

By Kristen Berman

The college corner will focus on one college a month, selected either from a list that the guidance office supplied of schools Antioch graduates frequently attend, or picked from responses on surveys given out to seniors. This month University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign will be highlighted.

Type of school: Public
 Affiliation: none
 Tuition: \$3,724 (in-state)
 City type: Urban

It's a three hour drive through farm fields that stretch farther than the eye can see. Once the journey is complete however, the public university offers competitive academics, a social life and the Fighting Illini.

Ranked 41 by U.S. News, its arguably the best public school Illinois has to offer. That explains why 93% of the students come from in-state, indicating that admissions are exceptionally more lax for the Illinois residents. However, the average ACT composite sits at 27 and 99% of those admitted graduated in the top 50% of their class. With this criteria, the school still boasts a high acceptance rate of 64%.

University of Illinois draws from home-grown student base

The engineering program stands as Illinois trademark, yet the schools other popular majors include biological sciences and psychology. It was called by the Princeton Review *The Best 331 Colleges*, one of Americas top-research universities. Although academics are strong, the book also mentioned that like large universities of its size, (28,173 undergraduates) lectures are typically large and teacher assistants weak.

Aside from academics, the Princeton Review said the school offers a social life that is strong, relative to its farm enclosed environment. Around 20% of students are in a fraternity or sorority, which are said to dominate the social scene.

Athletic teams in the Big 10 Conference also draw in the students.

The Illini share a mascot similar to ACHS, a Native American chief which, like the Sequoia, brings controversy.

The deadline for admissions is Jan. 1, and applications can be picked up in the guidance office.



Antioch is temporary home for two foreign students

By Kellie Rouse

This year, Antioch Community High School is home to two new foreign exchange students, Rumi "Lucy" Sekini and Nicola "Nick" Vultaggio.

Worried friends and family back in Japan sent her e-mails to confirm her safety.

Lucy is a member of the cross-country team here at ACHS. She said she sometimes gets confused with the distances

because she is used to the metric system.

She joined the team because she didn't want to get fat from the food here in the

" I like how nice students and teachers are to me. -Nicola Vultaggio Belgium exchange student "

Lucy and Nick, both seniors, have only been in the country for a little over a month, arriving Aug. 10 and 19.

Lucy, from Tochigi, Japan, says it is very different here at ACHS than at her all girls high school in Japan. ACHS is twice the size of the high school she came from. Although she is not used to talking in English all day or being taught in through English lectures, Lucy says, "I am very happy to be here."

In response to the terrorist attacks that occurred in our nation on Sept. 11, Lucy says she

could not completely understand the whole situation at first, but after talking with Nancy Clutter, the nurse at ACHS and her host mother, Lucy was able to better understand.

Because she wants to be a doctor, Lucy's first impulse was to go to New York to help.

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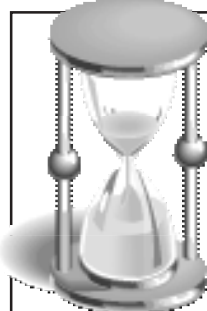
Nick, from Belgium, is quite the multi-talented student.

Being able to speak five different languages and play basketball and volleyball, Nick finds his classes at ACHS quite easy.

Nick has learned to speak English from his brother, who was a foreign exchanged student in Indiana three years ago, Italian from his father, French from his mother,

Spanish from his best friend in Belgium and Dutch because that is the native language of Belgium.

He plans on trying out for the Sequoias basketball team in the winter. In Belgium, Nick is the shooting guard on a National team, which is much like a Dream Team in the U.S.



COLLEGE COUNTDOWN for September

Sophomores:

1. Make a list of possible colleges.
2. Sign up now for PSAT and Plan test in the guidance office.

Juniors:

1. Focus on grades
2. Today is the last day to register for the Nov. 3 SAT.
3. Register by Nov. 2 for the Dec. 8 ACT.

Seniors:

1. Make sure you have all credits.
2. Gather applications.
3. Ask teachers for recommendations.

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