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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.



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*A Journal for All Past and Present American
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This is the last issue of The Quarterly prior to the July 21, 2001 dedication of a five-acre site in Wichita, Kansas on which an American Overseas Schools Historical Park will be located. This event is the main focus of this issue.

The park will be a tribute to millions of American students and thousands of American and foreign educators who have served abroad in more than 600 American operated or assisted schools.

Centrally located, the park will be a convenient gathering place for past, present, and future overseas educators, students, and families, especially those whose alma mater no longer exists.

On the grounds, in addition to a Visitors Center and an auditorium, will be buildings for 40,000 pounds of constantly growing archives, and a museum in which, hopefully, the history and memorabilia of more than 600 overseas schools will be recorded, preserved and displayed. Several plazas will contain memorials of living and deceased students, their families and educators, as well as for schools and alumni associations.

The museum, with the aid of the archives and a research and reference library, will have permanent, changing and rotating exhibits of schools and alumni associations. Historical events witnessed and recorded by American families and educators during and following the Cold War will receive special attention. Archive items now held for the library include research studies of overseas schools, many doctoral dissertations and masters theses, thousands of school yearbooks, reference materials on foreign countries, cities, and cultures, and the writings and publications of overseas educators.

The site dedication of the historical park will take place during the Annual Reunion of DoD Dependents Schools, and Homecoming '01 for overseas schools alumni.

All overseas educators, students, families, and friends, are encouraged to spend this memorable and historical weekend in Wichita and reminisce with new and old friends.



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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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grade levels, subjects, and positions to **CAROLYN**. If you have been, or are an overseas student, please send your name, (including maiden); mailing address; telephone and fax numbers; e-mail address; countries, schools, and grade levels attended to **MARGIE**. All educators and alumni are encouraged to send information regarding deceased educators to **TINA**.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

⇒ **SATURDAY, JULY 21, 2001 – Site Dedication Day for the American Overseas Schools Historical Park in Wichita, Kansas** – 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 during the afternoon of July 21, 2001. Planning for this important event has been coordinated with the offices of the mayor and city manager. 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.

⇒ **DoDDS-XIII Volunteers—Volunteers—Volunteers—You are needed!** – Due to: commitments to the City of Wichita; the number of alumni associations attending Homecoming '01; other hotels being used; and the turnout expected; it will not be possible for the officers and board members to “man the tables” for long periods of time as has been done in the past. Each year a few have volunteered, but this year MANY more are needed. When you register at the AOSHS table, let us know if you can help for an hour or two during the reunion. Sign-up sheets to work a designated day and time will be available for the following tables: 1—Membership, 2—Memorial Program (bricks, blocks, pavers), 3—Sales (caps, patches, T-shirts, tote bags), 4—Info about AOSHS and the City of Wichita (materials provided). Your help will be greatly appreciated!

⇒ **AOSHS has Transported its Supply of Tote Bags, T-shirts, Caps, and Patches to Wichita**, thus no mail order sales are available at this time. All items will be for sale at reduced prices during the July DoDDS Reunion to encourage members to wear AOSHS apparel at the Historical Park Site Dedication Ceremony on July 21.

⇒ **AOSHS Computer Kiosks Available During DoDDS-XIII and HOMECOMING '01** – At the Hyatt Regency and the Broadview Hotels in Wichita you will be able to view on screen the biographies and photos, and read the inscriptions of those who have already purchased bricks, blocks, and pavers that will be installed in the American Overseas Schools Historical Park. *See Memorial Program in this issue.*

⇒ **Memorial Bricks for Reunions** – Personnel planning 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. Some alumni associations have already done this. Contact: Memorial Program, PO Box 4312, Scottsdale AZ 85251. E-mail: <abamberger@juno.com>.

⇒ **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, but will remain active in helping accomplish the objectives of the society.

⇒ **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) is: PO Box 777, Litchfield Park, AZ 85340. Send correspondence, donations, 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

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the HH Arnold High School Alumni Group and also Webmaster for the HH Arnold Alumni High School website.

⇒ **AOSHS Lifetime Membership Program** – Increasingly during the past three years members have requested a Lifetime Membership Program. This suggestion will be on the July 21 AOSHS Meeting of Members Agenda during DoDDS-XIII in Wichita.

