



'Super Tuesday' looms large

Illinois voters can impact 2008 presidential race



By Brittany Harrison

The state of Illinois will have its chance to help decide who will be the top two candidates from each political party in the run for President of the United States on Feb. 5.

The run for the top ballot began with the Iowa caucus and the New Hampshire primary, which took place on Jan. 3 and Jan. 8 respectively.

The two contests gained a lot of media attention. According to Antioch Community High School government AP teacher Amy Skonberg, this is because they were the first events, other than the Republican Wyoming caucus that took place on Jan. 5, in the primary and caucus system.

"That is the only reason," said Skonberg. "It's the very beginning of this whole process."

According to Skonberg, the win in Illinois will be crucial because of the state's large size and delegation number. Illinois Senator Barack Obama claimed victory in the Iowa caucus for the Democratic party, while former Arkansas governor Mike Huckabee won the Republican vote.

Junior senator of New York and former first lady Hillary Clinton won the Democratic vote in New

Hampshire, and senior senator of Arizona John McCain took the win for the Republican party. Since those first two contests, only Michigan, Nevada, and South Carolina (Republican) have held primaries or caucuses.

However, on Feb. 5, Illinois along with 23 other states in the country will have their primaries or caucuses. This is the major voting event known as "Super Tuesday."

Why so many primaries on one day?

"Each state with its own constitution decides on the date," said assistant director of voting systems and standards of Illinois Rick Fulle. "It's the states' own prerogatives to set the dates of the primaries."

According to Fulle, a total of 185 delegates and 26 alternative delegates will come from the Democratic party, and 70 delegates and 67 alternative delegates will come from the Republican party. The voters will vote based on issues instead of who had one the previous primary. The victories in the New Hampshire primary and the Iowa caucus may just be the caliber candidates such as Obama, McCain, Huckabee, and Clinton need in the upcoming voting phenomenon known as "Super Tuesday."

Democratic Front Runners



Obama



Clinton



Edwards

Republican Front Runners



Huckabee



Romney



McCain

News Briefs

ACHS deans to award \$50 for original artwork

ACHS is currently holding a competition for students to submit design ideas for the front cover of the 2008-2009 student handbook.

Students are to submit designs to the ACHS deans.

Not only will the winner see his or her design on every ACHS student's passbook, but he or she will receive a \$50 cash prize. Submissions will end some time in March before spring break.



Seminar for Scholars invites guest speaker

Seminars for Scholars starts up once again in the new semester with a visit from Charles French. French is a firm believer in hedge funds and will be discussing their significance within the stock market and how he uses them within his company on Monday, January 8.

Hedge funds are a strategic, and advanced way of managing finances and investments in the stock world, and the discussion will prove to be beneficial for the young students who are soon to be handling money themselves.

Business Law courses at ACHS participate in Mock Trial competition

For the first time since the mock trial team was formed in 2006, it is not only performing for competition, but for educational purposes as well.

The third period business law class, was given the opportunity to play jury for the Antioch Community High School mock trial team as an introduction into the class on



Thursday, Jan 17.

In previous years, the business law class watched a video on the top mock trial teams in the nation, but this semester, the class has taken a more hands-on approach.

Other than being a good learning experience for the students in business law, the class is also another way for the mock trial team to practice performing under pressure before going to competition.

ACHS principal attends VIP trip

Nekritz accepts invitation to San Antonio for All American Bowl

By Zach Gillengerten

Antioch Community High School principal Mike Nekritz was invited to a VIP trip to San Antonio last week for the All American Bowl. Only 70 individuals from across the country were invited, two of those individuals being from the Chicago land area.

"It was a really great experience and I felt really honored to be invited to go on this trip. It was a really neat," stated Nekritz.

Nekritz's trip included four days of events which included activities such as watching the All American Bowl, a football game in which 90 high school seniors from all across the country competed in, and a trip to the rifle range.

They also had sky diving but Nekritz couldn't partake in it due to his hip replacement he had a few years back.

"Our instructor at the rifle range had won an Olympic gold medal in target shooting," said Nekritz. "It was pretty neat to watch him shoot and have him teach us."

While on the trip Nekritz and the group he was with also

went to visit troops that have been injured and have come back from Iraq.

"Visiting the troops really made me feel proud to be an American" stated Nekritz, "It was really nice to be able to go to the men that were fighting over there and thank them for their service."

The majority of his time on the trip was spent in San Antonio and at Fort Sam Houston. The trip was sponsored by the US Army. He was invited because of the schools involvement with the Army.



Photo submitted

ACHS Principal Mike Nekritz spends time at the rifle range at fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas.

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