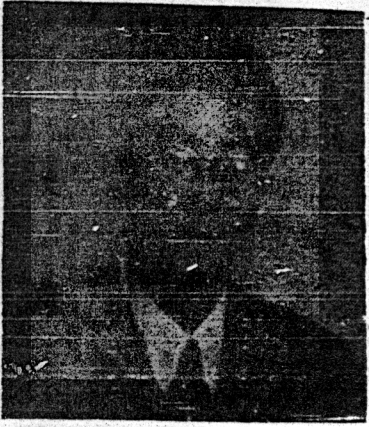


KEN OKUDA



—An Interview—

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By CATHERINE FAUVER

After five months of conjecture and wild guessing on the part of the student body, Oberlin's mystery man has revealed himself. Ken Okuda, Japanese-American student who had been here only six months when he found himself "dragged out of nowhere" and elected Student Council president, has at long last broken down and "told all."

As to vital statistics, Ken was born in Seattle, Washington, where he attended high school. After graduation he travelled in Japan for a year, then was enrolled for two years in the University of Washington; which brings us to the outbreak of the war and the interesting part of our story.

Sent to Camp

The Okuda family, with the exception of Mr. Okuda, was sent for a time to a relocation camp at Puyallup, Washington. (Ken's father was interned by the government for five months before being permitted to rejoin his family.) Ken speaks rather disparagingly of this first camp, saying that all arrangements were very temporary and that the personnel, which had had no experience or training in this sort of work, was "not very capable."

After four months here, the family was sent to a more permanent camp in Grenada, Colorado. Ken remarked that the worst feature of this camp was its periodic dust storms. (Here at Oberlin we go to the opposite extreme.) He says that conditions were much pleasanter here, the

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Official Release Tells Of 730 Navy Men Ab

Lack of Men Drives Women To Crane Pool

While the men are away, the women will play at the first WAA-WSGL open house tomorrow evening from 8 to 10 p.m. Crane Pool and the game room will be open so that Oberlin's men-less women may enjoy ping-pong, swimming, square dancing, and dart bowling.

Refreshments will be available at a small charge. Those planning to swim during the evening are reminded that they should secure their swimming permits at Dr. Moulton's office or at the Clinic before then.

Kelsey Makes Plans

Marty Kelsey, assisted by Jean Whitehead, has planned the open house. Those serving on the various committees are as follows: ping-pong, Peg Eldred and Pat Hieber; refreshments, Barbara Stevenson and Janet Knapp; publicity, Marge Scott and Carol Kemper; square dancing, Janet Duff, Janette Spickerman, and Lou Finzer Leathers; dart bowling, Phyl Christman, Sonny Dietz, and Helen Knudsen; and swimming, Charlotte Reid and Emma Abel.

Music for the square dancing will be provided by Flora Simons' accordion and Julia Storrs' violin, and all women (but only women!) are invited.

Farmers Need Help For Husking Corn

About 40 students are needed to husk corn tomorrow afternoon at a nearby farm. Everyone interested in working for about three hours should meet at the Co-op at 1:30 p.m., where transportation will be available. If you plan to come, telephone Bart Haight at 2314.

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Navy Asks Wilkins To Serve on Board

The Navy has asked President Wilkins to serve as a member of the final Board of Review for V-12 applicants in this region. The board will consist of three members, one a naval officer and the other two civilians.

It is expected that the Board of Review will be in session in Cleveland for a week late in April or early in May.

Class of 1915 Offers Prize For Oratory

For the third time on this campus, the Class of 1915 Oratorical Contest and the Class of 1915 Prize Debate Contest will be held next Monday at 7:30 p.m. in Sturges Hall.

The six contestants for the Oratorical Contest were chosen from a number who submitted manuscripts. Those participating are: Fay Calkins, John Copeland, Jane Crowe, Daniel Reddin, Paul Scranton and Eugene Stockwell. Subjects of the speeches are optional, but all must be related to public affairs. Three judges chosen from the faculty are Professors Carl Arlt, Francis Roelinger and Leonard Stidley. First prize winner will be awarded \$60 and second winner, \$40.

Speak for \$150

Friday, April 16 at 7:30 p.m., in Sturges six students will debate on the question "Should the United Nations Establish a Permanent Federal Union?" Members of the Forensic Union elected the

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camp being better organized and the "inmates" allowed more freedom.

In regard to why he picked Oberlin, Ken replied that he had no choice—Oberlin picked him! He explained that before the evacuation of Japanese-American citizens, the president of the University of Washington had asked various colleges if they would be willing to accept Japanese-American students. Oberlin replied with a list of five acceptable students, one of whom was our hero.

In the meantime Ken had been interned, and thus began his long struggle against the forces of nature and army red-tape for his release from camp. He had applied for admission to Oberlin three times, first last June, then in October, and finally for the present term, before being permitted to leave Grenada in December.

Was Active Debater

Ken comes here well qualified in at least one respect for accepting his responsibilities as Student Council president; he was very active in high school debating. Despite his recent arrival in Oberlin he seems to have a keen awareness of, and some sound ideas toward solving two ever-present problems, chapel attendance and indifference toward student government.

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