Allocations holds final meeting of the year today

The Allocations Committee of the Undergraduate Student Senate will hear a final funding request from the May 4 Task Force at its final meeting of the academic year today at 4:30 p.m. in the Governance Chambers in the Student Center.

Sean Groves, senator for business and finance, said the May 4 Task Force is requesting an additional $800 from the Allocations Committee. The May 4 Task Force receives block funding from the Allocations Committee totaling 1.75 percent of the annual Undergraduate Student Activities Fund.

Groves said he expects between $6,800 and $7,000 of unused funds to roll over to next year's budget.

— Jackie Valley
May 4 events start today
Student-led commemoration includes Sheehan, Hayden

By Dave O'Brien
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Kent State University, the student-run May 4th Task Force and nonprofit Kent May 4 Center will host a number of events commemorating the 37th anniversary of the May 4, 1970 shootings at KSU by Ohio National Guardsmen. The shootings claimed the lives of four students and wounded nine others.

Starting at 3:45 p.m. today, a May 4 State Historical Marker will be dedicated next to the May 4 Memorial as part of the eighth annual Symposium on Democracy. Dr. Tom Grace, one of those wounded May 4, 1970, will speak, according to the Web site may4.org.

Thursday night, the 8th annual university-sponsored Symposium on Democracy will focus on “Democracy and Peace: Historical Links and Implications for World Order.”

The keynote speaker is political activist and author Tom Hayden, who will speak from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in the Kent Student Center Kiva.

From 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, wounded survivors of May 4 Grace, Robby Stamps, Dean Kahler, Joe Lewis, Jim Russell, Alan Canfora and perhaps others will “make a united statement against the Bush/Cheney war in Iraq” in the May 4 Room in the KSU library.

A candlelight march will proceed at 10:45 p.m. Thursday from the Victory Bell on The Commons, ending 1.3 miles later in the Prentice Hall parking lot, where a 12-hour candlelight vigil will take place throughout Friday.

Mary Ann Vecchio, the woman made famous by John Filo’s Pulitzer Prize-winning photo of her kneeling next to fatally-wounded student Jeffrey Miller, will be the guest of the Kent May 4 Center all weekend. She will offer comments at noon on Friday, along with Hayden, anti-war activist Cindy Sheehan, U.S. Rep. Tim Ryan, Rosemary Palmer — mother of soldier Edward August “Augie” Schroeder, who was killed in Iraq — wounded KSU students Joe Lewis and Jim Russell and Gene Young, who witnessed the 1970 shooting deaths of two students at Mississippi’s Jackson State University less that two weeks after the shootings at KSU.

At 9:45 a.m., the May 4 Task Force also will ring the Victory Bell a total of 59 times — 27 times for the students killed and wounded at KSU and Jackson State and 32 times for the students and faculty murdered April 16 at Virginia Tech.

May 4 Task Force member Sarah Lund-Goldstein said Tuesday the task force “feels it is important to show solidarity with another campus who is grieving.”

In the event of rain, commemoration events will be held in the Kent Student Center Ballroom. All events are open to the public.
Cindy Sheehan: A Disgrace to Kent

In an apparent attempt to commemorate the events of May 4, 1970, the May 4 Task Force has decided that bringing Cindy Sheehan to speak on campus is the most suitable way for the student body to be enlightened as to what lessons should be discerned from the May 4 incident.

Bringing Cindy Sheehan, who wasn’t even a teenager when May 4 occurred, is a blatant attempt to use the status of May 4 on this campus for current political motives, at the expense of using the May 4 Task Force to its true intent: reflecting on the events of the shootings and learning from that day’s mistakes.

Cindy Sheehan believes American military presence in Iraq is the cause for terrorists’ desire to murder civilians. In an interview with the BBC’s Gavin Esler, Cindy Sheehan believes it incorrect for the United States “to say that we have to stay there with our military to help them when our military presence, as John Kerry says, ‘is the problem, not the solution.’”

