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## Dance remains undefeated going into super-sectionals

By Andy Pruski

The Antioch Community High School varsity dance team will be heading to Harlem High School tomorrow to compete in their super-sectional competition.

If the team can score a 78 or higher out of 100 points for either of their two routines, they will advance to the state competition held at the University Of Illinois Assembly Hall.

For the funk category, the dancers have scored a 78 or above in their last three competitions; their highest being at the recent Stevenson Invitational, where they scored an 82.6. The team has also frequently gotten the highest score of the day at many competitions this year for their funk routine.

In the kick category, they have broken the 78 barrier once, coming in their last competition at Stevenson.

"We have made a lot of changes to keep our kick routine competitive, we feel our changes will put us in contention for the championship," said varsity member Lindsey Bailey

Some of those changes have been with their costumes, and with the routine itself.

"We've added more difficulty and changed our formations to make it look more visually appealing," said senior varsity member Ashley Ginascol.

The team has also gotten new costumes for their kick routine. The dance team parents were in charge of sewing costumes for all the girls.

"Our new costumes really accentuate our long lines. They make our legs look longer, which makes our kicks look higher," said Bailey.

Their goals for super-sectionals are to qualify both routines for state. The team has

qualified to state for the past 10 consecutive years,

"It will be harder to qualify our kick routine, we just need to keep our kicks high and up to our face," said varsity captain Heather Axton.

Their main competition in the funk category is H.D. Jacobs, and in the kick category it is Fremd.

The dancers took second place in kick behind Fremd earlier this year at Palatine. Fremd is the defending state champions in the kick category.

"We just want to do as well as we can, and hopefully qualify for state, we are all very focused," said senior member Jenna Diemer.

The dancers have taken first in funk all

season, and hope to continue their undefeated streak at Harlem tomorrow.

The team also competed with a third routine this year, in the dance category. The reason they are not continuing on with it is that is because teams are only allowed to take two routines maximum to sectional and state competition, and the Sequoits chose to not use the dance routine, even though it qualified.

"Our dance routine was good, but it wasn't as successful as the other two," said Ginascol.

Should they advance, state competition will be held Saturday March 15.

"I think we will do well. We all want it bad," said varsity member Amy Shouse.



Photos by Lindsey Bailey and Tim Lorenzini

The dance team is coached by Sam Griffin, an ACHS graduate and dance team alumni. This is Griffin's second year as varsity head coach. Griffin was previously a two year junior varsity coach. The Sequoits will be losing nine seniors to graduation at the culmination of the year. There are seven juniors currently on the squad including Mandy Vickers (above). The dancers are advancing their kick routine (left) and their funk routine (top) to the super-sectional competition tomorrow in hopes of qualifying for the state finals in Champaign, Ill, which the team has done for the past ten consecutive years.



## Varsity basketball coach resigns after 14 years

By Tim Lorenzini

After 14 years as varsity boys head coach, and 27 years overall of coaching basketball at Antioch Community High School (ACHS), Jeff Dresser has decided to resign as coach at the end of the current season.

No one was expecting the resignation on the staff or team. Dresser made the announcement on Thursday, February 20 to his staff and players.

"It kind of came out of nowhere. No one really had any idea he was going to tell us that... we were all pretty surprised," said junior guard Kyle White.

ACHS athletic director Steve Schoenfelder stated that Dresser approached him in January saying that "it was time (for me to resign)".

Assistant coach Bill Tossey has known Dresser personally for 20 years and coached with him for past two years. Tossey stated that he was unaware of Dresser's decision to resign until Dresser made the announcement to everyone on the team.

Tossey stated that it was unfortunate that Dresser decided to resign from his position as head coach.

"He (Dresser) is a very classy guy and a very good coach. He was great for this high school (ACHS)... it's sad to see him go," said Tossey.

Junior forward Eric Lear agrees with Tossey.

"Everyone really respects him. He always gets his point across without sugar coating anything... he tells you straight up... I think that's really respectable," said Lear.

Tossey stated that he (Tossey) is unsure if he will continue to coach at ACHS but wanted to keep his options open either way.

Dresser declined several attempts to comment on his current situation with his team at this time. He stated he would reveal his decision for resigning as head basketball coach after the current season ended.

Candidates for the vacancy have yet to be named.

Schoenfelder has already taken some steps in search of a new coach.

"Things have been posted, we are taking applications... it will be narrowed down to three to five finalist. Hopefully by April we will have a coach announced, but we aren't about to rush this process," said Schoenfelder.



Photo by Tim Lorenzini  
Coach Dresser has been in charge of the Sequoits for the past 14 years. ACHS junior Eric Lear makes a shot while Dresser (back) looks on this year.