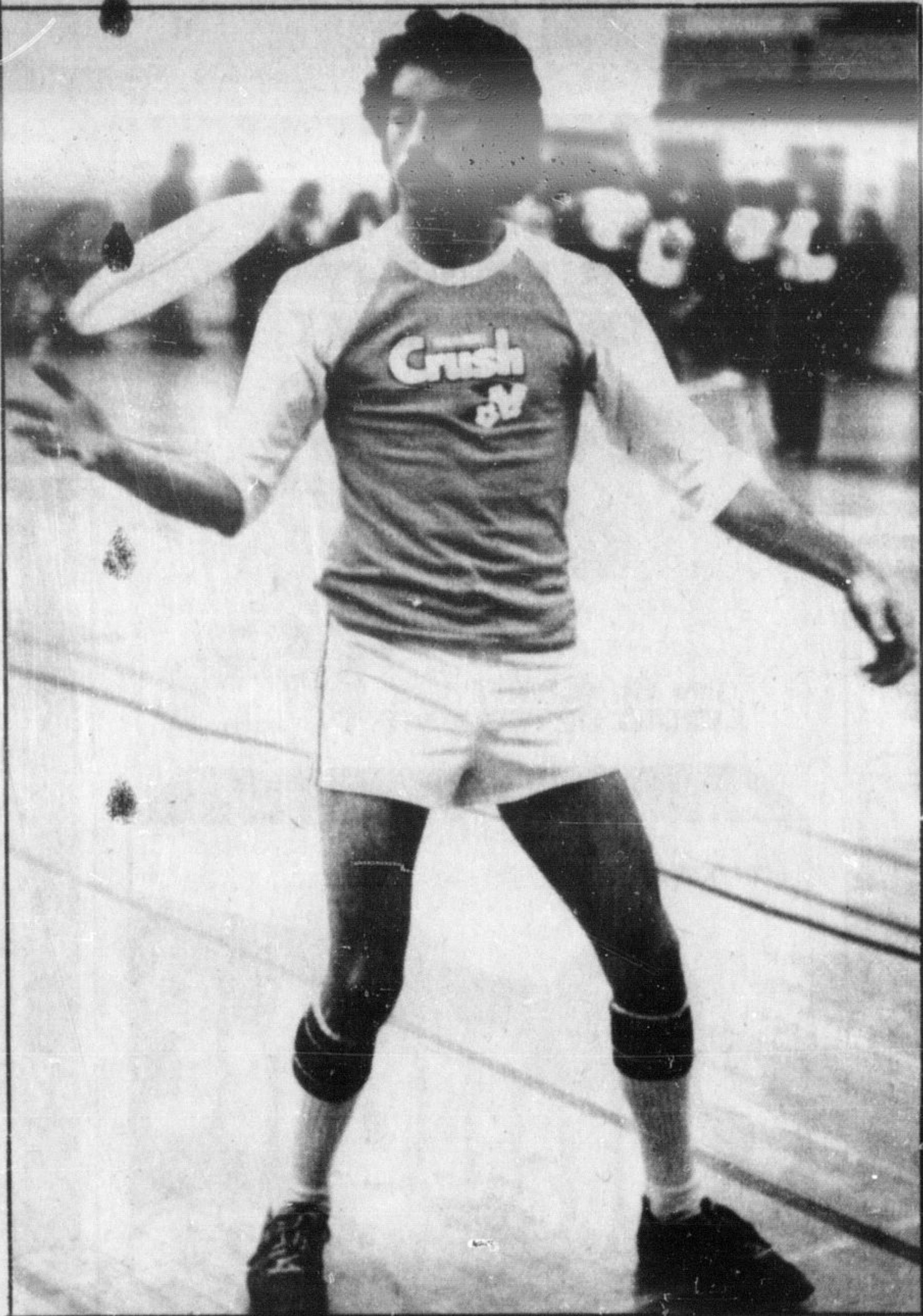


Frisbee goes big time with these guys



He'll fly: Bob Blakely entertained a large number of students Wednesday with a different angle to frisbee play at Milton District High School. Along with his partner Ron Leithwood, the pair have won the Canadian championship twice in the past three years.

By Michael Boyle
If anyone thought frisbee throwing was restricted to summer pastime, they ought to get in touch with Ron Leithwood and Bob Blakely.

For two years, the Toronto natives have turned their learned techniques with a frisbee into a full-time, profitable career. Visiting schools through the winter and early spring coupled with performances in arenas and stadiums throughout the rest of the year, the pair have earned a good living by showing others some techniques as well as putting on performances in front of crowds.

Their show came to Milton District High School Wednesday where before several audiences during lunch hours, the pair showed a movie, flipped a few frisbees and gave some tips. The show was sponsored by the school's Student Athletic Association.

