

'Girl Next Door'

Page girl in Ottawa is Jennifer's wish

By JIM THOMAS

For 16-year-old Jennifer Ransome, education is more than facts and figures gleaned from books. She appreciates seeing things first-hand and that's exactly what she's doing.

Last fall, she attended Encounters With Canada, a one-week seminar in Ottawa.

Next fall, she hopes to be one of ten students travelling to the Space Academy in Huntsville, Alabama.

Following graduation from S.D.S.S., she plans to work as a page girl in the House of Commons.

In 1990, she hopes to take part in a Quebec exchange and is anxiously looking forward to a holiday in Scotland.

She's our 'Girl Next Door'.

Jennifer honestly admits if she'd had her way, her family would have remained in Markham.

"I didn't want to move," she says. Fortunately, Jenni Allen, her best friend, moved also. They're the same age, in the same grade and live only a few doors apart.

Jenni, she says, has been a great influence on her life, mainly because they're so close. "We spend a lot of time together," she notes.

Jennifer resides on Aspen Crescent. Jenni lives on Hemlock Drive.

Jennifer's parents, Thomas and Jo-Anne Ransome, were in Montreal before moving to Markham. She has a sister, Lisa, 12.

Jennifer is a member of the Year Book Committee. She's also a dancer in the upcoming Variety Show.

She's a part-time cashier on the staff of Stouffville's A&P.

Jennifer remembers the Encounters' visit to Ottawa as "the best time I've ever had." Young people attended from all across Canada, she said.

Equally memorable was

a family holiday to Prince Edward Island. They rented a motor home and, yes, Jenni went along.

Both she and Jenni are working on next fall's trip to the Space Academy. They

hope eight others will go. History is one of Jennifer's favorite subjects. Reading is one thing, seeing is another. Combining the two provides a lesson she'll never forget.



Sixteen-year-old Jennifer Ransome, Aspen Crescent, Stouffville, hopes her many plans are realized. She wants to participate in a student exchange, take a trip to the Space Academy in Huntsville, Alabama and serve as a page girl in the House of Commons, Ottawa. Jennifer is a student in Grade 10 at Stouffville High.

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