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Oregon FFA,

My first 6 years of life seemed pretty standard for an American kid. I started off going to preschool, playing outside, and being with my friends. However, when I turned 7, a decision was made that would change my life forever. I got signed up for Pop Warner football. I remember watching football with my family when I was younger, with red and gold 49'ers memorabilia lining the walls. I watched quarterbacks, receivers, and running backs make game winning touchdowns for all of my youth. I set foot on the practice field my first day, determined to be like the players I saw on TV. My coach was looking down the line of all of us, trying to put together a team that could at least win a game or two. My dreams of being in the spotlight grew so large in that moment, waiting for the coach to tell me I would be running or catching the ball. "Van Sickle, right? We'll put you with the linemen."

Seven-year-old me just had his dream crushed, I didn't even know what a lineman was, or that it was even a position in football. I begrudgingly gave him a "Yes, Coach", and walked over to the group of linemen. What I did not realize at the time, was what exactly being a lineman was. Grueling practices followed my first day, with constant hitting drills and footwork. After a year of this, I wanted to give up on football already. The season came and went quickly, and when the time came around for practices to start again, I was waiting for my parents to ask me if I wanted to play, because I had been preparing my response for weeks. That question never came, what did happen though, was me getting dragged out of my room and being told practice started in 20 minutes. Later that day, I walked onto the practice field to see a new coach and a new team which I had never met before. I got walked over to the linemen again, ready to turn tail and run, I stopped when I heard something that would stick with me to this day: "Sorry to say it, boys, but linemen don't get any glory. However, we are the only thing between the guy in front of us and the quarterback behind us. The game of football can't be played without you guys." I turned to my new lineman coach, and he smiled at us. I felt an odd pull to the field after that day, learning that by being the protector of the team, the team would be safe because of me. I took such pride in that fact. I took the knowledge I was armed with and used it in all fields of my life. First thing I used it in, was FFA. I began "protecting" the experiences of the members I was currently serving as officer, helping them by enriching their experiences in FFA. It was through this time, I came to realize not only that I have great passion in doing this, but why I feel this way. Being able to shoulder the burden of today, to help and benefit any and all around me is an ability I find great delight in having.



Oregon FFA, I have learned so much of sacrifice. It has taught me that there is a certain strength in sacrifice, and I can use that strength to enrich the lives and experiences of those around me. I wish to use my strength to improve the joys, and alleviate the discomforts of agricultural life, for all FFA members across the state. I would like your support in my journey of running for Oregon FFA state office. Help me, and I will shoulder the burden for this organization today, to ensure a better tomorrow for all FFA members.

Sincerely,

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