

SCHOOL SPIRIT

Where do you stand?

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Sequoit football fans pack the stands at the Antioch vs. Round Lake game last Friday night. The Sequoits won, 37-10.

YAY!

A strange thing happened last Friday night. It was just a normal Friday night football game, the Sequoits from Antioch Community High School against the Panthers from Round Lake High School. To any unknowing onlooker, it may have seemed like nothing was unusual.

But to a Sequoit football fan, everything was different: the stands on Antioch's side were packed.

There were so many people there," said Jackie Schmit, ACHS senior. "We had more fans than they did."

Antioch had a bigger, crazier, more energetic crowd than they have had in recent years and they watched the Sequoits win, 37-10. Mike Gordy, defensive coordinator for the team, said he hasn't seen a crowd like that "probably since a playoff game back in the eighties."

At one point, Tim Lorenzini, a loyal Sequoit football fan and ACHS senior, looked up into the bleachers, bewildered.

"Where have you guys been?" he said. "I spent a lot of years alone."

However, it is unclear whether more fans make more wins.

Jennie Dewar said that fans in the stands help her play better.

"Amazing things happen when people cheer you on, it like gives you an adrenaline rush and pumps you up," said Jennie Dewar.

Gordy said that it helped to have people in the stands cheering before the game started. Lorenzini disagrees.

"I think it has little effect on how people actually play," he said, "but it sure makes the stands more interesting."

Even if it doesn't help the players, it can be worth it to the fans.

"It is fun when you get with your friends and cheer for a game," said Jennie Dewar.

NO WAY!

Hours before the Antioch's victory over Round Lake last Friday, an all-school assembly was held to kick off homecoming week. Spirit days and sports events dominated the event.

But if one were to look beyond the cardinal and gray of the football uniforms, into the top of the bleachers, for a moment, one would see a far less spirited crowd. Some students didn't cheer on the dance team and if one were to listen hard, they might hear booing.

This could be because the pep assembly was mandatory.

"You can't force people to have spirit," said Amanda DeMarco, ACHS senior.

Many students, like DeMarco feel that such assemblies don't benefit the students.

"It's not like school spirit is going to help anything," said Scott Dewar, ACHS sophomore.

David Blaha, an ACHS senior who attended Grayslake Community High School for his freshman and sophomore year, said there are more people who get involved in school.

Jessica Piasecki, a senior at GCHS, agrees.

"Our fans get a lot more into it," she said.

According to Scott Dewar, many

students don't get involved because it doesn't apply to them.

"All the kids that are in sports like to do that and then the rest of them think, why should I get all dressed up or school spirit when I don't even play a sport?"

It is not because students simply don't care, though. Scott Dewar is one example. When asked how he would change ACHS if he had the chance, Scott Dewar said:

"I wish that you didn't have to be a 'jock' to be one of the so-called 'cool' kids and I wish there wasn't so much drug use and I wish teachers didn't treat you different if you have long hair or play a sport."

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ACHS students Charlie Haley and Christina Pontikes wear tie-dye for Tie-Dye day.

HOMECOMING

It's that time of the year again; when the pressure is on to get a date, and the tension mounts as Homecoming 2003 approaches.

This year, many exciting things are planned, including spirit days, a pep rally, the bonfire, Mr. ACHS contest, the football game, and the dance. Homecoming week begins on September 22nd, and culminates on September 27th with the dance.

On Friday, the homecoming weekend will be kicked off with an outdoors pep rally, and bonfire.

Senior Korin Knutson, a student council representative, reminded Antioch Community High School students of the pie in the face contest for teachers that get the most money for charity.

"I'm looking forward to the pie in the face contest," Korin said.

Senior Liz Whitehurst, ACHS senior and head of the pep rally committee, is excited about the pep rally. She said: "The pep rally is going to be awesome."

Saturday is the big day. The football team plays at 1:00 pm against the Lake Forest Scouts.

Whitehurst said, "It should be exciting because the football team is going to win this year's homecoming game."

The Sequoits vs. Scouts game is a must-see, so be there. The dance begins at 7:30pm and lasts until 10:30pm.

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