

**ANNOUNCEMENT**



Beeline Travel is pleased to announce that as of Sept. 14/92, Marie Louth will be joining us as a full time travel consultant. Marie lives in Georgetown, attended Georgetown High School and acquired her B.A. at York University studying Sociology and psychology. Marie has over 20 years experience in the travel industry, of which 18 years was spent with Barber & Henley. As a certified, accredited travel consultant Marie is continuing her education to offer our clients the best of service. We wish Marie well and hope to have a long association with her.



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**Three week visit Japanese sample local hospitality**

By Jamie Harrison

Arriving from a different land, speaking a different language from those who surround you can be a slightly overwhelming experience as 31 Japanese school girls recently found out.

The high school students arrived in Georgetown August 3 from Hiroshima via Niagara Falls and Vancouver for a three week stay at homes in Halton Hills — they departed for their homes Sunday.

During their stay in Georgetown, the 31 teens and their two chaperones have split time between attending classes at Georgetown District High School, taught by Judith Gooding and Linda Walton,

and experiencing southern Ontario's various tourism sites.

While in Georgetown, the girls have gone lawn bowling with senior citizens, picnicked at Cedarvale, visited a Mennonite village near Kitchener, and spent the day at Canada's Wonderland.

Eiko Takeuchi, 16, was one of the students in Georgetown participating in the three week exchange through Cultural Homestays Canada.

She has found her stay in Canada a rewarding one. And while she found some similarities between the two countries, differences like the language barrier did lead to some confusion.

"In Japan, we don't have this experience. It is good. Canada has been very kind to me — to us," Takeuchi said.

"I'm going to tell my friends that Canada is like home, it is good," Takeuchi said. "It is a different way of living than in Japan."

Most of the girls on the exchange are from different high schools from around the city of Hiroshima. They volunteered for the trip at their schools through a poster campaign to attract students to the program.

Takeuchi's school has about 1600 students attending, combining a junior high with a regular high school.

It takes her about an hour and fifteen minutes to get to school each day, traveling by bicycle and subway train. A journey she makes six days a week from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., instead of the five days a week that Canadian students are used to.

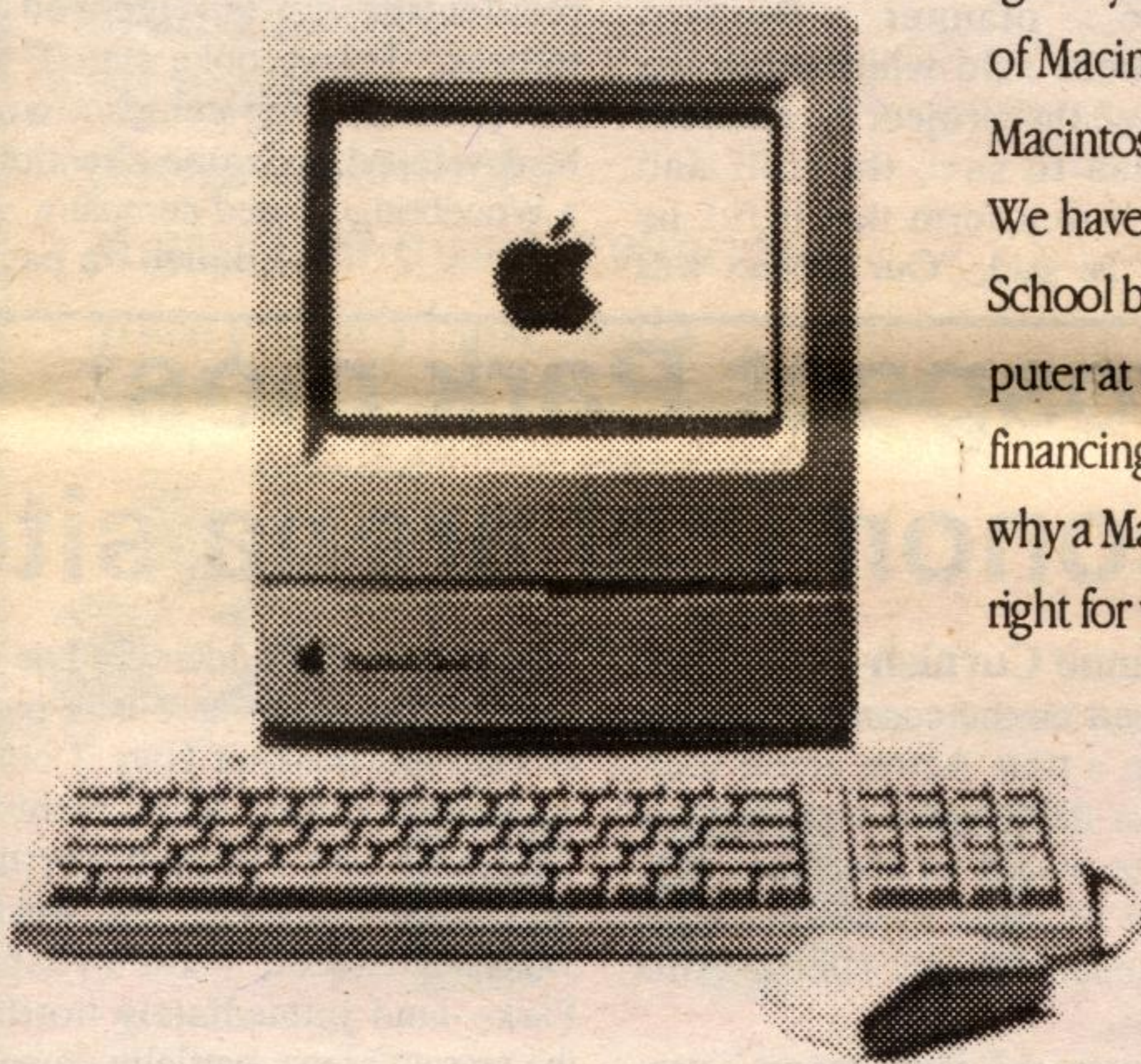
Takeuchi does not have a part-time job, she said she has no time to hold one down between school, homework and family commitments.

