979) MEMORIAL FUND

Florence was born in Madison, South Dakota. She received her BS from General Beadle State Teachers College (now Dakota State University). Her two MS degrees were from South Dakota State University and the University of South Dakota. After teaching several years in South Dakota she began her DoDDS service in Labrador in 1961. Successive transfers took her to Germany, Turkey, Okinawa, Japan and she was serving her 9th year in Korea where she died in October 1979. She is remembered for the science courses she taught, and her school spirit as evidenced by her faithful scorekeeping at all athletic events.

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT**THE JUDITH ANN CHAPMAN, THOMAS E. LEWIS
AND JAMES E. SNYDER MEMORIAL FUND**

Three students from Nelson C. Brown High School, Nouasseur Air Base, Morocco were killed in an automobile accident on March 23, 1957, on the road between the base and Casablanca. Jim Snyder would have graduated with the Class of '59. Tom Lewis and Judy Chapman would have graduated with the Class of '58. Judy previously attended 10th grade at H.H. Arnold HS in Wiesbaden, 1955-56. This tragic loss was felt throughout the small base community. Friends and family still mourn, and wonder what each of these wonderful young people might have accomplished in a full lifetime.

(Donations to this fund may be marked "C/L/S Fund" on the memo line of the check.)

Closed Memorial Funds

**Following is the final disposition of memorial funds that closed in
November 2000. They are listed alphabetically.**

- Dr. Donald Fenwick - 4x8 ceramic brick, excess \$'s donated to Endowment Fund
- Shirley Isaacson - 8x8 ceramic block
- Gay A. Long - still to be determined
- Dr. William (Bill) Lutz - 8x8 ceramic block, excess \$'s donated to Endowment Fund
- Robert Platenberg - 24x24 polished granite paver
- Hazel Youngman - 4x8 ceramic brick



***AOSHS MEMORIAL PROGRAM
COMPUTER KIOSKS AVAILABLE DURING DODDS XIII
AND OVERSEAS BRATS 2001 HOMECOMING IN WICHITA !***

During the past few months, AOSHS has had a program developed to provide information regarding the personal purchase of bricks, blocks, and pavers, as well as Memorial Fund purchases. We are pleased to announce that the program will be up and running in the lobbies of the Hyatt and Broadview Hotels during the DoDDS XIII Reunion and the Overseas Brats Homecoming 2001, both in Wichita from 19 to 23 July.

When a name is highlighted, the person's page will be brought up to read on a computer kiosk monitor. It will have a biography and photo if these were submitted with the purchase. If they were not, the page will only indicate that a purchase was made. When it is a Memorial Fund honoree's page, it will also include the names (not the dollar amounts) of the donors to that fund. When the items are eventually installed in the AOS Historical Park on the river, the page will also indicate the location of the item for that person.

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When the program is up-and-running, it will also be accessible via the Internet on your home computer. The website address will be established in the next few months.

We want to assure each of you who have made a purchase or contributed to a fund, that the implementation plans are in place and we must bide our time until the buildings become a reality. Laying the groundwork and careful planning will assure us of success.

ALUMNI GROUPS PURCHASE MEMORIALS

Over the past year several alumni groups have purchased bricks, blocks, and pavers to recognize their schools. Some of the items recognize the schools as entities, while for others, different classes have bought a brick to recognize the school from that individual graduating class. Thus, many schools will have several bricks or blocks throughout the display.

Alumni groups may want to consider planning to purchase one of the items at the time the next school reunion is held. The purchase price could be a part of the registration fee for the reunion, or different classes could take up a collection at the reunion for a brick in their honor. What better way to recognize your alma mater?



I, WITNESS TO HISTORY

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Many of these stories are now on the Internet for the world to see and hear. Books, albums, short stories, family diaries, and records of unusual experiences have been printed. AOSHS elders have one more great task to finish: —preserving their feelings, beliefs and experiences for their families and future generations. To do so, please contact Terryl Asla at The Resource Center, Larksfield Place, 7373 East 29th Street, Wichita, KS 67226 Office: 316/636-1000 <tasla@larksfieldplace.org>.

THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

Excerpts from *The History of AAIE* ¹

The need for increasing intercultural understanding through education was felt by only a few Americans prior to World War II. Although schools for American children and youth had been established in a few places overseas, they were limited in service largely to areas where American capital had developed industrial or commercial enterprises, such as in Mexico and other Latin American countries, or where missionaries had established schools, patronized by some of the diplomatic corps and wealthy Americans who wished to give their children an intercultural experience and greater language facility.

With the end of World War II, several new developments took place, which caused schools and American-type curricula to be established in many parts of the world where heretofore few Americans had lived. These same developments revealed a growing need for intercultural understanding and international education. **The Association for the Advancement of International Education (AAIE) which was launched twenty years later was a direct outcome of these needs.**

Roots of AAIE

Of great significance was the breakup of the British, French, and Belgian colonial empires. During this period, new and independently developing countries arose, each asking for political and diplomatic relations. The new nations asked for recognition, and as a result U.S. Foreign Service personnel had to be recruited and sent overseas. The presence of those additional persons abroad created a need for many more American schools. At the same time, the United States adopted new foreign policies, which pledged to protect and help develop weaker countries throughout the world. Furthermore, the capital and economic and technical "know-how" from the United States and other developed countries were made available to dozens of newly established countries. Of considerable significance were U.S. government agencies, such as the Agency for International Development (AID) and the U.S. Information Agency (USIA), which added Americans with children to the swelling number of businessmen, technicians, and diplomats already stationed in the far corners of the world.

Another phenomenon that contributed greatly to increased international relations and forced hitherto differing cultures to adjust to each other was science and technology. The airplane, radio and television made mobility and instant communications a reality for millions of people who previously had been isolated and captives of their indigenous culture. Differing language and distrust of alien values and modes of life remained barriers to mutual respect and understanding among the people of the world.

All these twentieth century developments and other changes contributed immeasurably to an intermingling of people in proportions undreamed of only a generation before. American-type schools grew at a rapid rate wherever there was an American embassy, a consulate, an American business enterprise, or an AID project.

Although some overseas schools were part of a U.S. school system established specifically for dependents of American military personnel, the majority were the forerunners of the American/International schools as we know them today. Typically, the latter were organized as tuition-based, cooperative private schools, owned and operated by expatriate parents to meet the needs of their children. They were private schools, but the model was generally that of the U.S. public school. Each was independent, not part of a larger system, as were the military dependents schools.

Some overseas schools have avoided the word "American" in the name of the school, preferring to use the name of the country, the city or some famous person. The evolution in names also reflects attempts to deflate local anti-Americanism. Whatever these schools are called, each was founded by Americans, has a philosophy clearly within the traditions of U.S. public education, is administered by American or American trained leaders, and hires teachers who have backgrounds similar to their leaders.

In many countries the non-American population is attracted to the education offered in these schools. This attitude often reflects the desire of host country and third national parents to have their children master English, which they perceive as the internationally-accepted language of commerce, and thus advantageous for future professional achievement. Non-American parents also chose the American schools in order to provide their children with an understanding of democratic principles in schools founded on that philosophy.

Realizing that such schools existed, but having very little firsthand knowledge of their quality and needs, officials of the U.S. Department of State (DoS) and AID provided funds and awarded a contract to the National Education Association to select a team to conduct a qualitative study of a large sampling of overseas schools operated by Americans.²

Members of the team included Finis E. Engleman, Executive Secretary Emeritus of the American Association of School Administrators (AASA) and Ernest Mannino (see *AOSHS Quarterly Vol. II, No. 4, Fall 1997—Ernie Mannino Passes the Torch of Leadership to Keith Miller*).

The team began its study on September 17, 1963, visiting large schools such as Athens, Greece; Beirut, Lebanon; New Delhi, India; Tehran, Iran; and small ones such as Columbo, Ceylon; Katmandu, Nepal; Taiz, Yemen; and Kandahar, Afghanistan. A report was completed in December 1963—a detailed analysis of each school and a printed document entitled “*American Dependent Schools*”³ which made recommendations for improvement. An oral report was then given to a newly established DoS Overseas Schools Policy Committee. The result was an agreement that a central office within the DoS was needed to serve as an administrative and professional unit to which the overseas school officials could turn for guidance and assistance (see *AOSHS Quarterly Vol. I, No. 1, Winter 1996—DoS (A/OS) Update and Vol. IV, No. 1, Winter 1999—Background of American-Sponsored Overseas Schools ASOS*). Firsthand experience had demonstrated to the survey team that American-Sponsored overseas schools in many areas of the world must have close ties with the U.S. Government.

