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tion for a two-week expedition, because of an essay he submitted to Earthwatch several months ago. Scholarship contests are conducted every year to offer high school students the opportunity to work and learn on site.

Halberg had joined the organization a few months prior and decided to give the contest a try. But, he said, he never expected to win.

"I didn't really think I'd win the contest, but I knew that if

(Earthwatch) was to pick someone who was right for an expedition, it would be me. Maybe that sounds egocentric, but I really believe this is where I belong. I hope I can make them happy with their decision," Halberg said.

His winning essay is somewhat concise, yet is direct in its conveyance of Halberg's overwhelming passion for nature and the environment.

"When I think of the type of people that would be trekking

through the trails of some distant country tracking a lemur, or what have you, I think to myself," he writes. "That is what defines me, that is what I want more in life than anything. A chance to be outdoors doing research that will benefit the environment."

Halberg first learned of his scholarship during a surprise announcement at school last week, he explained. Bill Hatfield, who heads Earthwatch's scholarship committee, visited Halberg's physics class with a slide presentation on the organization. The final slide in the series announced his award.

"I had no idea it was going to happen. They really shocked me. They grabbed me, they shooked me big time."

"Then Principal (Deborah) Clarke called my dad at work (he owns the recently opened Emily's restaurant in Northville) and I told him over the phone. It was totally unexpected," he said.

However, Andy's mom, Karen Halberg, a teacher at Dunckel Middle School, had a strong sense that Andy's essay was a winner.

"This kid is so passionate about nature. What he wrote was such an alive, heartfelt essay," she said. And while she admits to having "motherly concerns" about Andy heading off to a remote region in the upcoming months, she also said she couldn't be more thrilled or excited for her son.

"This whole thing is so much who Andy is. I would never deny him his first love. This is the finest gift for him. And Andy really is a special person. He's never caused any grief. He's just here to be nice to people," she said.

Halberg is yet to make the final decision on which expedition to choose, but he's leaning toward either the Cameron rain forest or Burnes' rain forest.

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ton and Livonia police.

If convicted, the drug possession felony is punishable by 20 to 30 years in jail. Jamieson also faces charges of absconding on bond.

A pre-trial hearing is set for 8:30 a.m. today before Circuit Court Judge Hilda Gago. The judge set Jamieson's bail at \$1 million cash or surety Thursday.

Canadian Supreme Court granted Jamieson's extradition March 19.

A Quebec Appeals Court had blocked his return, citing what it considered harsh penalties for drug convictions in the U.S. Canada's Supreme Court granted a stay of the lower court's decision in 1994 until it could hear the case.

Jamieson offered a slight smile to his father and sister when led into the courtroom Thursday.

"I'd like to talk to my attorney," said Jamieson when asked

by Judge Gago if he had anything to say. "I was in flight from Burlington, Vermont (Wednesday)."

Jamieson's father, Bill, told Gago he expected to meet with attorneys Thursday.

Jamieson has been awaiting extradition since September 1990. He was arrested in a Montreal bar where he was working as a doorman under the alias Daniel Charbonneau.

A Michigan Court of Appeals opinion allows credit for time served for defendants awaiting extradition. Oakland County prosecutors said they'll contest it in Jamieson's case, though.

"I didn't think he was entitled to credit, or he shouldn't be, because he was held pending an emigration hearing," prosecuting attorney Ruid Roe said. "(It was) pending extradition following an emigration hearing, which is a procedure separate from this case."

"The reason he was incarcerated is because he fled the United States. He was incarcerated on an emigration hold."

Finding witnesses for the 10-year-old case shouldn't be a problem, Roe said.

David Michael Schultz, a Farmington Hills resident, was also arrested and later convicted of cocaine possession. Schultz was sentenced to jail but has been released on parole, Roe said.

"The prosecutor refused to commit us to whether Schultz will be asked to testify in Jamieson's case."

"The case will be as strong now as it was then," Roe said.

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