

PRIVATE JOHNSTONE served a year in Army. Here mother shows his picture.

KAMIKAZE GOES TO COLLEGE

A Japanese suicide pilot starts his freshman year at Lafayette on a scholarship started by a dead GI

A little more than three years ago Ensign Robert Yukimasa Nishiyama, 19, pilot in the Kamikaze Corps of the Imperial Japanese Navy, was awaiting orders to go out and crash his explosive suicide plane into a U.S. warship. At about the same time Private Robert Stansbury Johnstone, 18, a U.S. soldier in the Philippines, had a premonition of death. He wrote home and asked his parents to use his \$10,000 government insurance to establish a scholarship which would teach his enemies the American way of life. Shortly thereafter Johnstone was killed by a Jap during the fighting on Luzon. And last week Robert Nishiyama, whose country had surrendered before he was sent on a mission, showed up at Lafayette College in Easton, Pa. as a student on the scholarship which Johnstone's money made possible.

Nishiyama had been one of 20 Japanese applicants for the Johnstone scholarship. A foreign-language student in Tokyo, he speaks English very well and impressed the scholarship board by his perfectly written letters. When he got to the Lafayette campus he went to the president's office to meet Private Johnstone's family. He stood around nervously until the Johnstone family came in. Mrs. Johnstone quickly ran up and welcomed him (right), followed by Mr. Johnstone and their younger son Bruce, a Lafayette freshman who towered over Nishiyama. "Bob," Mrs. Johnstone said quickly, "was almost as tall as Bruce is." Moved by the meeting, Nishiyama could only say to each of them, "I don't know how to thank you." Then, with new roommate, Lewis Bender, an ex-Marine who is studying to be a minister, Nishiyama went off to sign the papers, take the tests and buy the "dinks" that go with every freshman's first college days.



ENSIGN NISHIYAMA, as naval cadet in 1944, weighed 170 pounds, has lost 35.



JOHNSTONE'S MOTHER, when she met Nishiyama for the first time (above), grasped his hand and said warmly, "Welcome, welcome, we're so glad you're here at last."



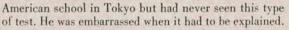
MR. JOHNSTONE smiled and said simply, "I'm glad to welcome you." He is a machine manufacturer from Downingtown, Pa. and hopes to make scholarship permanent.



JOHNSTONE'S BROTHER Bruce was then introduced. Mr. Johnstone: "This is our son Bruce." Mrs. Johnstone: "He will take care of you." Bruce mumbled something polite.



TAKING A TEST, Nishiyama reads questions on one page and checks answers on another. He once attended an





REGISTERING, Nishiyama was confronted with endless forms and questions about his health and education. One question asked, "Are you a veteran?" He wrote, "Yes."



SAYING GRACE before freshman luncheon, Nishiyama bows his head. He and his family are all Christians.

HE FINDS COLLEGE LIFE IS FAST AND FRIENDLY

Nishiyama was prepared for almost anything but the casual reception he got from his Lafavette classmates. He had learned something of the U.S. from his wife, who had lived here most of her life and had graduated from Stanford University, and from U.S. soldiers for whom he had worked as interpreter. In 🥌 spite of this he expected to find some bitterness and some people who would blame him for the war. But his classmates were friendly and paid little attention to him. He walked hesitantly into Easton to buy a pair of sneakers and found that the storekeepers, who had heard of him, were very pleased to see him. He walked back, and a sophomore took him to dinner. Then, suddenly, he found he was just one of 500 confused freshmen going through an indoctrination program. He bought books. He met his adviser. He selected his courses, signing up for American history, English and French. When he graduates he wants to go back to Japan and, in the spirit of Johnstone's scholarship, teach international relations.



IN HIS ROOM Nishiyama gets some advice from roommate, Lew Bender, 26. Bender asked to be his roommate, and college agreed because they are both older than average.



IN FRESHMAN DRESS Robert Nishiyama wears a maroon "dink" with his class numerals, a maroon knitted tie and a pin with his name on it. He carries matches with

which he must light the upperclassmen's cigarets. He must also allow seniors to precede him through doors. Like all freshmen, he is supposed to do this until Christmas vacation.



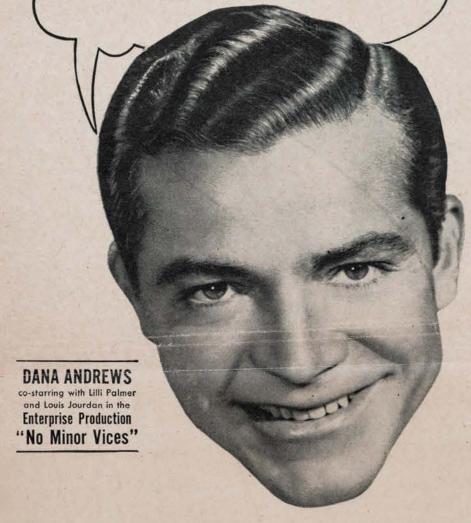
IN PAJAMA PARADE, Nishiyama grins as he walks down Easton's main street. In this parade each freshman traditionally carries a candle, and upperclassmen try to beat the

flame out with rolled papers. Bob had a good time. Upperclassmen put out his candle three times, made him hop and duckwalk and propose to a strange girl on the sidewalk.

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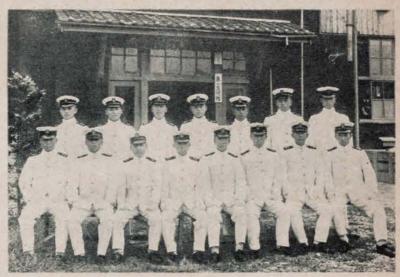
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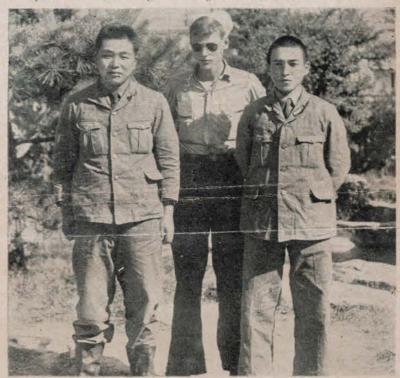


Kamikaze CONTINUED

THESE ARE HIS ALBUM PICTURES



HIS CADET CLASS in the summer of 1944 posed in front of cadet quarters. Nishiyama is second from right, standing. He thinks most of class is still alive.



AFTER THE WAR Nishiyama (left) worked as translator for the Americans in Korea. With him above are American sailor friend and another translator.



HIS FAMILY, his wife Helen and his daughter Rhoda, 2, came down to see him off at the airport at Tokyo three weeks ago. They are both still in Japan.