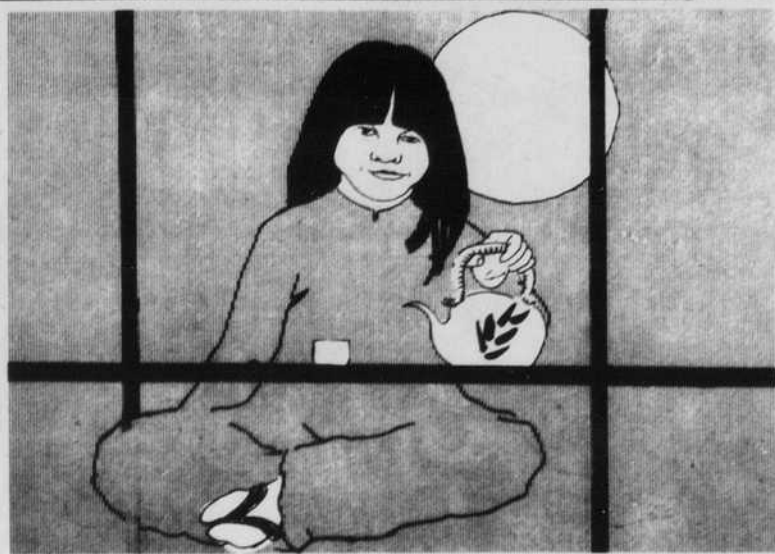


Study abroad program



Drawing by JoAnn Fahlgren

Oregon students find home at Tokyo campus

If you're ready to succumb to the lure of the Orient—but want to stay in school—the Oregon State System of Higher Education year abroad program at Waseda University in Tokyo may interest you.

Veterans of the program at the University like to refer to it as "the University of Oregon at Tokyo" because University students—even some graduate students—can earn University credit in residence at Waseda. You can even graduate while you're at Waseda, as some University alumni have done.

Waseda University, one of Japan's leading private universities, has an enrollment of about 47,000. Students in the program take classes sponsored by the International Division, which includes about 120 American and 120 Japanese students. Classes are small and are taught in English, though mostly by native Japanese Waseda faculty. Japanese students enroll in International Division classes to improve their English.

Although you don't have to know a word of Japanese to join the program, Steven Kohl, professor of Japanese literature at the University and last year's State System program director, says the more Japanese you know, the better. Even if you don't know any Japanese when you go, you ought to know some by the time you come back, because one of the few requirements is to study Japanese while you're there.

Most of the other International Division courses deal with Japan or East Asia, so the program may not fit everyone's needs. Kohl admits that the range and number of different courses are limited.

Ann Yoshiwara, a University student who enrolled in the program last year, says, "It's not really that good academically," as many of the professors had difficulty lecturing in English. "But I didn't really feel like putting that much effort into school, anyway," she says. After all, I only had one year to spend there."

Not all of the 120-odd American students in the International Division are from the Oregon

State System. Four other college associations—two from the Midwest and two from California—also participate in the eight-year-old division.

So what does it take to get into the program? Last year, the program cost \$3,505 for the academic year, including round-trip air fare, room and board, a commuter pass for Tokyo subways, and even some lunch money.

The commuter pass should come in handy, as Kohl estimates most students will spend at least one to one-and-a-half hours daily commuting. The reason for this is students' living arrangements. Two days after they arrive in Japan, they move in with a Japanese family—who probably know some English, he says. And, he adds, most of them are "young, ambitious upper-income families" who live primarily in outlying areas of the vast city.

If you've scraped the \$3,505 together, there are a few other qualifications. "Waseda has their own prestige to maintain, so you must be a fairly good student, with a C average or above, to go," Kohl says. But he and some of last year's students agree that academics aren't too tough for those who do go. The schedule includes long holidays—including one almost two months long in the winter—and most students carry only two or three courses a term. That leaves plenty of time to travel and enjoy Tokyo, which Americans and Japanese alike seem to consider one of the world's most exciting cities.

If you want to participate in the program, you also have to get the Oregon State System faculty involved to admit you. The program is limited to about 25 students, about 10 of whom came from the University last year. If the demand is greater than the supply of places, Kohl says the staff tries to pick students who they think can best adjust to living with a Japanese family.

If you're interested in the program for the 1976-77 academic year, you can call Kohl at Exten. 4009 or visit him in 313 Friendly Hall. Applications are due this term—and the earlier the better.

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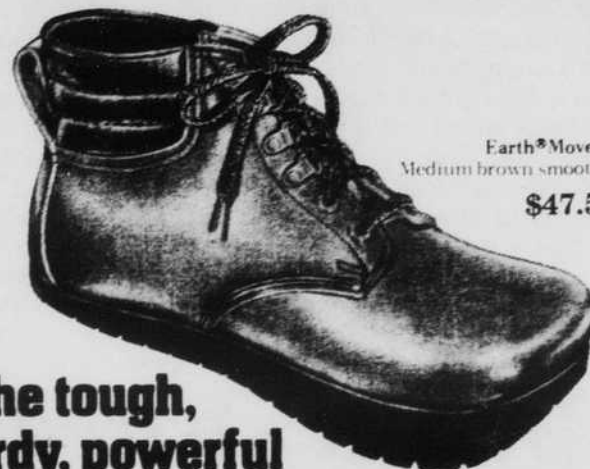
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FRIDAY, JAN. 16

- 2:00 p.m.-ASUO Reception (honoring symposium participants) 167 EMU
- 3:00 p.m.-Centennial in Multi-Image, Don L. Hunter, Gerlinger Alumni Lounge
- 4:00 p.m.-Centennial Keynote Address: Dr. Kingman Brewster, President Yale University, EMU Ballroom
- 7:00 p.m.-Swim Meet, UO vs. Pacific Lutheran, Leighton Pool
- 7:30 p.m.-Concert, Beall Concert Hall
- Wrestling, UO vs. U.C., Berkeley, McArthur Court
- 8:00 p.m.-Lecture, The Second Empire Style in Oregon, Prof. Marion Ross, 107 Lawrence
- WIA Basketball, UO vs. SOS, B-54 Gerlinger Annex
- 9:00 p.m.-Centennial Dance, EMU Ballroom

SATURDAY, JAN. 17

- 9:30 a.m.-Reception, Second Floor Lobby, EMU
- 10:00 a.m.-Symposium on Higher Education, Speakers: Kingman Brewster,

Yale University; Roger Heyns, President, ACE; Edith Green, former Congresswoman from Oregon; Charles Ping, Ohio University, Athens.

- 12:00 noon-Centennial Luncheon (reservations only, 686-3021) EMU Dining Room
- 1:00 p.m.-WIA Gymnastics, UO vs. LBCC, Gerlinger Annex
- 2:30 p.m.-Inauguration of William Boyd, EMU Ballroom (features premiere performance of "Centennial Variations and Finale" by Hal Owen, Music.)
- 4:00 p.m.-Reception, Museum of Art
- 7:00 p.m.-Centennial in Multi-Image, Don L. Hunter, Gerlinger Alumni Lounge
- WIA Swimming, UO vs. UW, Leighton Pool
- 8:00 p.m.-Recital, School of Music, Beall Concert Hall
- Gymnastics, UO vs. BYU, McArthur Court
- Campus Variety Show, EMU Ballroom

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