May 4 Commemoration
Events at Kent State University Announced

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The following programs and speakers are planned for the 29th annual commemoration of the events of May 4, 1970, at Kent State University.

In addition to the programs on May 2-4 organized by the May 4 Task Force (M4TF), the Honors College will hold a panel discussion Wednesday, April 28 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in Van Campen Hall. The panel discussion will include Honors faculty and alumni who were on campus at the time of the shootings. Panel participants will include: Dr. Denny Benson, professor of sociology and faculty marshal in 1970; Wilma Crawford, assistant to the dean of the Honors College and student in 1970; Dr. Tom Hines, professor of English and faculty member in 1970; Peter Jedick, author, Honors College alumnus and student in 1970; Dr. Gayle Ormiston, chair of philosophy and student in 1970; Dr. Doris Turner, professor of modern and classical language studies and faculty member in 1970; and Dr. Larry Andrews, dean of the Honors College and faculty member in 1970.

The theme of "Sisters in the Struggle" was chosen by the M4TF for the programs to be held May 2 - 4. All events will take place in the Student Center on the Kent Campus unless otherwise noted. The Student Center is located on Summit Street and is accessible from Campus Center Drive. All events are free and open to the public. The M4TF can be reached at (330) 672-3096.
May 2, 1999. Workshops. Student Center: Noon-5 p.m.

- "Women Political Prisoners" - Angela Beallor
- "May 4, 1970" - Alan Canfora
- "Womens' Art Recognition Movement" - Cheryl Townsend
- "Grassroots Organizing" - Janet Black
- "Feminism and History of NOW" - Diane Dodge
- "Discussion on Sexual Assault on Campus" - Women's Movement Network
- "Men, Women and Social Movements: Strategic Differences?" - Michelle Smith
- "Swords Into Plowshares: a Slide Lecture on Antiwar Art" - Jo Ann Giordano
- "Sisters in the Struggle: All Around the World" - Lee Thompson
- "Women Political Volunteers" - Virginia Shaw, Edith Chase, Harriet Begala
- "Through the Eyes of a Human Rights Worker" - Heather York

Commons: 6 - 10 p.m. Rain Location: KIVA

- Program of poetry and music dedicated to May 4, 1970, and other social injustices.
- Candlelight March Commons: 11 p.m. - 12 a.m. March to start in the Commons and end in the Prentice Hall parking lot near the May 4 Memorial.

May 4, 1999. Silent 12-hour Candlelight Vigil. Prentice Hall parking lot: 12 a.m. - 12 p.m.

- Students, alumni and friends hold a candlelight vigil in half-hour shifts in the spaces where the four students fell. Shifts can be reserved by contacting the May 4 Task Force at (330) 672-3096.

In 1999, as a result of requests from the May 4 Task Force, the University's Board of Trustees authorized the installation of
markers locating the sites in the Prentice Hall parking lot where four students were killed during the tragic events of May 4, 1970.

The markers will be on display at the site during the candlelight vigil. Installation of the markers will begin May 17 and dedication of the markers will be held Sept. 8, 1999.

- **Ringing of the Victory Bell.** 12:24 p.m. Commons. The bell is rung annually at the commemoration to honor the Kent State and Jackson State victims.

"Sisters in the Struggle": 29th Annual Commemoration Event. 12:30 p.m. Commons. Rain Location: Student Center Ballroom.

Featured Speakers and Performers:

- Dr. Helen Caldicott - Peace activist and leader for nuclear disarmament
- Le Ly Hayslip - Poet and writer from Vietnam promoting peace
- Robert Lockwood Jr. and 7-piece band - award-winning blues guitarist
- Dr. Molly Merryman - Professor and director of the Women's Resource Center at Kent
- Dr. Alene Barnes Harden- Professor of Pan-African Studies at Kent State University
- Sue Jeffers - Folk musician, local peace activist
- Matt Thompson- Musician who wrote a song inspired by May 4
- Laverne Larkins - Poet who wrote about May 4 and Jackson State
- Kim Larson- Co-chair of the M4TF who will speak in honor of Allison Krause
- Paul Edgar- M4TF member who will speak in honor of Jeffrey Miller
- Kathy Bizek- M4TF treasurer who will speak in honor of Sandy Scheuer
- Doug Mackar- Writer/poet who will speak in honor of William Schroeder
For more information on the history of May 4, 1970 and directions to Kent State University, visit these websites:
http://www.kent.edu/ksuMaps/index.shtml for Parking, Maps and Directions Website.

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