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Letters to the editor:

*To Whom it may concern:*

We would like to verbally protest against the supposedly peaceful demonstrations, designed to further the cause against the Vietnamese War, Nixon, and the establishment. Nixon has no real power over circumstances beyond his control. Military decisions are not his alone, even if he is commander-in-chief. He acts on advice from his cabinet and other prestigious persons. We all know that his primary duty is the cause of freedom for all, not just you reactionaries who use any available means/<sup>supposed</sup> causes to exert your power, which you have obtained through constitutional rights found in that document which you buried on the commons Friday. We would also like to state that we are for the move into Cambodia, if it serves its purpose, but only time will give us the answer to that. In the meantime, we should uphold our government for any decisions it makes. No we don't believe in war any more than you do.

You are fighting the government with the same tactics you are protesting against in East Asia. You are oppressing us (loyal American citizens) in the same manner you feel that we are oppressing them. Those of us who live off-campus were awarded the honor of obeying an eight o'clock curfew. It is great fun to sit at home, while you on campus can continue to enjoy the freedoms and the extra added attractions available by the university to all students, except during curfews.

How do you think we felt watching from our upstairs windows, fire and smoke pour into the sky? Not knowing what the hell was happening, whereas you had ringside seats. The whole campus could have burned down for all we knew! We came to Kent to get an

education, not to observe demonstrations. How is education possible when buildings are burned down, windows broken, curfews set, part of which will probably result in increases in tuition (especially for out-of-state students).

It seems to us that the tactics you are using might be taught in a freshman Revolutionary course 100. Isn't it time you progressed to upper-division courses? How about Peaceful Demonstrations 440 instead of Rock-throwing 101 (which includes beer bottles and other projectiles) and Fire-bombing 103? Do your courses also teach you when to retreat? Concerning mob violence---how are you when acting on your own, or does that go against the norms of your glee club? Halloween came early this year! And it wasn't just the burning of the jack-o'lantern (there were other assorted witches and goblins present)!!! Did you know that K.S.U. has a deformed skeleton in its closet? And did you know that K.S.U. has a malignant tumor in its body???

Since when do you have the right to cut the hoses of the firemen who are trying to protect YOU against your own damage (approx. \$50,000 worth). Where the hell do you think K.S.U. gets the money for its buildings, supplies, teachers, etc., our taxes and fees. If it isn't bad enough to be spending our money for a war in Viet Nam, our taxes are also being spent claming down Peaceful Demonstrations that turn into mobs and riots!!! You pyromaniacs had your fun--is the virus out of your system? We hope so! As we sat listening to news reports blaming "students" of K.S.U., we also felt indicted! Let yourself be known so that not all students are blamed for your acts, or do you gloat in your anonymity? We don't! Why do a few have to spoil it for the majority, and ruin our name!

You were fighting for your RIGHTS! Well, we have rights also!

You impinged on those rights this past weekend. Where do you get the right to do this? ROTC is no longer a forced choice. Those that join do so because they want to! By the same token, we don't want to be forced to join a losing team. As long as you're winning, you're happy and spirit is high!! At K.S.U. this seems to be fairweather tactics!

We agree that our society has room for improvement! Parts of the establishment are sick, you are one of those parts!! Why not practice what you preach GET OUT NOW!!!!!!!!!!

This message pertains especially to those students who do not belong on the K.S.U. campus! Those students from another unnamed campus, who came up here and started this whole mess!!!

We heard over the radio that there was a petition circulating asking for the reconstruction of the ROTC Building. Where is it? We would like to sign!!!

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