

History of New Trier's students rights

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1970

...cast aside when the...
...found that coping was...
...His life's desires were reduced...
...the need for some ten cent patriotism...
...something tangible that he could wave around...
...his head like a cheerleader's pom pom.

Students possess rights

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...niston...
...it can be...
...e are the...
...ent at this...
...s are often...
...ideals of...
...ned...
...which SC...
...i legal...
...v set...
...the

Students at New Trier, though subject to school rules and guidelines, are actually amongst the most fortunate high school students in the country in terms of constitutional rights. Illinois is part of the seventh Circuit Court of Appeals which is known as being liberal in the area of student rights, especially concerning the first amendment, or freedom of expression questions. **FIRST AMENDMENT** questions are one of four basic areas of school-student rights. The other three are dress and hair codes, and seizures, and sus...

1975

Students feels oppressed

An explanation of basic rights, mostly First Amendment rights, and how they apply to the school environment. In the end, it shows that New Trier's policies and the rights they give their students are generally better than many other schools in the country.

1973

Students write letters about their rights (not pictured)

Students are able to ask questions about their rights in a school environment. Students, if they chose to, could write to the Legal Assistance Foundation, inc. and ask questions about subjects such as what constitutes probable cause for suspension and a student's rights in self-defense against a teacher.

Reps write constitution

Student representatives from both New Trier East and West will meet on November 14th to attend a constitutional convention, where they will begin writing the "new" New Trier's constitution. The convention, already formulated by four students from East and West, will consist of 54 representatives, 27 from each school. These 54 students will then divide into the following six subcommittees: Purposes and powers. The of this subcommittee is to determine the purpose and composition of the new constitution. Election procedures. This subcommittee will come up with the way in which elections will be run next year, during the four transition years, and the years after that. Methods of implementation. This subcommittee will decide who the constitution will effect, and how it will do so. The six subcommittees will meet twice before the convention, once to get to know each other, and once to brainstorm a proposal of what they think should be done. They will meet once more on the morning of the convention to finalize their proposals. During the convention, the same people will be reached. "People who are interested in dance, music, theater, and art are interested in art expression in general," Mr. Steigstiff said. "People who are interested in dance, music, theater, and art are interested in art expression in general," Mr. Steigstiff said. "People who are interested in dance, music, theater, and art are interested in art expression in general," Mr. Steigstiff said.

1980

Students write constitution

A new constitution for New Trier is set to be discussed at the meeting, which ranged from East and West campus relations, to student leader election procedures. This article is an example of how policy-making used to play out at New Trier and how school rules were formed.

Censorship denies rights of the American people



...h the year is disgruntled per...
...ying to turn back...
...ider...
...se persons want to...
...what is right for all...
...izens. They believe that...
...morals should be instilled...
...pon every child. No longer...
...do Americans have the rights...
...guaranteed to them through...
...the first amendment to the...
...Constitution of the United...
...States...
...THE PEOPLE I am...
...referring to belong to two...
...different groups. The first...
...group is a bunch of right wing...
...ible bearing preachers who...
...have managed to turn North...
...Carolina into an even more...
...ultra conservative state. The...
...second group is a bunch of...
...Washington wives who are...
...trying to use their influence and...
...the influence of their husbands...
...to pass legislation that would...
...create a rating system to be...
...used on the jackets of records...
...that would warn parents that...
...their child has purchased a...
..."filthy" piece of music. The...
...proposed labels have four...
...ratings. The four ratings are...
...X-profile of sexually explicit...
...O-cocalt, D/A-drugs or alco-...
...hol, and V-violent...
...THE PRMC has come up...
...with a list entitled, "The...
...Filthy Fifteen." This list...
...includes fifteen songs with...
...their proposed rating system...
...at "Me Alive" by Judas...
...the "legend" by Motley...
...the "Living Nikki" by...
...the "Walks" by...
...people know exists and they...
...don't want to even attempt to...
...disobey it...
...After learning about this...
...obscenity law, some questions...
...must be raised. How can a...
...group of people try to...
...determine what is right for...
...every person? Isn't it up to...
...the individual to decide what...
...he feels is obscene? Aren't...
...these preachers trying to force...
...the principles of their religion...
...down the throats of all...
...Americans? These preachers...
...claim that North Carolina is...
...only the beginning. With such...
...powerful men as the Reverend...
...Jerry Falwell, Senator Jesse...
...Hahn, and with the backing...
...of President Reagan more...
...states may follow their lead...
...Censorship is also appearing...
...in the record industry. A...
...group known as the Parents...
...Music Resource (PRMC) is...
...attempting to force record...
...companies to put labels on...
...albums that they distribute...
...that would warn parents that...
...their child has purchased a...
..."filthy" piece of music. The...
...proposed labels have four...
...ratings. The four ratings are...
...X-profile of sexually explicit...
...O-cocalt, D/A-drugs or alco-...
...hol, and V-violent...
...I'm opposed to censorship...
...Obviously, the Washington...
...wives are using their influence...
...I don't think the govern-...
...ment should decide on this...
...issue. The parents should...
...decide the censors for their...
...teacher said...
...With...

