

Japanese students plan August visit to Georgetown area

Cultural Homestays of Canada is looking for families in Georgetown to host 32 Japanese high school girls for three weeks in August.

The Cultural Homestay Institute is a non-profit intercultural exchange program.

The Japanese girls are mostly aged 15 or 16 years, all from the same school, who will arrive August 3 and leave August 22.

The students are visiting Canada to improve their conversational English, learn about Canadian culture and to have fun.

English as a second language will be taught at Georgetown District High School four mornings a week, with Wednesday and afternoon school sessions reserved for community and surrounding area excursions.

In addition to the classroom studies and trips, students will have a cultural exchange evening in which members of the community and host families will be invited to share ideas, songs, crafts and games with each other.

The homestay portion of the program is seen as being the most valuable aspect of the experience, not only for the students but for

host families as well, as they learn about Japanese culture while the students learn about Canada. Families will have two free weekends to show their student how Canadians spend their summer.

Some of the activities that the students will be participating in are a trip to Canada's Wonderland, a visit to Niagara Falls, and a weiner roast. Host families and their children are welcome to come along with the students on these and many other activities.

Last year university students from Japan visited Georgetown from mid-July to mid-August. The host families organized ball games, barbecues, horseback riding and picnics.

In return, the students presented their culture in a final night Sayonara party of dance, origami, and skits. Host families included older couples, families with young children, or families with teenagers. Each family had lots to offer their student.

If you are interested in being a host family to a Japanese student for three weeks, please call Judith Gooding at 873-4416.

Taxes could increase

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If that's the case, rural councillor Rob Heaton predicted that many high-priced projects in town may have to be put on the backburner in order to pay for the hearing. The Acton Quarry is situated in Heaton's ward.

"We probably won't be building a seniors' centre, or maybe the (Acton) arena project will suffer," he said. "There's another possibility that we'll have to take another look at the operating budget, and cut

some services...But, right now, there's no question that we'll continue the fight (against RSI)."

Costea agreed, noting "council will have to decide what its priorities are."

"If funding isn't there, then it could affect the way we defend our position at the board," he added. "If we can't afford it, we may not be able to hire as many consultants, for example...It's really a hard issue, because it could mean deleting some of our capital projects."

