

# Wocker appreciative scholarship recipient

By IRENE GENTLE  
The Champion

The recently-graduated E.C. Drury High School student Jayde Wöcker has a way with words.

It first bloomed through French immersion classes and blossomed when she tackled German, Spanish, Italian and sign language as well.

But figures can be problematic — particularly the steep costs faced by students.

That's why the French major at Brock University is thrilled to have received the \$3,000 Canada Millennium Scholarship from the federal government.

Hers is one of 75,000 scholarships awarded, adding up to \$215 million in honour of 2000.

And it's mightily appreciated by Ms Wöcker.

"I'm really excited about the scholarship," she said. "It's very hard financially for students."

She estimated her tuition adds up to about \$3,500 a year, which she earns by working hard during the summers and borrowing through the Ontario Student Assistance Program.

So the scholarship came as a welcome jolt.

"I was kind of surprised. It came out of nowhere," she said. "I had no idea about it."

Upon completion of her four-year degree, Ms Wöcker is hoping to keep her skills polished by becoming an interpreter, either in Canada or Europe.

And she's glad she was able to discover her flair for languages through the French immersion program at Robert Baldwin School.

"I think my mom just wanted me to explore that aspect of the world and I loved it," she said.

With one language under her belt, learning others was simple.

"I had French as a base and I kind of applied it to everything," said Ms Wöcker.

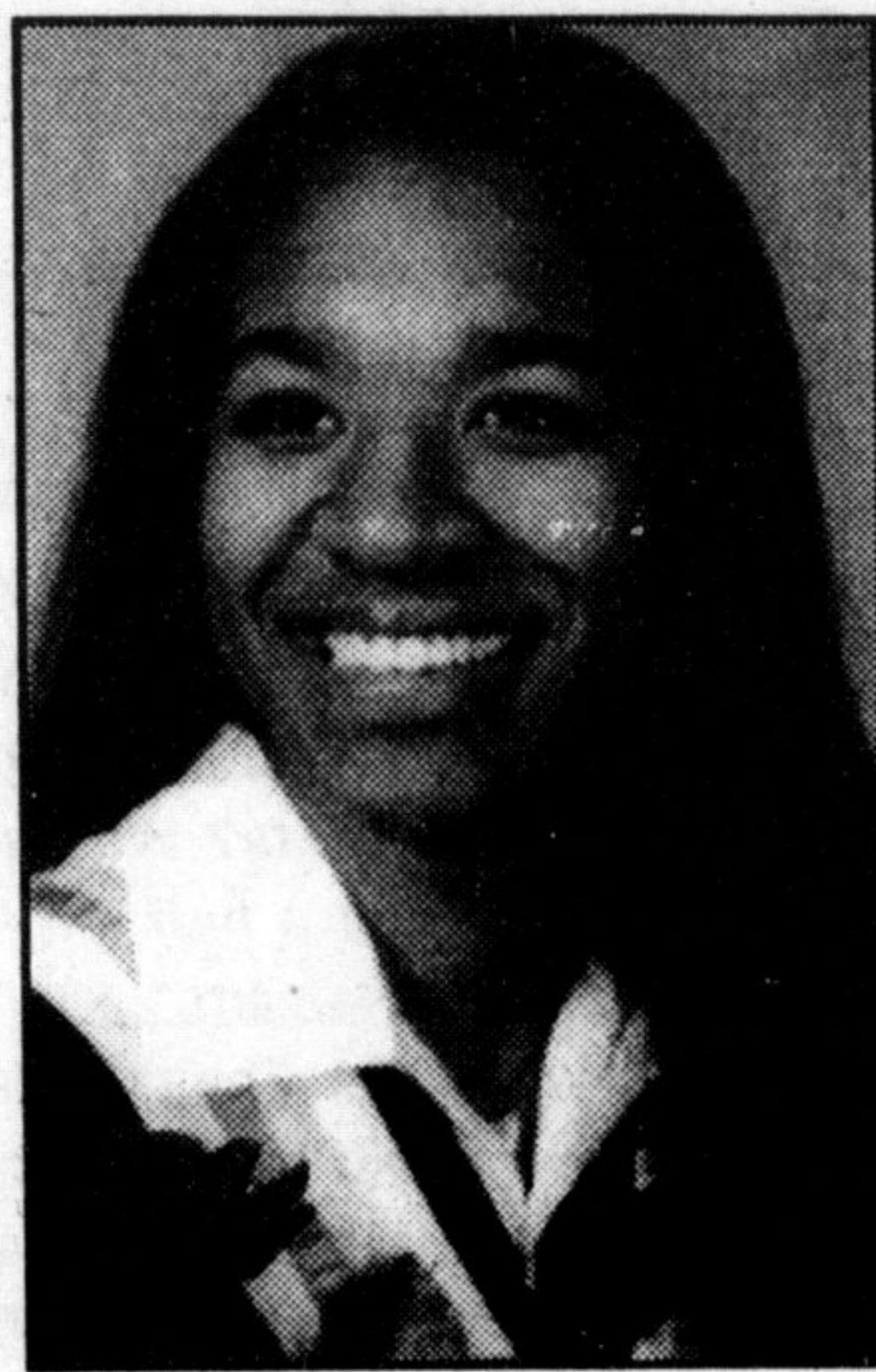
But the one she couldn't apply it to was sign language, which she took up while attending E.C. Drury.

That's because the facial muscles are as much a part of that language as the signs are.

"It's facial expressions, too. It's a very important part of sign language," she said.

But vibrant and lively herself, she took to it easily.