1986

Letter to the editor

This addresses the rising threat of censorship in America and how it relates to everyone's constitutional rights. During this time period, there was considerable concern about right-wing conservatives trying to pass bills and rally support for censorship of American publications and products.

Closed campus in effect

...ents spend some of their free time by lo...
...tography by Serour)...
...ed by the sidewalks on Winnetka...
...Ave., Woodland, Sunset and...
...Ave. except during their assign-...
...ment period and after their...
...said Dean White...
...THE INFLU...
...describ...
...DEANS WHITE AND Ota-...
...viano have met with other deans...
...from suburban high schools to...
...discuss the spread of gang activ-...
...ity in the suburbs...
...From what we can see, those...
...schools that are aggressive and...
...confront the problem are the...
...most successful at keeping it out...
...of the schools," Dean White said...
...Periods 4-6 still have an...
...IF THIS POLICY works...
...then fine, we'll continue to have...
...the open lunch policy. It...
...wouldn't take too many in-...
...cidents off campus for us not to...
...have that privilege anymore," he...
...said...
...To inform students of the...
...policy, the administration sent a...
...letter to parents before school...
...started this year and distributed...
...a pamphlet on discipline...
...I TALKED TO about 50 peo-...
...ple, and none of their advisers...
...had discussed the rules," she...
...said. "It is unfair to the student...
...body to close the campus without...
...informing us...
...Spilatro also thinks that clos-...
...ing the campus for another 15...
...periods per day will not...
...solve the gang problem...
...You...
...each Steering Committee so that...
...the information representative...
...can report back to their advisory...
...The other main reason for en-...
...forcing the closed campus policy...
...during per. 7-9 is the number o...
...complaints that administra-...
...has received from local...
...businesses and neighbors...
...Because of students loiter'...
...in front of local business...
...customers were intimidated...
...entering them, accor-...
...Dean White. Students y...
...loiter in Indian Hill P...
...surrounding side-w...
...streets, entrances to...
...on Winnetka Ave...
...Northwestern tr...
...Neighbors...
...the safety...
...Dean De...
...also...
...Dea-

1990

1991

Concern over closed campus policy

The closed campus policy at New Trier has been a long standing and often debated issue. This New Trier News article came at a time when the closed campus policy was just going into effect, sparking some concern and anger from the student body. Most of the reasons behind the policy being put into effect pertained to concerns over possible gang activity and local business owners angry with students loitering around their establishments

1992

Staff editorial

In an editorial discussing recent events, especially dress code reforms, the New Trier News addressed concerns in high schools about gang activity. This came at a time shortly after Maine East imposed a stricter dress code due to concerns over gang symbols entering the school through aspects of

Constitutional rights affect school day

Questions over what happens to constitutional rights in a school setting are examined, and what rights students can lose once they enter a school. In the end, restrictions on rights are implemented mostly as a needed safety measure for the students.

1999

Gang paranoia can threaten freedom

Think of the hundreds of New Trier students who wear hats of all kinds to school every day. Think of athletes in their NT sports jackets or kids walking the

2000