Based on recent reporting by The New York Times, on April 18, as many as 171 Iraqis died in Baghdad, predominantly by car bombs. It is unlikely the solution of reducing such horrific civilian deaths would be for United States’ forces to abandon policing Baghdad, as long as the civilian population refused to support a dictator after Hussein, anyway.

According to Sheehan, through bombing Iraqi markets and pedestrian filled streets, terrorists are in actuality attacking American imperialism, and the terrorists murdering Iraqi civilians are acting in the interests of Iraq. Cindy Sheehan’s irrational beliefs result from Sheehan’s vehement anti-American sentiments, which cloud her logic to the point where even terrorists killing innocent civilians are more victims than murderers.

The attacks on Iraqi civilians are attacks on Iraqis’ attempts to, through their newly gained freedom from oppression, improve their lives, which soldiers such as Casey Sheehan have sacrificed everything to provide. Yet, Sheehan is so delusional as to which forces, despite terrorists constantly bombing innocent civilians, are acting in the interests of Iraqis. Compared to Saddam Hussein, Sheehan says “it seems like George Bush is trying awful hard to catch up with killing innocent Iraqis.”

Similarly to Sheehan’s zealous anti-American stance claiming that terrorists killing civilians are occupational resisters, so, too, do her views cause her to overlook the oppression of a dictator thousands of miles away from Iraq: Venezuela’s Hugo Chavez.

According to The Associated Press, during a trip to Venezuela in early 2006, Cindy Sheehan praised Hugo Chavez for “supporting life and peace” and claiming that the Venezuelan regime was sincere in a devotion to human rights. This, as the communist leader regularly proclaims “Down with the U.S. empire! It must be said, in the entire world: Down with the empire!” is nothing short of sedition as far as an American is concerned.

Due to undermining the effort for democracy in Iraq while emboldening Iraqi militants and South American communist dictators, it is a travesty that Cindy Sheehan has been invited to speak at this university, especially considering that she has been invited on the premise of memorializing May 4. The May 4 Task Force has egregiously overstepped its bounds, and has allowed a more than 30-year-old tragedy to lower Kent State’s image even further.

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MEMORIALIZING MAY FOURTH

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After the shootings on May 4, 1970, students and faculty began looking for ways to memorialize the four students killed and nine injured. Throughout the past 37 years, memorials and remembrances have taken a variety of forms. To name a few, the main May 4 Memorial was not finished as originally intended, daffodils representing American casualties in Vietnam were added and in 1999, the parking spots where the four students died were marked off.
It took 20 years to get an official university memorial to the events of May 4, 1970. Controversy abounded throughout the process, and some are still not satisfied with the outcome.

According to the Kent State special collections timeline, the May 4 Task Force first approached the university in 1982 with the idea for an official memorial to the four killed and nine wounded students. At the advisement of Board of Trustees, Kent State President Michael Schwartz appointed 10 members to the May 4th Memorial Committee. It held its first meeting in March 1984 to organize the design competition. In the summer of that year, the Ohio Veterans association wrote to then-Gov. Richard Celeste objecting to the memorial being placed on state property.

On Sept. 3, 1985, the committee announced the national design competition. The two basic criteria for the competition were the memorial could not be representational — it needed to be abstract and there had to be a reference to four within the memorial, said Jerry M. Lewis, emeritus professor of sociology and witness to the shootings.

The design committee received 698 entries, 488 from individuals and 210 from teams, said Bruno Ast, architect of the winning memorial. "To enter the competition was a challenge and an opportunity," Ast said.

In April 1986, the judges chose Ian Taberner of Michigan and Michael Fahy of New York as the winners of the competition. Later that day, Taberner announced he was not a U.S. citizen and therefore did not meet the requirements expressed in the competition rules. In July 1986, Taberner was officially disqualified and Chicago architect Bruno Ast's design was selected as the new winner.

On Jan. 25, 1989, the university Order of Police in Ohio passed a resolution objecting to the construction of the memorial.

"It basically boiled down to one issue (for those against the memorial) and that is that the students shouldn't have been protesting," Lewis said.

