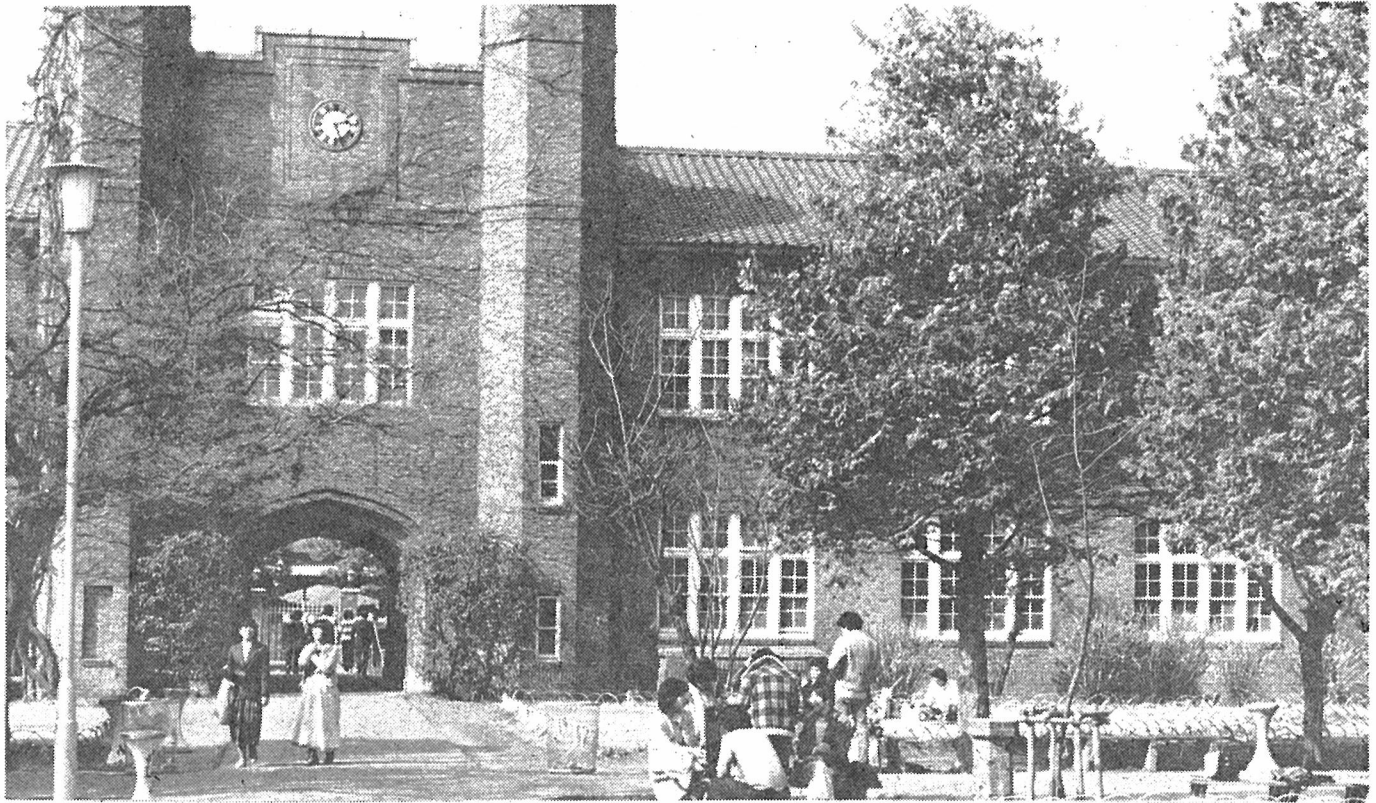


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What's The Meaning of Vitality?

The word "vitality" is very popular among personnel officers of companies. It means life and energy, but in simple terms, it apparently is the "willingness to fight" that is often mentioned in sports. During the period of high economic growth rates about 10 years ago, it was important for university authorities to write on a letter of recommendation the words, "Serious or sincere". However, during this recent economic recession "Vitality (willingness to fight)" has become the essential expression.

There is a general feeling in most

companies that a lack of willingness to fight (enervation) exists in the average university graduate. There seems to be a serious gap between the young graduates and the corporate personnel officers, about how the word "vitality" should be interpreted.