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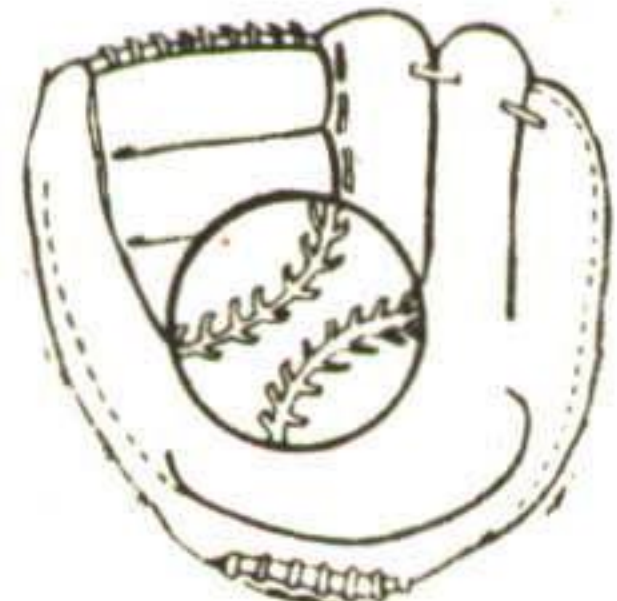
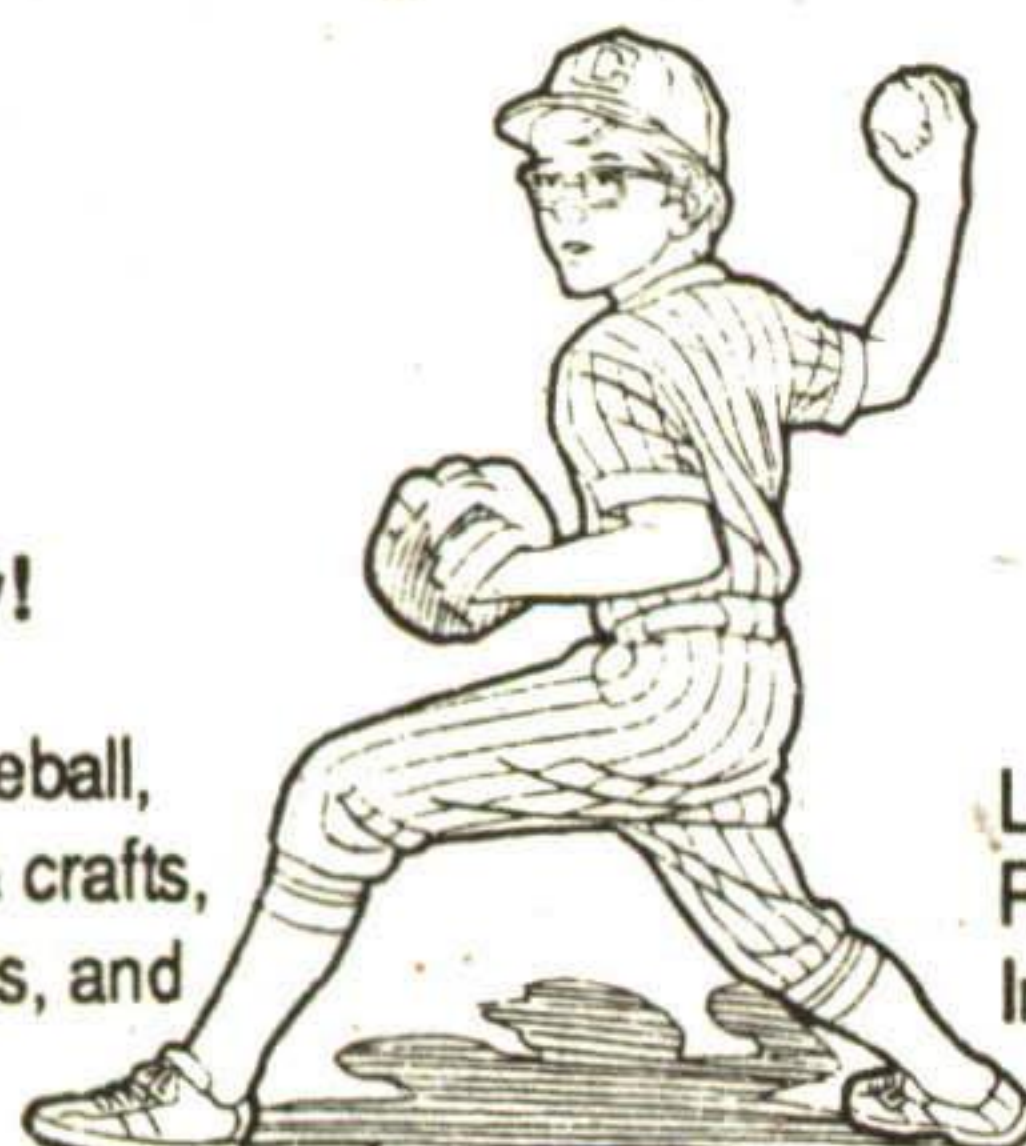
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