

# Kent Marks 4 Deaths in Varied Ways

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KENT, Ohio, May 4 — A memorial service attended by 6,000 persons, a sit-in by about 1,000 students in front of the R.O.T.C. building and a candle-light vigil by individual students were some of the ways that the deaths of the four students one year ago were remembered at Kent State University today.

The mood of the observance was also varied.

At a rally organized by the Mayday Coalition, made up of radical campus groups, the audience of 3,000 laughed when a radical leader, wearing a mask of President Nixon, jerked his hands over his head, gave the victory sign and said: "Make no mistake about it, I am the President."

After the rally, about 1,000 students followed the radical leaders to the three-story Reserve Officers Training Corps building and sat down in front of the entrance, chanting anti-war slogans.

## Peaceful Protest

No attempts were made by the university police to break up the sit-in, which was peaceful.

Kent State's R.O.T.C. headquarters, which was formerly in a frame building was destroyed by fire during antiwar demonstrations that preceded the deaths of the four students last year. Since then, the headquarters has been moved to a wing of Rockwell Hall. The sit-in today was held in front of this building, a three-story, granite structure that once served as a library.

Today memorial services for the four students—Allison Krause, Jeffrey Miller, Sandra Scheuer and William Schroeder, who were killed last May 4 when Ohio National Guardsmen fired at a group of students protesting the United States invasion of Cambodia—began at 11 A.M. when 6,000 students and faculty members gathered at the university commons.

They sat, stood and laid down on the grass near the victory bell that was used last year to call the demonstrators together.

## Victim Speaks

Dean Kahler, a 19-year-old student who was one of the nine persons wounded by the guardsmen, spoke from a wheelchair. He said that students should not be afraid of civil disobedience and protests.

"The war caused the four deaths here," he added. "I think we have learned that just going to peace rallies is not a fun thing, not just playing a guitar. It's hard work."

Prof. Aurelia Young, representing Jackson State University in Jackson, Miss., where two students were shot to death by the police in a similar demonstration last year, asked that "every form of killing of life, whether it be the killing by bullet or bomb or by pollution or by malnutrition," be stopped.

And the Rev. Jesse Jackson, head of Operation Breadbasket in Chicago, urged "young, black and poor people to organize themselves to get out of the war altogether; let us organize a new nation." He received a standing ovation.

## Yevtushenko Poem

A hush came over the audience when Maggie Brock, a graduate student, read a poem dedicated to Miss Krause by Yevgeny Yevtushenko, one of the Soviet Union's leading poets. According to Miss Krause's friends, on the day before her death she walked up to one of the guardsmen and put a flower in the barrel of the rifle and said, "Flowers are better than bullets."

The poem recalls that moment in the following lines:

*You were killed because  
You loved flowers.  
It was—An expression of  
purest hopes*

*In the split second  
when defenseless as the thin  
pulse of conscience  
You placed a flower  
in the barrel of the guards-  
man's rifle.*

And said:  
*"Flowers are better than  
bullets."*

The service ended with a moment of silence while the bell was rung and a girl threw daffodils among the crowd.

In an address before 400 students at the campus gymnasium, Kingman Brewster Jr., the president of Yale University, said that to make peaceful change possible the reliability of official information must be restored.

"The willingness to confess error has not been seen at the highest level of government," he said, "since President Kennedy took the full blame for the Bay of Pigs fiasco."

Mr. Brewster also urged a restoration of the determination to defend freedom of unpopular thought and expression.

"If we would deprive violence of its followers," he said, we

must reaffirm that rigorous defense of free speech—even outrageous speech—is the price a society must pay if the possibility of peaceful change is to be a credible deterrent to violence."

During Mr. Brewster's speech,

most of the students here were attending a demonstration called by radical leaders that violated the university administration's restrictions of having only student and faculty-approved speaker participate in the memorial service.