⇒ **AOSHS Databases** – The volunteer services of Dr. John P. Brokaw of Indianapolis, manager of the AOSHS Database for Overseas Educators, ended with his passing on February 17, 2001 in Terre Haute, Indiana. He developed and managed a comprehensive, constantly growing database, beginning with the fourth issue of *The AOSHS Quarterly* in the fall of 1996. John was a renowned teacher and principal with DoDDS for many years, and will be sorely missed. His database files, records, and a backup ZIP™ disk have been sent to AOSHS by the attorney/executor of his estate. Replacing him will be Carolyn Wilber of Scottsdale, AZ (see page 2). Carolyn taught math and computer sciences at Wagner HS in the Philippines; Kadena HS in Okinawa; Kaiserslautern, Bitburg, and Ramstein High Schools in Germany; and, Soesterberg HS in The Netherlands.

⇒ **In Remembrance, it is Tina Calo to Contact** – An important part of AOSHS is remembering our colleagues who have passed on. Tina Calo (see page 2) has been working hard at keeping the “Deceased List” up to date. Don’t forget to contact her when you have news of the passing of others. AOSHS strives to keep accurate—and necessary—accounts of friends and colleagues.

⇒ **Educators and Alumni whose Alma Mater was the Nile C. Kinnick High School** in Yokosuka, Japan, are requested to contact Richard LaPointe at 1729 Baldwin Drive, McLean, VA 22101. (703) 893-4776 <Richard.Lapointe@ed.gov>. Dick recently returned from visiting DoD schools in Japan and needs your help in developing a database.

⇒ **Educators who taught at the Ernest Harmon High School** in Stephenville, Newfoundland from 1963–1966 are requested to contact John Barchfeld, <john.barchfeld@sru.edu> Class of '67, who is working with a reunion group trying to locate former teachers. Their web site is: {www.geocities.com/perachit/}.

⇒ **Overseas Federation of Teachers Goes Online** – You can get instant access to the latest OFT news by clicking onto a new website at {www.oftonline.org/}. The site, created with the help of the AFT Washington, DC Office gives an overview of the OFT and its history. Plans are to have the OFT newsletter and The Overseas Teacher available soon on the site.

⇒ **DoDEA Positions on Recruitment Now Available on the WEB** – A weekly updated list of job openings can now be reviewed on the DoDEA website {www.odedodea.edu/pers/}. Click on employment opportunities, then on Current DoDEA, DoDDS, DDESS Vacancies, then choose “all.”

⇒ **Munich American Elementary/High School Elephant** – When the new Munich Elementary/High School was opened in January 1956, a brass elephant six feet long and four feet high, with a raised trunk, was installed as a fountain. The elephant has sentimental value for thousands of Munich elementary and high school students and their families who lived in Perlacher Forst. According to Bud Dominick of Locust Grove, VA, “Many students took part in elephant painting events—the thing to do and brag about, but not get caught in the act.... At the end of school years, I recall many kids outside, climbing onto the elephant, one by one, while the rest of the gang took pictures.... The elephant is the ‘sweetheart’ everyone reminisces about.”

As reported in the last issue of *The AOSHS Quarterly*, Munich HS Alumni and their families had been involved with AOSHS for months in an attempt to have the elephant procured or donated and moved to the American Overseas Schools Archives in Wichita, Kansas. Now we are sorry to report that since then, Larry Hilliard DoD employee in Garmisch, Germany, who was assisting with the project, informed AOSHS that the German Federal Government will not allow the elephant to be moved because it was a special gift by the U.S. Military Community Activity in Munich, to future children who might move into the neighborhood, when the land was turned back to the Germans.

AOSHS ENDOWMENT FUND ESTABLISHED WITH THE WICHITA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

In the previous issue of *The Quarterly*, Vol. VI, No. 1, Winter 2001, the board of directors recommended that the AOSHS Endowment and Building Funds be combined and transferred to a nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation established to manage endowment funds in compliance with IRS, federal, and state regulations. The reason being that AOSHS cannot match the expertise of professionals in the management of an endowment fund.

Following previous investigation, the board further recommended that the Wichita Community Foundation (WCF), established in 1986 to build charitable endowments, serve donors, and attract large blocks of private capital, was the most logical and best corporation with which to do business.

