

# Acton student to attend science and math conference

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Seabrooke Leckie, a Grade 10 student at Acton District High, is one of 40 female students from across the province who will attend a three-day science and mathematics conference this month at Wilfrid Laurier University.

the conference, said she has always enjoyed science and always received high marks in it.

"I want to be landscape architect so biology, botany and physics are all subjects that interest me," Leckie explained on Monday.

"I think this will be a great experience and a chance to learn new stuff and meet other women who also have an interest in science and math."

Of the eight workshops scheduled for the three-day event, running from Tuesday to Thursday



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PROWIS'96 - Promoting Women in Science - is designed to open the eyes of teenage women to the fields of science and mathematics. Although women are now the majority of undergraduate students in Canada, they are still very much the minority in sciences and mathematics. More than 200 applicants were submitted by students living within a 100-kilometre radius of Laurier.

Leckie, an honour student who had to submit a letter of reference from a teacher and an essay to be considered for

next week, Leckie said she chose to attend sessions on investigating and taping microscopic fresh water organisms, using the Internet, stream rehabilitation and astronomy.

"I'm looking forward to it all and can't wait to meet other women who like the same subjects that I do."

## Chess team makes great effort

The McKenzie-Smith Bennett chess team represented their school at the North Halton chess tournament last month, placing third overall.

Congratulations to the individual winners, including Brady Masters, Brett Manes, Joe Douglas, Dawn Stevenson, Nick Newby and Creed Swan.



SAYING GOODBYE: The entire student body at McKenzie-Smith Bennett school lined up along the school building on a cold and rainy morning last Thursday to pay their final respects to Mrs. Valerie deBraub as her funeral procession passed by. Mrs. deBraub had been an instructional assistant at the school for six years. (Karen Wetmore photo)

## Junior 'Y' offers help for parents!

Looking for some tips to help survive parenthood?

The Acton Junior 'Y' Child Care Centre can help with a series of parenting workshops beginning tonight (Wednesday).

The five-night seminars are run by P.A.T.H. - Preschool Assessment and Training in Halton - an agency that works with preschoolers and their parents.


"The main thrust of the strategies and techniques P.A.T.H. teaches are to help parents avoid the inevitable power struggles that occur,"

explained 'Y' Child Care Centre Director Caroline Browning on Friday.

"Behaviour management skills are something that a lot of parents like to take a refresher course on, along with learning new ways to boost self-esteem and discipline children," Browning said.

There is no fee for the five-week course, which will be held each Wednesday night this month at the Acton 'Y' Junior Child Care Centre.

Child care will be available for a donation. For details, call 853-0909.



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