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## GRADUATE MANAGER

The Athletic Council, at its meeting next Saturday, will probably consider the advisability of employing a graduate manager for athletics. There is little doubt as to the advisability of this step. Student enterprises can be more advantageously managed by a man who devotes all of his time to the work than by a student, already busy with college work, and probably not experienced in the ways of business. A graduate manager has the same feeling of loyalty to the University, which prompts the student and has the advantage of more time and longer experience. All large Universities have salaried managers from the number of their alumni, and find the investment in salary a profitable one. O. A. C. has this year employed a salaried manager. A graduate manager, besides managing athletics, could also manage oratory and debate and the glee club.

Indications this year already show what careful and intelligent management may do to make the glee club trip a financial success. But it is vain to hope for such wise management every year from student managers.

The Weekly is, then, in favor of a graduate manager for athletics, but only under certain conditions. The position should be filled permanently by a carefully selected and competent alumnus, who will agree to stay, if desired, for a term of years. There is little to be gained by a graduate managership if the manager is to be changed every year. Let a good man

be selected on a small salary to be increased at stated intervals during the first two years. Let him familiarize himself with his work, and let him remain in office as long as he can satisfactorily do his work. The experience of each year will thus aid in the management the following year.

## DEBATE PRELIMINARIES.

Forty men and women should be in Villard Hall next Saturday ready to try for places on the interstate debate team. At present about half that number have signified their intention of trying out, and it is certain that many who aspire to places have not yet handed in their names.

Those who are holding out of debate because of too much work or because they are freshmen should read the editorial on debate in the Oregon Monthly for November. This editorial shows just what condition faces the Oregon debating teams and coaches; and justly emphasizes the need for effort on the part of all.

It would not be at all strange if several freshmen should win places on the teams this year. Four years on intercollegiate debate teams would be a splendid service for any man to render to his University.

Men who have entered previous try-out should not fail to try again this year, for there is lack of experienced material.

Debate means a great deal of work. A few may find it absolutely impossible to find time to give to this important branch of student-body work, but most can find time if they will. The library is open in the evenings, an advantage not hitherto enjoyed. Let the watchword be: Forty students in the preliminaries on Saturday next.

## OUR PRIVATE OPINION

The Evening Telegram of Portland, in an article on its sporting page in an issue of recent date, implies a desire to hear an expression of the attitude of the Oregon Weekly toward the acting day in not allowing Pilkington to remain in the game after being disqualified for kneeling Pinkham. The Weekly believes that Moulten was right in his insistence that Pilkington of Captain Moulten on Thanksgiving should go out. The case is not parallel to the incident in the Washington game where the roughness was purely accidental. The Weekly sees no reason to doubt the verdict of officials, players, and crowd, who saw the incident.

Mistakes often occur, as witness several in the Telegram account of the Washington-Oregon incident, but the consensus of opinion seems to be that no mistake was made in disqualifying the Multnomah player.

## DEBATE FOR WOMEN

Albany College has sent to the girls of the University an invitation to enter the debate league that is being perfected among the women of the col-

leges of Oregon. The Eutaxian Society is discussing the matter at its meeting this afternoon and no news of its decision is yet available. Some such arrangement seems only just to give the women of the colleges of Oregon and of the University the chance to develop their forensic powers.

There can be no doubt of the right of women of the University to try for places on the interstate debate teams. A debate league purely for women would, however, be a good thing.

The charge of favoritism that is often raised when men and women debate on opposing teams would then be out of the question. Subjects could be chosen which could be more profitably discussed by women than by men. In general, a larger and better opportunity for exercise in the gentle art of persuasion as practised by women, would be afforded. The opportunity under the present system has been practically nil, since girls have never taken advantage of it.

## EXCHANGES

The large exchange list of The Weekly makes it necessary to cut off the list all papers who do not regularly send copies in exchange. Several of last year's exchanges have not appeared this year. If they are not forthcoming in the immediate future, they will be cut from the mailing list in favor of Oregon newspapers which are anxious to exchange.

## COUNCIL WILL MEET

The mid-year meeting of the Athletic Council, regularly set for Dec. 19, will be held this year on Saturday, Dec. 12, at nine o'clock in the morning in Villard Hall. The change of date was in order to avoid breaking into the Christmas vacation, which begins Friday evening, Dec. 18. Matters of general importance will come up for consideration.

## ELIOT WILL MARRY

Cards are out announcing the approaching marriage of Mr. Samuel Ely Eliot, instructor in psychology and public speaking at the University of Oregon, and Miss Elsa von Mandercheid of San Francisco. The wedding will take place in San Francisco on December 28.

Dr. Rex Renshaw, '01, is Professor of Chemistry in Wesleyan University, Connecticut. An item in a Connecticut newspaper speaks very highly of the work being done in the University by Dr. Renshaw. He has been doing some original work in Chemistry, and lately gave an interesting lecture before the chemical society on "Alcohol and its uses."

Subjects for Junior Orations and for Senior Orations for the Failing-Beekman prizes have been posted. Contestants will choose the titles of their orations from the posted lists. The try-outs take place early in 1909.