Ernest Mannino became the first Director of the DoS Office of Overseas Schools (A/OS) and soon proposed a “school-to-school project” that could forge bonds between overseas schools in need and successful U.S. school districts that were national examples of outstanding achievement in public education. The two systems could compliment and help each other to achieve the objective of a higher quality education for both systems and, at the same time, achieve intercultural appreciation and understanding.

To make stateside administrators familiar with the character of overseas schools, Mannino then organized a conference of stateside administrators from 19 school districts that were involved in exciting educational programs, a few overseas administrators, his staff and the committee that had prepared the report, *American Dependent Schools*. The group met in Atlantic City prior to the Annual AASA convention in February 1965. **This meeting was one more chapter in a long story and the genesis of what was to become the AAIE.**

The stateside administrators attending the conference were enthusiastic about possibilities of cooperation between stateside and overseas schools.

Within a year following the meeting in Atlantic City, parings were consummated between schools in the United States and thirty-one schools in Mexico, Central America, South America, Europe, Africa, Near East, South Asia and the Far East. By 1978, the number was 77.

During the first year of the school-to-school project it occurred to some of the stateside participants that an association of those participating in the project should be formed.

To develop plans for implementing the proposal for the new organization, a group was organized to plan an agenda for a meeting under the auspices of A/OS immediately prior to the annual AASA convention in Atlantic City in February 1966. Twenty-five stateside school administrators and 12 overseas administrators involved in the school-to-school project, the staff of A/OS and several other interested educators participated in the conference.

On July 6, 1966, the State of Maryland issued Articles of Incorporation for AAIE.

Now 35 years later, The 35th Annual Conference of AAIE will take place March 4–8, 2001 in the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Miami, Florida. The Executive Director is Dr. Lewis A. Grell. The address for AAIE is Thompson House, Westminster College, New Wilmington, PA 16172.

¹ The History of AAIE by Finis E. Engleman, Edward W. Rushton, Leonard H. Brody and Gilbert C. Brown. AAIE, Thompson House, Westminster College, New Wilmington, PA 16172, 1990.

² Department of State, Agency for International Development, Memoranda dated January 31, 1964, from A.M. Lerner, Assistant Director for Personnel.

³ Finis E. Engleman, B. Melvin Cole, Eugene Youngert, American Dependent Schools, Washington, D.C., National Education Association, 1964.



MAIL BOX

*Selections***April 28, 2000 Letter from Bud Dominick in Locust Grove, VA**

This is the information I have gleaned on the Munich American High School Elephant. I spoke with Rex Gleason, the first principal at MAHS. Rex said the German's love for animals made them feel the school needed the presence of an animal. When the new Elementary/High School was opened in January of 1956 the elephant was put in place as a fountain. Rex feared some of the youngest children could possibly drown in the pool so they shut off the elephant's trunk which was the "spout" for the fountain.

The elephant has sentimental value for thousands of students of HAHS, as well as the elementary school, and possibly, the many military families who lived in Perlacher Forst.

I know when Frank Vahovich was at the school, the "punishment" for many students who were sent to the office was to spend time using a blow torch to burn off the paint on the elephant. It didn't matter how many times it was cleaned, nearly every home sports event (and non-events) seemed to somehow coincide with yet another painting of the elephant. It isn't that it was painted artistically, but rather, I think, a thing to do and brag about but not get caught in the act. It would probably be very interesting to know, of all the students from Munich, how many of them took part in the elephant painting events. If asked, I'd bet some might even fib, just to be counted. Probably there are some of them with "darned near got caught, scared the pants off of me" episodes that would be funny reading.

Our younger son (who planted the thought in my mind) was commenting on one of his classmates, now a full colonel (I think), who is stationed over there and would "be tickled pink" to be part of the effort to get the elephant moved to the Historical Park. Also, Chris Sanders, a MAHS graduate (son of Gordon Sanders who taught English at MAHS for about 30 years) lives in Munich and would be more than happy to help. There is a large, concrete MAHS Mustang outside the school too but, for some reason, the elephant is the "sweetheart" everyone reminisces about. At the end of the school years, I recall many kids outside, climbing onto the elephant, one by one, while the rest of the gang took pictures.