To the question, "Would you hire a person who is outstanding in character even if his scholastic record is not so good? In a survey, more than half of the companies replied "Yes, we would." They said that they would place greater value on character and ability than on the university from which a person

graduated. They said that they would especially value a person's willingness to work hard, his sense of responsibility, and his ability to cooperate.

The graduates of famous universities are highly regarded for their "intelligence and comprehensive judgement," but their "vitality" is so-so. It is reported that the graduates of universities which are not so prestigious are well-received and welcomed because of their "vitality, charming individuality, and ability to cooperate."

It is very interesting that this theme, "Vitality, man with willingness to fight," is serving as the key to getting away from emphasis on scholastic records.

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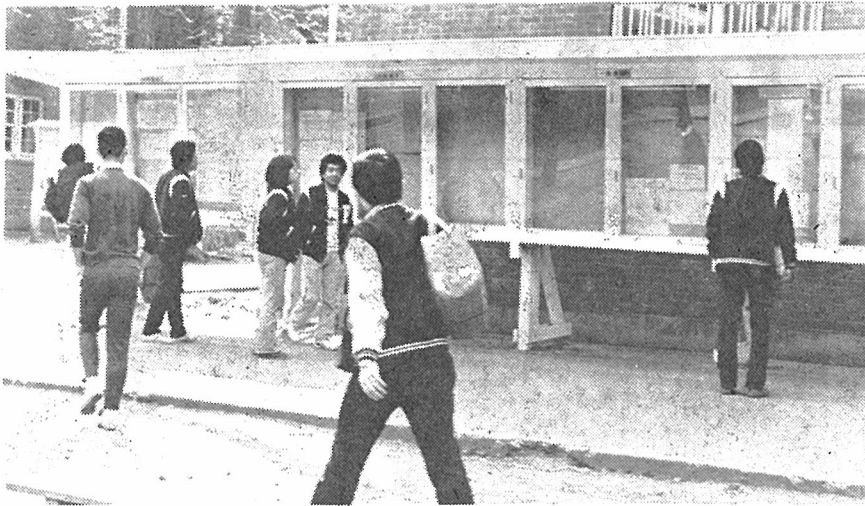
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School Spirit

“School Spirit—Did it end with Nagashima?”

Every so often when I go to watch the Big Six Baseball Games at Jingu Stadium, one thing I notice is that the number of students of St. Paul's University who think we are going to lose and leave the stadium is much larger than the number of similar students from other schools.

This may be because St. Paul's University is a “Free Seat of Learning” and accordingly, the cheer leaders do not press the students to cheer unnecessarily. The regular spectators see this and feel that compared with other colleges a “School Spirit” is lacking among the students of St. Paul's University. But, is this really the case?

I've noticed in the past year that the number of students wearing college jackets and blazers with the Rikkyo “R” and school colors on them walking around the campus, has increased. Of course students at other Universities wear school jackets too, but it seems that Rikkyo is leading in the field. This recent trend seems to be one example of “School Spirit” at St. Paul's University.

Previously, most of the students of St. Paul's University belonged to one or another of the Athletic Clubs, so they cheered their own teams and as a group supported their school. Appa-

rently, athletic clubs and school spirit have an inseparable bond. However, because of the increasingly difficult college entrance examination system of recent years, we can not expect these clubs to serve as a medium for school spirit as they did in the past.

The above-mentioned jackets are one symbol of “School Spirit”. Students wear these jackets to show the public that they are students of St. Paul's University and this desire is growing among them. Modern day universities have lost much of their uniqueness and because of this there may be no way for students to satisfy their desire to demonstrate school pride, aside from school jackets. If their school spirit is shown by the jacket only, they have a pretty shallow school spirit.

But I do not mean to criticize college jackets. On the contrary, I think it would be a wonderful thing if a symbol of “School Spirit” like the four-cornered hats (Kakubo) of Waseda University were to appear at St. Paul's University. (Of course) this kind of enthusiasm is better than none. This is because students of St. Paul's University have some pride in their school

To revive the former positive “School Spirit” of St. Paul's University to the extent that I could lead St. Paul's University is my ambition and the only thing that I wanted to say to you.

