

Dane Student Says Countrymen More Serious About Education

"Danish students have to take a more serious attitude toward education than American students do. The Germans completely robbed us; we had nothing left after World War II. We students have to rebuild Denmark," said Finn Sagild, guest speaker at the International Student Luncheon, recently.

Sagild, a foreign student from Copenhagen, said he was surprised at the attitude of American college students toward their studies. From his observations he has concluded that they are, on the whole, not too concerned unless their grade is at stake.

School System Different

The Danish school system is quite different from the American system, explained Sagild. Schools, except for a few private or religious institutions, are controlled by the government. Students begin learning foreign languages in the first grade of their four year grade school. There are five years of grammar school, and four years of grade school which corresponds to the U. S. junior high school.

High school is not compulsory, and it is considered a great privilege and accomplishment to graduate from high school, said Sagild. The high school courses are much more difficult than ours, with an average of 36 hours of classes a week and perhaps twice that in homework.

No Required Courses

Ninety percent of the students continue on to a university after high school graduation. Except for very specialized schools, such as medicine, there are no required courses in universities. A student can attend classes for as many years as he desires before taking his final examination.

Sports are an integral part of Danish school life, Sagild said. Participation in certain sports is compulsory from the first grade until graduation from high school. Basketball is played by very few Danes, football is completely unknown. The main team sport is soccer. Skiing, ice skating, and handball are very popular.

Likes Fraternity Life

Sagild remarked that he was pleasantly surprised by the American fraternity system. "I like fraternity life very much, though it does not give much time to study," Sagild said. There are no social fraternities in Denmark.

Guest speaker at the Tuesday meeting of the International Student Luncheon group will be Pietre Striefkirk of Holland. The luncheons, which are open to all University students, are held at noon each Tuesday in the Student Union. Reservations may be made by calling Wah Chun at the YMCA before 11 a.m. Tuesday.

Cultural Movie Group Chosen

Five students, forming a cultural movies sub-committee to the Student Union ballroom committee, were chosen Wednesday, according to Bill Carey, chairman of interviews and referral.

Out of the 22 students who petitioned, Meredith Burch was chosen as chairman. The other members are Sally Thurston, Elizabeth Waddell, Les Davis, and Jon Eremuf.

Thursday's Emerald incorrectly listed the members of the Student Union art gallery sub-committee. Joan Manning was selected to head the group of five. The other four members are Nancy Pollard, Betty Moshofsky, Shirley Wentworth, and Pat Smith.

Student Union Foods Director Has Complex Job

The job of foods director involves more than planning menus and purchasing food, as Miss Ruth Coffey, supervisor of the entire foods service department in the Student Union, will relate.

Since she first came to the University last January, Miss Coffey has ordered equipment, helped in planning the physical set-up of the SU kitchen, and had general supervision of work schedules for employees in her department.

"In fact," she said, "I'm everything from a general mechanic to a purchaser and will also be in charge of all catering service."

Enthusiastic Over Kitchen

Miss Coffey is enthusiastic over the modern kitchen, the center of the foods department.

"We have all the labor-saving devices," she said, "which make the numerous luncheons and dinners we serve much easier."

The largest banquet yet held in the SU, was for 375 high school journalists during the press conference last week.

Came From OSC

Before assuming her present position, Miss Coffey was a nutritionist with a dental survey team at Oregon State College for two years.

Miss Coffey received her dietetic training at St. Teresa College, Winona, Minn. After graduation, she interned at St. Mary's Hospital, Rochester, Minn. for one year. From April, 1945 to September, 1947, she served in the Women's Army Corps, and it was during her army traveling that she saw Oregon and decided to return after her discharge.

YW Frosh Group Selects Officers

New officers elected by the YWCA freshman service commission recently are Carol Newton, president; Sharon George, vice-president; Sally Thurston, secretary; and Louise Hoblitt, treasurer.

Ashle Dixon was chosen as chaplain; Donna Hart, publicity chairman; and Joyce Langdon, promotion chairman.

