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**EX-STUDENT PREXY** TACKLES HEAVY TOPICS

Motschenbacher, '13, Writes Letter Showing Change of **Opinion Since College Days.** 

Vernon T. Motschenbacher of Klamath Falls, ex-president of the student body and for two years catcher on the varisity baseball team, is one of the many alumni who have displayed no little interest in campus doings. Mr. Motschenbacher was graduated in 1913 and is now athletic director and instructor in history in Klamath county high school. Following is an ininteresting comment from him on several of the important measures now before the University:

ties the students to the grads and the enough to do without going through the grads to the students. We can keep in torture of drill. It's an expensive systouch with affairs at the University and tem and the people could use that money possibly once in a while make a suggestion that may be of value. It may We already spend almost as much anbe some inspiration to the students to nually as the European nations, Engknow what success Oregon men and land, Germany and France, each, spent women are having and in what partic- before the war. Why spend more? This ular line they are most successful-also what type of student out in real life backed by munition manufacturers. They is making the greatest progress.

#### "Our Ideas Change"

change as time goes by and it seems to me that this page could be used to some advantage by the students in anticipating those changes. Possibly certain subjects could be discussed and opinions could be solicited. From these the most radical and the most representative might be published. Undoubtedly students would from time to time take exception to these statements, probably the faculty might also, and thus we would get the three sides of different questions. It ought to be an illuminating experience anyway.

"I don't mean that questions like the abolishing of taxis, or flowers, or pigging during rallies should be discussed. They may be important, but are too local. uate," or "What the Student Misses in College," or "Where the University Failed With Me," or "Criticisms of My University," or similar questions I believe would bring out a lot of ideas that would be beneficial. Of course, there would be the usual quota of rattlebrained criticism and thoughtless suggestion, but we are supposed to be intelligent enough to ignore those. If too radical, the editor's waste basket is always handy.

#### Athletics Is Mooted Question

"This athletic question would be corker to start out with. There is a great deal more to it than the average

Today's alumni news assembled by Forrest P eii, '09, of the department of journalism trouble is the same. You are fostering athleties not with the idea of developing the idividual but of sacrificing the individual to the development of the team and the god of victory. What we need is 'sport for sport's sake,' and "physical" development for efficiency.' That means a crop of experts and daily or regular exercise according to individual needs. "Whaever started that crazy discussion about putting into force a compulsory system of military training? We are several thousand miles away-over seafrom any nation that is powerful enough to injure us, and there is no need of a great military system. It will be a quarter of a century before any European nation will be strong enough to endanger us and if we tend to our own business and stay at home we won't get into trouble then. We need not fear Canada and Mexico. Neither have a great military training system and a volunteer army is sufficient. The Canadians have no training and still they are said to be the best fighters in the

armies of the allies. All you can learn in an hour's drill each day could be got-"That alumni page is a good thing. It after war starts. The student has ten in a few weeks in a training camp is a jingoist scare and is, probably, say the wealth of the different nations is the deciding factor of a modern war. "It's a funny thing how our ideas If so, let's quit spending money to support a non-producing class and spend that money in increasing the efficiency

of the average American citizen. "I am just as loyal as ever to Oregon and I like to see her win, but I am just as loyal if she loses, and even if she loses every time. I hope my loyalty does not depend upon athletic success and I hope that the position of our athletic directors will not be influenced by defeats or successes only."

PERSONALS

Dr. Ansel F. Hemenway, '98, is professor of botany in Transylvania College, Lexintgon, Kentucky. After receiving a "What I Lack as a College Grad- B. A. degree in 1902, Dr. Hemenway returned and in 1904 received a M. A. degree. In 1909 he also received a M. A. legree from Harvard and from Chicago University received a Ph. D. in 1912. He is now father of a baby boy, Ansel Arthur, born last March.

> Andrew Collier, '12, is director in the First National Bank of Merrill, Oregon, and bookeeper in the First National Bank of Klamath Falls.

