



## The eternal student

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**On May 1, takes Eve Malmquist wearing graduation cap to once again sing in the spring at the University stairs. Lundagård was looking for the man who never stops being a student but found an education pioneer.**

Student singers tend to gather a few hours before the May Day concert. Each person may stand up, say his name and which year they began to sing.

- All turns around when I'm standing up and saying "Eve Malmquist, 1934".

Every summer arranges Eve Malmquist cocktail party in the garden warbler and other friends.

- I would love to meet young students engaged in Lund, there is the love of the Community and the song that makes me continue to be with. I never cease to be a student.

**Eve was born in** Malmö in 1915 and grew up near Grief Friskolan. It was the elegance of science that attracted him to the academic life and he enrolled at the University of Lund in 1934. The same year he joined the student singers. In the 30's came the call-up orders from the Defence Forces and Eve were like many others make stops in the studies. It would be ten years before he received his bachelor's degree.

- We were jealous of women students who had the opportunity to study further and take their exams. Many did not come back to learning when the service was over after the war.

When so many Lund students moved out of his dorm room to the defense barracks followed by the student traditions. In the late 30's wanted regiment in Revinge where Eve did their service, the soldiers would put up some form of entertainment for the other draftees. Eve became involved in the set of spex "Reveille" which quickly became popular among the bored soldiers. After spex been set up in Revinge husband went out on tour and began performing in the Great Hall of the AF building.

- The Great Hall was filled with people who wanted to see if the soldiers could juggle. Everything began when I came on the scene, stood at attention, and made an introductory speech. When I was done, and the curtain would go up as the curtain fell on me. It was not thought that this would happen but the audience thought it was part of the number and cheered, says Eve.

**After the Second World War**, the end was the lack of teachers and facilities great in Swedish schools. The school system was the subject of a series of investigations and in the 50s was introduced nine years of compulsory school unit test, which would later come to replace the elementary school and secondary school. Optimism was great, the science - mainly education and psychology would give all children the chance to reach as far as possible without social or economic background recorded. The timing was perfect for Eve to parallel with studies in Lund worked as a teacher in Malmö and developed a keen interest in children with reading difficulties. 1958 published his doctoral thesis which showed how many different factors can affect the child's learning.

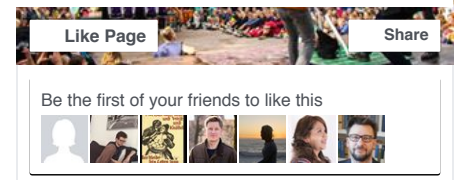
- Then everything went at a furious pace. I became an associate professor of psychology and education, and director of the state's experimental school, says Eve.



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State's experimental school was a newly created experimental school in Linköping, which was just the right time. An intensive research and experimentation started under the eyes and management of 133 publications, he stood as the sole author of 50 of them.

**Most seem** to have been a success in Eve's 95 years long life. He has lectured on five continents, has been inducted into the exclusive academy Reading Hall of Fame in the United States and is considered one of the world's leading experts in psychology lecture. On the kitchen table is a selection of his articles, books and newspaper clippings scattered. In total, he has published 107 books and over 450 articles.

- It is the amount I'm most proud of, that I got so much done. You have to look at all of this to understand the strange man Eve Malmquist.

Eve likes to talk about himself in the third person and answer questions with quotes. The look is sharp and he tests me again and again, to make sure that I keep track of the great philosophers and scientists.

Quickly he goes back and forth in his rebuilt mill at the foot of the Hallandsåsen to show photographs of himself with influential businessmen, scholars and royals. Eve's home is filled with antiques, art and books. Books, paper and newspapers located in piles on the floor, shelves are not enough.

- Have you read Bill Bryson "A history of almost everything?" It is absolutely incomparable, says Eve and takes the next second a book about health.

He believes that the development never stop, that knowledge never runs dry and that man must always be open and be prepared to reconsider their views.

- Scientists must never stop and be satisfied. They will follow developments and will do more and more!

**At the end of the 60th century** published Eves textbook series "What did I read?" As hundreds of thousands of students would use for several decades. The textbooks were based on a careful vocabulary presented page by page as they are introduced. Eve was sure that the severity could escalate slowly and systematically.

- I wanted the children to kick start the creative thinking and questioning as early as possible. Before my books, most teaching materials dry and boring. You could actually call me a pioneer.

Although the winds of change blew through education Sweden were students with "special needs" is not particularly high priority. Eve started early demand that children with reading difficulties should receive special help.

Early diagnosis, support teaching läsklinik and then careful and continuous evaluations became his recipes.

- It was a brilliant future for education in Sweden. We could have reached as far as anyone.

It was therefore with disappointment that Eve, the economic downturn times, saw how it started to cut back even more on school. In 1989 the decision on the total municipalization of the school. A few years later, Sweden suffered deep financial crisis and the cuts in the school was greater than ever. Eve raised certain voice in the media several times and warned of the consequences that the cuts would be.

- I get upset when I think of how many people are held, which closes off the entire society. Who do not get the help they are entitled to. They are missing out on life.

**Eve continues to** rummage among his papers and fish up one article after another about illiteracy in the world.

- Millions of people in the world can not read. It is inconceivable, and is the single greatest threat to the fight against poverty.

He believes that gender discrimination against women is the main problem and has written numerous articles on the subject.

- Two thirds of the world's illiterates are women, and the discrimination starts when girls are born. They have less education and healthcare, and in adulthood they earn less than men even though they are working more. Nevertheless, women have the greatest responsibility in the family as they often take care of children's health and education. Therefore, their training to be of the highest priority, says Eve and disappear through the salon into his study.

**It is here** he writes in his latest article that describes how the children and 90 percent of the world's adult population can read 2025

- 2025 I chose to provoke a little. It is clear that the problems of illiteracy will not be resolved then, but a few years you have to draw with. I am saying that Winston Churchill: "We Should not be discouraged by the difficulty of the problems. If They had been easy, we would have solved them long, long ago."

2025 fills Eve 110 years. Probably he is also at the University of stairs May 1

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