A waffle breakfast for all University women is now being planned by the group. Co-chairmen for the breakfast, to be held Nov. 18, are Rose Swartz and Doris Smith.

UO Student Helps In Flood Evacuation

Assistance in the evacuation of Springfield flood victims was given the night of Oct. 29-30 by Sergeant Emil Gerard, University student, assigned to Sunday ROTC duty.

The ROTC headquarters was contacted at 5 p.m. Sunday by the Springfield chief of police for help in the evacuation. Sgt. Gerard was dispatched, driving the ROTC service truck.

Sgt. Gerard helped the flood victims until early Monday morning. During much of the time, he was forced to drive through the badly-flooded Glenwood section, bringing people from Springfield into both Glenwood and Eugene.

California has the Rose Bowl; Texas has the Cotton Bowl; Florida has the Orange Bowl.—How about the Mud Bowl for Oregon?

Actors to Present Great Play Scenes

Scenes from four of the world's great plays will be presented by the technique of acting classes at 4 and 7:30 p.m. today in 102 Villard.

Under the supervision of Gordon Ericksen, graduate in speech and manager of the laboratory theater, the classes will show one scene each from "Life With Father," by Lindsey and Crouse; "Clutter Buck," by Ben Levy; "Night Music" by Clifford Odets; and "All For Love," by John Dryden.

The showings are open to everyone, Ericksen stated. There is no admission charge.

Chemistry Seminar Set

"Sulfonation of Keytones" will be the topic of a chemistry seminar conducted by Wayne St. John, teaching assistant in chemistry, at 4 p.m. Tuesday in 105 McClure.

St. John did his undergraduate work at Illinois University and was awarded the master's degree at Northwestern.

The seminar is open to the public.

SU Night Manager Davidson Stays Late, Answers Questions

The fellow who keeps the gears of the Student Union building turning after everyone else calls it a day is personable Larry Davidson, 25-year-old night manager of the Student Union.

He does not stay around just to see that the doors are locked and the lights turned out, however. Any problem or question that may come up in the afternoon or evening when Davidson is on duty is likely to be brought to him.

Davidson has no regular "go-to-work-and-go-home" hours, but instead can be found around the SU anytime from 1 p.m. until the last person leaves the building. From his office on the mezzanine, the blonde ex-signal corpsman oversees many of the activities that go on in the Union.

Has Many Duties

He is in charge of the main desk in the lobby, the check room, also located there, and is night cashier. Room assignments for the many committee and student meetings held daily in the SU are part of his work.

Administration of the three student publications—Oregon, Em-

erald, and Student Directory—is also his responsibility, and he makes up the financial report and okays requisitions for the Publications Board.

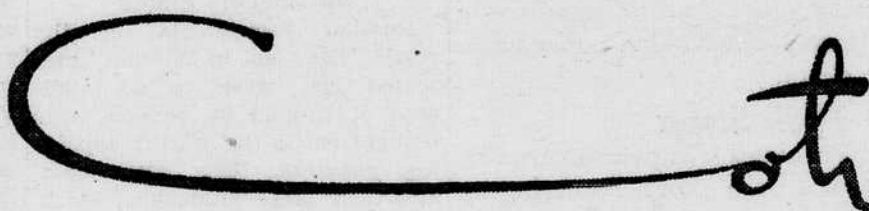
Davidson was graduated from the University in June of this year with a BA degree in journalism. The former Webfoot was up to his neck in activities during his college career, especially in the publications field.

Active in Journalism

He was associate editor, managing editor, and editor of the Oregonian during his sophomore, junior, and senior years respectively. Even yet he hasn't broken away from the yearbook, acting now in an advisory capacity.

Davidson's activities were enough to win him membership in Skull and Dagger, sophomore men's service honorary, Druids, junior men's honorary; and Friars, senior men's honorary. He also was in Sigma Delta Chi, national men's journalism fraternity, and was associa-

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