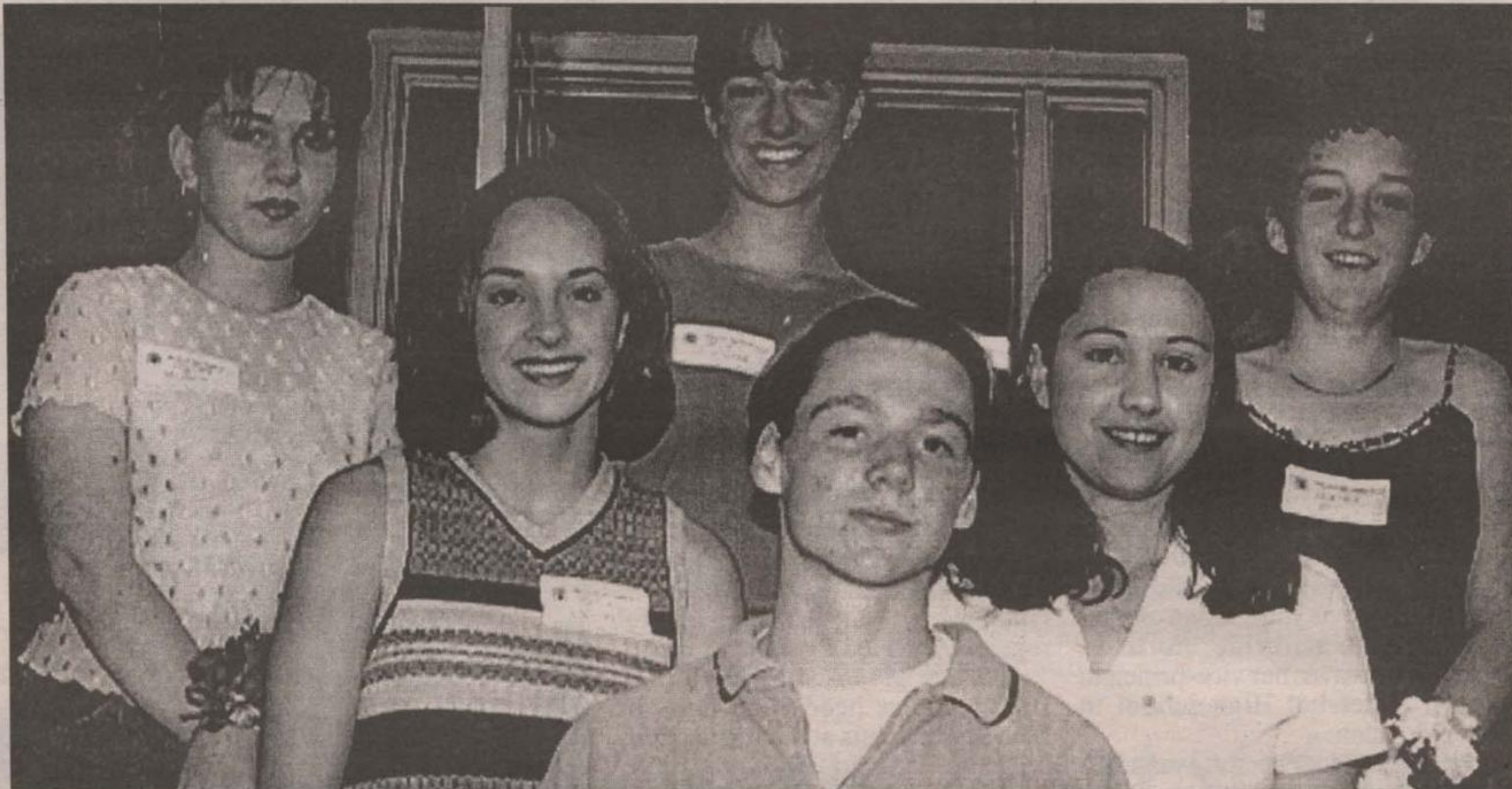


JURASSIC PARK? Nope, this huge snapping turtle was observed in the industrial park, mopping up something on Commerce Court. He had a lot of green moss or algae on his shell suggesting he may have just emerged from a nearby swamp. —Angela Tyler photo



OPTIMIST CLUB ESSAY WINNERS: Craig Lockwood (front), Andrea MacLean and Jeanie Keck (middle), and Heather McAloon, Holly Dickinson and Heather Veit. —Angela Tyler photo

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Acton students essay winners

The Optimist Club of Georgetown runs a "Laws of Life" essay contest which invites the young people of Georgetown and Acton District High Schools to express in writing their personal ideals and laws of life they value most. Four of the six winners in this year's contest were from the Acton school, out of

160 who submitted essays. The first place winner in the senior division was Jeanie Keck of Acton High whose essay appears here. Second and third place of the senior class were won by Arden MacLean and Holly Dickinson of Georgetown High.