Recommendations to members were to:

1. Transfer money in the AOSHS Building Fund to the AOSHS Endowment Fund. Both accounts are in the West Credit Union (WCU) on Luke Air Force Base, Arizona. Rationale—AOSHS most likely will not build a multi-million dollar historical park funded by dues and donations only from members. Therefore, money in the building fund would better meet objectives if transferred to the endowment fund established to pay salaries of three personnel, utilities, and maintenance of Phase One of the AOSHS Historical Park.
2. Establish an AOSHS Endowment Fund of \$50,000 or more with the WCF with money in the West Credit Union at Luke Air Force Base. 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 3.8979%, then currently at the credit union at Luke AFB. 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.
3. Transfer \$22,500 in Certificates of Deposit currently 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, 2001 AOSHS had an additional \$15,000 in a Bank of America—Scottsdale, Arizona Memorial Fund account (bricks, blocks, and pavers), for a total of \$37,500 in AOSHS Memorial Fund accounts.

It was also announced in the *Winter 2001 Quarterly* that members who opposed the transfer of money from the building fund to the endowment fund should notify the board, in writing, not later than March 15, 2001. In such cases, money they had donated to the building fund would remain in an AOSHS Building Fund account in the West Credit Union at Luke Air Force Base. Members, who did not object to the transfer would be considered as voting in favor, and if the majority was in favor, the recommendations would be implemented but subject to ratification at the Annual Meeting of Members on July 21, 2001 in Wichita, Kansas.

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By March 15, the board had received no letters of opposition. Instead, endorsement and encouragement in the form of letters, e-mail, and increased donations to the endowment fund were received.

Consequently on April 11, 2001 the President of the AOSHS Board of Directors/Trustees signed an Instrument of Gift for an Agency Endowment Fund addressed to James D. Moore, Executive Director, Wichita Community Foundation, 151 N. Main, Suite 140, Wichita, KS 67202. The first paragraph of the *Instrument* states "We hereby give, grant, and contribute \$50,000.00 to the Wichita Community Foundation (hereinafter referred to as the Foundation) to be used by the Foundation to establish the American Overseas Schools Historical Society, Inc. Operations Endowment Fund (hereinafter referred to as the Fund)."

The first use of the interest generated by the fund, as originally approved by members, will be to pay the salaries of three personnel, utilities and maintenance, of Phase One of the Historical Park.

We want to assure our membership that the WCF has invested our funds under the stewardship of its Finance and Investment Committees. With the advice of investment management consultants, they invest fund assets in a diverse portfolio carefully selected to provide security of principal and asset growth. WCF scrutinizes investment returns and have their foundation funds audited each year. Their annual audits are available to the public.

Copies of the agreement will be mailed to requesting members, and will be available prior to ratification during the Annual Meeting of Members on July 21, 2001 in Wichita.

DONATIONS TO THE AOSHS ENDOWMENT FUND

ON THE RISE

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.

The response from members continues to illustrate a strong commitment to see the historical park become a reality. Not only have most members donated to the Endowment Fund, many have done so twice, and some three times. This was not anticipated, but is much appreciated. It is this kind of membership support that will get the attention of potentially large donors. Encouraging letters and notes of support, money orders, and checks made out to The AOSHS Endowment Fund arrive daily, and we hope that soon all members will have contributed, but only what is comfortable to contribute.

What is highly important to a potential funder evaluating a proposal for a grant or financial assistance, is the degree of support and dedication of members in the organization that has submitted the proposal.

Those contributing to the AOSHS Endowment Fund are requested to send their checks or money orders to AOSHS, Box 777, Litchfield Park, AZ 85340. After recording, the donations will be forwarded to the Wichita Community Foundation for deposit in the AOSHS Operations Endowment Fund.

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

Memorial Program, PO Box 4312, Scottsdale, AZ 85261.

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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, Polished	8x8	15	5	75	\$ 500
Granite Paver, Polished	16x16	25	11	275	\$ 1,000
Granite Paver, Polished	24x24	35	17	595	\$ 2,500

SECOND 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.

SECOND 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 February 2001. They are listed alphabetically.

- Dr. Joseph H. Blackstead – 24x24-inch polished granite paver
- Alexander Kyrios – 16x16-inch polished granite paver
- Gay A. Long (closed in Nov.) 24x24-inch polished granite paver



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 20 to 23 July, and 19 to 22 July respectively.

