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## COMMUNICATION

### EDITOR WEEKLY:

At the last meeting of the Student-Body, a committee was appointed to consider the matter of employing a graduate manager for all student enterprises. The report of the committee is not yet known and the matter comes up for our consideration Wednesday next. It seems to me that a graduate manager would be an unnecessary luxury for various reasons.

First. Arguing from precedent and taking the school year as the standard of comparison, it appears that the management of student enterprises extended to undergraduates has not resulted in a failure; we can rather point with pride to the successful football season and all our other student enterprises. The present managers and their assistants will, I am sure, prove just as efficient as the former ones.

Second. The only plausible reason that can be brought for the employment of a graduate manager is that, it takes away too much time from the student engaged in managing some student-body enterprise. As far as we all know the managers of the track and basket-ball teams and Glee Club are rather proud of their positions and do their duty cheerfully, without, as the class records can show, being for that less efficient in their school work. There remains the college papers. The trouble with the management of these is that, the respective managers try very hard and very earnestly to make

a financial success out of them, when the main, and I would say the only, reason for their existence is to create a medium of correspondence with the scholastic work outside of us and to give a chance to the developing literary talents to exhibit their abilities. If from the student-body income enough money would be given for the support of the two papers, half the amount required to pay an efficient graduate manager, all this ad-hunting, the only thing that does take away the managers time, would be done away with, and the papers be put on a solid and safe foundation.

The income of the Associated-Students of the University of Oregon is not very large and we would be compelled to rely upon the income from the football games and the Glee Club concerts, a basis, sometimes so unsafe as to guarantee the most pessimistic of hopes. Our student enterprises, the way they are, do not allow of any too great expenditure in their maintenance, and were we to cut them down to be able to pay the graduate manager, such a graduate manager would be unnecessary. The minimal amount of time and energy required to manage them would make him useless. If, as it does sometimes happen, our student-body enterprises are successful, from the financial point of view, we can utilize the surplus by helping some needy and deserving student to continue his studies, without having to interrupt them on account of lack of funds, as many have done and are doing. A loan fund from the surplus of student-body enterprises would be more useful and necessary than a graduate manager.

Respectfully yours,  
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