

# Student aims high with bid to join armed forces

By KATE GILDERDALE  
When Kim Saunders read a Tribune letter to the editor by Adam Johnstone suggesting women didn't belong in combat roles in Canada's Armed Forces, she knew she had to challenge his conclusions. Kim, a student attending Stouffville District Secondary School, told the newspaper: "I become very upset when people write things like that. I believe in equality for women. I felt what Mr. Johnstone wrote was unfair."  
She submitted a lengthy rep-

them aside and pursued her goals. When she graduated in 1987, she won an award as top student pilot and obtained her glider pilot's licence.

Many of the male students in the flying course were sons of pilots, she notes, with a lot of practical experience. "They'd been flying for years."

Kim's ambition is to enter the Royal Military College at Kingston, an academy that only began accepting women in 1980. She wants to specialize in communications and electronics engineering.

Women have yet to make their mark in this field, she notes.

"Out of 650 students, about 100 are female," she says. If accepted, Kim hopes to obtain a full flying licence.

Kim says her interest in the Forces probably stems from the days she watched her older brother, also a former Air Cadet, taking part in military parades.

In 1981, at age 10, she visited the Royal Military College. "I decided at once this was the school for me," she recalls. The discipline and order of military life was what she was looking for.

Kim hopes to enter military college in St. Jean, Quebec, in September and complete her Grade 13. She's presently waiting to find out if she's eligible.

A good knowledge of French is essential, she notes, because her career choice requires her to be bilingual.

Whether she completes her high school education there or at SDSS her final goal is clear: "As soon as possible, I'm entering the Armed Forces."

With her determination,

single-mindedness and enthusiasm, Kim Saunders will undoubtedly achieve the goals she's set for herself.

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By W.J. BAXTER  
Agricultural Representative  
Durham West  
Cannington resident Larry Amos has become the latest recipient of a plaque honoring him for marketing the highest

quality hogs in the Durham West Region. The presentation was made by Ontario Pork Producers' Marketing Board director Ted Jensen at a meeting of the Durham West Pork Pro-

ducers' Association. Amos topped the 500 to 1,000 hog category with an index of 109.7 in 1988. Nick Henshaw of Port Perry was the winner in the over 1,000 hog category.



KIM SAUNDERS  
Combative stance

y, disputing Mr. Johnstone's arguments with evidence from a Danish experiment that suggested women would be as effective as men in combat situations.

Kim's own experience in military life includes several years' membership in the Newmarket Air Cadets. She enrolled at age 13.

"When I joined, there were quite a large number of girls. By the time I left, there were only about 10 or 11."

Although she encountered some chauvinistic attitudes during her stint, she brushed

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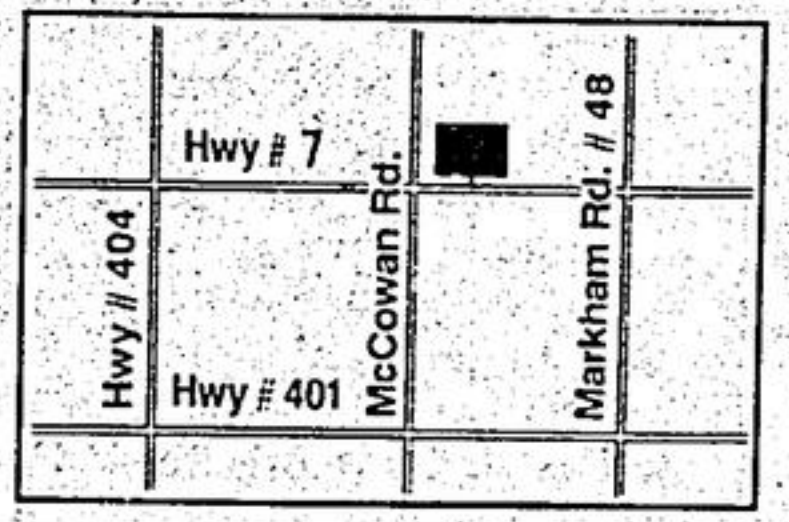
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