"I'm a very expressive person," said Ms Wöcker. "I think it's a cool language to learn."



Jayde Wöcker

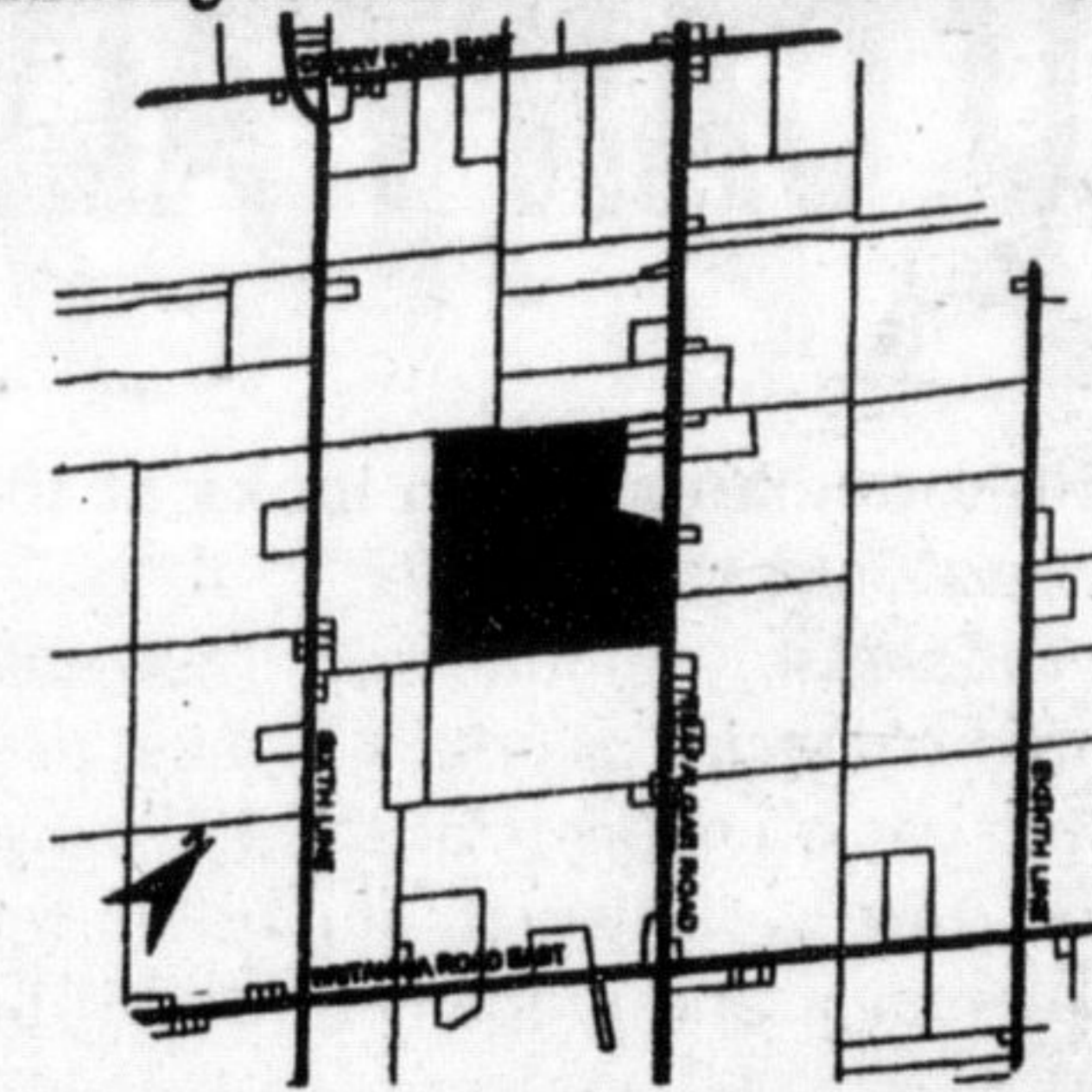
## REGION OF HALTON NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING Proposed Amendment RQ21A to the Official Plan for the Region of Halton

The Council of the Regional Municipality of Halton, through its Planning and Public Works Committee, is holding a Public Meeting to provide interested individuals an opportunity to comment on proposed Halton Region Official Plan Amendment RQ21A.

**Meeting Date:** Wednesday March 22, 2000

**Meeting Time:** 9:30 A.M.

**Meeting Place:** Halton Room  
Halton Regional Centre  
1151 Bronte Road  
Oakville ON L6M 3L1



**To Get More Information:** Proposed Amendment RQ21A may be viewed at the Office of the Regional Clerk, between 8:30 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. weekdays, or a copy may be obtained by calling Susan O'Brien, Ext. 7180 at one of the numbers below. Those wishing to address the Committee are requested to telephone the Regional Clerk, Joan Eaglesham, at Ext. 7237, prior to Wednesday, March 15, 1999, 4:30 P.M.

**The Purpose of the Amendment:** The purpose is to permit an 18-hole golf course, practice range and club house. The subject site area of this amendment is approximately 63 ha and is located west of Regional Road 3 (Trafalgar Road), north of Regional Road 6 (Britannia Road). The property is legally described as Part Lots 7 and 8, Concession VII, Town of Milton.

**Note:** If you wish to be notified of the adoption of the proposed Official Plan Amendment, you must make a written request to the Regional Clerk at the address noted above. If a person or public body files a notice of appeal pertaining to a decision of the Regional Municipality of Halton in respect of the proposed Official Plan Amendment, and does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submission to the Regional Municipality of Halton before the proposed Official Plan Amendment is adopted, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss all or part of the appeal.

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