Acton students swept the junior division (Grades 9, 10) placing one, two, three with Heather Veit first, Craig Lockwood second and Heather McAloon third.

FIRST PLACE Senior Division The Cycle of My Values

By JEANIE KECK
Acton District High

In life there are many values that you should live by.

In my life these values are treated by the phrase, "treat people the way you want to be treated." If you treat people the way you want to be treated, then people will return the treatment.

Life is a cycle and the things you put into your life are the things you will get out of life. If you put the things value most in, then you will get the things that are most important to you out. If you are honest in life, then in the long run honesty will come back to you.

In life, if you treat everyone like friends, then friendship will overtake you. Values are continued through a large cycle; if you give your values to the cycle you will get the same values in return.

If you value honesty in your life and relationships and you offer honesty, then honesty will be returned to you. In my life honesty is a great quality and it is always returned by those who also value it. The relationship between my friends and I involves a great deal of honesty. I show that I am honest and they return their honesty by doing things like telling me the truth about things like fashion, friends, school work and other activities.

When my best friend Tara and I go shopping, we try on a large variety of outfits. When something is tried on that does not look good we notify each other and honesty is shown. There is a cycle that is made between us and as long as we both value the same thing, honesty, the cycle is continued.

Trust is a large part of life and is one of the key ideas in my relationship with my parents. I show that I am trustworthy and they trust me with driving the car, going

out late, riding with others and enjoying myself. For example, my mom used to stay awake at night to make sure I came home at a decent hour and in a reasonable condition. I honoured this and always came home respectable, showing that I was trustworthy. Now she no longer stays up and waits. Instead she trusts that I will come home in a proper condition. This shows that I have a delicate cycle of trust between my parents and myself. I show that I am trustworthy and they trust me in return.

You are at a great advantage in life if you treat everybody as if they are your friends. If you include everyone in your life, and exclude nobody, you will be at a greater advantage because you will have more friends than enemies. For example, if you include all your friends in your plans instead of picking and choosing a few, when you want to do a fun activity your friends will include you. If you show true friendship, your friends will return this friendship and you will have many relationships that are advantages rather than disadvantages.

Friendship is a very important value in life and if it is practised, the result in the end is positive.

Values are what make up how we act and what we do in life. These values are cycled throughout everyday actions and help to mould us into what we are and show us where we are going. These values I have mentioned - honesty, trust, and friendship - are very important in my life. They have benefited me throughout my life and will forever more benefit me in the choices I make and who I will become.

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Public Meeting Halton Solid Waste Management Strategy

The Regional Municipality of Halton is inviting all interested individuals and parties to attend the second in a series of Public Meetings to discuss the development of a new Solid Waste Management Strategy for Halton. Representatives from the Region will be on hand to give a presentation and receive your comments and input.

The purpose of this public meeting will be to present Halton's Solid Waste Management Strategy Progress Report No. 1 for public comment. The report summarizes the technical work that has been carried out to date which includes the information gathered from the first public consultations and workshop. As well, potential alternative waste management strategies have been developed from the information received at the public consultations and based on the direction obtained from the public review of these strategies, they will further be developed to include costs and timeframes for implementation to be discussed at a second workshop to be held in September of 1998.

The Public Meeting will be held at the following two locations:

Date: Wednesday June 24, 1998
Place: Bishop Reding Secondary School
Lecture Hall
1600 Main Street
Milton, Ontario
Time: 6:30p.m. - 9:00p.m.
Presentation at 7:00p.m.

Date: Thursday June 25, 1998
Place: Regional Administration Building
Cafeteria
1151 Bronte Road
Oakville, Ontario
Time: 6:30p.m. - 9:00p.m.
Presentation at 7:00p.m.

A copy of Progress Report No. 1 is available upon request. Please call one of the numbers below to have the report mailed to you, or you can pick a copy up at the Planning and Public Works Desk in the Regional Administration Centre, 1151 Bronte Road Oakville, Ontario.

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