

# Yasumasa Kuroda gives views on University life

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Yasumasa Kuroda is a friendly political science major with very lucid ideas about democracy. Seven years ago, he came to the United States from Tokyo, where he was born. He is now working on a Ph.D., which he says, "I hope to finish in six months." Laughing, he added, "I hope my advisor reads this."

YAS, AS YASUMASA'S friends call him, is the one who brought up the very controversial racial

clause issue. Yas says, "I like the society in which everyone will have equal access in everything in which he wishes to participate." He feels that some people believe in saying that which they do not practice. Yas says that he believes in action. He said "The University becomes dull and useless when the students cease to make a fuss about something."

There are some ninety universities and colleges in Tokyo, and it is filled with students wearing black uniforms. When asked to compare school systems of Japan and the United States, Yas said, "Perhaps the most noticeable thing is that students over there are free from daily assignments so that they can pursue their own time." There are exams twice a year and the selection of students is made before the students come to the university.

YAS STUDIED very hard in high school in order to prepare for college selection. He says that students in high school here do not study as much as they do in Japan, but that American students in colleges and universities here seem to study more.

Yas says that here at the University some students are very good and some inferior. In the national universities of Japan,

"You will not find the inferior students because of the selective process."

"PEOPLE IN EUGENE seem to be very friendly to the foreign students on campus," Yas stated. He referred to the Foreign Students Friendship Foundation organized by the people of Eugene.

Yas says his first impression of the United States was, "Rich, rich, rich!" He said that he has since discovered some very poor Americans. "I do not think Americans are as materialistic as some people like to think," he concluded.

In comparison of the educational system in Europe and America Yas remarked that education in Europe and Japan is to

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an extent based on education for the elite as opposed to education for the masses in the United States. He stated that some people in Japan are too sophisticated and over educated. They become apathetic, because they feel that they cannot do anything about their country's situation.

ABOUT AMERICAN women Yas says, "There are some I can't stand." He said there are others he finds to be good friends. "It

would be desirable if more women could participate in intellectual discussion." He says that the United States is not using female brains to create sputniks and that there are many women scientists in the Soviet Union. He also stated that he hates to see women wearing men's clothing and working where men work. Yas said, "The femininity of Woman gives a freshness to man's mind."

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