

## ***Share your memories of May 4***

On May 4, 2000, we will commemorate the 1970 shootings on the Kent State University campus in which four students were killed and nine wounded. The four were Allison Krause, Jeffrey Miller, Sandra Scheuer and William Schroeder. The shootings took place during a student demonstration against the U.S. invasion of Cambodia during the Vietnam War and the presence of the National Guard on the Kent State campus.



## ***Why sharing your memories is important... a personal story***

Henry and Sandra Halem came to Kent in the fall of 1969 when Henry took a teaching position in the Kent State Department of Art. During the time of the actual shootings Sandy was teaching English in the Akron public schools and Henry was on campus at the demonstration. It was an event that would resonate in their personal and creative lives for years to come, with both of them responding through their art. Henry worked in glass and bronze. Sandy wrote plays.

Through the years, wherever the Halems have gone in the world, they have come into contact with people who want to talk about their memories of May 4: where they were when they heard the news and what those times meant to them and their families. The *May 4, 1970 Oral History Project* grew out of the realization that many people need a way to share their memories and wish to make their story part of a continuing national dialogue.

## ***Responding to the need to share***

Begun in 1990, the *May 4, 1970 Oral History Project* responds to that need by giving people an opportunity to share their May 4 memories with each other and with the world. These personal accounts are preserved as part of the **May 4 Collection** in the Department of Special Collections and Archives of the Kent State University Libraries.

## ***Illuminating the impact of May 4 on ordinary lives***

The May 4, 1970 Oral History Project 2000 does not attempt to explain, resolve or assign blame to specific persons or institutions. Instead, it illuminates the impact that this extraordinary event had on the lives of ordinary people of all ages from 1970 to the present. The memories are as diverse as those who choose to leave them. They come from those who were part of the Kent community in 1970, others who read about the events in the news, and still others who read about May 4 in their history books.

## ***Casting a wide net as we mark 30 years***

Our goal is to cast our net as widely as possible, allowing people via the World Wide Web to learn about the *May 4, 1970 Oral History Project 2000* and contribute their own recollections. They can respond by sending e-mail memories, audio tapes, or letters. They can also ask for an online interview or personal taping session through the Department of Special Collections and Archives of the Kent State University Libraries or other sites serving as satellite oral history centers.

## ***How you can share your memories***

To contribute your memories via e-mail, visit our World Wide Web site at: <http://www.library.kent.edu/speccoll>

You may also send your memories via regular mail. Or call us to find out how to arrange a personal taping session at the Kent State University Library or a satellite center.

## ***A personal invitation to share your memories as we commemorate the May 4, 1970 events on the Kent State University campus***

As we approach this milestone in our collective history, we invite you to leave your individual responses to May 4, 1970 with us:

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