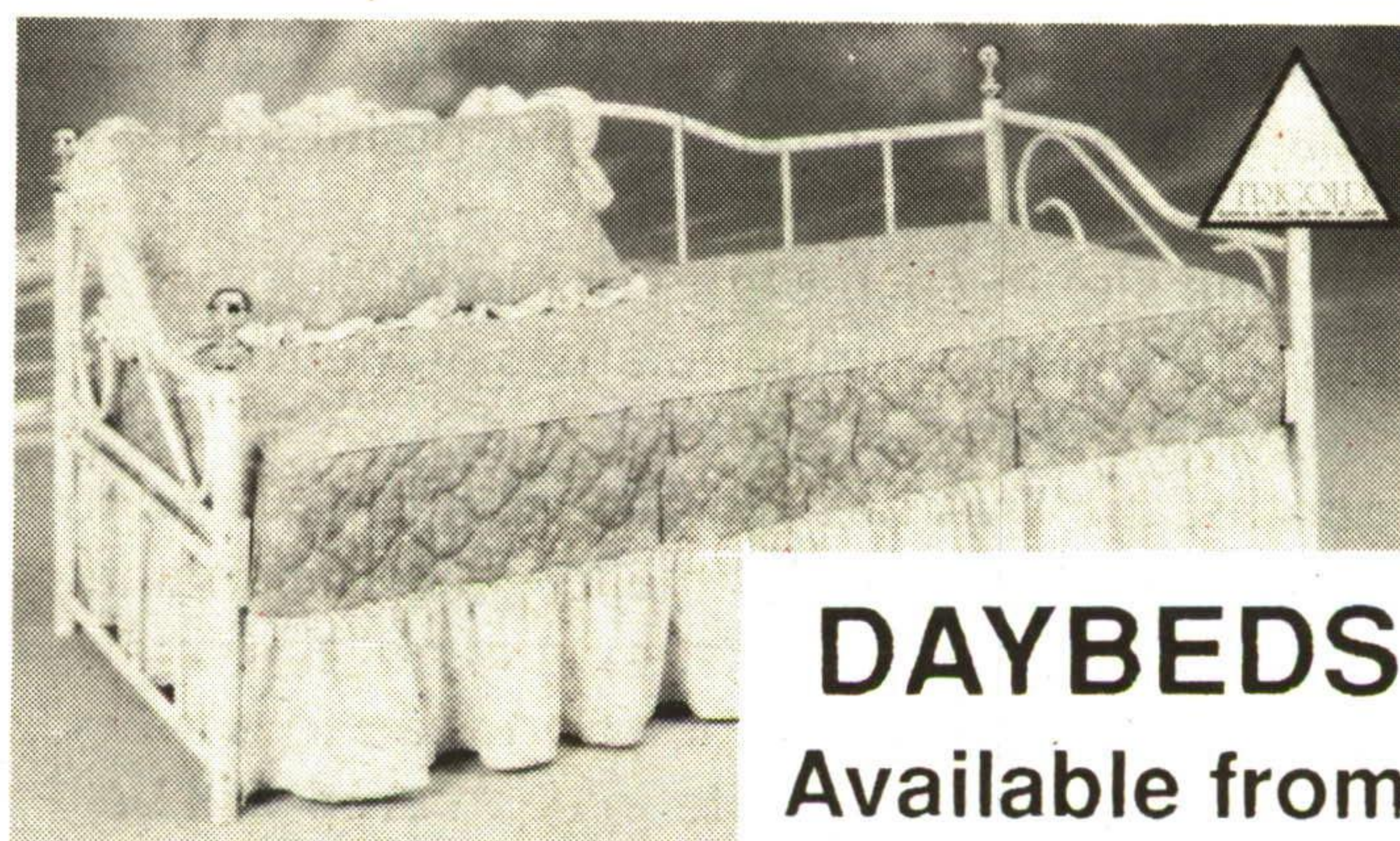
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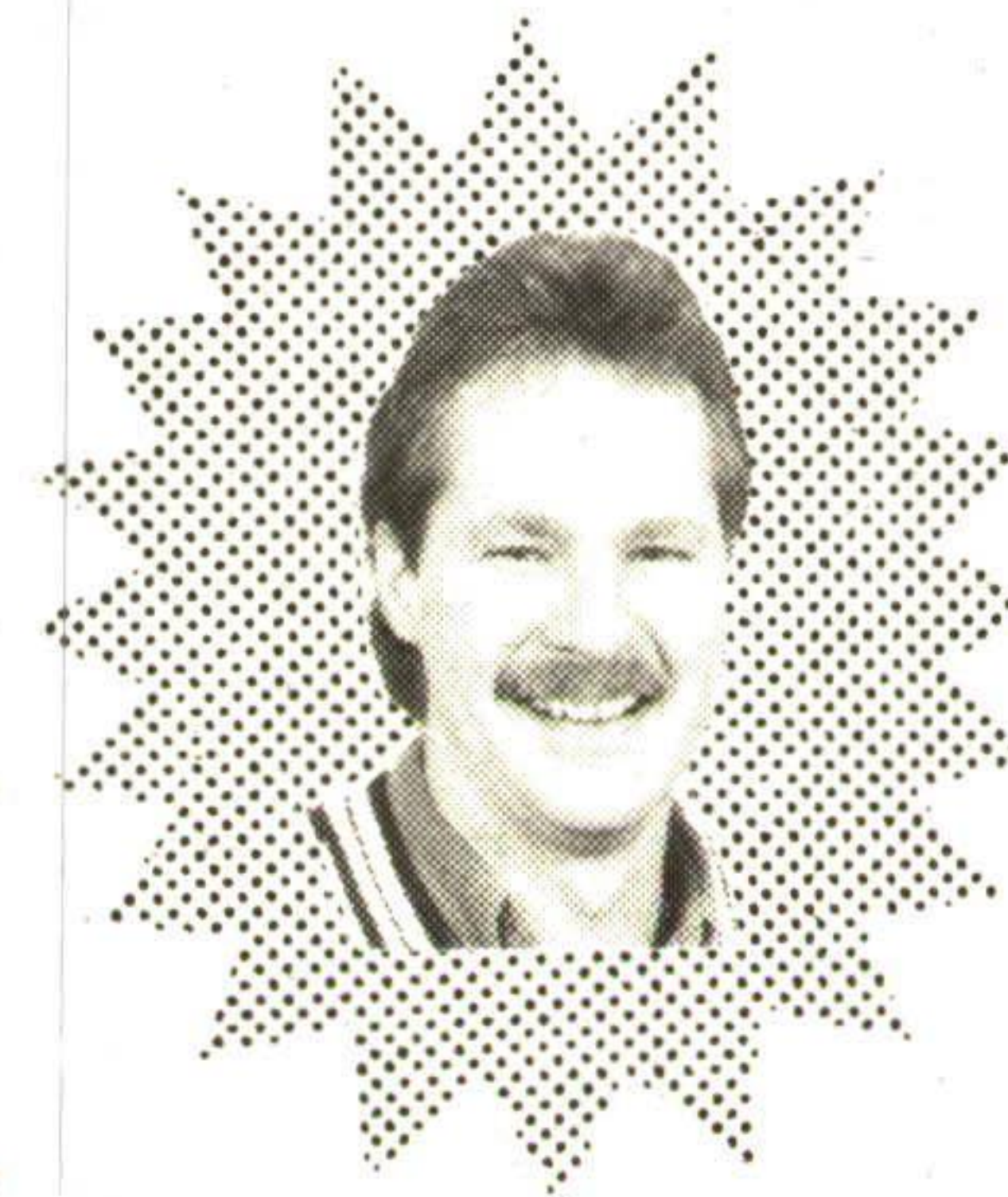


