

# ACHS says hello to 'Bye Bye Birdie'

By Megan Tkacy

Antioch Community High School's drama program abandoned their usual comedic dramas to take on the musical "Bye Bye Birdie."

For the first time in over 20 years, ACHS put on a musical production, which debuted last Wednesday, April 21, during Student Council's "Sharing is Caring" dinner.

The senior citizens had only positive comments about the production.

"I thought it was charming! 'Albert' and 'Rose' had wonderful voices! I even shook 'Hugo's' hand!" said Jane Zarovy, Antioch residential senior.

Under the direction of Amber Fox, ACHS math teacher, and Keith Cox, ACHS choir director, the production incorporated live music, as well as, scenes full of singing and dancing.

"I think both Mr. Cox and Mrs. Fox did an amazing job with the



ACHS senior Chris Cabrera [LEFT] along with the 32 other cast members re-introduced the musical to ACHS.

play," said Jordan Houtz, ACHS senior who played Rose.

Houtz enjoyed the experience of acting in a musical, though she's



Photos by Megan Tkacy

acted in multiple plays in and out of ACHS.

"Acting in 'Bye Bye Birdie' was a lot different, but also a lot more

fun than acting in a regular play," said Houtz.

The majority of the cast are members of the ACHS choir. The

cast was comfortable with both singing and acting on stage.

"I'm very comfortable with singing in front of an audience, but the whole acting thing really scared me at first," said Caitlin Badger, ACHS junior that starred as Kim.

Chris Cabrera, ACHS senior who played the teen music icon, Conrad Birdie. "Bye Bye Birdie" was Cabrera's first play.

"It was definitely different, but I really enjoyed the thrill of going up there and singing for everyone," said Cabrera.

ACHS sophomore Joe Barlow, who played Kim's father, said he enjoyed playing the part of the father in this production.

"I liked everything about it, and felt that it got better with each show. I love acting in front of a big audience," said Barlow.

"Bye Bye Birdie" diversified the ACHS drama program. The show had a huge audience every night, as well as great remarks from almost everyone who viewed it.

# FCA's persistence pays off

By Cassie Turzy

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) at Antioch Community High School has dealt with tough restrictions concerning publication, but has received permission to publicize. FCA is the largest school-based, Christian organization in the U.S. The FCA is based on integrity, charity, teamwork, and excellence.

ACHS' FCA is not threatened by the difficulties.

"The school's logic made sense, but I think there should be a way the school screens any club wishing to publicize," said Tyler Davis, Antioch's FCA president.

After approaching the board the FCA was granted privilege to publicize their event on May 4. FCA is sponsoring an "Open Gym" night at 7:30 p.m. in the North gym.

The FCA is an unrecognized club at the high school though they do have a sponsor.

"Neither the District 117 Board of Education nor ACHS sponsor a chapter of FCA. This lack of sponsorship combine with separation of church and State requirements,

limit the school's ability to advertise FCA activities," said Dr. Jon Crawford, ACHS principal.

Due to the misconception FCA was unable to spread publicize.

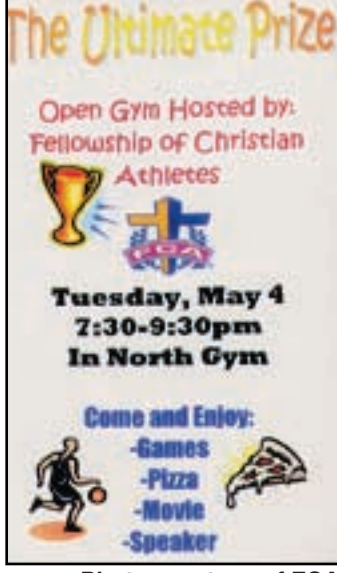


Photo courtesy of FCA

According to Ron Frank, an FCA regional director for the Midwest, "Schools cannot discriminate against FCA, if other co-curricular groups on campus are allowed to publicize their activities."

