May 4 Commemoration Programs Set for May 2 - 4
"Crosby, Stills and Nash" are Among Scheduled Program Participants

The May 4 Task Force, one of almost 200 registered student organizations at Kent State University, announces the annual commemoration of events in remembrance of the students killed and wounded at Kent State University on May 4, 1970. The May 4 Task force has been responsible for the commemoration events since 1975, and year-round acts as an educational resource for students, the university, and community at large.

This year the May 4 Task Force will honor the memory of the four students — Allison Krause, Jeffrey Miller, Sandra Scheuer and William Schroeder — by conducting educational, artistic and commemorative events May 2 - 4. The culmination of the events will be a performance by the musical group Crosby, Stills and Nash during the May 4 program. All events are free and open to the public. Events planned are as followed:

Friday. May 2. From 6 to 9 p.m., an arts tribute will be held at the May 4 Memorial on the Kent Campus adjacent Taylor and Prentice Halls. Poets, musicians and visual artists will express their feelings through their respective disciplines.

Saturday. May 3. At 7:30 p.m. a panel including Ronald Kuby, civil rights attorney and former law partner of the late William Kunstler and Michale Novick, author of White Lies...White Power, will focus on an educational discussion on this year’s commemoration theme of “Casualties of War.” Additional panel members will be announced.

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The panel discussion will be held in the Kiva of the Student Center. At 10:30 p.m. the Kent State University African Drum Ensemble will signal students and the public to gather at the May 4 Memorial (near Taylor Hall) for the annual candlelight march and vigil. The vigil will begin at midnight following the march.

Sunday, May 4. The commemoration begins at 12 noon on the commons below the May 4 Memorial. In the event of inclement weather, events will be held in the Student Center Ballroom. Speakers will include Kuby; James Bresky, author of “Celebrating Peace...A Grassroots Approach;” Chic Canfora, eyewitness to the tragedy at Kent; and Vietnam War veterans, Al Long and Tom Papp. The commemoration will conclude shortly before 2 p.m. with a performance of selected songs by Crosby, Stills and Nash. The nationally known group, who have used May 4 lyrics in their work, was just inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

For more information about the 27th annual commemoration, call the May 4 Task Force at 330-672-3096.

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