



From the archives: The article below was originally published on December 12, 1941.

About The Spirit Of Patriotism

World powers over which we have no control have chosen to oppose the might and power of the United States. This, our entrance into the field of world conflict, marks the end of an era in American history. Today we are faced with the task of doing our best to win this war and to establish a just and lasting peace. Whatever we are called upon to do to aid our government in this struggle—a turning point in the history of mankind—we do cheerfully and with willing hearts.

The incredible sufferings and hardships that war brings to a nation are as yet unknown to our generation. At the moment patriotism is burning brightly in the souls of all loyal Americans. Patriotism has a definite place in our war effort. However, we must not let this spirit blind us to the real years of sacrifice that lie ahead. We realize that, we, the average citizens of this great nation, have been led to the crossroads of history, and the victory of light over darkness is in our grasp. Let us seize the opportunity to make the earth free from the tyrannies of strutting Caesars and the oppression of militaristic cliques.

We of New Trier can do our part by keeping calm and not chasing to the end of the earth in search of military glory. If the armed forces of our country need our help, they will not hesitate in calling us into the service. At the moment the need of our command is equipment to train the men already conscripted and not untrained, raw man power. The presidents of the major colleges in the country have received notes telling them to do all in their power to dissuade students from leaving school and wrecking their education. Here at New Trier we can do most for the government by completing our scholastic careers.

About War and Us as Students

Our country is at war. Let us stop for a moment and calmly and logically try to figure out what this war should mean to us as students.

First of all, we must realize that we are at war. We must realize what this war means to us. We know that to win a war means all out effort from everyone. We must understand that now there is something more important in our lives than football and grades.

Secondly, we must know what we are fighting for. Because the youth of France was bewildered and did not know what

they were fighting for, their country went down to defeat. We should review our heritage as Americans. We must study the principles of our democratic way of life. Our course in United States history should take a much greater meaning. Let us find in our history for what men sacrificed their lives—those very principles of freedom and liberty which are the corner stones of our way of life.

Let us try to find out what we, as students, can do to help win this war. Shouting and flag waving are not enough. We will have to learn how to get along without a few things, to sacrifice a few others. We must toughen ourselves in mind and body, and we can start thinking about how we can help to conserve some of the vital materials for victory. Let us think first before we waste gas, or wear out valuable rubber tires by screeching of the brakes.

Most important, let us begin thinking about how we are going to fix up this world after the war has been won. We, the students of today, are the ones who will live in the world after this mess has been straightened out. Let us decide now what we want this world to be like. Let us prepare our peace aims and see that they are carried out and not left to a group of politicians at a peace table.

We must all grow up mentally. We must begin to think and act for victory. Let this war make men and women out of us.

About Facing the Crisis Smiling

"Well, boys, let's all join the Rifle club." This was a typical remark made on Monday morning when the fellows met to discuss the startling news that the United States was at war.

American youth faces this great crisis with this spirit, a joke and a smile on their lips and determination in their hearts to end it as quickly as possible and set the world back to freedom and normality.

There is no remorse in our hearts, no hysteria, no grimness, no bitterness, no hate. We are still happy; we are confident in our country and in ourselves.

We need no slogans. We realize the task that confronts us, and we are determined to see it through to victory.

We will not change outwardly. We will still be our plucky, happy, devil-may-care selves, and added to this will be the determination to see this war through to a victorious and glorious end.

The American youth will win this war for the United States. Therefore, the attitude and the spirit of the American youth will be a main factor in this "win."

From the archives: The article and picture below were originally published on June 4th, 1970. It was published in the Westwatch, which was the newspaper for the NT West campus.



To demonstrate their concern over American involvement in Cambodia and the deaths of four students at Kent State, approximately 200 West students walked out of school. The West students met 250 NT-E students, and together they marched to the Winnetka Village Green where a rally was held. (Pomerantz)

An end to war, a road to peace

"Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore, and the nations shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning forks."

With this vision of the prophet Isaiah, the *New Trier West News* dedicates its graduation issue to the everlasting search for peace.

More specifically, we dedicate this issue to the pursuit of peace in Southeast Asia. All the boys must be brought home now. Vietnamization and other false promises will no longer fool the American public.

The facts are that America is involved in a possibly unconstitutional, definitely senseless war in Southeast Asia. Over 47,000 American lives have been lost unnecessarily. The only possible "honorable" peace at this time is a complete pullout of all our armed forces.

Isaiah also said in his vision, "and a little child shall lead them." Moratoriums, strikes, and other forms of protest against the war have primarily been led by the younger generation. NT-W students have participated in many of these demonstrations, and we must continue to do so. We must prove that the city line is no barrier for the fight of peace.

A few months ago, NT-W students, as well as the rest of the nation, had a grave concern for the lives of three Apollo 13 astronauts. During the week of their flight, 141 Americans were killed in combat in Vietnam, an increase of three over the previ-

ous week's total of 138. No one, except the families of these three extra dead men, really noticed the increase. We all noticed the peril of the three astronauts.