We'll stay in touch if we have information that may further help the elephant project. Best Regards,—Bud Dominick.

For the past several months, AOSHS has been involved in an attempt to have the elephant shipped to the Archives Building in Wichita, Kansas. It is complicated, but we are making progress. The elephant is brass, about six feet in length, and about four feet in height to the top of its upraised trunk. It will be a popular addition to the Historical Park. At present, Larry Hilliard, DoD employee in Garmisch, DoDDS parent and avid AOSHS member, is leading this effort.

August 28, 2000 E-mail from Christine Brignoli <nomads@cape.com>

Hello AOSHS! Today, only a couple of months since returning from three years in Tunisia as the librarian at the American Cooperative School of Tunis, I was going through files in my desk and came across an (AOSHS) article in *NARFE Retirement Life*, dated June 1997. I don't even know if this address is current anymore, or if AOSHS is still existing. But I thought I would try.—Christine Brignoli.

This is perhaps the most interesting e-mail ever received by AOSHS. In 3½ pages, Christine, a graduate of American University of Beirut, explained that she had student-taught at the American Community School in Beirut prior to spending all of her professional life in overseas schools in Arab countries—Cairo, Egypt; Isfahan, Iran; and Tunis, Tunisia in particular. She loves the Arab world, and especially Iran. She and her husband, a Grumman Aerospace employee, experienced Khomeini's ouster of the Shah. Of course we responded and explained that AOSHS still exists. We asked for her address. Hopefully someday she will send it.

Summer, 2000 *The Nürnberg Alumni Association Newsletter Der Nürnberger Trichter*

Ouch !!! Our school's been closed, the movie theatre is gone, and now the PX is being demolished. If it weren't for the photographs and memories we, as Nürnberg Eagles have saved and shared over the years, as well as the friendships we've maintained no matter where we relocated, what would be left of our legacy in Nürnberg?

Well ... maybe our legacy is one of a few good young men and women, mostly kids, really, who knew how to have a good time, when having a good time in a strange land was all we could do. Progress and change are sometimes hard to deal with, particularly so when it involves something as dear to you as Nürnberg High School, and the entire experience of living in Nürnberg, Germany.

Article by Jon Ogaard ('91) and Randy Reitler ('65).

November 8, 2000 *Letter from Joan Sprague in San Diego, CA*

We have recently returned from a 9-day trip to Costa Rica, which was wonderful. I love retirement. **FYI:** Are you familiar with the Armed Forces Vacation Club? It is a cost-saving club for what seems to be for anyone ever connected to employment/service for the U.S. Government. We saw the notice in a newspaper at March AB and immediately started the presses, so to speak. Members can take advantage of condo (time-share) apartments anywhere in the world, including the States for \$209 per week per visit.

It is a good deal, and we were pleased with our facilities. Check it out on the web and pass it on.

{<http://www.atvclub.com>}. You may want to publish it also.

December 20, 2000 *Christmas Card and Letter From Frank and Joyce Vahovich in Reading, PA*

This is the most unique Christmas Card received by AOSHS: On the front is a Middle East scene with the moon and stars above—ALL made from volcanic ash of different colors from the Mt. Pinatubo Volcano on June 12, 1991. Subic Bay Naval Station, where Frank was principal of the school for years, was covered with ash from the volcano.

May – June 2000 *From "Checkpoint"—News from VFW's Front Lines, May – June 2000*

When Mitchell Warner, VFW Voice of Democracy Winner, visited with U.S. Air Force pilot Gail Halverson, also known as the "candy bomber," he was immediately inspired. Thus Halverson's story became the backbone to this year's Voice of Democracy winner's essay on America's Role for the Next Century. Halverson dropped some 23 tons of candy to children during the Berlin Airlift.

From Halverson, Warner learned what it is to give hope when all seems lost. "To them and the rest of the oppressed world, he gave hope," said Warner, who received the \$25,000 T.C. Selman Memorial Scholarship in April at VFW's Community Service Conference. "In the hearts of others around the globe watching the drama in Berlin, a young American pilot's simple act planted hope and the sweet possibility of freedom and democracy."

