

## Vice President

We had a very difficult time making a choice for vice president, but, since we promised we would and as voters we can only vote for one candidate, we, the editorial board, finally came to a consensus.

For vice president the candidate we are endorsing is Dave Riggs. Now, lest the other candidates feel picked upon, let us reiterate that we found all the candidates to be very qualified and they all have many things to recommend them.

Denise Kline has a lot of experience; first as parliamentarian in high school and then as an ASG senator this year. She knows parliamentary procedure and has worked hard this year, only narrowly missing being named senator-of-the-term.

John Harlan, too, has much to recommend him. He was involved in projects that will prove to be of great benefit to all the students on this campus and he, too, has good ideas for next year's ASG.

However, we did choose Riggs and for these reasons: He has a lot of experience as vice president of student government in high school. While there, he developed a program that brought 98 percent of the students in that school out to vote. We feel that anyone with ideas for implementing student involvement like that has a place on this College's executive student cabinet.

We found him to be enthusiastic and ready to learn about student government at this school. He is also exceptionally well-informed about this year's ASG and its workings for someone who has just become senator.

We also found his personality to be a major factor in our choice. Since the job of vice president is very much one of a personnel manager, in that it is the vice president who hears and deals with many of the day-to-day problems of senators, we feel that it is very important to have someone in that office who can deal with people in a positive, friendly, yet business-like manner.

During our interview with him, Riggs exhibited all of these qualities in a very satisfactory manner, and left all of us with a positive feeling about him as vice president of next year's ASG.

## Business Manager

We found making a choice for business manager almost as hard as making a choice for vice president. Almost, because we only had two qualified candidates to choose from instead of three.

Again, though, we had to reach a consensus and so we have chosen to endorse Sherrie Montgomery for ASG business manager.

We found Maureen Kearney, the other candidate, to be very qualified for the position as business manager, especially in view of the fact that she held the office this year. The main reason for not endorsing Kearney is that we felt that her involvement in other activities -- CCOSAC for example -- is of great benefit to the students and that she would better serve both ASG and the students in some capacity other than business manager.

Sherrie Montgomery, on the other hand, is interested in being business manager simply for its own sake. We feel that any job that is directly involved with student money, its handling and its disbursement deserves full attention.

Montgomery's experience with handling large budgets, both in disbursing funds and drawing up budget proposals, makes her perhaps over-qualified for the tasks assigned to the ASG business manager. However, she gave every indication that if she found the job to be less than challenging, she would be seeking ways to improve the system that now stands.

In our opinion, any business can benefit from improvement. Although Kearney did a fine job this year, she indicated that she intends to maintain the status quo if elected for next year. For this reason, we chose to endorse Sherrie Montgomery for business manager.

## DIGGS



## weather station

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### THE SCORE IS FOUR AND NEXT TIME MORE.

1970, the year of hate. February 20: the Chicago seven, a group which included former University of Oregon Chemistry Professor John Froines is convicted of conspiracy to cross state lines and incite a riot. Judge Julius Hoffman orders Black panther leader Bobby Seale bound with chains and gagged in the courtroom.

April 30: American troops begin on this Thursday, what President Nixon is calling an "incursion" into Cambodia. The invasions are clearly illegal.

May 1: Friday night. Protesters at Kent State march through downtown Kent throwing rocks and bottles. Eventually meeting at a designated area, the students, following an old college tradition, light an enthusiastic bon fire. Unfortunately for the government, the students use the ROTC buildings as kindling. The ROTC buildings as kindling. The protesting is heated and town reaction against it is just as fervent.

May 4: Monday finds classes in an uproar. Many students have gathered in front of the commons to help protest the illegal government invasions of Cambodia.

At the top of the hill overlooking the commons stood a troop of about 100 armed national guardsmen sent by Governor James Rhodes to quiet the campus disorders. The guardsmen were stationed quite near the recently burned ROTC building and were commanded by Brigadier General Corso.

Guardsmen ordered the students to disperse. The students

did not respond. The guards formed a single file line and started marching towards the students firing canisters of tear gas. Scattering many of the students, some of the most vocal of whom went to the left of the guard and began to throw rocks and shout obscenities. More gas was fired. People began successfully picking up canisters and throwing them back. The guardsmen were ordered to drop to their knees and aim their rifles. Protestors rushed the guard with rocks and swear words, falling back two and three times for more ammunition. Thirteen seconds and 32 rounds later four students lay dead on Blanket Hill, the blindly chosen victims of a system which had demanded capital punishment for crimes against the state.

Across the country, the spectre of the picture of Mary Vecchio kneeling over the body of the slain 19-year-old victim Jeffrey Miller, was burned into the American memory along with the thousand other media horrors one easily brings to mind.

But the story does not end with the killings of 19-year-old Allison Krause or 20-year-old Sandy Lee Schauer or 19-year-old William Schroeder.

President Nixon responded to the tragedy by calling the students "bums" and said that "when dissent turns to violence it invites tragedy."

The Kent State killings brought massive campus protests to the forefront of the nation. Both Portland State and Oregon decided to shut down for two days in sympathy.

In the town of Kent, the feelings were different than around the rest of the country. The paper was weeks printing full pages of letters from the citizens supporting the actions of the National Guard. The citizens

began holding up four fingers a symbol of the slogan "The score is four and next time more." Rumors circulated the media that radical Ohio Seven defendant and yippee Jerry Rubin, was leading a band of snipers into Kent in retaliation. Citizens took to arming themselves. Parents of the dead students began to receive mail.

The end result?

Twenty-five people from the University were indicted for the original. Not one National Guardsman was indicted. The guard finally was indicted, not a single person was convicted of so much as a misdemeanor. One of the special prosecutors was overheard to say that he thought that "he should have shot all" the trouble makers.

A group of civic leaders took out a full page ad thanking the National Guard for a job well done.

What Kent State must point to if they are to have meaning is the serious attitude problems we face in the society we live in. I believe that the callousness and insensitivity which the present gyms

which the present gymnasium being built is a reflection of these same attitudes of ignorance. No amount of rain-soaked will ever wash the blood from Blanket Hill or replace the acrid smell of tear gas and gun powder. No amount.

### Age Discrimination

In Florida, one of the toughest marijuana law states in the union, a county grand jury refused to indict a 90-year-old farmer who was busted on charges of selling marijuana.

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