After more than two years of fundraising, the university failed to raise the money for the construction of the memorial.

In November 1988, Kent State limited the funds to $100,000. Ast soon agreed to redesign a new, less expensive memorial.

Lewis said a number of factors led to the failed fundraising effort. First, the university did not put its full effort behind it. People did not want to put money into "bricks and boards." And, finally, people were trying to forget the Vietnam experience.

The May 4 Task Force criticized the move to scale the memorial down and decided to raise money for the memorial separate from the university. Kent State issued a statement declaring any fundraising not sanctioned by the administration would be "inappropriate and unethical."

Lewis said in addition to the redesigned memorial, the words "inquire," "learn" and "reflect" were added.

Ast said, "I would, of course, have preferred to have the project built as designed. What has been built is a fragment of the original design. There continues to be the hope that the project may one day be fully built. Conceptually, the meaning has not been changed, but the visual and tactile experience and understanding of the concept is lost."

Lewis said the two most important things about the memorial were the university's official recognition of the tragedy and then-Governor Richard Celeste's apology to the families of the four slain students.

Although the memorial has already been dedicated, some still would like to see the original design completed. "I still hold firm to my belief that there is that someone who will one day come forward to make the May 4, 1970, memorial complete," Ast said.

Many are fine with the memorial as it stands, said Carole Barbato, a friend of two of the killed students. She feels it is OK that the memorial was never finished as originally intended.

"Any more would be intrusive on the site itself. It serves its purpose — it commemorates, but is not invasive," she said.

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**Candle Light Vigil**

The first memorial to the four fallen students was dedicated on the first anniversary of the shootings, May 4, 1971. The B'nai Brith Hillel Jewish Services Center of Kent donated a cast-aluminum plaque "in loving memory" of the four killed. Three of the four were Jewish. In 1981, the plaque was stolen, only to be returned one year later with bullet holes in it, Lewis said. Some Kent State faculty under the leadership of John Ohles decided to replace the plaque with a more permanent memorial. They raised money, mostly through faculty donations, and had a granite memorial made and placed where the aluminum one had been. It was dedicated on May 4, 1973. Four years later, during the annual prayer service, candles caught the woods hips around the memorial on fire. The heat from the fire cracked the memorial. Again, under the leadership of Ohles, money was raised to have the marker repaired. The damaged portion is currently in the May 4 Resource Room in the University Library.

**The Kent Four**

When the memorial was dedicated in 1990, 58,175 daffodils to symbolize those U.S. lives lost in the Vietnam War surrounded it. The suggestion for planting daffodils, which bloom each spring prior to May 4, came from Brinsley Lywell, emeritus professor of art.

"Some of us wanted three million daffodils for all the casualties in the Vietnam War," Lewis said.

When the daffodils first were planted, they covered the hillside beside Taylor Hall, leading to the Kent State Commons area. They have since become more scarce. Heath White, manager of campus environment and operations, said over time the daffodils will diminish because of various reasons, but that the grounds crew is committed to maintaining the number of daffodils.

"Last fall, a group of students and faculty planted 1,000 daffodils," White said. She added that they hope to do so again this fall.
37th Annual May 4 Commemoration

Wednesday, May 2, 2007:
Historical Marker Dedication
3:45 PM @ May 4th Memorial
Join us for the unveiling and dedication of a historical marker. Be a witness to this historic moment in May 4th History!

Thursday, May 3, 2007:
Wounded Students Meet & Greet*
5:30 PM @ May 4th Resource Room
Join us as we meet and greet many of the wounded students of May 4, 1970. Guests include: Alan Canfora, Joe Lewis, Jim Russell, Dean Kahler, Tom Grace & more.

Symposium on Democracy
Presents: Tom Hayden - Kent
State: Memories for Tomorrow
7:30 PM @ KSU Kiva
Join us as we attend the 8th Annual Symposium on Democracy to listen to Tom Hayden as he talks about the struggles of a democracy.

Drum Circle
10 PM @ May 4th Memorial
Join us for an evening of reflection at this good vibes event. Bring a drum, bucket or other percussion instrument!

