

Activities, Advising Mean Busy Life for Si Ellingson

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"Si, what should we do about this?"

"Si, can you be at our meeting tonight?"

"Si, we'd like you and Charlene to chaperone our fireside."

These and a multitude of other questions bombard busy A. L. "Si" Ellingson all day long every day. Ellingson, whose official title is Student Union director, is never too busy, however, to stop and discuss students' problems with them or to attend their meetings.

He and his wife are favorite chaperones at house dances and firesides. They are often present at Campbell club functions, since Ellingson is an active alum and financial adviser of the organization.

Ellingson is a friend of all the students who know him. One student remarked, "He's just wonderful, always willing to help us and to stop just to talk when we see him. He knows more people and more about what's happening on campus than anyone else I know."

Has Spare Time Jobs

Although Ellingson is kept more than busy as director of the SU (he is in charge of such things as food, maintenance and bookkeeping), he still finds time to be adviser to the sophomore and junior classes, rally board, and Alpha Phi Omega, men's service fraternity.

He also attends meetings of the Student Union directorate and other student groups.

He was tapped as an honorary member of Friars last spring.

In addition to his many campus activities, he also works in city Scouting. He spent eight weeks last summer as business manager for a Boy Scout camp near Florence.

Ellingson got his first experience in working with students in 1949 when he took a part-time counseling job with Student Affairs while working for a master's degree.

Before he finished his thesis, his plans to be a college history teacher changed.

Got Sidetracked

"I got side-tracked into counseling and found I really liked that type of work, so now I'll probably

never go on and get a higher degree," he said.

In 1950 and 1951 Ellingson got an extra big dose of counseling. Not only did he counsel men all day in the Office of Student Affairs, but he came home at night to do the same thing.

He and his wife, Charlene, were head residents that year in Susan Campbell, then a men's dorm. They were placed there by the University as an experiment to see whether faculty couples or housemothers would be best for men's dorms. "Si" and Charlene decided housemothers were the answer, as did the University.

"We had to live in a little apartment intended for one older lady," he explained laughing, "but it was an interesting experience and one through which I made many friends. Aside from our cramped quarters, I didn't like the fact that I was never finished counseling."

Misses Counseling

"I miss counseling now," he added, "because I don't have a chance to meet as many people as I used to."

Ellingson left his position of men's counselor at the beginning of fall term, 1954, when he was appointed director of the Student Union.

A graduate of Oregon in 1948 in history, he was active in campus politics as a student. He served as vice-president of his senior class.

After his graduation from Oregon, he taught for a year at Springfield junior high school before returning to the campus.

Born in Mapleton, Ore., he claims he is a "real webfoot." He attended Mapleton schools until 1941, when he entered the University. He attended for a year and then enlisted for a three year stint in the army—the longest time he has ever been out of Oregon. He returned to school in 1946.

Ellingson was married in 1948. He and his wife have one child, a nine-month-old girl named Martha.

When he isn't busy with the students and their activities or the Student Union, Ellingson likes to hunt, fish, or play a few hands of bridge.

UN to Continue Efforts To Release Captive Fliers

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (AP)—United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld planned conferences early in the week with UN delegates from the Scandinavian countries as he prepared to draft a formal report on his free-the fliers mission in Peiping.

Henry Cabot Lodge Jr., chief U.S. delegate, came back to New York after conferences in Omaha, Neb., and Washington with State Department officials. Lodge said in Washington that he was still confident the fliers will be freed and that he intended to see Hammarskjöld soon again.

Hammarskjöld is telling delegations what he found out in Peiping. He wants their governments' reactions after this second stage to determine what the next step may be in freeing U.S. prisoners and other UN personnel held captive by the Chinese Communists.

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Council Members Vote for Census

NORTH BEND, Ore. (AP)—The North Bend City Council has voted funds for a census of this Southwest Oregon town.

Total cost of the census, to be taken by the U. S. Bureau of the Census, was estimated at \$1,430. The council has approved expenditure of \$845.

An increase in population would entitle the town to additional money from certain state tax receipts.

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