Warner, a senior at Provo High School in Provo, Utah, said, "America's role for the new century has not changed. Simply, it's to kindle and fan the flame of hope in oppressed people, and their dreams of freedom might be realized."

The candy bomber's story of children urging him to "keep flying" made quite an impact on Warner, who borrowed the phrase for his award-winning speech.

Warner, who plans to pursue a career as an educator, summed up his message for America's role in the new century: "To be the standard bearer of hope for freedom and democracy, to all the world."

January 1, 2001 *E-mail from "DoDDS Doins" by Ray Guastini in Jacksonville, FL, and an example of what could take place in other areas where there are concentrations of retired overseas schools educators and alumni*

On 17 December 2000, Jane and Fred Fulkerson hosted the monthly North Florida Luncheon, for 16 DoDDS friends, in their Jacksonville home. A potluck lunch was served followed by a gift exchange. There was a gift for every girl and boy. Next month's luncheon will be held at the Palm Coast home of Rita and Frank Hedrick.

FROM AN INTERESTING COLLECTION IN THE ARCHIVES

For many years since WW-II, it has been recognized by many, that the best examples of good US/Foreign Relationships, are the indirect results of American teachers and students living abroad. These Americans have been referred to as "Unofficial Ambassadors" in official US Government publications, masters theses, and doctoral dissertations.

One of the earliest of the Unofficial Ambassadors is Rose Sowa of St. Petersburg, FL, a teacher in Tokyo, Japan; Stuttgart, Aschaffenburg, and Wiesbaden, Germany; and Clark Air Base, Philippines from 1950 to 1965.

A partial record of Rose's highly effective "unofficial" ambassadorship is a beautiful, photo-illustrated 44-page, 8½ x 11 booklet in her collection in the Archives. It is a historically important report of the first two International Play Days for Girls that she organized and administered in Japan and the Philippines during April 1952 and January 1960 respectively.

In 1952 Rose was the Girl's Phys Ed teacher at the Meguro High School in Tokyo. The Play Day she organized was for 75 American girls from Meguro and Yokohama High Schools, and 75 Japanese girls and six faculty sponsors from six Japanese high schools. The all-day event included basketball, volleyball, softball, kickball, and a challenge period.

Rose and her principal, Roland W. Peterson, received many letters of appreciation from Japanese students, teachers, and school principals. The following letter from the principal of the Gakuen Japanese High School in Tokyo is typical.

Dear Mr. R.W. Peterson:

It was really a great pleasure that our girls were chosen to take part in the International Play Day held at your school, 18 April, and could have such a wonderful day playing and lunching together. We sincerely thank you for all the help and kindnesses shown by you, your teachers and your students.

Our students were so happy and told us that they enjoyed the whole day forgetting all about the difference of languages and customs, and that they have learned much of the better side of American education. I am sure that they were much impressed by helpful friendliness of your teachers and students and the wonderful facilities and equipments you are allowed to have.

Since the end of the war, we had a big confusion in the educational field and we are still in transitional states at present, but it is our great concern to develop our schools to the better condition and we heartily thank you for your help in giving us the good opportunity to widen our eyes and ears.

It is my hearty wish that this event could be a help for the international friendship and understanding between your country and ours and that the good-will bestowed by every student will remain for long.

Please send our best wishes to Miss Sowa and all of your students.

Sincerely yours,
Yukichi Miura, Principal

On January 26, 1960, Wurtsmith High School at Clark Air Base, Philippines sponsored another very successful International Play Day. It brought together 135 girls from the American School, Manila; Brent HS, Bagio; Chinese Trade School, Angeles; George Dewey HS, Subic Bay; Holy Angel Academy, Angeles; John Paul Jones HS, Olongapo; and Pampanga HS, San Fernando. Yes, it was planned, organized and carried out by Rose Sowa, with the help of others, including her principal, once again, Mr. Roland W. Peterson. It was "A Rose Sowa Day" of cross-cultural learning and appreciation.

The day was spent playing softball, badminton, Chinese checkers, horseshoes, sungka, and volleyball. They ate at the base officers club. The participants were from America, Scotland, Spain, Israel, Nationalist China, and the Philippines.

AOSHS BOOKSHELF



Berlin In The Balance by Thomas Parrish.