Annual Candlelight March
10:30 PM @ The Commons
Join us for this solemn march. It is ~1.3 miles long and is wheelchair and stroller accessible.

Friday, May 4, 2007*:
Annual Silent Candlelight Vigil
Midnight – 12:24 PM
Prentice Hall Parking Lot
The Annual Silent Candlelight Vigil will be held in the Prentice Parking Lot. Participants stand for half hour shifts. To reserve your space, please contact the May 4 Task Force.

37th Annual Commemoration*
11 AM to 2:30 PM @ KSU Commons
Rain Location in the KSU Ballroom, Student Center.

Cindy Sheehan
Anti-Bush & Anti-War Activist
Her son was killed in the Iraq War.

Tom Hayden
Anti-War & Civil Rights Activist.

Joe Lewis & Jim Russell
Wounded on May 4, 1970

Rep. Tim Ryan (D-Ohio)

Gene Young
Witness to Jackson State Shootings

Rosemary Palmer
Anti-War Activist - Her son was killed in the Iraq War.

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Defending Cindy Sheehan

Dear editor,

The May 4 Task Force is an officially recognized undergraduate student organization. As such, our organization is charged with planning the annual candlelight march, vigil and speakers program relating to the shootings.

When we look at speakers who could potentially come to Kent State, we research noteworthy individuals and what connection they could bring with the May 4, 1970 events. We also discuss with them what their availability is and their cost range.

Mrs. Sheehan was available, and she had a reasonable cost to fall within our allotted budget. More importantly, she is noteworthy because she is a grieving parent who feels her government did not reasonably protect her son while he was their employee.

An argument could be made that Arthur Krause, father of Allison Krause — killed on May 4, 1970 — was seen as a grieving father who took his grief to the airways and print. Allison was the charge of the state government as a student. The day after the shootings, Mr. Krause stood outside Robinson Memorial Hospital and said: “Have we come to such a state in this country that a young girl has to be shot because she disagrees with the action of her government?”

Casey Sheehan was assigned to 1st Battalion, 82nd Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, when he died on April 4, 2004 in Baghdad. In a June 24, 2004 interview with the Vacaville reporter, Mrs. Sheehan stated: “We haven’t been happy with the way the war has been handled. The president has changed his reasons for being over there every time a reason is proven false or an objective reached.”

Should we vilify a mourning mother looking for justice for her lost son when what we commemorate each year on our campus is the search for justice in the loss of our four slain students?

We held a unanimous vote as a student organization that the grief of a parent is a universal theme that links our fallen students as well as their contemporaries who fall in battlefields of Vietnam and our current generation who continue to fall in Iraq and Afghanistan.

We hope that the Kent State community will listen to Mrs. Sheehan with an open mind and each put ourselves in her shoes about what we feel the responsibilities of our government is to the citizens in its care.

In the future, we invite those individuals who have concerns about who we bring to campus to contact us in the fall preceding the commemoration to offer their own suggestions of appropriate speakers.

You may do so in any of the following ways: 1.) Join the May 4 Task Force. We always welcome more members. 2.) The public is welcome to attend any and all of our meetings, as they are held in publicly accessible locations of campus. 3.) Contact us through our Web site: http://dept.kent.edu/may4.

If you do not agree, use your voices for change!

Members of the May 4 Task Force
Three groups granted funds

At Friday’s Allocations Committee meeting, three student organizations requested and were granted funds.

- Black United Students received $4,233.70 for its 37th annual Renaissance Ball and Pageant, to be held Nov. 5.

- Kent State’s Public Relations Student Society of America chapter received $1,000 to help cover costs for 10 people to attend the organization’s national conference held this year in Philadelphia Oct. 19 to 23.

- The May 4 Task Force received $216 for “Tent City 1977-2007: 30th Anniversary of the KSU Gym Protest,” a program designed to educate students about the protests against building the Gym Annex on part of the May 4 site. The event will be held Oct. 30.

