

## Kent State Tragedy staged in Boone

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In 1970, tragedy struck Kent State University when a peaceful protest ended in gunfire. 1

3 students were shot by the Ohio National Guard and 4 were killed, a day very fresh in the mind of Kent alum Dr. Ray Miller. Miller, an Appalachian State University theatre and dance professor, is presenting an original play based on the shootings. It's a very personal piece to Miller.

In fact, had Miller taken an alternate route to class that day, he could have been in the line of fire.

The play, called *The Tragedy at Kent State*, explores the four days prior to the shooting. It's more than a history piece, Miller says.

With what's going on overseas and even at places like Virginia Tech, it's particularly relevant, he says.

The play is a work in progress, and, by conducting a staged reading in the Greer Studio Theatre, Miller hopes to provoke discussion that might further polish the piece for possible full production.

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Audience members will have the unique opportunity to provide input to Miller's ongoing project.

The staged readings will be Sept 20, 21 and 22 at 7 p.m. in the Greer Studio Theatre. Admission is free