Addison-Wesley, Reading, Mass. <http://www.aw.com/gb/>

This book is a detailed account of the beginning of the Cold War and the start of the Berlin Blockade. It explains the political events that led to the blockade prior to the construction of the Berlin Wall, and will be of particular interest to those alumni who were in Germany during the late 40's. A copy of the book can be ordered from the above website. The book, available in paperback, is recommended by Joan Adrian, Nürnberg HS, Class of '49, especially, "...to those that are interested in the history that went on around us and so affected our lives while in Germany." Joan met Mr. Parrish at the Annual Kentucky Book Fair in Frankfort, KY last November, and will donate her copy of the book to The American Overseas Schools Archives in Wichita, KS.

History.edu edited by Dennis A. Trinkle and Scott A. Merriman.

M.E. Sharpe, Armonk, NY and London, England. ISBN 0-7656-0550-3

This book contains a number of path-breaking studies in history pedagogy, among them the first three published essays measuring qualitatively and quantitatively the successes and failures of "e-teaching" and distance learning. The essays (1) collectively urge instructors to take the next step with computing technology; that is, to go beyond passive modes (on-line syllabi, PowerPoint™ presentations, etc.) and create truly interactive instruction; (2) challenge instructors to put student learning at the heart of technology use, and develop students' independent and critical thinking; and (3) explore costs, strategic planning, and implementation suggestions for how a history department can wisely prepare for, and respond to, the rapid pace of technological change.

REUNION NEWS

HOMECOMING 2001

All-Overseas Schools and Brats Reunion

JULY 19–22 IN WICHITA, KANSAS

**Celebrating the AOSHS Site Dedication, Our Educators, and
Our New Hometown, Wichita!!!**

AOSHS WILL BENEFIT FROM *HOMECOMING 2001*

In order to assist AOSHS, OVERSEAS BRATS is contributing the following from Homecoming 2001:

- 1) A portion of each person's registration fee
- 2) A portion of each raffle ticket sold
- 3) When a Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express Credit Card is used for any *Homecoming 2001* or Overseas Brats purchase, AOSHS will receive 3%.

AOSHS received over \$14,000 from OVERSEAS BRATS in 1999.

~ ~ ~ *HOMECOMING 2001 OVERVIEW* ~ ~ ~

Homecoming 2001 will be well attended given the number of responses already received, the number of alumni groups/overseas schools planning activities, and the AOSHS Site Dedication. It's possible the number of attendees could match or exceed 3,000 (according to the Associated Press) who attended *Homecoming '99*, in Dallas, TX.

There is no hotel in Wichita that can accommodate this number, so six hotels will be used for the event. They are the *Broadview* (headquarters for Homecoming 2001), *Clarion*, *Airport Hilton*, *Sheraton*, *Four Points*, and *Marriott*. Banquet functions will be held in Wichita's *Century II Convention Center*. Courtesy bus shuttle service will be provided for those registered with OVERSEAS BRATS for *Homecoming 2001*.

All hotel room rates are \$75 a night, July 16–23, including shuttle services to and from the airport.

Reservations must be made through the *Wichita Convention and Visitors Bureau*

Attn: Pam Mowery/*Homecoming 2001*, 100 S. Main, Suite #100, Wichita, KS 67202, (316) 265-0162. <debbie@wichita-cvb.org>. Reservation form at {<http://www.wichita-cvb.org>}.

For *Homecoming 2001* events information, contact:

Overseas Brats, PO Box 47112, Wichita, KS 67201 (316) 269-9610,
<JoeOSBPRES@aol.com> and {<http://www.overseasbrats.com>}.

~ ~ ~ *TRANSPORTATION* ~ ~ ~

FLYING? {www.priceline.com} for great airfares to Wichita. **DRIVING?** K.C. —three hours, Dallas—5½ hours, St Louis—7 hours, Denver—8 hours. **TRAIN?** Amtrack station, east/west at Newton, Kansas, 30 miles north of Wichita.

