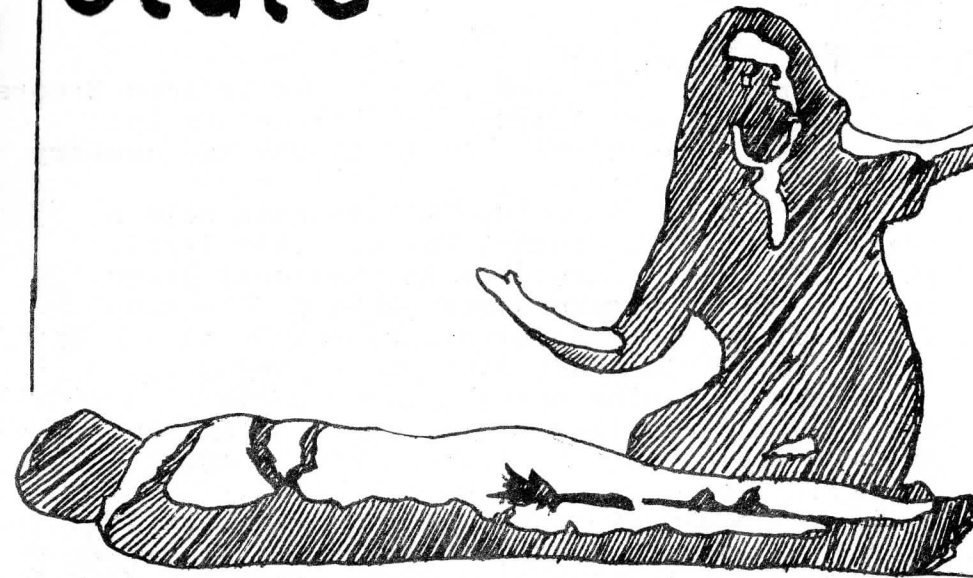


# Kent State



where the war  
came home.

Here in northeastern Ohio is the place where a major battle of the American Indochina War happened. On May 4, 1970, Kent State University catapulted from obscurity to national attention when four students were killed by the Ohio National Guard.

#### WHAT HAPPENED IN 1970

On April 30, 1970 Pres. Nixon had ordered troops into Cambodia, escalating the Vietnam War into the rest of Indochina. People across the country turned out to protest.

After a tense weekend, KSU students held a peaceful rally on Monday, May 4. This legal gathering was dispersed by the National Guard. Suddenly Troop C turned and fired a 13 second volley of 76 shots at students from 70 to 700 feet away. Four fell dead; nine were wounded.

In the following weeks student strikes shut down 760 universities across the U.S. and led to the withdrawal of U.S. troops from Cambodia within 60 days.

Like the shootings of black students at South Carolina State at Orangeburg in 1968, and Jackson State College in Miss. two weeks after the shootings at Kent - America had turned its guns on its own children. The University did not even send letters of condolence to the families of the slain.

#### RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

In the 7 years since 1970 students and faculty have commemorated this event with candlelight vigils, memorials and rallies. Suddenly this year, students learned that plans were well underway to put a physical education building on the place where the guard maneuvered and fired at the students. This huge building with its landscaping would irreparably distort the site, making the scene impossible to reconstruct.

Since it first became public last fall students have tried to have the building site changed. In May, after the board of trustees refused to

consider the students' concerns, Tent City was established to demonstrate their commitment to preserve that historic site.

Originally construction was to begin in early July. The efforts of the May 4 Coalition and other supporters of preserving this history have successfully prevented this through growing support in Kent and the nation, court litigation and the non-violent civil disobedience of nearly 300 people.

#### HOW MUCH LONGER WILL YOU BE ABLE TO VISIT AND APPRECIATE THIS SPECIAL PLACE IN HISTORY?

Kent State is located only 8 miles from Ohio Turnpike Exit 13, and 4 miles north of Rt. 76 between Youngstown and Akron. KSU is 1/4 mile east of downtown Kent on Rt. 59. Turn right through the arch onto Midway Dr. and park in Prentice lot. Although there is a court injunction against going on the construction site, this doesn't prevent you from coming up to the pagoda area to see where the incident occurred and reconstruct that historic day.

We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity.



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