

International student finds U.S. friendly, open



Photo by Darby Pereira

Miwa Suzuki from Nagoya, Japan has attended Clackamas for the last three terms. She has been surprised by the farms and animals that seem so abundant in the U.S.

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Miwa Suzuki knows that if she were a citizen of Oregon, she would be voting for expansion of the light rail system.

"I have a hard time (getting around) because I don't have a car," said Suzuki of the lack of transportation in the Portland Metro area.

Suzuki has been an international student here at Clackamas Community College for three terms. She has lived in Oregon since July of 1989.

The population of Suzuki's hometown, Nagoya, is 23,000,000, making it the third largest city in Japan. She left behind her parents and one brother and one sister to come to Oregon, which she says is kind of rural.

Commenting on Oregon's myriad of wildlife, Suzuki said, "I was surprised when I came here that you could see a squirrel or rabbit. In Japan, we have to go to a zoo."

"It is like Japan, some people are friendly, and some are not."

She said that farms are scarce in Japan and it seems strange to see cows and horses and sheep so close to town. Everything is on a larger scale here in the Willamette Valley more than in Japan: bigger mountains, wider roads, more open expanses of land and nature.

Suzuki's course load this term

includes: Sociology, marketing and English Composition. Although her favorite sports are tennis, golf and skiing, she is willing to participate in any sport.

Suzuki is not homesick, though she was when she first moved to Oregon. She has many Japanese friends here and in Portland, so she can speak Japanese whenever she wants to.

"The people here are like those in Japan," said Suzuki. "People at CCC are kind and friendly, I think. It is like Japan, some people are friendly and some are not. I have not found any discrimination."

Overall, Suzuki likes it here and is having fun, though she does wish there was more to do. She plans on studying here at CCC a little longer.

ELC receives eagle



Photo by David Van Keuren

Denali, a Bald Eagle who now resides in the Environmental Learning Center, is originally from Sitka, Alaska. He was given to the college by Washington's Woodland Park Zoo.

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Clackamas Community College's Bird's of Prey exhibit in the Environmental Learning Center (ELC) was given a Bald Eagle by Washington's Woodland Park Zoo this last month, according to Leslie Winnop, Birds of Prey Coordinator and Tour Guide.

The eagle's name is Denali. Denali is the Aleut Indian name for Mt. McKinley meaning, "Great One."

When the eagle was found in Alaska, his wing was broken in three different places. When veterinarians in Sitka, Alaska were unable to repair the wing, he was shipped to Woodland Park Zoo. Woodland Park was also unable to return the wing to usable condition. This left him unable to be returned to the wild, since would not be able to hunt to survive, and was then donated to the ELC.

"He's pretty nervous right now, he's uptight," said Winnop. "But then wouldn't you be if you came from the outdoors to a cage?"

Denali has been here since September first and will be used for the "Bird's of Prey" and "Recycling and Wildlife" educational programs presented by the ELC.

Bald Eagles are found strictly in the Americas and are the second largest eagle. The golden eagle is the largest.

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