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### KENT STATE SHOOTINGS

## KSU marks 56th May 4 anniversary

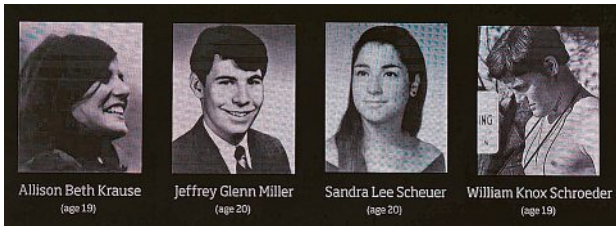
### Crowd gathers to remember tragedy

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A somber crowd gathered under a cloudless sky on Monday, May 4 at the Kent State Commons to remember the 56th anniversary of the moment deadly gunfire erupted on campus.

The commemoration honors the four killed and nine wounded on May 4, 1970, when the Ohio National Guard opened fire into a crowd of students protesting against the Vietnam War.

Allison Krause, Jeffrey Miller, Sandra Scheuer and William Schroeder died. Alan Canfora, John Cleary, Thomas Grace, Dean Kahler, Joseph Lewis, Donald Mackenzie, James Russell, Robert Stamps and Doug-



Photos of the four students killed May 4, 1970 — Allison Krause, Jeffrey Miller, Sandra Scheuer and William Schroeder — on the screen at the Kent State May 4 Commemoration on May 4.

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Russ Miller, brother of Jeffrey Miller, claps during the ceremony.

las Wrentmore were wounded.

The annual memorial event included remarks from university students and administrators, the ringing of the Victory Bell and a moment of silence at 12:24 p.m. — the time 56 years ago when shots rang out.

## Personal part of history

### Canfora family donates collection of May 4 items to Kent State

April Helms

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Alan Canfora, one of the nine students wounded at Kent State University when the National Guard opened fire on students protesting the Vietnam War on May 4, 1970, was known for keeping careful records and saving everything he could regarding that day.

Photos. Letters. Recordings. Court records. Posters. Buttons. In all, 50 years' worth of documents and other items.

A part of that collection was donated by the Canfora family to Kent State University Libraries' Special Collections and Archives in memory of Canfora, who died Dec. 20, 2020, at age 71.

A dedication for the Alan Canfora May 4 Collection took place in the Harrick Garden Room at the Kent State University Library on Sunday, May 3, when friends and family shared their memories of Canfora. Around 170 people attended the dedication, which was standing-room only.

#### Wounded protester became leading voice in May 4 legacy

Canfora was an active participant in the anti-war

protest that day. A 21-year-old junior, he can be seen in photos waving a black flag at the rally.

Later, he would become one of the charter members of The May 4 Task Force. In addition, he served as director of the Akron Law Library and was active in politics in his hometown of Barberton, serving for 27 years as chairman of the Democratic Party. He also worked for the Summit County Board of Elections and Barberton Municipal Court.

His sister Rosann "Chic" Canfora said after the presentation that he had been at the protest after losing his closest childhood friend, Bill Caldwell, who was killed in the Vietnam War when he was struck by a tank. The Canforas had gone to Caldwell's funeral days before

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ABOVE: Kent State shooting survivor Tom Grace holds up a drawing of fellow survivor Alan Canfora during the dedication of the Alan Canfora May 4 Collection at the University Library on May 3 in Kent. BELOW: Guests look at select pieces from the Alan Canfora May 4 Collection.

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## Most Ohio nurses experience workplace violence

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More than two-thirds of Ohio nurses and health professionals have experienced workplace violence in the past year, according to a report recently released by the Ohio Nurses Association.

The report, compiled by the state nurses' union from nearly 3,000 respondents across various medical fields and all 88 Ohio counties, detailed that the vast

majority of health care workers experience violence at work, do not feel safe at work, or feel their work is not adequately staffed to be a safe environment.

The survey comes as workplace violence in health care rises nationally, and has been rising since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. The report calls out systemic failures that contribute to the rise, which include staffing shortages, lack of prevention measures in hospitals, inadequate security and a culture that "normalizes" abuse as part of the job.

Central Ohio has experienced its own slew of worrying incidents. In November 2025, a nurse at Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center reported she was choked on duty while trying to protect a newborn baby. In January, police reported that a patient grabbed a gun from a private security officer at the Mount Carmel Grove City hospital and fired, though no one was injured.

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