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60 Years of Quiet at Kent State Are Shattered in Era of Protest

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as the one that resulted in the deaths of four students yes-terday, are a relatively new troops in Cambodia, antiwar phenomenon on Kent State rallies had been drawing only University's attractive 790-acre 200 or 300 students. campus.

on Main Street in Kent, Ohio, it became Kent State Normal about 10 miles northeast of College and in 1935, after some Akron—such protests gained rough Depression years, became strength only in the late 1960's. Kent State University. Students began denouncing the Since World War II enroll-Vietnam war, police recruit-ing and, more recently, the the administration has placed Air Force and Army units of great emphasis on long-range the Reserve Officers Training building programs. In addition

to Memorial Stadium-where puses in northeastern Ohio. crowds watched the school's Golden Flashes lose most of area villages, was founded in their football games—and to The Cove, JB's and other nearby Once a rural farming town, bars that served as student Kent (population 29,000) has haunts, particularly on Friday attracted some manufacturers nights.

most serious demonstration was locks. a 1958 panty raid on two women's dormitories the last day hundred townspeople, including

rowdy Friday nights, the stu-dents, mostly middle class and As part of the eight

celed when only seven tickets Tuition is \$642 a year.

Political demonstrations, such were sold. And until Thursday

The school was founded in On the tree-lined grounds- 1910 as Kent Normal. In 1914

to the 21,000-student Kent Previously, such large stu-dent gatherings were confined students at nine branch cam-

The town of Kent, like other of air compressors, electric Until recently the school's motors, automotive parts and

The school employs several of the school year. The Admin-istration promptly dismissed 29 Its diverse activities include Since then, except for some the operation of an airport and

As part of the eight-member about 85 per cent of them from Ohio, maintained peace with lo-cal residents and, in fact, had a distinct reputation for apathy. Just last week, for instance, an all-university dance was can-celed when only teven tickets. As part of the eight-member state university system, the school gets state financing and board of nine trustees appoint-it with the financing and board of nine trustees appoint-firmed by the State Senate.