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. Along with the biography and photo of those who purchased, you will also be able to view the "virtual" brick, block or paver and read the inscription. We are sure you will enjoy knowing what the real thing will look like when eventually installed in the historical park on the river. When the items are installed, the kiosk page will also indicate the location in the park of the item for that person.

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.

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 class. Thus, many schools will 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?

ALUMNI GROUPS PURCHASE MEMORIALS

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YOU KNOW YOU'RE AN EXPAT KID IN ASIA WHEN: ***

- ✓ You can't answer the question: Where are you from?
- ✓ You flew before you could walk.
- ✓ You have a passport but no driver's license.
- ✓ You watch National Geographic specials and recognize someone.
- ✓ You run into someone you know at every airport.
- ✓ You have a time zone map next to your telephone.
- ✓ Your life story uses the phrase "Then we went to..." five times.
- ✓ You speak with authority on the quality of airline travel.
- ✓ National Geographic or the Travel Channel makes you homesick.
- ✓ You read the international section before the comics.
- ✓ You sort friends by continent.
- ✓ Someone brings up the name of a team, and you get the sport wrong.
- ✓ Your second major is a foreign language you already speak.
- ✓ You watch a movie, set in a foreign country and you know what the nationals are really saying
- into the camera.
- ✓ Rain on a tile patio or a corrugated metal roof is one of the most wonderful sounds in the world.
- ✓ You haggle with the checkout clerk for a lower price.
- ✓ Your wardrobe can only handle two seasons: Wet and dry.
- ✓ You have a name in at least two different languages, and it's not the same one.
- ✓ You think Visa is a document stamped in your passport, and not a plastic card that you carry in your wallet.
- ✓ You automatically take off your shoes as soon as you get home.
- ✓ Half of your phone calls are unintelligible to those around you.
- ✓ You know the geography of the rest of the world, but not your own country.
- ✓ You have best friends in five different countries.
- ✓ You ask your roommate when the maid service is scheduled to come clean your room.
- ✓ You won't eat Uncle Ben's rice because it won't stick together.
- ✓ You know there is no such thing as an international language.

*** From an article in the Bangkok Post reprinted in *the diaspora potrezebie*, Alumni Newsletter of the American Community School of Beirut, Lebanon. Many thanks to Ann Bruder, Class of 1970.



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AAIE ENDORSES AOSHS

The Association for the Advancement of International Education (AAIE) has been added to the list of professional associations and organizations endorsing the American Overseas Schools Historical Society (AOSHS). The list includes the National Education Association and its affiliate the Overseas Education Association, the American Federation of Teachers and its affiliate the Overseas Federation of Teachers, the American Association of School Administrators, the Federal Education Association, the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, the Department of Defense Education Activity, the Department of State Office of Overseas Schools, and a number of overseas schools regional and alumni associations.

AAIE, established in 1966 by the Department of State Office of Overseas Schools, has become the premier organization for American international schools by providing a variety of services to these schools around the world.

AAIE holds a major conference each year in the United States that is attended by over 500 delegates including overseas schools directors, stateside superintendents in the School-to-School Program, regional education association directors, and officers of U.S. accreditation agencies. In addition, this annual international educational meeting attracts university personnel who offer training courses to teachers in overseas schools, College Board representatives, book publishers, and many other individuals interested in American-sponsored overseas schools.

In a March 16, 2001 letter to AOSHS, Lewis A. Grell, Ed.D., Executive Director of AAIE wrote:

"I am very pleased to inform you the Board of Directors of the Association for the Advancement of International Education enthusiastically endorsed The American Overseas Schools Historical Society, Inc. at the board's regular meeting on Monday, March 5, 2001 at the Hyatt Hotel in Miami, Florida.

In so doing the board applauded the vision and hard work of you and your colleagues who have worked so hard since 1989 to make the dream of collecting, recording and preserving the rich histories and memorabilia of the American Overseas Schools a reality."

AOSHS, NAU, WSU, DODDS

Connections

NAU's student teachers gain experience overseas

Living and working overseas may be the dream of many, but for a select group of Northern Arizona University students in Flagstaff, Arizona, it has become a reality.