Does war make us all so insensitive that we lose our regard for human life? The *New Trier West News* calls for a return to sanity, in other words, peace on earth.

If you are appalled by this illogical war, do something. Write to your senators and congressmen. Help get this country back on the right road, for the Bible also says, "And a highway shall there be and a road, which shall be called the way of peace."

From the archives: The article below was originally published on Sept. 30, 1919.

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We welcome, too, our boys returned from service. We appreciate the sacrifices they have made to return and admire their resolve to continue their education. They represent the highest impulse of the world struggle—an unselfish return to former tasks with renewed enthusiasm despite the discouraging interruptions of the past weary months. Our universities are

filled to overflowing with such men as they, and we are glad to have the chance to help them on their way to these institutions.

From the archives: The citizenship pledge below was originally published on February 27, 1942.

The New Trier Citizenship Pledge for Total Defense

As a citizen of New Trier Township High School, Winnetka, Illinois, I will do my part to make my home, my community, my school, and my country efficient and strong.

- I will sacrifice to buy Defense Stamps and Bonds.
- I will take good care of the things I have.
- I will respect and obey the rules of my school and the laws of my community, state, and nation.
- I will have regard for public property.
- I will waste nothing.
- I will offer my services when called upon to help.

SIGNATURE

.....ClassAdviser

When you sign this pledge, you are enrolling in the fight for good citizenship. New Trier expects every student to do his duty.

DEPOSIT THIS PLEDGE IN THE BOX AT THE DEFENSE STAMP SALES DESK.

From the archives: The article below was originally published on March 21, 2003.

Students react to the attack on Iraq

By Carley Groobman and Abe Lubetkin

Following President Bush's ultimatum Monday stating that war with Iraq could break out as early as Thursday, Americans across the country are voicing their opinions. With the prospect of war looming, New Trier students are also voicing their differing opinions concerning the war.

As shown by this month's antiwar demonstrations, many students feel using military force against Iraq is the wrong answer. Opponents of the war feel President Bush hasn't presented enough evidence to warrant forceful disarmament of the Iraqi regime. Others worry about the vast number of casualties that would presumably accompany war.

"I am against war because Bush said it is a war on terrorism, but there is no clear connection between the September 11th attacks and Saddam Hussein. Why now? He's been a threat for over twelve years and the whole world is against America, and we have no allies. If we are going to war I think we need a clear-cut reason and it's a pretty big sign that no one is with us [America] on this. War should be the final action in this process and I don't think we are there yet," said junior Julia Foreman.

Junior Amy Swibel also fails to see the logic behind President Bush's actions.

While Junior Jay Sherman fears that many lives will be lost, he feels war is in order. "I hate to support war because many innocent lives will be lost, but I think it is necessary to stop radical terrorists before they destroy our way of life".

Junior Stuart McNair agrees. "We should go to war because I think there are certain things we should fight for like our liberties and our freedom."

Sophomore Steve Bossu says that at this point, war is the only alternative. "I'm not really pro-war but I think it's the only option," he said.

Sophomore Justin Russell says he thinks Americans should show the President more respect. "I'm sick of people calling George Bush a cowboy. I support the President and I think that other people should do the same."

Junior Elisa Morton believes the war will ultimately bring peace. "I believe America should take the first step in fighting terrorism. We need to stand up for what we believe in."

Junior Meryl Cohen agrees. "I found his speech to be effective. Although his message was predictable, I thought his delivery was reassuring."

For some people, like Junior Jared Andre, any attack on Iraq is a welcome assault. "I just don't like Iraq."

The United States has been trying to foster anti-French sentiment because France has been a fervent opponent of an international military strike against Iraq.

The entire student body will undoubtedly watch to see how the situation unfolds in the coming weeks.

"I am uncomfortable with the leadership of our country. The issue was first about nuclear weapons and now is about Saddam Hussein. The way Bush has handled this has deterred any peaceful options".

Senior Allison Lavey fears the effects on the state of our nation. "I think the scariest part of going to war is how vulnerable our country is. Our leader is making all of the decisions without the public's support or our allies".

Junior Marc Paskin sees little merit in a war with Iraq. "I think going to war is silly and although I respect George Bush's opinion I don't think the ultimatum will accomplish anything."

Junior Eric Victorson is disappointed with the President's leadership. "I'm against the war. I think that President Bush is making poor decisions for the country."

Other New Trier students see the issue, as well as President Bush's actions, in a different light. Proponents of an attack feel that Iraq poses a threat to the United States because of the weapons it possesses and its support for terrorist organizations. Students for the war feel that humans' rights violations in Iraq necessitate U.S. intervention.

Sophomore Garret Fonda feels war is the right decision. "We should go to war, because I don't feel that the weapons inspectors are going to be able to find enough evidence to rightfully remove Saddam Hussein from power."

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The reprinted articles on this page demonstrate how students have been impacted by wars throughout the past century. The NT News has reported on World War I, World War II, the Vietnam War, and the 2003 war in Iraq.