Homecoming 2001 as of February 9, 2001 includes 37 schools and alumni groups:

Rochefort/France	Munich/Germany	Narimasu/Japan
Ansbach/Germany	Nürnberg/Germany	M.C. Perry/Iwakuni/Japan
Augsburg/Germany	Osterholz/Germany	Yokota/Japan
Bamberg/Germany	Stuttgart/Germany	Zama/Japan
Baumholder/Germany	HH Arnold/Wiesbaden/Germany	Taegu/Korea
Berlin/Germany	Zweibrücken/Germany	Nouasseur/Morocco
Bonn/Germany-The Amer Sch on the Rhine	Brindisi/Italy	Kubasaki/Okinawa
Frankfurt/Germany	Forrest Sherman/Naples/Italy	Lajes/Azores/Portugal
Hahn/Germany	Eta Jima/Japan	Wheelus HS/Tripoli/Libya
Hanau/Germany	E.J. King/Sasebo/Japan	Zaragoza/Spain
Heidelberg/Germany	Itazuke/Japan	Intl. Sch. of Bangkok/Thailand
Ludwigsburg/Germany	Johnson/Japan	Ankara HS-Marshall HS/Turkey

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Berlin American High School, i.e. The Berlin Brats, are sponsoring *Homecoming 2001's* Golf Tournament. **WHEN:** Friday, July 20th. **WHERE:** Hidden Lakes Course. Tee-time is 10:30 a.m. All participants will meet in the lobby of the *Broadview Hotel* for carpooling to the golf course at 10:00 a.m. **COST:** \$38.00, which includes green fees, cart, range balls, and tax. Four-person scramble. Prizes will be awarded. For more information contact our Golf Chairman, Billy Jordan, at <bjordan@idir.net>. Payment due by July 1st. Make check payable to: *The Berlin Brats* and mail to: 41630 N. Rolling Green Way, Anthem, AZ 85086. Include first, middle, and last names, schools attended, class year. If you are teacher, include the years you taught.

Another DoDDS FLORIDA REUNION

Will be held at the *Plantation Inn*, a resort hotel in Crystal River, FL. October 26–28, 2001. The Crystal River empties into the Gulf of Mexico. People with boats may dock free at the seawall.

Enjoy twenty-seven holes of championship golf, home of the Florida Women's Open, and host to many state PGA Tournaments. Gulf, river, or lake fishing, volleyball, croquet, shuffleboard, billiards, darts, boat tours, and pool facilities are all available.

Area attractions include antique shopping, swimming with manatees, *Homosassa Springs Wildlife Park*, *Ted Williams Baseball Museum*, *Rock Crusher Canyon* and *Crystal River State Archeological Site*.

Entertainers needed, as are volunteers for banquet decorations and golf tournament committees. A letter about the reunion with registration information will be sent to all people on the DoDDS FL address list.

Questions, suggestions, concerns: contact Jerry or Cheryl Griffin at PO Box 882, Homosassa Springs, FL 34447. Telephone: 352-628-5888. E-mail: <darthh@yahoo.com>.

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GOLCUK, TURKEY 2001 REUNION

In the new four-star *Renaissance Portsmouth Hotel* in Portsmouth, Virginia August 23–26. Details will follow in the next issue of *The AOSHS Quarterly*. Gölcük, established in 1925 after the declaration of the Turkish Republic, hosted an American Naval Base during the Cold War.

Golcuk, Turkey Reunion Association: Steven Phipps, President and Newsletter Editor.

PO Box 220337, St. Louis, MO 63122. <phipps@jcn1.com>.

DoDDS XIII REUNION

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DoDDS XIII Price at the Hyatt:

\$95 per night for a single or double. \$115 for a triple or quadruple.

Rates good from July 18 to 25.

Phone number for reservations is 1-800-223-1234

Mention that you are with DoDDS XIII to get the special price.

The Hospitality Room will be open from 0900 to 1200, and 1400 to 1700 daily, except
Saturday, during the Annual AOSHS Meeting in the Hyatt, and the

Historical Park Site Dedication on the bank of the Arkansas River.

Pick up your Registration Packet in the Hospitality Room, and sign up for seating at the
Dinner on Sunday, July 22. Activities included in the Registration Fee are:

Friday, July 20 – Reception with No Host Bar from 1800 to 2000

Saturday, July 21 – AOSHS Meeting and Historical Park Site Dedication

Sunday, July 22 – No Host Bar 1800. Dinner 1900 to 2200

Monday, July 23 – Farewell Breakfast 0800 to 1000



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