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Sports: Best...

...Mile

Senior Andy Napier qualified for the state cross-country meet for the second year in a row, where he came in fourth. His teammate senior Jim Beatty placed 38th. Andy was unable to participate in the next meet due to foot surgery. Nevertheless, he was very satisfied with his finish.

...Turnaround

For the first time since the year 2000, the varsity football team made an appearance in a playoff game. Although they did not move on to a second game, it was a very close game. The final score was 28-21, Libertyville.

...Sound

The Marching Sequoits dominated their competition during the 2003 season, which culminated at Greendale High School. Featuring music from "West Side Story," the color guard and the band placed first in class AAA competition on Oct. 4.

...Score

In September, varsity golfers set the school record for the lowest score ever at an away meet with a four-player combined score of 140. In the midst of their successful season, seniors Doug Brasky (33), Quinn Haley (36) and juniors Chris Acuff (36) and Justin Maciuk (35) all contributed to the record four under par at Countryside Golf Course in Mundelein.

...Fan

Players as well as fans became more involved in the Sequoit varsity football games as the team advanced into the playoffs. Junior Tom Marquart was playing mascot during the Libertyville playoff game and had a pretend dual with Libertyville's wildcat mascot. Senior Quinn Haley didn't know that the fight was fake, so he leaped over the fence between the stands and track to join in and "protect" the Sequoit mascot.

...Moves

On March 29, 2003 the varsity dance team headed to the Assembly Hall at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana to compete in the state competition for the ninth consecutive time. They won two of their routines; one in the AAA kick category to "Luck be a Lady" by Frank Sinatra and another in the AAA funk category done to the beat boxing of Rhazel. The 'lucky ladies' came back to Antioch with their second state championship in the history of ACHS.

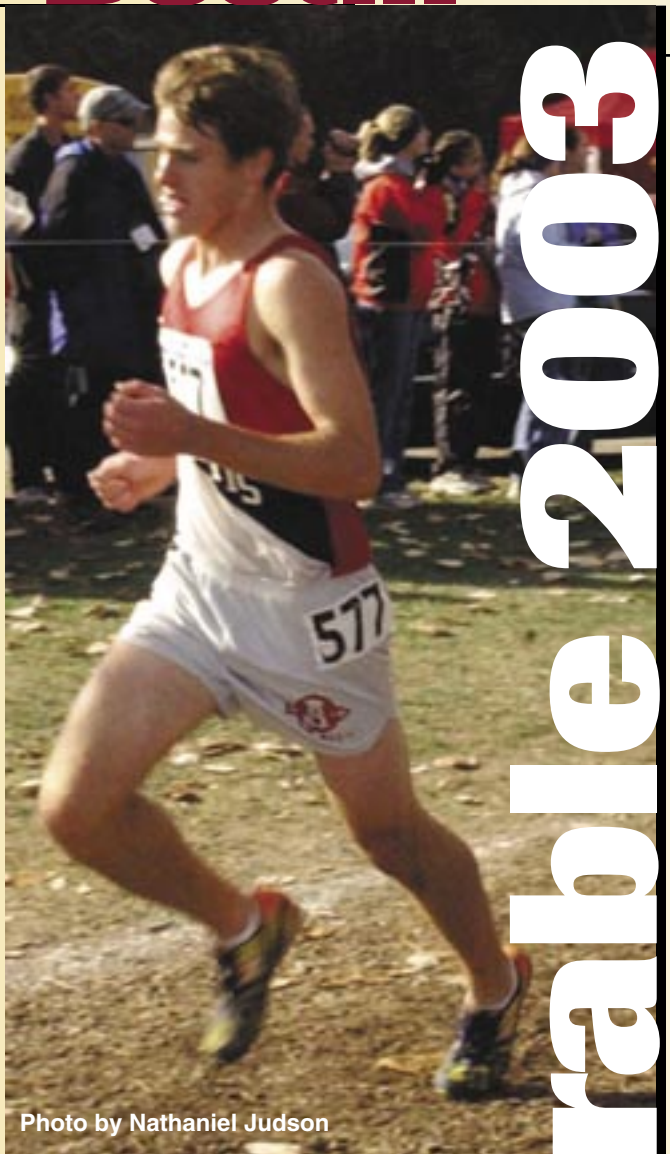


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ABOVE: Senior runner, Andy Napier, finishes fourth in the state meet at Peoria. His teammate Jim Beatty finished thirty-eighth. BELOW: The varsity football team played Libertyville in the playoffs, ending the season with a record of 5-5.



Photo by Amber Campbell

memorable 2003

Student life

Will space go unused?

Ever wonder what a sardine feels like? Well, during the 2003-2004 school year, students and faculty at ACHS found out rather quickly. The hallways were packed with over 2,300 students. To help students out with the cramped school, Karen Day, ACHS Science teacher, created an outdoor sanctuary in the dilapidated courtyard area adjacent to the commons area. Included in this quiet place are reading nooks, a pond, and different garden areas.

Does nature approve?

Another environmental project taken up by ACHS during the 2003 school year was the methane gas project. This works by collecting the gas from a nearby landfill, which is then used to run turbines. After that, the energy is either sold to Commonwealth Edison or used to run ACHS' boilers. ACHS won the Energy Project of the Year award from the Association of Energy Engineers-Illiana Chapter.

Who will be split?

With the student population at ACHS continually growing, there was only one solution: the construction of an entirely new high school which was named Lakes Community High School. The new school will open its doors next fall for freshmen and sophomores living within the 60046 zip code.

What's next for him?

On Nov. 6, superintendent Dr. Dennis Hockney announced his intention to retire at the end of the 2003-2004 school year. With over \$30 million of improvements made at ACHS during his time in the position, he will be missed when the new superintendent takes over the job on July 1, 2004.

Got drugs?

To reduce the use of narcotics in ACHS the staff teamed up with Condell Medical Center to perform drug tests and searches for the first time. Random students are selected and escorted to the nurses' office. The K-9 unit from the Antioch Police Department also may come periodically to sniff for drugs in student's lockers. The dogs are trained to search for drugs in the lockers.

What saves lives?

For the pre-prom assembly, attending juniors and seniors witnessed a fake car accident on the football field. ACHS alumni Ben Bratton, Shanna Casey, Rob Ryan, Marie Heffernan, and current senior Cara Anderson portrayed the dramatic scene. Local ambulances, fire trucks, and even a flight for life helicopter were used to show what happens when people drive drunk. The scene left a large imprint on the hearts of the audience. It was an eye opening experience.



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COMMUNITY

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Photo by Marta Baginski

ABOVE: Construction teams have begun working on Wal-Mart, yet it is still the subject of much controversy.

Likely to make controversy

Two of the most controversial issues last year were the decision to allow Neumann Homes and Wal-Mart to begin construction in Antioch. Many Antioch residents were enraged with the result of both debates, and some went as far as to say that Neumann Homes is a dirty establishment.

Proven to be the worst stink

The Neumann Homes issue could not compete with the filthy mess that resulted from the Waste Management strike. The strike settlement ultimately consisted of raised wages and benefit increases of 30 percent and an annual wage increase to approximately \$42,000.

Will improve the commute

The railroad conditions were declared a serious issue in 2003. The public realized that they couldn't drive over any of the railroad tracks in Antioch without needing a new wheel alignment. To correct the headache, a proposed plan was passed to correct all of the railroads in the city limits. Now drivers can pass over the tracks without getting needing a new axle.



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ABOVE: Neumann Homes has also been a subject of debate among Antioch residents, because it will increase property taxes.

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