Like most of her friends, Takeuchi plans to attend university after she finishes high school in March 1994. At this point, she has

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Japanese students and their local host families enjoyed their time together. At a Sayonara party held at Georgetown District High School last Friday, the Japanese students had a chance to show their thanks to the local host families which had billeted them for three weeks. At the party the students gave about 150 onlookers a sampling of traditional Japanese culture and customs, drinking green tea, eating a solid honey paste, and an exhibition of Japanese dancing.

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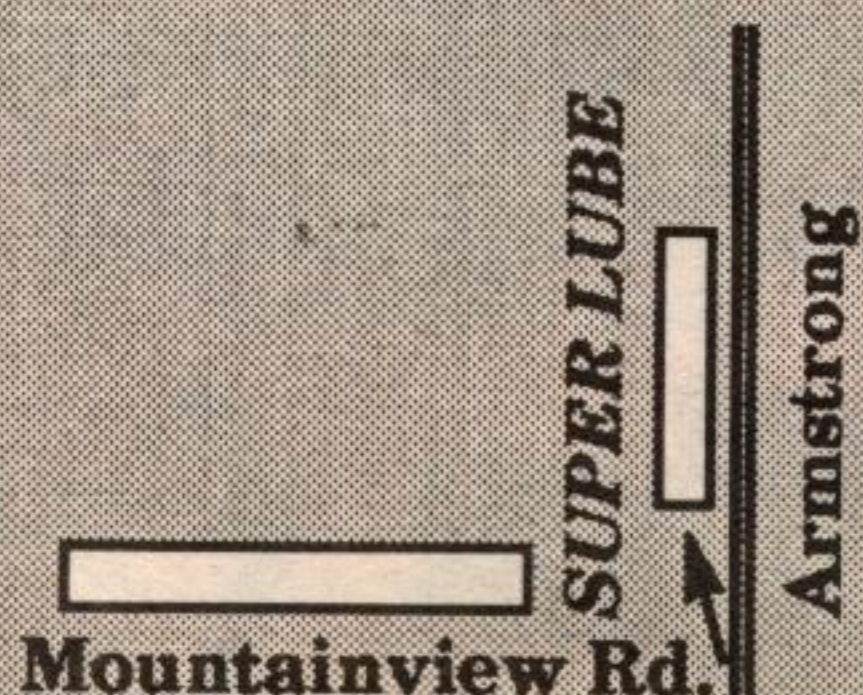
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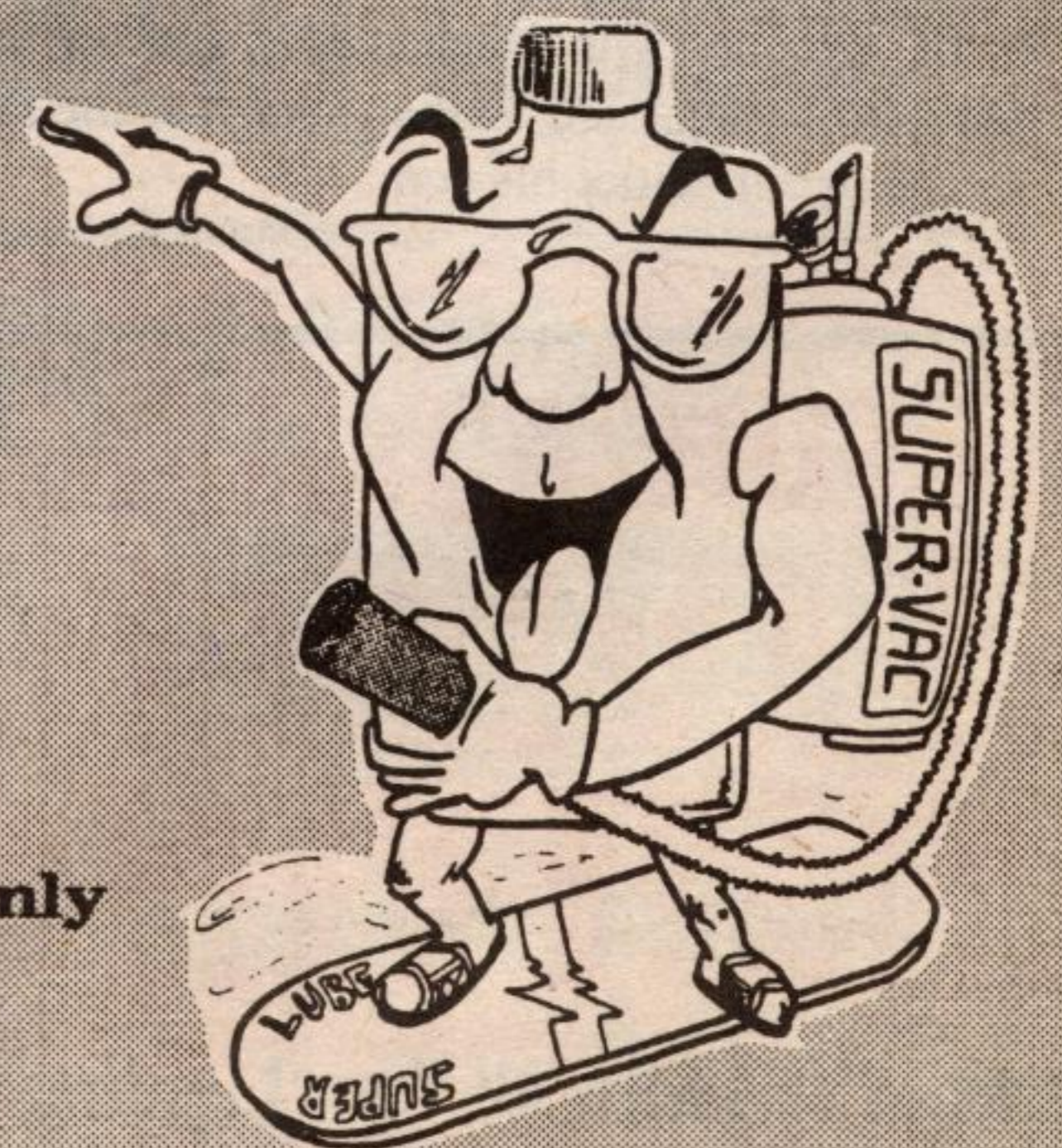
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