

History of Kent State University



Kent State University was founded in 1910 as a teacher-training facility. Kent State has been forever growing with a full history growth and violence. On May 4th, 1970 a group of students had begun a protest on campus grounds pushing for a more democratic society in terms of public services. This protest in particular had been more focused on the U.S. involvement in Vietnam shortly after we invaded Cambodia after President Nixon had declared he would end the Vietnam war. The National Guard was called in two days prior to shooting after tensions had risen and people began burning copies of the constitution symbolizing what Nixon himself had been doing. A rally planned for May 4th had been made days in advance and at noon there were 3000 students taking place in the demonstration and 1500 spectators along the edges accompanied by 100 National Guardsmen armed with M-1 rifles. Once the demonstration was told to disperse the students responded with slander and rocks provoking the military. The guards retreated onto a hill and 27 of the guards had aimed their weapons and opened fire. Many aimed into the air or ground to scare them but others aimed into the crowd killing 4 people. Ever since this occurrence Kent State has begun reconstruction and has made itself a recognizable college. Students on average need a 3.3 GPA and a 23 on the ACT to begin admission into the college. Tuition for in state is relatively low beginning at \$10,000 roughly without scholarships or FAFSA calculated into that. Kent state has regrown and prospered since its past and has always been a growing school filled with potential and new ideas.

Works Cited

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