

Around The World

In Japan

Miss Taka Ohkubo, a graduate of the Osaka Women's College in Japan, and presently a student on this campus, described some aspects of University life in her own country and compared them with this campus, in an interview.

Miss Ohkubo received her B.A. in English in Japan, and is now continuing her studies in this field on a WUS scholarship at this University.

Public school training leading to University entrance requirements in Japan is similar to training in this country. The first nine years including elementary and junior high are compulsory. After completing the three-year high school program the student is eligible to attend University. A basic difference lies in the entrance exams which are compulsory at all Japanese Universities. Miss Ohkubo emphasized that these exams are severe and very competitive. From one to five to one to ten students get in.

There are many scholarships for Japanese students but these are often on a loan basis and must be paid back after a number of years. Government Universities, under federal control, are usually less expensive than private Universities. Most government Universities are considered good while many of the private Universities have long tradition-filled histories. There are over 500 Universities in Japan.

Miss Ohkubo said that most city boys go to University as professional qualification is almost indispensable for a good city job.

Only five per cent of all University students in Japan are women. In accounting for the lower ratio, Miss Ohkubo mentioned that some types of vocational training for women, such as Nursing were not under a University program in Japan. Most

Japanese girls go to University in Japan for education's sake. This is explained by the fact that for office jobs, which are the most popular, senior high school graduates are welcomed. Cheaper salaries and longer working hours are reasons for this demand.

The academic term is much longer in Japan, and is divided into two sections by comparatively short holidays. The term begins in April and ends in March of the following year. There is a summer vacation from May to July and another vacation from December 20 to January 10.

Miss Ohkubo said that it is hard to make a comparison between the two countries in regard to academic freedom because the situation is quite different in Japan. Japanese students are very keen about political affairs and a series of events against the government continues all the time. Miss Ohkubo said that Japanese Universities are more like the European in this respect.

The student movement is large in Japan. There is a student body organization in each University and a federal group, which is considered very radical, over all.

On the other hand there seems to be more control exercised by University administration in regard to University political movements and the organization of the student body. Sometimes the University authorities prohibit the organization of a student body for a period of years. Police are allowed to come onto the campus on tours of inspection.

Miss Ohkubo said in comparing the general attitude to University education, there is a greater emphasis on the practical side in this country. People are more interested in what you are going to do with your education,

Club Announcements

Ballet club will meet, Monday, February 1, at 7 pm. in Athabasca Gym.

The CCF campus club will hold a study group led by Archie Stone, on the topic: "Will today's foe be tomorrow's friends?" on Tuesday, February 2 in library 318A.

Judo club members are urged to attend as many practices as possible in preparation for the provincial tournament to be held here March 19.

The Progressive Conservative Student Federation will meet at 4:30 pm. Tuesday in the West lounge of SUB. New officers will be elected, and a delegate chosen to the national PCSF convention in Ottawa. Committees

she said.

Miss Ohkubo also emphasized the difference in the conditions of study. She said that the country was more "isolated" here and that it was quieter. In Japan the University student is more readily drawn into political movements. It is easier for a student to earn his tuition in this country because of the long summer holiday, whereas the less than two months summer vacation in Japan makes this almost impossible.

Miss Ohkubo noticed that there were "richer facilities and equipment, especially in the sciences" in this country, but she said that Japan is also following the world tendency to put more value in the sciences.

Classes are 90 minutes long in Japanese Universities, and each one is taken only once a week. The advantage of this system is that you can fit in more subjects, however preparation and review are more difficult because you forget in the longer period between classes.

will be struck to form resolutions for the Ottawa conference, and for the annual meeting of the Alberta Conservative Association.

Miscellaneous

Lost: a ladies watch between 109 Street and 104 Street on Whyte Avenue. Finder phone GE 3-8629.

Room and board for male students, one block off campus. Phone GE 9-3075.

Room for rent: one block west of University, quiet, private home. One or two boys. Twin beds. Home privileges. Address 11625-92 Avenue. Phone GE 3-5482. Call afternoon or evening.

Sports Board

Women's inter-varsity volleyball tryouts are continuing every Tuesday at 7 pm. and Friday at 4:30 pm. in Athabasca Gym.

Members of the Figure Skating club will be able to take CFSA tests. Practice times are Tuesday 12 to 1:30 pm., Wednesday 6:30 to 8 pm., and Sunday 9 to 10:30 pm. in Varsity rink.

Intervarsity volleyball team is working out Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays in Varsity drill hall. All prospective players are asked to attend at 5:15 pm.

Any club or organization wishing to sponsor a dance following any one of the inter-varsity basketball games, please contact John Whittaker or Gerry Harle at the Promotions office for further particulars.

Religious Notes

Newman club meeting 7:30 pm. Sunday, January 31 at St. Joseph's college. All Catholic students are invited to attend to meet the Catholic professors. Dr. Gillis will be guest speaker.

LSA meeting Friday, February 5. The topic will be Christianity-Conscience, dealing with forms of worship.

The next fireside in the series "Approaches to God" will be on the Baha'i at the Lutheran students centre, 11143-91 Avenue at 9 pm.

The annual Ilarion club sleigh ride will be Sunday, January 31 at Briercrest stables. Cars will be leaving SUB from 6 to 6:15 pm. Members bring a friend.

St. Aidan's house will be open to all Anglican students Friday, January 29 at 9:30 pm.

Canterbury club will meet Sunday, January 31 at 7 pm. in St. George's church. Guest speaker will be Dr. H. Grayson-Smith.



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