Through an annual **NAU/Department of Defense Dependents Schools (DoDDS)** program, an average of 15 to 25 select student teachers from the **NAU** Center for Excellence in Education are placed in schools throughout Western Europe.

Northern Arizona University has been sending student teachers to Europe since 1990 in a program designed and initially directed by Dr. Tom Drysdale. Since 1995, Dr. Lee Johnson, has directed the program. Both Drysdale and Johnson were school-level and above school-level administrators with **DoDDS** for many years.

DoDDS, headquartered in Arlington, Virginia, currently operates in 14 countries. The current **NAU** Student Teacher Program is run in conjunction with five schools in Germany, one in The Netherlands, one in Belgium, and two in England.

Typically 40 to 50 students apply for the program and half or less is selected. In the 11 years since the program's induction, a total of 188 highly screened student teachers, mature and responsible beyond their years have experienced this overseas adventure. They pay for their own transportation, personal expenses and food. Housing in military accommodations ranges from zero to \$350 per month, depending on what is available. The students are abroad from August until the end of November, and are required to contact their **NAU** supervisors each week. The fall 2000 supervisors were Johnson and Gregory Prater, a professor for CEE.

A good number of former **NAU** student teachers, have been or are now employed by **DoDDS**. Recently Lauren Turner and Sharon Weaver, student teachers in 1998, were hired by Linda Curtis, principal of the **DoDDS** Elementary School at Supreme Headquarters, Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE).

Both received very high ratings as **DoD** student teachers and were name-requested by Curtis. SHAPE is located near Mons, Belgium and is an international base and community also with schools from other NATO countries. "The SHAPE elementary and secondary schools are premier places teachers can be assigned, and stateside recruits are rarely hired. Therefore the appointments of Turner and Weaver is a real compliment to the **NAU** student teacher program," said Dr. Johnson.

In a recent e-mail to **NAU** from Ophelia Phillips, principal at Halvorsen-Turner **DoDDS** Elementary / Middle School at Rhein-Main Air Force Base, Germany, she wrote, "I must honestly say, of all the programs we have experienced, yours is the best organized."

From NAU Today, March 2001, by Sonia Yanez, Public Affairs.

DoDEA director
is NAU alum

NAU not only has earned a reputation in sending high quality student teachers to **DoDDS** and running a well organized program, but it is also responsible for educating the highest ranking official in **DoDEA**, the Department of Defense Education Activity.

Joseph Tafoya, named director of **DoDEA** last fall, graduated with a doctorate in education administration from **NAU** in 1983.

Since entering the education field in 1969, he has served as a teacher, assistant principal and principal in San Diego, and as deputy and assistant superintendent of the Santa Ana, California Unified School District.

In 1999, Tafoya became **DoDEA** deputy director of **DoD** dependent schools in the United States and was named director of **DoDEA**, which includes **DoDDS**, in September 2000. He then stated that, based on his Native American heritage, he wants to instill in people what "leadership" means.

*From NAU Today, March 2001
by Sonia Yanez, Public Affairs.*



WSU students will student teach abroad next year

Shortly after Dr. Eugene M. Hughes retired as President of Northern Arizona University and accepted the presidency of Wichita State University on July 1, 1993, he was recognized and honored by the Secretary of Defense for providing a facility on the NAU campus for the American Overseas Schools Archives. The occasion took place during the Fifth Annual Reunion of DoDDS in Flagstaff, Arizona. Dr. Hughes was already in Wichita, so Dr. Jon Engelhardt, Executive Director of the NAU Center of Excellence in Education stood in for him and received a Letter of Appreciation hand-carried from Washington, D.C. by Dr. John Stremple, Director of DoDDS. The archives, initially authorized by Dr. Hughes, was operated as an activity of the Center of Excellence under the direction and guidance of Dr. Engelhardt.

Soon thereafter, Dr. Engelhardt was offered the position of Dean, College of Education at WSU, which he accepted. Now following the Hughes/Engelhardt tradition, WSU is involved in developing a student teacher program with DoDDS in Europe. Dr. Marcus Ballenger, Associate Dean for the College of Education has been coordinating the WSU program.

Like at NAU, the WSU selection process for student teachers that apply to go overseas is rigorous. In addition to having a good standing with the college, applicants write an essay about why they want to be a part of the program and what experiences they expect to have. A five-member faculty committee who will choose students for the program also interview them.

