

Student Control Case In High Court

No one knows exactly what authority school officials have over student demonstrations on campuses. That may soon change, as a University of Michigan law professor suggested.

The U.S. Supreme Court now has a case which "could well define the precise legal status of student demonstrations," said Prof. Joseph R. Juhn, associate dean of the U-M Law School.

"Whether you think it's about time students limited their activities to the classroom or believe that we are entering a golden age of education since students are at long last really manifesting a concern about

the world, the decision in *Tinker vs Des Moines Independent Community School District* should be of interest."

PROF. JUHN, who also serves as president of the Ann Arbor Board of Education, noted that "this is a time when it is important to know just what authority school officials have."

"Only then can intelligent judgments be made on difficult issues which require the balancing of freedoms we consider to be inviolate and the need for a sane educational environment," he said before the Supreme Court involves a group of high

school students, who against a school regulation, wore black armbands as an expression of opposition to the Vietnam war.

The issue in the case has potentially broad ramifications, Juhn noted. "The question is whether forbidding this kind of silent demonstration deprived the students of constitutional rights secured by the freedom-of-speech clause of the First Amendment."

The federal judge hearing the case upheld the school board's regulation, noting that the board had the responsibility and obligation to maintain "a scholarly, disciplined atmosphere within the classroom."

BUT THE CASE involves rights of greater value than those involved. In, for example, the long hair, miniskirt issue," Juhn points out, "Free speech, while not absolute, is certainly a right of special value in a free society."

"Although a number of cases have been decided by the lower federal courts, Juhn explained, the Supreme Court has yet to speak on school regulations involving free-speech claims."

Many questions remain unanswered, he added. For example, how much restriction on the students, just because they are under the legal age, is justifiable? The same re-

striction would be constitutionally offensive if applied to adults.

For another example, "where freedom of expression is involved, how much should courts defer to educators' judgment as to what may or may not adversely affect the educational environment?"

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Accountants Set Seminars In Detroit

A change of pace is in order as area members of the Detroit Chapter of the National Association of Accountants (NAA) meet Thursday, Dec. 12, in the Pich-Fort Shelby Hotel. Three concurrent seminar meetings will be held during the afternoon and evening beginning at 4:15 p.m. and again at 7:30 p.m.

The seminars will cover:

- "Presentation for Management" with Thomas Ames of the Bank of the Commonwealth as chairman; "Integrated Budgeting and Profit Planning" with Thomas Berger of Kelsy-Hayes Co., Romulus as chairman.

Livonians Join In Rights Celebration

Dr. and Mrs. William Cansfield were among the members of the Livonia Citizens for Better Human Relations who attended the 20th anniversary recognition dinner of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights recently in the Veterans Memorial Building.

Those honored for "outstanding contributions in six areas of human rights" were Robert Tindal, of the NAACP and Dwight B. Havens, of the Greater Detroit Board of Commerce in the field of leadership.

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