Joy and sadness were mingled Saturday evening at a little party in Klamath Falls when the Oregon and O. A. C. grads in that section met at a little party student is willing to admit. I don't like to hear the results of the gridiron battle place in our lives, so far as we are conto admit it myself, because I am coach- on Kincaid field. The Oregon alumni cerned, it is a stranger succeeding by no ing, but that is just where I began to present were D. V. Kuykendall, 1898, V. right to the loyalty we owe to the Uni-T. Motschenbacher, '13, George Stevenson, '13, and Andrew M. Collier, '12. H. R. Giasyer, county agriculturalist for Klamath county, was the only O. A. C. widened so far that we can never cross grad present.



Ex-Student Who Graduated 17 Years Ago, Recommends Alumni Page as Forum.

Not since the appearance of the first issue of the alumni page this fall has a criticism of this page more interesting than the following from Judge D. V. Kuykendall, '98, been received. It is frank and comprehensive and comes from one of the best known and foremost alumni of the University. Judge Kuykendall occupies the bench in the thirteenth judicial district, which comprises Klamath county. While at the University of Oregon he gained distinction in track work, doing the 220-yard dash in 22 2-5 seconds. This was in 1898. His criticism follows:

"I note from a recent number of the Emerald, that you have undertaken the publication of a weekly page devoted exclusively to the alumni of the University. undertaken to serve two masters, and that has always been considered a difficult matter, but, in reality, the two interests you are seeking to reach are only one and have come to appear to be two from the lack of some such means of communication as you seek to furnish. Cooperation Needed

"The Alumni and University diverge and lose interest in each other, not because each does not grow, but because each grows at some distance from the other, thus preventing mutual support and understanding. It has been a matter of regret, often expressed by individual alumni, that there never has been estab lished between our school and its alumni the feeling of unity and co-operation that should exist and which does exist in most institutions of such high character. It is particularly pleasing that such a promising and determined effort along this line should come from the student body for it shows a friendly spirit and interest that challenges us to take up our share of a duty and a pleasure long neglected.

#### **Favors Alumni Page**

"The alumni page is better than a publication devoted exclusively to alumni affairs. It brings the alumnus down to date and keeps him more in touch with the University as it stands rather than simply refreshing old memories and recalling to his mind the University that has long since grown away from the age and times when he knew it. However pleasant it may be in some sentimental moments to recall the old times, we all the affairs of the present, and unless the University of today can take its rightful versity of our memories. "Perhaps for some of us the gap has been left so long unbridged and has it, but the graduates of recent years if kept in weekly touch with the University ought never to get far away but among the alumni who were guests of should keep up with the institution as it the University on homecoming day and grows and develops. The friends of our on Friday. They were Arthur Van Du- youth who go away or whom we leave, live in our memories while strangers come in and live in our daily lives and when our early friends return, we find they are strangers and we turn to the friendships and interests of those who are taking part in our present affairs. Oregon Still Entitled to Loyalty "No alumnus will fail to read the alumni page and when that is done, the rest of the paper will be looked over pretty carefully and with considerable interest, though probably for a time it will be rather a critical interest, but after a time when we learn the language and catch up with the University's advance, we will find that it is really our old institution brought down to date is still entitled to our loyalty, support and admiration. "If you can accomplish this, your alumni page will be a success and must prove advantageous both to the alumni and to the University. I am convinced that the University can still do very much for its alumni and it is possible that the alumni can help the University, for a broader outlook and a different viewpoint certainly suggest some important questions, but if we are to be of any ant questions, but if we are to be of any assistance, we must learn the University HAND LAUNDRY of today and discuss and advise with reference to that and not the University we used to know. No other plan suggested seems to promise so fair a degree of success along that line as the one you have undertaken. "Trusting you will continue the plan long enough to give it a fair trial, remembering that some of us will be slow to respond, I am, "Yours very truly, "D. V. KUYKENDALL, '98."



see what was wrong with the situation. If you established a poor farm and put the rich fellows in town on it and paid for it out of the common funds, everybody would call you a fool, and yet we establish a system of athletics for the 'development of the student,' gather together a bunch of physical huskies, and proceed to spoil the health of some of them and the only development the weakling gets is shouting. We want to win to much. That is a fine idea if not carried too far. But I myself have stood in the bleachers and yelled my head off for some poor devil to tear into it when every time he did he was injuring himself for life. Of course, that is the nerve that makes great sport, that wins games, but I wonder some times if it is worth while.