It is planned that WSU and NAU will cooperate on the supervision and assistance of student teachers abroad.

The archives and historical society are fortunate to have had the enthusiastic support of Drs. Hughes and Engelhardt, at NAU and WSU. The society's research orientation, Hughes/Engelhardt, and WSU had an strong influence on the selection of Wichita as the site of the future American Overseas Schools Historical Park. And now the society continues to prosper with the WSU sponsorship of its website, and the strong support of the new WSU President, Dr. Don Beggs.

From Wichita State University EDUCATION, Spring 2000.

Time Capsule to Commemorate Historical Park Site Dedication

Those attending the AOSHS Annual Meeting of Members on July 21, 2001 in the Hyatt Hotel in Wichita, KS, will appoint a committee which will recommend items appropriate to be placed in a time capsule, and a date that the capsule will be opened on site. Those volunteering to serve on the Time Capsule Committee should submit their names to the Board of Directors prior to July 15, 2001.

It is anticipated that newspaper articles, television and sound recordings, photographs, speeches, names of those present and other

historical accounts of the event will be placed in the capsule. It is highly recommended that those attending the ceremony also submit at a later date approved personal items such as individual and group photographs, descriptions, and recordings of the event.

One suggestion is for the time capsule to be placed in the structure supporting the rotating world globe at the entrance of the park, on the outside of which would be an inscribed description of the event [see photograph on page 18].

INTERESTING COLLECTIONS IN THE ARCHIVES

There are many school, above school, and individuals' collections in the archives that contain yearbooks. The collection with the most yearbooks, by far, is that of Richard F. Osner, of Albuquerque, NM, donated when he was the Japan District Superintendent just prior to his last DoD assignment as Superintendent of the Wuerzburg District in Germany.

In Dick's collection is another kind of book—not a yearbook—with the title:

50th Anniversary - Japan District DoD Dependents Schools History - SY 46-96

The book, compiled under his supervision, contains a wealth of historical data regarding all military and DoD elementary, middle, secondary and combined schools that existed in Japan during those years. The first two pages are an alphabetical index of 21 schools that were operating in 1996, and 58 schools that had closed.

At the top of each of the following 70 pages is the name and location of a school, below which are six columns listing yearbooks, each school year in operation, full names of every principal and assistant principal, grade levels and grade level changes, and average enrollment for each year.

At the bottom of each school listing, below the six columns, are dates the school opened and, if applicable, closed, and information on any school name changes. The last line is about the school's yearbooks which were "... retired to Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, AZ Overseas Schools Repository."—Dick's name for the American Overseas Schools Archives.

1968 yearbook of the Tehran American School

The first donation of money to The American Overseas Schools Archives at Northern Arizona University, was a check for \$200 from Viola (Abram) Hemming in Tucson, AZ, recently deceased. The check was returned to her, with appreciation, because at that time the archives were not authorized to receive monetary gifts. (A framed copy now hangs on the wall in the archive office in Wichita, KS). Later, following the establishment of the nonprofit historical society, Viola became one of the first charter members, and again the first donor of money. Her daughter, Sara Hunt of Sacramento, CA has recently added Viola's yearbook *68 Talons* to her mother's collection and is preparing to ship more of her memorabilia.

In 1968, Viola Abram was a first grade teacher in the Tehran American School in Iran, and her yearbook *68 Talons* is one of the most historically unique in the archives. Not only does it identify all students and educators grades 1-12; it contains beautiful color photographs of the Coronation of

the Shah of Iran on October 26, 1967 in Tehran. Obviously, the students and staff were proud to be recorded as witnesses to non-western history in the making. The first five and last two pages are pictures of *Their Imperial Majesties Shahanshah Aryamehr and The Shahbanou and their son* in imperial robes with crowns. Other pictures are titled *Procession from Golestan Palace*, *The Shah on the Peacock Throne in the Golestan's Hall of Mirrors prior to Coronation*, *Shahbanou leaves for Marmar Palace after Coronation*, and three pictures of *The Shahanshah and Shahbanou of Iran and the Honorable Armin H. Meyer, American Ambassador attending a concert at Rudaki Hall*. The yearbook also includes The American Ambassador's Message to the Graduating Class of 1968 with a full-page picture of him at his desk and a photo of President Lyndon Johnson on the wall behind.