— Kiera Manion-Fischer
Family and friends pay tribute to Russell, wounded on May 4

Kiera Manion-Fischer  
*Daily Kent Stater*

Jim Russell used to say he had five great years at Kent State and one very bad day.

Russell was one of the students wounded on May 4, 1970. He died of a heart attack at his home in Deer Island, Ore., June 23.

The May 4 Task Force held a memorial service for him Friday at the Kiva, where 68 people gathered to pay their respects.

Some of Russell's family visited from Oregon for the event.

Nelda Pelosi, Russell's widow, said her family had a public and family memorial in Oregon, but said the memorial at Kent State was closure for the members of the May 4 Task Force who got to know him.

Kelly Litzenberg, secretary for the May 4 Task Force, began by reading some of Russell's testimony from the federal grand jury trial in 1974.

In it, Russell described the events of May 4. He was shot in the head and thigh.

"I saw them stop and turn, and I saw rifles aimed in the direction I was looking ... I felt a hammer-like blow to my head, which knocked me to my knees," Russell said in his testimony.

Russell and his friend Joe Lewis returned regularly from Oregon to speak at the commemorations. Lewis was also wounded. They also spoke about their experiences on May 4 to high school and college students in Oregon.

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Nelda Pelosi and Becka Russell, Jim Russell's wife and daughter, share a moment at his memorial service Friday.
Family and friends pay tribute to Russell, wounded on May 4

The Task Force showed video of Russell from the May 4 commemorations in 2005 and 2007. "Before the day I was shot, I didn’t know members of my Kent State family," Russell said at the 2007 Commemoration.

Friends and family shared their memories.

Alan Canfora was another student wounded on May 4. "We did become bonded as a family," Canfora said. "We didn’t know each other on May 4. We came to know each other as a result of this movement."

Associate Provost Laura Davis teaches the May 4 class in the spring.

"He was very passionate," Davis said. "Very passionate about the people he loved. Very passionate about the idea of teaching."

Pelosi got up to speak after some encouragement from Canfora. She talked about first meeting Russell 32 years ago.

"He said, ‘I can’t promise you’ll be rich,’” Pelosi said. ‘I can’t promise you’ll be famous. I can’t promise you’ll never be bored.’ Even when five minutes of boredom would be really nice, I was never bored."

After the candlelight march, participants gathered next to the Gym Annex where Canfora said Jim Russell had been shot, on a spot now covered by the building.

They placed the candles on the ground next to the building.

"We’ll never forget you brother," Canfora said.

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May 4 Task Force to discuss lessons of controversial 1977 Gym Annex protests

Kelly Pickerel
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The May 4 Task Force will hold a panel discussion at 7 p.m. tonight in the Kiva, marking the 30th anniversary of the protests against the construction of the Gym Annex.

Alan Canfora, one of the nine wounded on May 4, 1970, will narrate a slideshow presentation. Six speakers involved in events surrounding the Gym Annex protests will also participate in a discussion.

The speakers are:
- John Peach, Kent State Chief of Police
- Dennis Carey, former Center for Peaceful Change director
- George Janik, former Kent State Trustee
- Attorney Bill Whitaker
- Attorney and activist Nancy Grimm
- Activist Greg Rambo

Canfora said the speakers will allow different perspectives for students to understand what happened 30 years ago.

"The speakers were students, trustees, faculty members, attorneys," he said. "They can talk about the different angles of what happened."

In May 1977, the university approved a plan to begin building the Gym Annex on a portion of the site of the 1970 shootings. On May 12, those protesting the construction of the building pitched tents near the current building site and along Blanket Hill and stayed there until ordered to disperse, two months later. Police arrested 193 people, and the issue was eventually taken to the U.S. Supreme Court.

"After 30 years, what are the lessons? What did we learn?" Canfora said.

The task force will accept questions from the audience after the presentation. President Stephanie Vincent encourages those attending to have questions ready.

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Greg Rambo | Activist

Remember the past, continue the struggle

Kelly Pickerel
Daily Kent Stater

Thirty years ago, 193 people were arrested after a two-month protest of the construction of the Gym Annex over the site of the May 4, 1970 shootings.

