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A month has passed since the new semester began. Some freshmen who have entered our university with great hopes and tension begin to lose their fighting-spirit and to become lax about this time every year. Their daily lives are apt to become easy-going and loose.

This phenomenon can be found among those who have no definite purposes of the university life. To have clear aims is one of the necessary conditions to lead significant life. At the very beginning of the semester, some of you might have already planned how to spend these four years. It's good to have a varied program, but you should also have a few concrete and steady plans. If you have too many vague purposes, you will fall between two stools.

There are many ways to spend four years, but once you have entered the E.S.S., how about devoting yourself to club activity? It is a matter of regret that many students give up their membership on the way every year. We cannot find any other better ways to train ourselves than the club activity. Through close association with other students who have the same purposes with you, you can endeavour to overcome many obstacles.

We hope your sincere efforts toward E.S.S.

Congratulations!

Got Victory over Doshisha Univ.

in Debating Contest

The Kansai preliminaries of the 3rd Annual National Intercollegiate English Debating Contest was held at Kohsei Univ. from 1 o'clock p.m. on 17, May.

Our team got the first match due to the absence of our opponent, Doshisha Women's College.

Next was Koshisha Univ., which had been considered one of the strongest teams participated in this elimination contest. This had proved last year, but not this year.

Our team, consisted of five members, Mr. Sayehi, Mr. Furukawa, Mr. Taketani, Mr. Shimizu and Mr. Tanabe, did pretty well in the debate as well as in preparation. And finally defeated the Doshisha team.

The judge announced our logical excellency in the comment after the debate.

Girls wanted in Rokko E.S.S.

The result of the sentiment survey shows the general way of thinking of Rokko E.S.S. members as follows:

1. We are quite sure that our E.S.S. is very excellent, ranked in the top level among university E.S.S.'s all over Japan.

2. No, Tokyo members, are very unlucky having no girl members. GIMBO UNKYO!

3. Most of the members believe that they themselves are liked by girls, though other members do not believe so.

4. Believe or not, most of the members read academic books very much.

5. More than half of the members prefer Capitalism to Socialism.

Details will be announced some day.

The 4th Freshman Meeting with Kensei Women's College

E.S.S. of Himeji Branch

May 2nd, we invited the students of the E.S.S. of Kensei Women's College to hold the 4th exchange meeting. Attendents were more than thirty numbers from Kensei, four special guests from Rokko and Mikage (Mr. Masuda, Mr. Fujimura, Mr. Uchimizu and Mr. Shimo) and about fifty members of our E.S.S.. We began with discussion under the titles "School Uniform", "Coeducation", "On Reading" and "School Excursion".

After lively discussion, we enjoyed folk-dance, singing songs and free conversations. We reported firmly promising to meet again.

"Voice of Freshman"

My Impression

This is a part of the letter which I wrote to one of my friends soon after I had joined E.S.S..

I didn't expect much for university especially, but after a week or so passed in university, I felt as if I were betrayed and I became very sad. I felt that university life was very unpleasant. So I quite agree to your opinion that the only thing with which we can be satisfied in university life is the activity as a member of a club.

I have entered E.S.S.. If I can attain full four years as a member of E.S.S., I will be able to lead a useful life in Kobe.

Perhaps every freshman's purpose for which they entered E.S.S. is to master English conversation and this purpose, I think, is very large and difficult one.

Sometimes I intend to give up my studying English conversation and the membership of E.S.S.. But I hope I can go through my college life as a member of E.S.S.. My first impression is the warm atmosphere of E.S.S.. I have never experienced such atmosphere as this in my high school days. For those who rushed into the quite different society, there is nothing so pleasant as the kind lead given by elders.

Daily activity of E.S.S. is truly severe. ~~Now encouraged I am by these short words!~~ I like severity which is melted among the warmth, peace and harmony. And by this severity I feel as if I were treated as a individual, but I must not be contented with this treatment. But I regret only one thing that I have few chances to contact with other members. At meetings I speak with them, but I can not express my opinion, thought and question at all, so I always say only "yes" or "no". Of course I must say any opinion in English bravely. If I have any time to contact with other members especially in English after school, how splendid it may be!

I think the more chances to contact with other members freshman have, the more interest we have in E.S.S.

(Freshman of Mikage)

What I Feel Now, Entering Kobe Univ.

Setouko Kato

Why did I sit for the entrance examination for Kobe University? It was simple - because I wanted to study myself and human beings much more; I could not go into the society with my poor heart and brains.

When the result of the examination was reported, I shed tears. It may have been (To Be Continued).

thankful tears for God, because the door which I had been knocking and knocking was opened.