The records and photos of the school and class events during 1967-68 are also exceptional.

68 Talons

REUNION NEWS

J.M. Wainwright Alumni Association Reunion

San Diego, CA June 21–24, 2001

To register contact Joy Bryant 4233 Highland Drive, Denison, TX 75020
Inn Suites Hotel, Balboa Park Resort 2223 El Cajon Blvd.
San Diego, CA 92104 — 1-800-842-2424 — www.innsuites.com
\$84, single/double, three days before and after. Near San Diego Zoo, Sea World,
Historic Old Town, Gaslamp District, Seaport Village, Mission Bay.
Heated pool, hot tub, café, fitness center, business center, playground, laundry. Airport
Shuttle \$9.50. Saturday night Dinner Dance. Yearbooks, videos, snacks, soft drinks
available by JMWAA in Hospitality Room.

DoDDS–FL Reunion

Crystal River, FL Oct. 26–28, 2001

For info contact Cheryl and Jerry Griffin
PO Box 882, Hermosassa Springs, FL 34447
Tele: 352-628-5888 E-mail <darthh@yahoo.com>
Hotel – Plantation Inn, Crystal River, FL 1-800-632-6262
An update will appear in the August issue of *The AOSHS Quarterly*

Oslo American School Vikings and Eagles—All Classes

Oslo, Norway July 20–30, 2002

Oslo University Student Housing. Frogner Park! Estimated \$240.
Embassy dance! Kon Tiki and Framm! Varme polser med lumpel!
Soft is med krokan. Doesn't get any better than this!
Contact Maryl Ball Sellman <msellman@yahoo.com> (760) 245-3542
or Mike Vollmer <mike@mike-vollmer.com> (612) 724-5969
Send copies of student lists, especially pre 69-70, to Mike Vollmer at
3745 – 16th Ave. S. Minneapolis, MN 55407 {<http://www.oasalumni.org>}
Copies of school directories, class pictures, and yearbooks desperately needed!

HOMECOMING 2001

All-Overseas Schools and Brats Reunion

JULY 19-22 IN WICHITA, KANSAS

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>}.

*Celebrating the AOSHS Historical Park site dedication,
our educators, and our new hometown, Wichita!!!*

~ ~ ~ **HOMECOMING 2001 OVERVIEW** ~ ~ ~

The *Broadview* is headquarters for Homecoming 2001.

Courtesy bus shuttle service will be provided for those registered with
OVERSEAS BRATS for Homecoming 2001.

**All hotel room rates are \$75 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>}.

GOLF TOURNAMENT IN WICHITA FOR OVERSEAS SCHOOLS ALUMNI AND EDUCATORS

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.

Wichita—Yes, All-American City three times!

Location of DoDDS XIII Reunion and Homecoming '01

This medium-size, central USA metro area of 500,000 and “Air Capital of the World” produces more than 60 percent of all general aviation aircraft. Among the manufacturers are Cessna, Raytheon, and Bombardier-Learjet. Boeing builds the 737 in Wichita and employs more than 22,000 people in high-tech positions. The B-1 Bomber and a large tanker fleet fly out of McConnell AFB in southeast Wichita.

The city's boundaries encircle 110 square miles, yet the rivers remain the principal gathering point. Heralding the Museums on the River District, at the convergence of the Little and Big Arkansas rivers near downtown, is the Keeper of the Plains, a bronze, 44-foot tall sculpture on the grounds of the Mid-American All Indian Center and Museum designed by American Indian Artist Blackbear Bosin. Nearby is Botanica—the most beautiful 9½ acres in the Great Plains; the Wichita Art Museum—the largest in the state; The Society of Decorative Painters—the world's largest collection of decorative art; and Exploration Place—a \$62 million, hands-on science museum for all ages.

A short distance down the river at the Wichita Boat House Visitors Center near the Hyatt Hotel is the America's Cup Classic yacht, the *Jayhawk*. Connected to the Hyatt and across the street from the Broadview Hotel is the Century II Convention Center—the focal point of Wichita's downtown and riverfront. Century II attracts about a million visitors a year to a variety of civic and cultural events, concerts, conventions, and trade shows. Century II welcomes national and international acts, from the Bolshoi Ballet to Broadway-quality musical theater. Attached to the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Century II has become a world-class convention complex, and is the heart of the city.

