

ALUMNI NEWSLETTER



Mr. Tom Aylesworth

Welcome to our first Alumni Newsletter! Foothills Academy Society recently celebrated its 25th year anniversary, opening in 1979. A reunion, June 5th 2004, allowed current students, parents and staff to reconnect with many alumni. The reunion brought to mind how important it is to inform each person of others current life. We had three speakers; John Morris, Andrea Kelly and Ashley Dunfield who effectively communicated to the audience their current situation and the pathway they walked to get to the point they are at today. There are so very many important, inspiring and heart touching stories to be told and to be heard. Their stories both encourage others and act as a directive map. If we are able to learn from each other, we may make our path somewhat gentler. For that reason, the upcoming newsletters will highlight alumni students; the first featuring John Morris' biography.



Mr. Gordon Bullivant

Perhaps now would be a great time to highlight Foothills Academy's accomplishments. 25 years ago, Tom Aylesworth, Gordon Bullivant and the late Mr. and Mrs. Mackasey, had a vision of a school and society that would assist individuals with learning disabilities. What began in a small leased school with 33 students has progressed into an internationally recognized society for high quality work with students who have learning disabilities. Currently Foothills Academy has 180 students (building capacity) and offers tutoring services, seminars, research partnerships with organizations such as Alberta Learning, Premier's Council on the Status of Person's with Disabilities, Alberta Learning Special Education Advisory Group, the University of Calgary Research Department, the Learning Disabilities Association of Canada and the Calgary Stakeholders Group.

Over the past 25 years, Foothills Academy and its staff have been recognized with awards such as the "National Education Award" 2004; and the "Best Facility for Children with Special Needs in the World", 1990.

Currently, Mr. Aylesworth, Mr. Bullivant and the Board of Governors are actively planning a building expansion allowing us to double our population and provide expanded Community Services.

We sincerely would like to hear from you. Please drop us a line at info@foothillsacademy.org and let us know what's happening in your world and your opinion of our newsletter idea!

Newspaper Announcement:
Congratulations to Chris Lunt for recently achieving his deep water welding course!

Run Walk "N" Roll



Car Raffle



Mr. and Mrs.
Mackasey

