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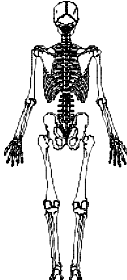
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## New shuttle bus system pleases students

By Ashley Ginascol

New to Antioch Community High School this year is a shuttle bus that provides students who park at the football field a quick ride up to the school instead of having to walk up. Earlier this year student council had a meeting with faculty members to discuss changes and additions to be made this year.

"They [student council] brought up the idea of possibly getting a bus to bring the kids up from the football field in the morning," said ACHS dean Dan Chamernick. "After the meeting we worked out the concept and got a bus for them."

Major reasons for the bus were that one, it gets quite cold in the winter, and it is very uncomfortable to be outside. Secondly, it is a long walk, which takes quite a bit of time. The first day for the shuttle bus was Nov. 5. "On the first day we had two full busloads of kids," said Chamernick.

The shuttle bus will run all year, and depending on the student use, will possibly run for many years to come.

"This is a trial year for the shuttle

bus, it depends on how many students use it if we will continue it next year. But it will definitely run for the rest of this year," said Chamernick.

Students have been very enthusiastic about the new shuttle bus so far.

"It is so much better on days when the last thing you want to do is walk all the way up to the school," said ACHS senior Brittany Berman.

Other students, such as ACHS senior Tristan Gandolfi, as well as Berman, are glad because winter is coming up and it gets very cold. Then there is always the time factor. No longer must students be worried about being late for class or having a long walk to take during the winter, just as long as they get there before the bus leaves in the morning.

The shuttle bus runs every morning at 7:35 a.m.



Photo by Andy Pruski

**FREE RIDE:** Students of ACHS board the shuttle bus to make the morning trip to the school. The shuttle bus system was implemented for students who park at the football field parking lot because of the winter weather. The bus leaves at 7:35 a.m.

## Graduation ceremony nixes band and choir performances to allow more seating

By Morgan Tripp

At the end of each school year, seniors go through a ceremony that recognizes their accomplishments and success of their four years in high school.

This ceremony is graduation; it is a memorable time for not only the seniors but, their family and friends too.

Having 512 students in the senior class this year, Antioch Community High School has had to make some minor adjustments to this ceremony in order to accommodate the seniors and their families.

"With the increase in graduates, we have to use the section of the bleachers where the band and choir sits to seat parents and guests," stated Dr. Jim Love, principal of ACHS, "therefore there won't be a band or choir performing at graduation."

Love later explains that smaller groups of ACHS musicians will be invited to audition to play the National Anthem and one other performance piece. This way music can still be in the graduation ceremony and not affect the amount of seating available.

"We were told at the end of last

year this might happen because of the fact there isn't enough seating for everyone," said Jon Olisar, band director and teacher at ACHS.

Olisar has been teaching at ACHS for 29 years and the band has been an active part in graduation for all of his years at ACHS.

"I enjoy the music of our bands and choirs, but there is not adequate space in the North Gym to have the entire group perform and still seat parents and guest," expressed Love.

Keith Cox has been the choir teacher at ACHS for the past twelve years and every year his choir has performed except for his first year.

"I was upset about this and I think students will be upset about this," stated Cox, "It is a problem any way you look at it because if we perform there won't be enough seating for parents and guests."

Cox explained that the administration had three meetings

on this and attempted to come up with any possible way the choir and band could perform but nothing seemed to work out in the end.

"With still having the National Anthem we will have to have a small group to perform that but, it won't be the same," said Cox.

Love also stated that the seating at graduation would be a problem at ACHS for the next few years until the second school begins to graduate seniors in a few years.

"We are trying not to have the same problem as last year where parents and guests whom had bought tickets couldn't be seated in the gym for graduation," said

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ACHS Principal**

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According to Love this has been the only significant change made to graduation so far this year. The date for graduation has not been set and more information on graduation will be announced at a later date.