The event was revisited last night in the Kiva with first-hand accounts from various sources.

The May 4 Task Force presented six people and their opinions of what happened in 1977: John Peach, Kent State Chief of Police; Dennis Carey, former Center for Peaceful Change director; George Janik, former Kent State Trustee; Attorney Bill Whittaker; Attorney and activist Nancy Grimm; and Activist Greg Rambo.
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**Remember the past, continue the struggle**

The discussion began with a photo presentation by Alan Canfora, one of the nine wounded on May 4, 1970. He said he would give his "own, very biased opinion" of what happened during the summer of '77.

That May, the university approved a plan to begin building the Gym Annex, then proposed to be the largest building on campus, on a portion of the site of the 1970 shootings.

The building is built over the site where Jim Russell was shot and wounded and also over the area where the National Guard huddled before advancing up the hill and firing.

On May 4, 1977, during memorial services, many speakers condemned the building of the gym, which led to an awakening around campus.

Students fired back at the administration with protests and, eventually, a two-month sit-in near the current building site and along Blanket Hill called "Tent City."

The tents appeared on May 12, and Rambo, a witness to the 1970 shootings, was one of the first 60 to stay the night.

"Tent City was pretty remarkable," he said "It's important to stand up to authority when they make mistakes. It's our First Amendment right."

During the protest, the university, on a quarter-based year, was still in session. Students attended classes during the day and slept outside during the night.

Peach was a member of the Kent State Police and managed the protesters throughout the summer of '77.

He said he developed a relationship with many people, and as a result, there was a trust established.

"They were generally good people," he said. "Although, I didn't always agree with them, but that's life."

Peach said the police officers knew what the law said, and they were trying to ensure that the university got to do what it wanted to.

"I still believe that if the university wants to build a building, they can and should," he said.

Peach said the police approached the situation with caution.

"No one wanted any surprises, knowing that a tragedy could come out of it," he said. "We were playing a game of chess. We weren't sure what was going to happen.

"The chess moves became more deliberate once the stakes were higher."

On July 12, those living in Tent City were ordered to disperse. Unarmed police made 193 confirmed arrests. Protesters linked arms and legs and resisted nonviolently. It took police more than four hours to separate the students in the 90 degree heat, Canfora said.

As the '77-'78 school year began, construction on the Gym Annex swiftly began.

Canfora said a desperation phase was entered after Tent City was destroyed. Radical students from across the United States came by buses as often as they could.

"Young people are very emotional," he said. "These are the things they do when they're pushed."

Oct. 22 was the last confrontation. Tear gas was fired and Canfora said it was very difficult to breathe.

The Gym Annex was completed and opened in July 1979.

Rambo said he's very disappointed with the outcome.

After not being in the Kent area for more than 20 years, Rambo toured campus and was surprised to see the Recreation and Wellness Center and the lack of use of the Gym Annex.

"It's unbelievable how the old Gym Annex is a warehouse," he said. "It cost the university millions to oppose us in court, and 10 years later it didn't matter.

Could another Tent City sized protest happen at Kent State again?

Most of those involved in the original say no.

"Protests of today are but an echo of the '70s," Canfora said.

Peach agreed.

"I couldn't imagine a scenario of events happening like in '77," he said. "There's not such an outside concern as there was then. A lot of those protesting were not part of the university."

The one positive thing gained from the Gym Annex protests, all agreed, was the great support behind remembering the events that happened on May 4, 1970.

"Even though the gym was built, everyone should feel proud of their courageous actions," Rambo said. "I commend the May 4 Task Force for their efforts and achievements to secure May 4's memory."

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A permanent location for a May 4 visitors’ center has been established in Taylor Hall.

The soon-to-be vacant *Daily Kent Stater* office on the first floor of the building will eventually house a center dedicated to the memory of the May 4, 1970 shootings.

Associate Provost Laura Davis said President Lester Lefton has identified the location, but no further plans have been made.