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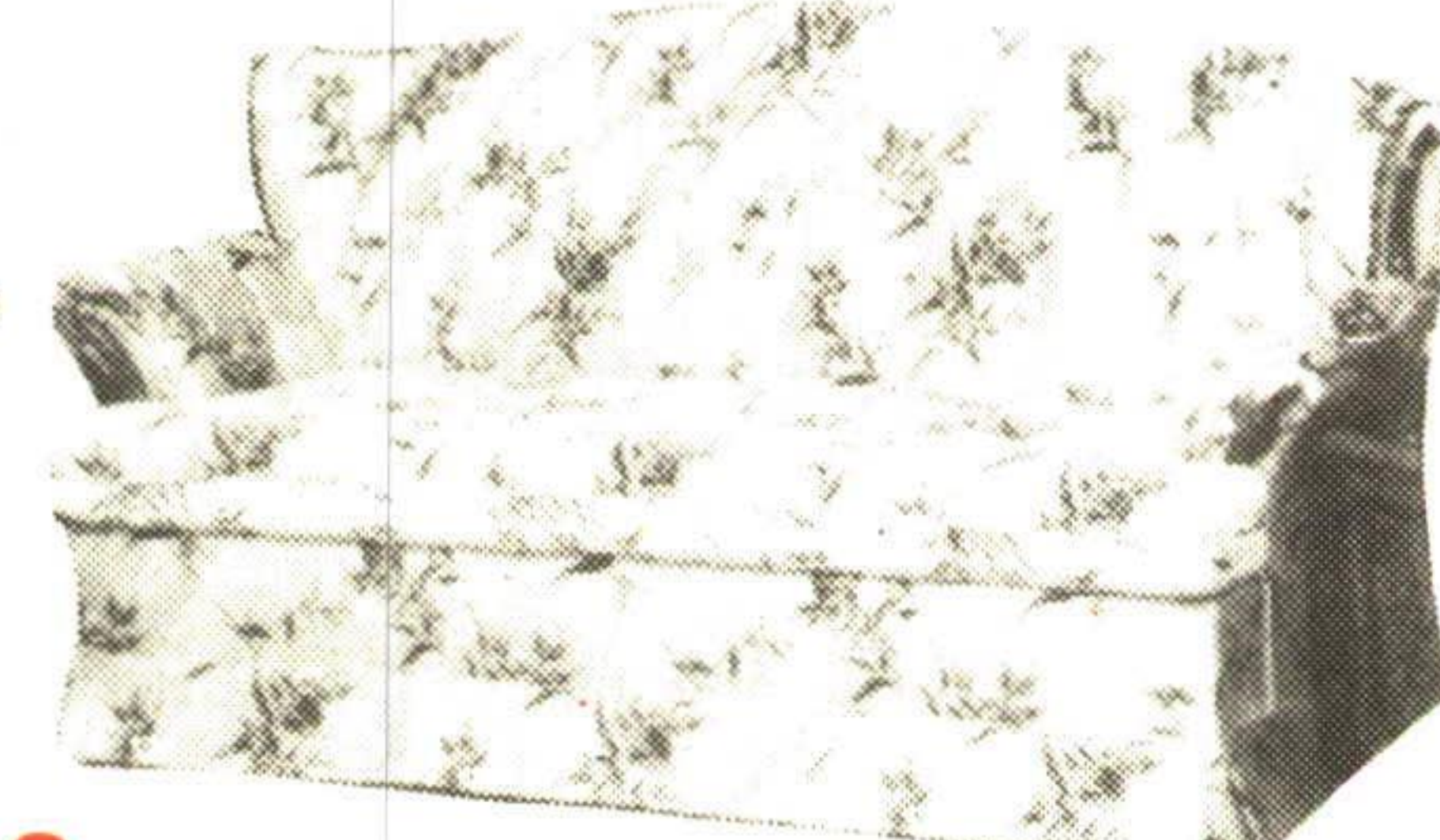
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