Frank's platform supports FCA's case. "This is based on the legal precedents set forth in the Equal Access Legislation and subsequent court rulings," added Frank.

Despite the legality, the FCA at ACHS believe their club will accomplish its goals.

"Personally, I believe that God wants Christians to be peacemakers (Matthew 5:9) and to respect authority (Hebrews 13:17). I know that if we are not given permission to publicize that God's will will be done," said Davis.

Originally, ACHS' FCA could not publicize, "I believe the kids have a right to do what they want. I think they are intimidated by the board and don't want to challenge it,"

Dan Mikal, ACHS teacher and FCA sponsor.

The kids of FCA have received the opportunity to spread their beliefs.

"At the event, we want to serve all those who attend by giving them a really fun time," said Lianna Kroeker, FCA leader.

"Furthermore, we want to let people know that FCA exists and it stands for 'The Ultimate Prize.'"

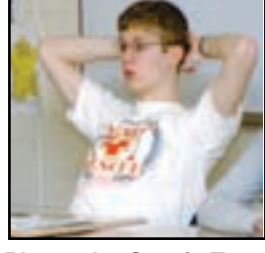
Despite their previous inability to publicize, the Christian club experienced little to no hardships in planning their event or meeting on Wednesdays at 6:45 a.m.

"We expected that it might take persistence because FCA is not on the top priority list of people," said Kroeker.

This issues is not as important as others to FCA leaders.

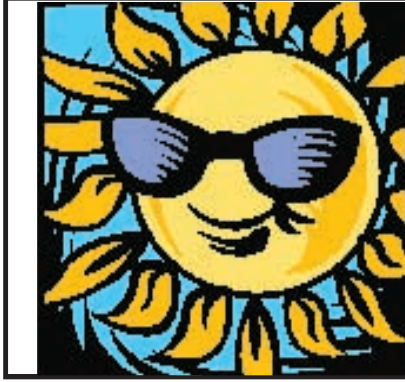
"We need Christian morals at the basis of our government.

People are calling for an end to any strength of our nation. Freedom of religion is violated when people are told what to believe. FCA isn't telling anyone what to believe."



Photos by Cassie Turzy

FCA Leaders, Tyler Davis; ACHS Senior, and Lianna Kroeker; ACHS Junior, plan May 4 event.



Now Available at  
**Flo's Family Hair Care in Antioch**  
**SUNLESS AIRBRUSH TANNING!**  
 A safe, quick way to achieve a healthy looking tan in only 10 minutes.  
 For an appointment contact Barb Wolf at **224-627-4517**

**BRUNO'S BAKERY**  
 Located in the heart of Bridgeport, Chicago sent to you fresh from our bakery.  
 "Fresh European rye bread" available at Polson's Natural Foods & Antioch Packing

**Wood End Farms**  
 28166 W. Wilmot Rd.  
 Antioch, IL 60002  
 Call Nicola at (847) 691-2243 or find out more at our web site, [www.woodendfarms.com](http://www.woodendfarms.com)

Wood End Farms is opening in Antioch in late May. Summer classes now forming and clinic schedules being developed. We're looking for friendly people who love horses - beginner classes will show you all the basics, from horse care to grooming to walk-trot-canter; intermediate and advanced classes will follow the US Pony Club curriculum. Some spaces available for boarding if your horse is in training or you receive instruction. Our head trainer and instructor is British Horse Society Approved and has over 30 years experience.

When you rent your Prom Tux from Jack's Four Squires you get:  
 - Great selection in the latest styles priced from \$69.00 to \$109.00...  
 ...including free vest and tie rental  
 - Knowledge-32 years experience in Formal Wear  
 - Prom garters in the hottest colors and  
**\$10 OFF Your Prom Order**

SHOP  
 M,T,W,& F 9:30 - 6:00  
 THURS. 9:30 - 8:00  
 SAT. 9:30 - 5:30

**JACK'S Four Squires**  
 414 LAKE STREET  
 ANTIOCH, IL 60002  
 847-395-6880



