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## Lagniappe: out with the old, in with the new



Producer Jack Levin, Assistant Choral Director Rebecca Schriesheim, and Choreographer Alayna Rickard of Lagniappe 2014 | Lee

Julia Patton

As the Lagniappe Potpourri performance dates draw near, many new facets of this year's show are being brought to light. This includes the newly improved ticket selling system.

Lagniappe is almost completely run by New Trier students. The task of putting on a show is especially challenging this year, since the

performance is two weeks earlier than usual, giving students less time to prepare. "It's been hard with the time crunch this year but everyone's been working hard and it's going to be an amazing show," said senior board member Michelle Castino.

This year, senior Anna Foster is in charge of the ticketing system for Lagniappe. "The new ticketing system is a hybrid between last year's system and New Trier's Online

Payments," said Foster. Last year's system was a website called Seat Yourself, which is still being used for public ticket sales. Seat Yourself is a user-friendly site that allows people to see a calendar of show dates, a layout of the theatre, and generally provides an easy ticket purchasing process.

As many New Trier students know, adviseries often attend Lagniappe together. Whether it's for

an advisory bonding experience or because of a long standing tradition, many students and their adviseries appreciate the opportunity to attend the performance together.

This year, adviseries had an advantage with the new ticketing system. Those who ordered online, via Revtrack, got priority seating and were able to easily arrange seats together.

The Online Payments system allows students to order their tickets individually from home, and it doesn't force their adviser or another person to make the whole initial payment.

"The decision to change the ticketing system came about because of difficulties with the old system. Using the Online Payments, students can order tickets individually," said Foster.

One of the most important issues that this fixes is the responsibility put on advisers to organize their advisory's attendance, buy all the tickets, and collect money.

Lagniappe is shaping up to turn out well this year, and the student leaders are excited for the show to open. According to Foster, the first

rehearsal for this year's show went well enough that it was deemed the best first rehearsal ever seen by one of the staff sponsors.

"I think this compliment really lends itself to the amazing board members that put all of their efforts into making Lagniappe Potpourri what it is and what we hope it will continue to be."

The student board members are working to make significant changes to the show. "The amount of change that students see in Lagniappe derives from the board members running the show. This year our goal as a board was to create a more cohesive Lagniappe," said Foster.

"We wanted everyone who is involved in Lagniappe to feel that they are a part of the company, and we wanted everyone at New Trier and in its surrounding communities to connect with the show," she said.

The goals and changes that have been made so far have turned out well, according to the Lagniappe board. It is a definite goal for the show's organizers that the process continues to be a success.

## NT students suspended for drinking at football game

Katherine Rhea

Five students were suspended Friday, Sept. 5 after a New Trier football game due to underage drinking on school property.

The students were suspended for three days. "The suspension impacted me because I've never been in any trouble with the law or school before. It was scary having to go through this process. Regret is not the right word to describe my feelings on the situation. I am disappointed, but do not regret my actions at this point," said the student.

"We were all being stupid and drank at the game," he continued, "every person involved was not inhibited by any other substance." According to the student, none of them were selling drugs at the game.

The event paralleled recent drinking arrests at Maine South High School, in which two 16-year olds were charged with underage drinking at a football game Sept. 12, according to the Park Ridge Herald-Advocate. One of the teenagers was also charged with disorderly conduct.

Assistant Principal Scott Williams could not be reached for comment on the subject of the announcement or the suspensions.

According to an administrative memo distributed to adviseries Monday, September 8, the new

behavior guidelines were released because the fall sports season started.

Coincidentally, however, the notice was released shortly after the students were suspended.

Randall Oberembt, New Trier's athletic director, said "There have not been significant changes in how we have supervised events at New Trier over the years."

"When there are instances that require the school to enforce legal or school disciplinary policies, our goal is to ensure and support student safety. Safety is the main goal; not only for our students but our guests, parents, and children who come to spectate our stadium events."

Oberembt also said, "we do not plan to radically modify the way that we supervise New Trier stadium events. All of our stadium supervision is planned on an annual basis. Everything from the number of ticket takers to the number of supervisor staff; this includes faculty, PPS staff, and uniformed officers."

According to Oberembt, New Trier has always received support from student resource offices and plans to continue receiving support from them. New Trier will also continue to bring in additional staff from the Northfield campus to help supervise the events.

According to the notice from the administration students must have a

student ID card with them in order to enter the stadium. Moreover, students are not allowed to bring in any liquids or liquid containers to the stadium.

Students are no longer permitted to bring backpacks into the stadium. "The school has used the event to begin their own anti-substance abuse campaign," said the student.

The announcement, according to Oberembt, does also apply to all faculty and parents who are in the stadium as well.

"New Trier is trying to catch up to rules that are already in place at other major events," said Oberembt.

"We do this for a couple of reasons, one is that we want everybody who is in that environment to feel safe. We also contend that there is no reason where someone needs to bring a back pack or cooler into an event. We do offer concessions by Girls Club and Triship if people are hungry or thirsty," Oberembt continued.

The student said, "I feel that the entire situation has been completely blown out of proportion. Teenagers drunk at a football game should come as no surprise to anyone. If kids aren't going to come drunk they'll come high or they will go home and get drunk or high."

The other New Trier students who were involved could not be reached for comment.

## Miss Mac: iconic teacher, feminist, and football fan



Superintendent Linda Yonke (left) and Miss Mac (center) during McNamara night | New Trier

Martin Oppegaard

Jane "Miss Mac" McNamara began teaching at New Trier in 1966, and nearly 50 years later, she was congratulated her on a successful and illustrious career.

The New Trier community came together for Jane McNamara Night on Sept. 12, honoring her accomplishments at halftime of the football game against Niles North.

A staple at New Trier athletic events, Miss Mac is more than a fan. She is a coach, a teacher, an athletic administrator, a pioneer of the Title IX legislation, and a role model for students and staff alike. "I really

admire the dedication she has to New Trier as an institution and to individual kids," said New Trier girls basketball head coach Teri Rodgers. "She takes the time to know them and she is their number one supporter. That type of love is so important and it means so much to all the kids she has touched."

With the emergence of the Title IX legislation in 1977, Miss Mac coached five sports during her time at New Trier, including field hockey, volleyball, softball, basketball, and later track and field. Possibly her most successful achievement as a coach came in

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