"I believe also that intra-mural ahletics are almost as bad, because fellows go into them body and soul without the least bit of training. That's what hurts. The properly trained athlete is not often if ever injured if he goes into the contest that way. But he does not, and he is not doing himself any good. What we need is a system that is a system, which reaches every student and reaches to what that student needs. Should a man be so 'all in' after his day's exercise that he cannot study or even sleep? I have seen them that way hundreds of times. Still you may say your athletes are as good students as any others. health (you say), then they ought to be the best. If athletics requires so much brain power, why is such a holler made when one who hasn't enough of said stuff to pass nine hours of work, kept off the team? Let's get a physical development system that really develops and let the regular instructors do the 'mental training.' They can do it if they can get brains to work on which after deducting energy consumed in other things-not athletics alone-have enough left to grip an ordinary intelligent prob-Iem.

#### "Sport for Sport's Sake"

"Maybe I have exaggerated is a bit. It won't hurt if I have. The point remains the same. There are evils existing and most every one admits it. The may help, but it has not solved the problem. Such action cannot, because it stitute must be proposed and intramural sports will not prove the solution.

Two former Oregon yell leaders were san, '10, and Charles W. Robinson, '19. Robinson is making good in the district attorney's office in Portland and Van Dusan is successfully practicing medicine in Astoria. It was the leadership of these two yell kings in two big oskie wow wows at the rally Friday evening before the game that helped wonderfully to put spirit and pep into every person present. They have lost none of their old pep.

The alumni who registered while home coming day guests but who were not in the Portland special train were:

Walter S. Hodge, '13, Coquille, civil engineer; Otto Stoched, '13, Milwaukie, civil engineer; Loeta Elizabeth Bristow, '09, Eugene, at home; France Kelly Immel, '09, Eugene, at home; O. Arnspiger, '09, Medford, civil engineer; D. C. Stanard, '14, Portland, business man; Leslie him or her in proportion or according P. Miller, '08, Yoncalla, farmer; Roy K. Terry, '10, Portland, attorney; Leon S. Jackson, '17, Portland, newspaperman; Lyman G. Rice, '14, Pendleton, banker; W. Homer Maris, '13, Portland, teacher; Homer Leffel, '18, La Grande, business man; Edna Prescott Datson, '12 Why shouldn't they be? They have the Eugene, dormitory; Wesley M. Wire, '08, health (you say), then they ought to be Newberg, farmer; Myron W. Getchell, '11, Elmira, teacher; Mary E. Kent, '06, Eugene, at home; Ruby Hendricks Goodrich, '03, at home; Ellen Condon Mc-Cornack, '78, Eugene, at home; Frederic Stanley Dunn, '92, Eugene, instructor in Latin in University; Allen H. Eaton, '02, Eugene, business man; A. L. Veazie, '90, Portland, attorney; A. Burleigh Cash, '13, teacher; Virgil D. Earl, '06, Portland, teacher; Vesta Holt, '13, Eugene, teacher; Jessie Fariss, '11, Eugene music teacher; Bes Cowden, '14, Silverton, teacher; G. H. Oberteuffer, '14, Junction City, principal high school; Mildred

Healey Oberteuffer, '15, Junction City, at home; Carlton E. Spencer, '13, Portland, attorney; J. Lewis Johnson, '12, Roseburg, teacher; Edith Veazie Bryson, '15, at home; Marguerite Parker faculty have taken some action and that '14, St. Helens, teacher; Katherine Kirkpatrick, '15, Lebanon, teacher; Mrs. C. does not go deep enough. Some sub- Hendricks, '03, Eugene, librarian; Norma liam Ryan, ex-'14, Eugene, reporter; Ca- '14, Eugene, housekeeper; Sibyl Thurs-I can see evils in that system worse than those of the old plan. The trouble is that the central idea, the root of all the business man; Ruth M. Stone, '13, Port-Kent Wilson, ex-'17, Oregon City, clerk,

land, at home; Lena B. Newton, '13 Eugene, teacher; Blanche Ferdine, '10. Springfield, teacher; George H. Otter, '11, Portland, landscape architect: Lola Howe, '05, Eugene, teacher; Dr. Harvey M. Slater, '11, Salem, physician; Wen-dell C. Barbour, '12, Eugene, lawyer; Vaughan McCornack, '15, Gresham, teacher; Effie J. Rhodes, '14, Portland,