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THE LOAN FUND.

In the March number of the University of Oregon Bulletin which has just been issued, President P. L. Campbell discusses "Student Loan Funds." A short history of the loan system at the University of Oregon is given showing that at present there is in the fund a total of \$906.00. The project was started in 1901 and has since grown slowly. The largest contributor to the fund since its organization has been Hon. R. A. Booth, of Eugene. Other contributors have been Mr. A. S. Roberts, of The Dalles; Mr. William S. Ladd, of Portland; and the graduating class of 1904.

In addition to the above amount the Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs has established a special loan fund at the University of Oregon, to be used exclusively for women. At present there is about \$250 in the hands of the caretaker. The amount will be steadily increased from year to year.

Both the above funds have proven a boon to needy Oregon students. Since their establishment twenty-five students have been enabled to remain in college by taking advantage of small loans varying in amount from \$8.00 to \$100.00. As yet only one small loss has been suffered and there is a good possibility that this will yet be made up.

President Campbell says that the experience of the past two years indi-

cates very clearly that a much larger sum of money could be used to advantage. With a little assistance a great many students could go on and complete their college courses, who are now obliged to drop out on account of lack of funds. When it is taken into account that at least 65 per cent of the young men of the University are working their way through the University, either wholly or in part, it will readily be seen that the urgent need of a small loan may very frequently arise.

It is difficult for those not familiar with the life of University students to realize the difficulties under which they labor. One man who was graduated with high honors eight years ago and has since served the state in an official capacity entered the University with less than \$10.00 in money. Another walked across the mountains and commenced with fourteen round dollars. This class of ambitious young men are deserving of help and should have it.

In the interesting pamphlet President Campbell outlines the plan of the University for securing a larger loan fund for needy students. He lays special stress on the fact that the loan system is far better for the student than an outright gift in the form of a scholarship in that it makes the student feel less compunction in accepting it and owing to the fact that a loan fund will constantly grow as each amount is paid back with interest and therefore much more good can be derived by succeeding generations desirous of securing a higher education.

AN ADMONITION

Only about three weeks remain until the big annual track meet between Oregon and O. A. C. Only four days remain until the Freshman meet with Portland High School. Both underclassmen and upper classmen have a very short time left to get into shape for the coming meets.

Oregon's chances on the track this year are not of the best. The recent meet at Columbia University was won by a very small margin of points. The Agries are coming to Eugene on May 22 to try and make the number of points difference still less and if possible to reverse the situation and carry home the state championship.

Some Oregon men have trained faithfully this season, while others have not taken track work at all seriously and as a consequence Oregon track athletes are by no means "in the pink of condition." Unless more work—more consistency is manifested—Oregon will stand a good chance to

lose her track meets this season.

Flushed with the successes of past years many Oregon athletes do not take conditions in serious vein. This is especially true of the members of the lower classes. Here especially should work be done consistently. Nearly all of the remaining stars on Oregon's track aggregation will complete their University career this spring and then Trainer Hayward will have to depend entirely upon the material which can be found in the three remaining classes.

In the weights we will be weak next year. Zacharias and Gardner will graduate, leaving only two men who have trained at all to handle the discus, shot and hammer. There is plenty of material for weight men in college as well as plenty of material for the other events; but in the weights and hurdles new men must be developed this season if Oregon is to aspire to athletic honors in years to come.

There is no more time left for procrastination. Athletes of all classes MUST get to work at once and MUST work consistently during the rest of the season.

DON'T USE BIG WORDS.

Below we print an editorial which is not original although we agree with the sentiment contained therein. One of our leading exchanges took occasion to print it recently, so we are assisting in passing it on. The Weekly hopes that all students will carefully study out the exact meaning which the selection intends to convey.

"In promulgating your esoteric cogitations, or articulating your superficial sentimentalities and amicable, philosophical or psychological observations, beware of platitudinous ponderosity. Let your conversational communications possess a clarified conciseness, a compacted comprehensibility, coalescent consistency, and a concatenated cogency. Eschew all conglomerations of flatulent garrulity, jejune babblement, and asinine affections. Let your extemporaneous decantings and unpremeditated expatiations have intelligibility and veracious vivacity, without rhodomontade or thrasonical bombast. Sedulously avoid all polysyllabic profundity, pompous prolixity, psittacous vacuity, ventriloquial verbosity and vaniloquent vapidness. Shun double entendres, prurient jocosity, and pestiferous profanity, obscurant or apparent. In other words, talk plainly, briefly, naturally, sensibly, truthfully, purely. Keep from "slang," don't put on airs; say what you mean; mean what you say. And don't use big words!"