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# Japan sends farmers

There's no place like Nebraska for studying agriculture.

Seventy-six Japanese students are attending an animal science short course on East Campus.

Selected by the Japanese Government, the young men arrived in the United States in July, 1968, to begin a two-year, work-study program in beef, dairy and swine production.

Clinton Hoover, director of the youth wing at the Kellogg Center where the students are

staying, said the program is to acquaint the trainees with the latest agricultural methods and techniques.

The Japanese also learn the American way of life, and in turn Americans learn something of the Oriental culture.

The trainees hosted Burr and Fedde Hall residents to a chopstick dinner Feb. 17. The Japanese students cooked the oriental meal themselves and provided entertainment for the 325 guests. Ikuo Kabashima, one of the students said they "enjoyed meeting the students from campus and would like to meet more."

Yuje Oda, a black belt judo expert who appeared during the half time of a Nebraska basketball game, commented that "Nebraska is a very friendly and beautiful land."

According to Hoover, the first month for all of the trainees was an orientation to their life in the United States. They received intensive instruction in English, along with a brief introduction to American culture, history and agriculture.

For the next three months, the trainees got general agricultural training on host farms.

Currently the students are studying English and taking an introductory course in American agriculture. Topics covered are farm management, agriculture in developing economies, livestock and poultry management, soil and crop management, and farm machinery.

The trainees will return to their original host farms upon

completion of their NU training on April 11.

Hoover said the host farms are selected for their specialization in the trainees' interests: beef, swine, poultry, fruit, vegetable and rice production, or ornamental horticulture.

The host farmers pay the minimum wage in their area for the appropriate skills, as approved by the U.S. Department of Labor. With this money, the Japanese students pay for all of their training costs, Hoover commented.

Not all of the students will be farmers when they return to Japan. Ikuo Kabashima is planning to go into the Japanese equivalent of the Peace Corps. Other students will go on to school in Japan.

## Alpha Tau Alpha elects officers

Alpha Tau Alpha (ATA) the University of Nebraska National Agricultural Education Professional Honorary Fraternity has elected new officers for the 1970-1971 academic year.

New officers are: President Rich Chalupa, Vice President Duane A. Lienemann, Secretary John Greer, Treasurer Gary Drake, Reporter Charles Runty, Sargeant at Arms Craig Anthony, Agriculture Executive representative Arnold Oltmans.

ATA will hold their annual banquet on Feb. 22, at 6:30 at the Knolls. Regular meetings of ATA are every third Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m. in the East Campus Union Lobby.

# Future freshmen wooed at luncheon

About 80 of the 1970-71 Regent Scholars listened Saturday to Chancellor Durward B. Varner tell them that the University of Nebraska both wants and needs them to make NU a good University.

"What makes a University a quality educational experience is the interaction which takes place between the faculty and administration and the students," Varner said.

The student and his parents should choose a University that has as its aim the development of the student both in the classroom and out of it.

They have the right, Varner said, to expect a quality education, that guarantees the free flow of ideas, an education that guarantees the student the opportunity to make his own decisions.

Varner said that the University expects enthusiasm from the student. "The University provides you with the opportunity, and you must make the best of it"

The University strives to teach the student to learn to identify problems, find the resources available to solve these problems, and learn to communicate the results of his studies.

"I would hope that you leave the University with the desire to improve society and improve the lot of your fellow man," the new Chancellor said.

Senior Joe Voboril spoke to the Regent scholars as a representative of the NU student body.

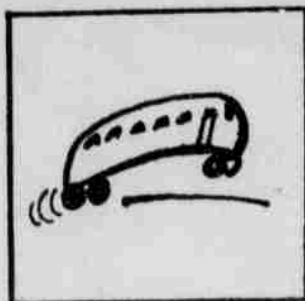
Voboril told of changes that have come over the University. "They are more than just physical," he said.

He complimented the administration and the regents for responding to the students before issues erupt.

Directing himself to the parents, Voboril explained that college allows students to experiment in searching for themselves. They experiment with long hair and extravagant dress.

Students should welcome the exposure to radical views, he said. "We live in a world of change and we have to learn to respond to it."

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