“There’s a mission statement and work on possible grants,” she said. “There still needs to be fundraising efforts and formal planning.”

Davis said there is an informal working group of various people within the Kent State community working on ideas for the center.

“The trend in museums is to organize space according to ideas you want to get across,” she said. “There will be an exhibit of some sort, but the focus hasn’t been determined.”

Stephanie Vincent, May 4 Task Force president, said a visitors’ center has been needed for a long time.

“We have hundreds of visitors every year, and they don’t know where to go,” she said. “The center would provide a good starting point for visitors.”

Vincent said she thinks the center should be different from the current May 4 Resource Room located on the first floor of the University Library.

“I would like to see a lot of basic info, photographs and a guide to the memorial (in the new center),” she said. “I think everything in the library should stay separate.”

The whole first floor of Taylor Hall will be under construction through next summer, Davis said, because of the School of Journalism and Mass Communication’s move to Franklin Hall. Whether or not work on the visitors’ center will start during that time is still up in the air.

“It’s highly unlikely construction (on the May 4 center) will begin this year,” she said. “The president still has to approve everything and funding has to start. Construction won’t begin until next year.”

Alan Canfora, one of the nine wounded in 1970, said at a task force meeting that a good amount of money should be spent on the center.

“If it’s going to be a world class visitors’ center,” he said, “you’ve got to spend money.”

Canfora also said now is a great time to begin work on the center because there are movies and documentaries about May 4 currently in the works.

“We need a visitors’ center because more people will be coming (after the release of new productions),” he said. “We need factual, accurate info to provide to them.”

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Once the *Daily Kent Stater* newsroom relocates to Franklin Hall, the vacant space will be renovated to house a May 4 visitors’ center. Construction for the new center is not planned to start until next year.
USS continues to iron out problems with bylaws

Kelly Pickerel
Daily Kent Stater

Members of the Undergraduate Student Senate continued work on the new Undergraduate Student Government bylaws yesterday, with the presentation of four positions.

John Wetmore, senator for governmental affairs, presented his work on director of governmental affairs and the two senators for off-campus and commuter students, and Andrew Ljubi, senator for business and finance, presented the proposals for director of business and finance and the senator for non-traditional students.

Wetmore and Ljubi modeled their director positions after the current senatorial positions. The director of governmental affairs will still act as a liaison between the State legislature and the university, and the director of business and finance will continue to be involved with the Allocations committee.

The two new senators for off-campus and commuter students must live off-campus in order to hold the position.

Wetmore said he had trouble establishing specific duties for the two senators.

International Film Society president Jason Wilhelm discusses the progress of the group with the undergraduate student senate at the meeting yesterday.

“I don’t want to take away from COSO (the Commuter and Off-Campus Student Organization’s) identity,” he said. “Without working closely to coordinate events catering to students who live off campus, there’s no reason for two senators.”

Ljubi also said he ran into problems finding duties for his senatorial position and actually defining a non-traditional student. He originally established a non-traditional student as one who delayed enrollment, worked full-time while attending school part-time, had children and was married, among others.

It was eventually determined that the university recognizes anyone over a certain age to be non-traditional. The age is still under question.

“There needs to be some specific responsibility and action they can do,” Ljubi said of the senator.

Work on the bylaws will continue until voting begins Dec. 5.

Representatives of two student organizations also attended yesterday’s meeting and spoke to the senators.

May 4 Task Force and the International Film Society presented their post program analysis and described how successfully they spent allocated funds.

Both groups said advertising helped with each of their programs, and good attendance was seen at the task force’s Tent City presentation and the film society’s six movie dates.

USS meetings are at 4 p.m. Wednesdays in the Student Center Governance Chambers.

There is no meeting Wednesday during Thanksgiving break.

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Freshman English major Lisa Mirkovich holds a sign during the Kent State Anti-War Committee's silent protest in the Hub.
Money only goes to those who ask

Every Kent State student pays student activity fees each semester, but few know where that money actually goes.

