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VISITORS FROM JAPAN



VERA ROY-STOEBERL PHOTOS

Last month a Japanese class taught by Jo Dougherty at the high school was the scene of spirited games and cultural interaction as her students were visited by members of a Japanese girls' basketball team. The girls are senior members of the Kakumei Girls' High School in Japan, ranked second nationally in the island nation. Along with their coach, they attended a Timberwolves game, University of Minnesota men's and women's basketball games and a UW-River Falls women's basketball game. The Mall of America was another stop on their tour. Left, students and visitors lay in a circle on the stomachs as they enjoy a sensory game. Above, gathered for a group shot are (in front, from left): Beth Estervig, Alex Cobian, Alyssa Miller, Kate Henry, Tamar Land, Mike Gillen and Joel Kennedy. In the second row: Spenser Davidson, Mirei Tachikawa, Asuka Hayashida, Kana Narui, Kanako Ninomiya, Yuko Kitahira, Asami Hatsuda, Rusty Rusterholz and Whitney Toftness. In back are: Tom LeClair, Rachel Linder, Ashley O'Brien, Yoko Healy, Tami Strusz, Guy Healy (the promoter of the visiting group), Coach Sumio Yamasaki, Dougherty, Takeo Morisaki and Rachel Feyereisen.