I entered this university on 11th of April. Season was spring and cherry blossoms were at their best. Then I started one step of my second life with a spring-like heart. It seemed to me that there had been much care on us. I could not move my hands and feet to the blue sky around. But I can do now. I can make my young fresh spirit sufficient. I can think freely of myself and human beings, from my heart whenever I would like to. Only to think so makes me very happy.

But on the first day of my university life I sighed much deeply when I thought we would gain no friendship and warm atmosphere among students who were attending the lectures, because we had no time to speak or play with each other. I knew I must find friends and make my university life cheerful. I want to have my oasis in this university. Then I asked myself which club I could like to enter. I entered with a weak heart into E.S.S. which I had no courage enough to join in my high school days. I am now very happy to be in this club. I don't sigh as ever and I go to school with some expectations.

What I felt after beginning to learn the second language, French, was that I would like to attain English pronunciation soundly and correctly by tape recorder or records and to study every field of English. I think we must learn American and English customs and all things useful to speak English. Then I would like to have time to study all things with E.S.S. members after school.

(Freshmen of Himeji)

#### The Obstacle of Language

Hiroyuki Taniguchi

The Japanese speak Japanese. Englishmen and the American, English. The German, German. And the Russian speak Russians. This is an established fact. And when the Germans speak German, when Englishmen speak Japanese many obstacles exist among them. This is an established fact, too.

Then usually I think, "If there is the God who made this world, how ill-natured fellow he is! To have made much efforts to learn English, German and French every day and also after this we are about to do so. A large part of our young energies are being used for this object."

I have some doubts. Language itself is one means to the very end. It can never be object. In order that we acquire one means of our life, we are challenging it with every means. It ended in being apt to lose even that object of its means in that swirl. It is very dangerous and absurd and sorrowful.

Recently I read the collection of poems by a Japanese poet, "The Solitude of Two Thousand Million Light Years." We are very solitary persons of this immense universe of two thousand light years. If we stand at the edge of universe and look at our daily lives, we'll understand we may not deserve only one molecule or one drop in the Pacific Ocean. The more lonely we recognize that we are tiny things which count for nothing, the larger our feelings should become. Don't we think so? For us, who are struggling by only the obstacle of language, shouldn't there be something better, something larger?

(Dr. S. L. Lee.)

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 UNDER A TREE  
 Sachiko Sasaki  
 Reviving season of young leaves  
 Hanging perfume of freshness  
 Under the shade of a tree  
 Refreshing feelings on every thing  
 Sitting close by the stout tree  
 I'm looking up the twigs peacefully  
 Veiled in the breath of spring  
 The gentle tone of green leaves  
 Is the symbol of youthfulness  
 Awaken a faint smile with a gleam of hope  
 On the cheeks of the young  
 Under the green shade of a tree  
 I'm enjoying satisfactorily  
 Only! Delight of youthful spirits  
 (Freshmen of Himeji)  
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#### A Certain Attitude Toward English

Takao Kambara

Many freshmen knocked the door of E.S.S. this year, too, full of hopes and determinations. For what do they study English? Because, of the hundreds of languages, English is quite an international one. Because English conversation is one of common sources of students, in these days. Or because it is necessary in foreign trade and business which some of us are likely to be engaged in, in the near future.

But I know a student who says, he studies English because he loves it; he has entered E.S.S. driven by his passion for English. It gives him a pleasure only to dream of himself making an energetic speech in front of a big audience. He already sees himself having a cheerful conversation with foreigners. He'll read English books and papers, and may listen to the radio broadcast by V.O.A. or B.B.C. No other time he is happier than when he is wonderfully explaining his opinion and thought in English.

He seriously wishes to be a good speaker of English, but he seldom feels he has to make a preparation for his future life.

(Sophomore of Himeji)

#### SOCRATES

Being asked whether it was better to marry or not, he replied, "Whichever you do, you will repent it."

#### ARISTOTLE

Education is an ornament in prosperity and a refuge in adversity.

#### Announcement

1. We promise you to publish thin "E.S.S. TIME" twice a month.
2. Please present us with articles at any time.

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#### Schedule

May 22 (Fri.) : Question Club at Mr. Smith's from 5.00 to 6.30 p.m.

May 23 (Sat.) : Exchange Meeting with Kobe City Univ. of Foreign Studies.  
(Himeji Branch)

May 24 (Sun.) : I.S.A. debate at Boshiwa Univ. from 1.00 p.m.

May 27 (Wed.) : Union Club at Himeji from 5.00 to 6.30 p.m.

Title "Emperor System"  
"Education of Continent"