Student activity fees are split into three funds: The All-Campus Programming Board receives 54 percent, the May 4 Task Force receives approximately 2 percent, and the rest falls into the hands of the Allocations Committee.

The Allocations Committee is chaired by Andrew Ljubi, senator for business and finance of the Undergraduate Student Senate. Any registered student organization can request money from the fund by submitting a request form and making a presentation before the Allocations Committee.

According to a recent report by the Allocations Committee, it has spent less than expected at this point in the year. A sum of $82,000 remains from the starting budget of $140,000. The funds given to the Allocations Committee are distributed annually, and once they run out, they are exhausted for the school year.

The majority of the money that was spent this school year went to Black United Students and the Kent State hockey team.

Black United Students received $25,510 for its comedy show, which was part of the Homecoming celebration. Four comics from Black Entertainment Television’s ComicView performed to the well-attended event.

The hockey team received $10,500 for this season’s expenses.

Only 14 requests have been granted so far this semester, and the Allocations Committee is pleased with its budgeting thus far.

We’re glad the Allocations Committee has been very careful with the budget. Realistically, all students contribute to student activity fees regardless of whether they want to, and each dollar should be treated with care. The fund is not renewed until the following school year, and student groups should not be short-changed if they need money from Allocations in the spring.

It is also positive that the Allocations Committee gave money to a student-organized event that had a large turnout. Student interest should be a partial gauge of which student groups receive money.

However, we hope the Allocations Committee makes more efforts to help student organizations bring educational programming to Kent State. In an academic atmosphere, it seems necessary to draw big names that can not only entertain but educate.

It’s disappointing that the May 4 Task Force only gets 2 percent of the budget. May 4 is such a major event in Kent State history. If we don’t invest money into reminding students of its importance, that importance may be lost. A lack of funding to support May 4 events shows a lack in priorities with Allocations funding.

It would be commendable if funding was given to the May 4 Task Force to host a memorial event on the day of the shootings.

We all know how important next year’s election is. Wouldn’t it be nice to have a big name in the election stop by to talk to students? That may not be as impossible as it seems. If we can spend $20,000 on a comedy show, shouldn’t we be able to do the same for an educational program?

The Allocations Committee can only fund the programs they are presented. If you have a program you would like to see at Kent State, take it to a student group that could share your interests.

We hope each student organization is taking advantage of the opportunity to go before the committee and make a proposal. You cannot complain about programming if you don’t make an effort to change it.

The above is the consensus of the Daily Kent Stater editorial board, whose members are listed to the left.
May 4 visitor center planned at KSU

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Visitors to Kent State University who are unaware of the events of May 4, 1970, when four students were killed and nine wounded by Ohio National Guard bullets, will eventually have the benefit of a visitors’ center near the site of the shootings to give them a historical context.

KSU Associate Provost Laura Davis confirmed that plans for a visitors’ center on the ground floor of Taylor Hall, recently vacated by the Daily Kent Stater newspaper and faculty and staff of the School of Journalism and Mass Communication, are in their early stages.

"There is going to be a visitors’ center," said Davis, who said she has “an interest” in the project.

Taylor Hall was the backdrop to the May 4 events and is located just a few steps from the May 4 Memorial.

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Memorial.

The shootings took place in the span of 13 seconds in the parking lot and a grassy field next to the building. Students Jeffrey Miller, Sandra Scheuer, William Schroeder and Allison Krause were killed and nine other students wounded.

The idea to put a center in Taylor Hall arose when it was announced student media would move to the newly refurbished Franklin Hall. The May 4 Task Force, a student group that works to raise awareness of the shootings, said the university could free up space close to the current memorial and site of the shootings to provide an educational and historical context for visitors.

At the time, the task force said a visitors’ center in Taylor Hall would be easily accessible for visitors, offer more display space than the university’s archives relatively inexpensive for the university to create and differ from the KSU Library’s May 4 Resource Room.

Davis said Kathy Stafford, vice president for university relations, also mentioned the proposal during the dedication of an Ohio Historical Society marker outside Taylor Hall during May 4 commemoration ceremonies this year.