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# Acton High School's 25-year reunion expected to attract hundreds this weekend

Tundreds are expected to attend Acton High School's 25-year reunion this weekend.

The reunion, which has been in the works for the past couple of years, is for all students and staff who attended the Cedar Rd. school since it opened in 1977.

"They're coming from all over the place," said one of the reunion's organizers Marlene Bogart. She said previous students are expected from as far away as California,

British Columbia and Nova Scotia.

The reunion gets under way tonight (Friday) when alumni can pick up their registration packages at the school and mix and mingle between 7 and 9 p.m. The package includes a memory book and those who attend can tour the school and check out display boards from each of the 25 years that have been put together by Acton High School graduate and former staff member Bruce Andrews.

A time capsule that was buried on the school grounds 23 years ago has also been unearthed and reunion-goers can check out the items that went into it.

Bogart said approximately 600 are expected to attend the opening ceremony set for 11 a.m. Saturday in the school's gym and the family barbecue throughout the day.

The dinner that evening at the Acton Arena and Community Centre is sold out, however, tickets are still available for the dance to be held that evening at 9 p.m. Tickets are \$15 per person and available at the arena between 4 and 9 p.m. Those who would like a memory book can register for \$10.

Tickets are also still available for the brunch set for 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the school Sunday and can be purchased throughout the weekend at the walk-in registration table. Closing ceremonies are scheduled for 11 a.m.

Details on the reunion and the on-line community for Acton High School alumni can be found at www.actonhighalumni.com.

-By Lisa Tallyn, staff writer

### Bower Ave. traffic concerns residents

Wards 1/2 Councillor Rick Bonnette asked the town's Engineering Department to come back to council with a report addressing traffic concerns on Bower Ave. in Acton. The request was in response to two letters from residents, who talked about increased traffic and speeds, lack of enforcement and need for a stop sign.

Bonnette said the neighbourhood is changing to younger families, who are concerned about their street being used as a detour to avoid the Mill St. traffic jams.

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