BEAUTIFUL RIKKYO?

by *H. McDonald*
I.A.A.

As you pass through the station you see lots of posters, many with somewhat dubious English printed upon them. However, in certain cases the message is clear—“smoking clean”(!)—“clean up Japan”, we all know what the posters are trying to tell us, trying to urge us to do. Do we do it? Do you do it? Are you a litterbug?

Rikkyo is famous in Tokyo, if not in the whole of Japan, for having a beautiful campus, but how beautiful is it after the beginning of each new academic year? Aspiring young entrants see a neat, clean, charming campus when they come to take the entrance exams. What do the lucky ones who pass the entrance exam see when they become undergraduates at Rikkyo? *A mess!*

Of course at the start of a new year there are many excuses for the campus looking untidy.

All the clubs and societies want to advertise and so we see many posters, good and bad, all over the place. In a way it is a bright and colourful scene, but in another way it is not a pretty picture. That can't be helped, but soon the recruiting drive will be over and the campus should be beautiful again—but will it be? You know the answer.

We have trees, shrubs, grass, flowers and fine buildings. While you are at Rikkyo they are especially yours and even when you move on to the big world outside the confines of St. Paul's these things remain a part of your particular heritage. You should take care of them. A very little effort by every single student (and teacher!) to keep our campus clean and tidy would make all the difference.

Echoing a plea in another article in this paper, have some pride in *your* campus, your *home* for four years. Bring your friends to Rikkyo in the early summer or fall and let them enjoy with you St. Paul's campus as it should be—clean, inviting, refined, majestic; a seat of learning where it is a joy to study, relax and play in the best possible environment.

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Changing the role of Japanese women

by Mamiko Ota

Some days ago, Mrs. Thatcher was elected as the first woman prime minister of England. She is a wife, a mother and the Prime Minister of England. This was a sensation development, because people didn't believe that a woman could be fit to be the chief of state in a country such as England. Especially were the Japanese astonished to hear it. The reason was that most Japanese women have been engaged in child-rearing at home, without having a job outside.

A Japanese wife is called "kanai" by her husband. It translates literally as "inside of the house." You know that tradition says that Japanese women are to marry between the ages of 20 and 25, to have children and rear them, and to do house the place of Japanese women is always at home. Even though women want to work, opportunities for employment for women are very limited. And also many women believe that as woman's greatest happiness is to marry and have children and stay at home.

But recently in Japan, the number of women who have a job and make a living themselves has increased. Because various things have changed. First, a woman today can do what she wants as well as a man. She can get the highest education and acquire every kind of qualification. Second, society needs women who are well qualified, and who are ready to hold jobs even after marriage. Third, many men including husbands sympathize with women who want to work. When women gain confidence in themselves those women are also able to try some position which until now people thought

that a woman wasn't fit for. Of course housework, cooking, washing, ironing, sweeping, dusting and polishing are indispensable for human life. Maybe

you must feel that it is thinkable that those tasks themselves are very hard labor and also that child-rearing is the most important work. But if a woman has wonderful skills and much knowledge, she will be not able to give them full play. Don't you think it's a great pity? I'd like to try to full utilize my skills or knowledge in my field, and become an important person at my place of work.

Finally ladies, if you think of a job as a means of earning money to make yourself attractive enough to catch the eye of your future husband and of saving money for marriage you had better drop that idea, and try to continue working as long as you can even after marriage. And gentlemen, please cooperate with us women who are working, and with those women who want to work.

Introduction of E.S.S.

by E.S.S.

St. Paul's E.S.S. (English Speaking Society) was established more than 60 years ago. At present, the number of E.S.S. members is about 150, including freshmen. We have already had our Spring Camp in the middle of March at Kiyosato in Yamanashi prefecture as usual. In this camp we had the All English Time for two days. During this time no one was allowed to speak Japanese. For example, even if we were in the restaurant, in the bath room or in the lavatory we had to speak English.