On downtown sidewalks nearby are life-size brass sculptures of men, women, boys, girls, large and small animals which are a delight to residents and visitors.

Opportunities for undergraduate and graduate studies abound at Wichita State University, renowned for its baseball teams and home of the National Institute for Aviation Research. Friends University, Webster University, and Kansas Newman College offer degrees in many fields.

Yes, but, what is there to do in Wichita?

The arts prosper in Wichita. The *Wichita Symphony*, founded in 1994, is one of only a few in the nation that is financially sound. Theater thrives, playing to packed houses ranging from experimental theater to music and professional Dinner Theater, which every summer showcases Broadway talent. *Stage One* is the only full-time theater for new Broadway musical show development in the nation outside of New York. *Music Theater of Wichita* has alumni performing in nearly every musical playing on Broadway and on national tours.

Eighteen museums are scattered throughout the city. Jane Goodall has selected the Zoo as a chimpanzee research center. Wichita maintains 136 parks, 11 community centers, 12 swimming pools, 83 tennis courts, 60 sports fields, five miles of dirt bridle paths, and more than 100 miles of bike paths along rivers and landscaped picnic areas. There are 18 public and private golf courses.

At a distance less than the width of most US metro areas, is the *Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center* in nearby Hutchinson. “Odyssey” the original Apollo 13 command module is in this award winning Hall of Space Museum. Other highlights include an SRT-71 Blackbird spy plane, authentic German V1 and V2 rockets, a full-scale Space Shuttle, Mercury Redstone, and Gemini Titan rockets. The Space Center is on the way to becoming the most comprehensive space museum in existence.

In comparison with many other metro areas, Wichita and its suburban communities are cooperatively focused under the able leadership of seven-times-elected Mayor Bob Knight, President of the National League of Cities, and 2001 recipient of the American City and County Magazine, Municipal Leader of the Year Award. The city also prospers under the skillful direction and guidance of one of the most capable city managers in the nation, Mr. Chris Cherches.

Add night clubs, bars, restaurants, discos, a racetrack, shopping centers, movie theaters, service clubs, and hundreds of churches, ... ***what can't one do in Wichita???***

W e l c o m e t o W i c h i t a

City Manager, Chris Cherches and other Community Leaders will officially welcome overseas schools educators and alumni at 6:00 PM on Friday, July 20, in the Century II Convention Center. They will also participate in the Site Dedication Ceremony of the future American Overseas Schools Historical Park in the Museums on the River District at 2:00 PM, Saturday, July 21.

All educators and alumni are cordially invited to attend both of these events. Mayor Bob Knight regrets that he will be out of town July 20-23 attending a National League of Cities Board Meeting, of which he is the President.

D o D D S X I I I R E U N I O N

PUT ON YOUR RUBY RED SLIPPERS AND FOLLOW THE YELLOW BRICK ROAD TO WICHITA FOR THE
DoDDS XIII REUNION JULY 20-23, 2001 AT THE *HYATT REGENCY HOTEL*

REGISTRATION FEE: \$85

AFTER JUNE 1: \$90.00 "AT THE DOOR": \$95.00

TO REGISTER, WRITE TO BARBARA OR JOHN WILLIAMS AT:
PSC 76 BOX 5688 APO AP 96319 OR SEND AN E-MAIL TO:
<JSWBIGBARK@Aol.Com> or <john_williams@pac.odedodea.edu>

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 9-12 AM, and 2-5 PM 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 7-9 PM

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

Sunday, July 22 - No Host Bar 6 PM. Dinner 7-10 PM

Monday, July 23 - Farewell Breakfast 9-10 AM

Hello, world!!!



MODEL OF THE FUTURE AMERICAN OVERSEAS SCHOOLS HISTORICAL PARK IN WICHITA, KANSAS

VIEW FROM BALLOON ABOVE WICHITA ART MUSEUM

INDIAN CENTER MUSEUM, TOP LEFT, ACROSS STREET

ARKANSAS RIVER AND BOAT LANDING, TOP RIGHT

**Buildings Clockwise (left to right) from World Globe
Museum—Archives—Visitors Center and Admin Offices—Auditorium**