

GOLDEN YEARS *ACHS celebrates a year of milestones in 2002*

In the year 2002, Antioch Community High School had some great moments.

Dance Team take on state

The 2001-2002 varsity dance team qualified to the IDTA State and took second and third place.

Finals were held at Assembly Hall at the University Of Illinois on March 25, 2002. The team placed second in the state of Illinois with their kick routine, set to the song "I Need A Hero", and third with their funk routine, set to the song "Smooth Criminal". The team was only eclipsed by Fremd in kick, and St. Charles East and H.D. Jacobs in funk.

"It's just an accomplishment to even make it to state", said ACHS junior Mandy Vickers, "We deserved what we got and I am very happy with the results." This was the team's 9th consecutive appearance in the state competition. It was also the first year for head coach Sam Griffin, a former ACHS dance team member.

Girls locker room renovated

Starting in May of 2002, ACHS began construction on many areas of the school building. One of the most dramatic changes was the remodeling of the girl's locker room. For years, girls complained of poor conditions and lack of space. The remodeled locker room provided both brand new facilities, and much more room than the old one when it opened in September.

"I like how there are a lot more lockers it's easier to change. It's weird changing next to people when you're all crammed up," said ACHS senior Kylie Imhof, "It's a lot cleaner as well."

Faculty and students unite

With the introduction of Dr. Jon Crawford as the new ACHS principal, many new policies were ushered in with him. Sept. 5, 2002 a first ever Senior Summit was held, where senior class members were able to openly

talk with teachers and faculty about changes they would like to see at ACHS to make their last year more enjoyable. Results that have come from the Senior Summit have included the addition of a bonfire and an outdoor pep rally to the list of homecoming festivities, hat days on Fridays, and the new "Abort The Port" policy for seniors. "I think the senior summit was a really good idea to have. This got students input on things they wanted changed in their school. Things are gradually changing and that makes everybody happy," said ACHS senior Nicole Stuckrath.

Boys soccer scores big

The boys soccer season started out rough. Although they failed to meet their own expectations during the season, the team pulled through during playoffs. Going into the playoffs, the boys were expected to lose in the first round. Having two major upsets, the boys found themselves to be the regional champions. The Antioch boys soccer team beat Libertyville for the first time ever. They also ended up beating Carmel, as well. The boys ended up losing in the third round to Palatine.

Sequoits send five to state

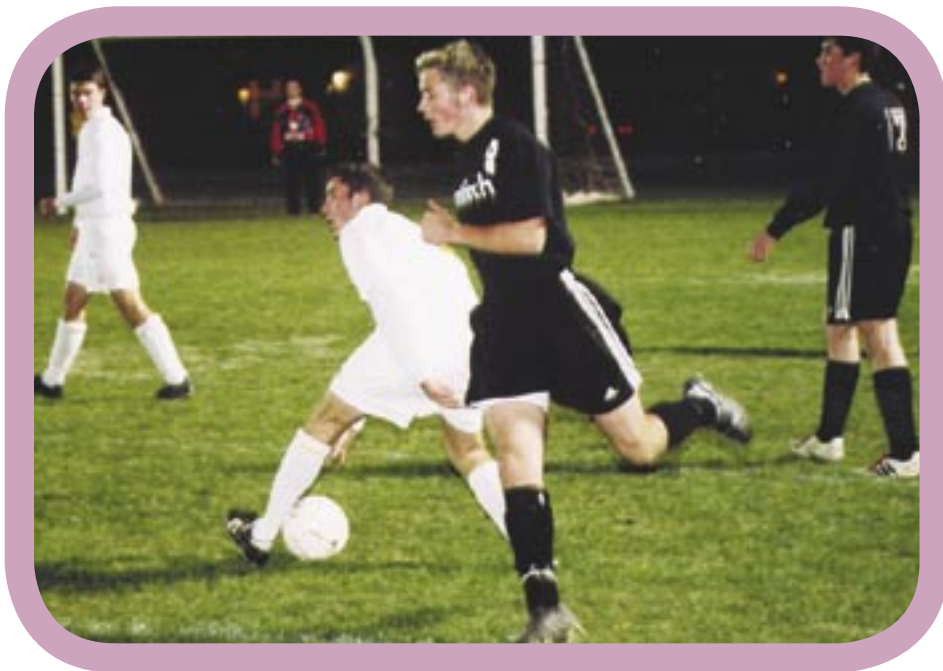
For the first time since 1999, four of the members on the girls tennis team qualified for state. On Thurs. Oct. 24, 2002 Dina Izenstark, Jen Buhrmester, Ashley Jensen, and Ashleigh Honaker made their way down state.

Izenstark and Buhrmester were the number one doubles team and Jensen and Honaker were the number two doubles team. Both double teams ended up getting out in the first match. "It was so much fun and we were so close. Ashley ended up spraining her ankle during the match, and I sprained my ankle the week before, so that didn't help," said ACHS varsity tennis player Ashleigh Honaker.

The boys cross country team sent ACHS junior Andy Napier down state. Napier placed 27th out of 280 runners. Napier was two places away from becoming All-State.

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The boys soccer team took first place in regionals. Above, ACHS junior Matt Carlson helps the Varsity squad through a series of wins. The 2002-2003 season marked the boys' first victory against Libertyville in their history.



ACHS junior Andy Napier (bottom) placed 27th at state for boys cross country out of 280 participants. Napier was two places away from being All-State.



ACHS freshmen Leah Kulidge and Katie Barnard celebrate one of the new liberties awarded students by the Senior Summit: Friday hat days. The organization also provided for the Homecoming bonfire and "Abort the Port."



ACHS freshman Dena Tentler utilizes one of the new lockers in the girls' renovated locker room. The new structure now contains a shower room with stalls and detachable shower heads, vanity mirrors, and an athletic section.