It was really hard for us to keep on speaking English. But we successfully accomplished it. We, more or less gradually became unconscious of speaking English at the end of the All English Time. It was one of the main purposes of this camp. Originally, language is a means of communication with other people. When we Japanese speak Japanese, we can speak it freely and we are never conscious of speaking Japanese. The ultimate goal of E.S.S. is that all the members will be able to use English freely like they do Japanese. At the same time, there is another important thing, that is, if we don't know it, we can't say it. So, E.S.S. has used the Seminar System to learn a lot of things and investigate more thoroughly what members are interested in. Now we have three seminars; Discussion, Debate and Drama. This year, the Discussion Seminar will be attended by representatives of five universities (Waseda, Sophia, Tokyo Women's Christian Univ., Japan Women's Univ. and St. Paul's) and several open discussions will take place. The Debate Seminar will participate in the Tokyo Intercollegiate Debate Tournament and the Sophia Debate Tournament. The Drama Seminar will perform a short skit.

St. Paul's E.S.S. belongs to the Four Univ. E.S.S. Association together with Hitotsubashi, Waseda and Keio. Last year we got the grand prize at the Four Univ. Junior Speech Contest and the best actress prize at the Four Univ. English Theatrical Contest. In addition, we will have Summer Camp and a camp for each seminar. In this way, we E.S.S. members are really energetic. All the activities will be a success this year, too.

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REFLECTIONS ON MARRIAGE



Marriage is the most important event for us in our lifetime. In spite of the fact that marriage is close at hand for us university students, we don't discuss it very much and there is only a small number of students who consider it carefully. I have tried to investigate Rikkyo students' thoughts about marriage through a questionnaire. (100 students picked at random—50 men and 50 women).

Q1: At what age would you like to get married?

A: MEN 1. 25 yrs. of age 22%
2. 28 " 20%
3. 26 " 16%

(Average age: 26.8)

WOMEN 1. 25 " 36%
2. 24 " 20%
3. 26 " 14%

(Average age: 24.6)

Q2: What would you consider as the ideal age difference between you and your partner?

A: MEN —Partner should be 3 years younger 56%

WOMEN—Partner should be 3 years older 62%

Q3: How many children would you like to have?

MEN 1. one boy and one girl 58%

2. two boys and one girl 26%

WOMEN 1. one boy and one girl 32%

2. two boys and one girl 14%

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Women's answers varied greatly. On the whole, women want to have more children than men do.

Q4: Do you think we should preserve our virginity until getting married?

A: 1. Men and women should both preserve it M—6% W—4%

2. Women should but men don't

have to M—30% W—60%
3. Neither men nor women have to M—64% W—36%

According to these results, Rikkyo's women appear conservative.

Q5: Is there a certain person of the opposite sex who you associate with?

A: MEN — Yes 40%
WOMEN— Yest 26%

It was not expected that women would answer this way. It is of special interest that most men's companions are from other schools, while women's companions are from the same class or circle.

Q6: What would you consider ideal characteristics of a partner?

A: MEN 1. of a pure heart 36%
2. gentle and domestic-oriented 23%

3. pretty 10%

WOMEN 1. gentle 30%

2. reliable 20%

3. sincere 16%

4. tall 16%

Which actor or actress exemplifies your ideal?

MEN 1. Yukiyo Toake
2. Keiko Takeshita
3. Kumiko Aimoto

WOMEN 1. Masao Kusakari
2. Tomokazu Miura
3. Go Kato

Q7: Do you want to live with your parents, your parents-in-law, or separately?

A: 1. Live with parents
MEN 40% WOMEN 10%

2. Live separately
MEN 48% WOMEN 62%

3. Doesn't matter
MEN 12% WOMEN 20%

Q8: Do you want to choose your own or have an arranged marriage?

A: 1. Choose own partner
MEN 58% WOMEN 78%

2. Arranged marriage
MEN 12% WOMEN 8%

3. Doesn't matter
MEN 30% WOMEN 14%

Q9: What are your views or beliefs concerning marriage?

a. Mutual trust

b. Marriage is a series of events which must be endured.

c. Marriage is simply a social ceremony.

d. Marriage is for a man and woman to create a life together.

e. When I can't find anything else to do, I would like to get married.

Western proverbs say, "Marriage is made in heaven" and "Marry in haste, repent at leisure". According to these, marriage appears to be decided by accident or fate. This may be true, but we still need more discussion about marriage.

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