The frisbee throwers are two-time Canadian champions as a team, although they missed out last year because of a conflict of dates. However, the pair say they'll go back for another shot at the title this year.

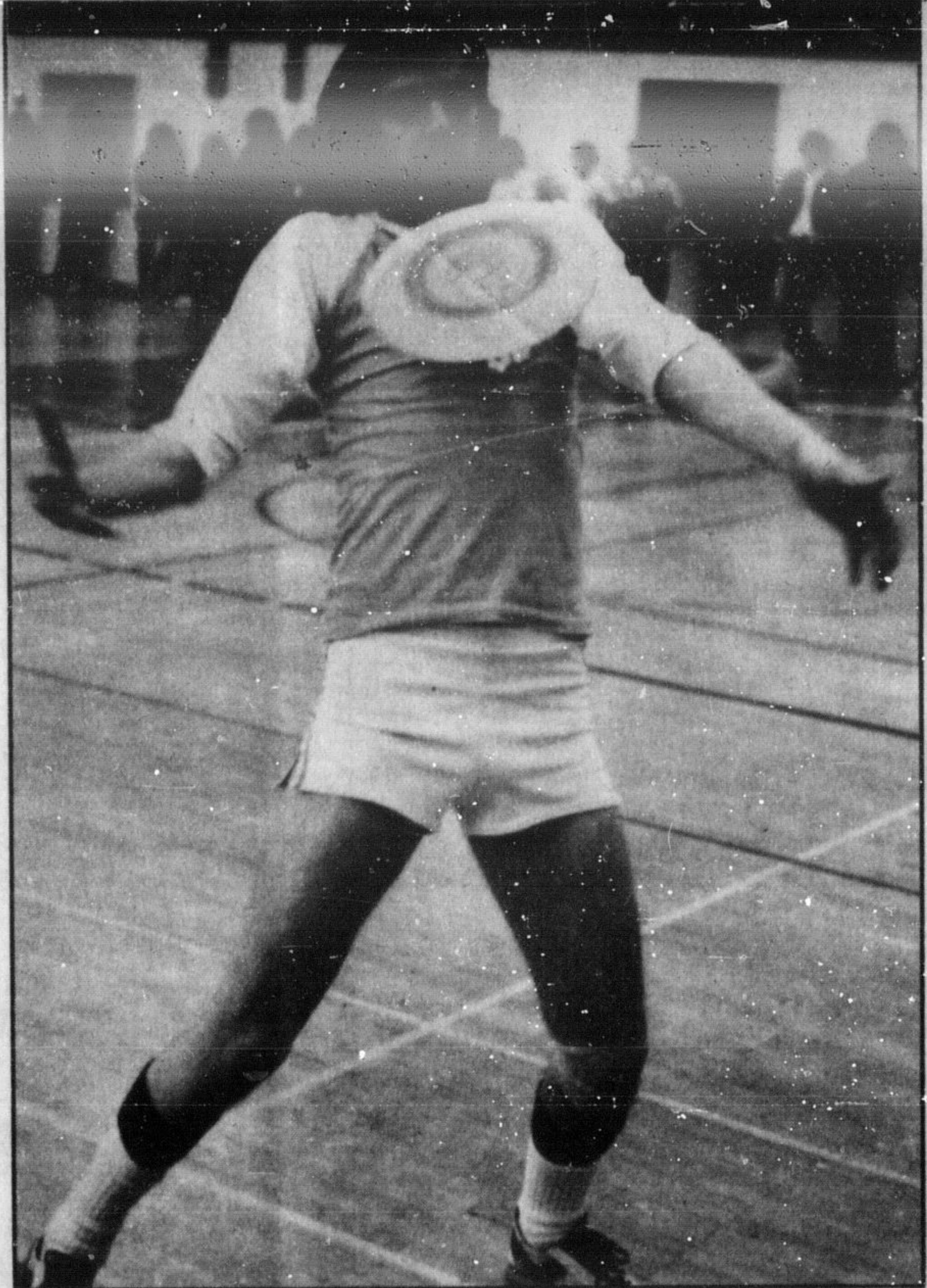
"The freestyle aspect of frisbee is judged just like gymnastics," says Leithwood who, like Blakely, is 30 years of age. "We're judged on originality, creativity and things like that. We're judged by peers and the throws and drops are counted up."

Once a fad several years ago, frisbee-throwing has taken on much larger dimensions over the past few years. In Canada, Orange Crush Ltd. took up sponsoring it in a big way, setting up regional tournaments which lead up to a provincial and then a national final.

In the United States, universities go head-to-head in what is termed "Ultimate Frisbee". Estimates of American college participation in frisbee programs range in the 75 per cent mark, says Leithwood.

Both Leithwood and Blakely began throwing frisbees for fun. When an American friend taught Leithwood some tricks, the pair were on their way and have enhanced their repertoire on their own.

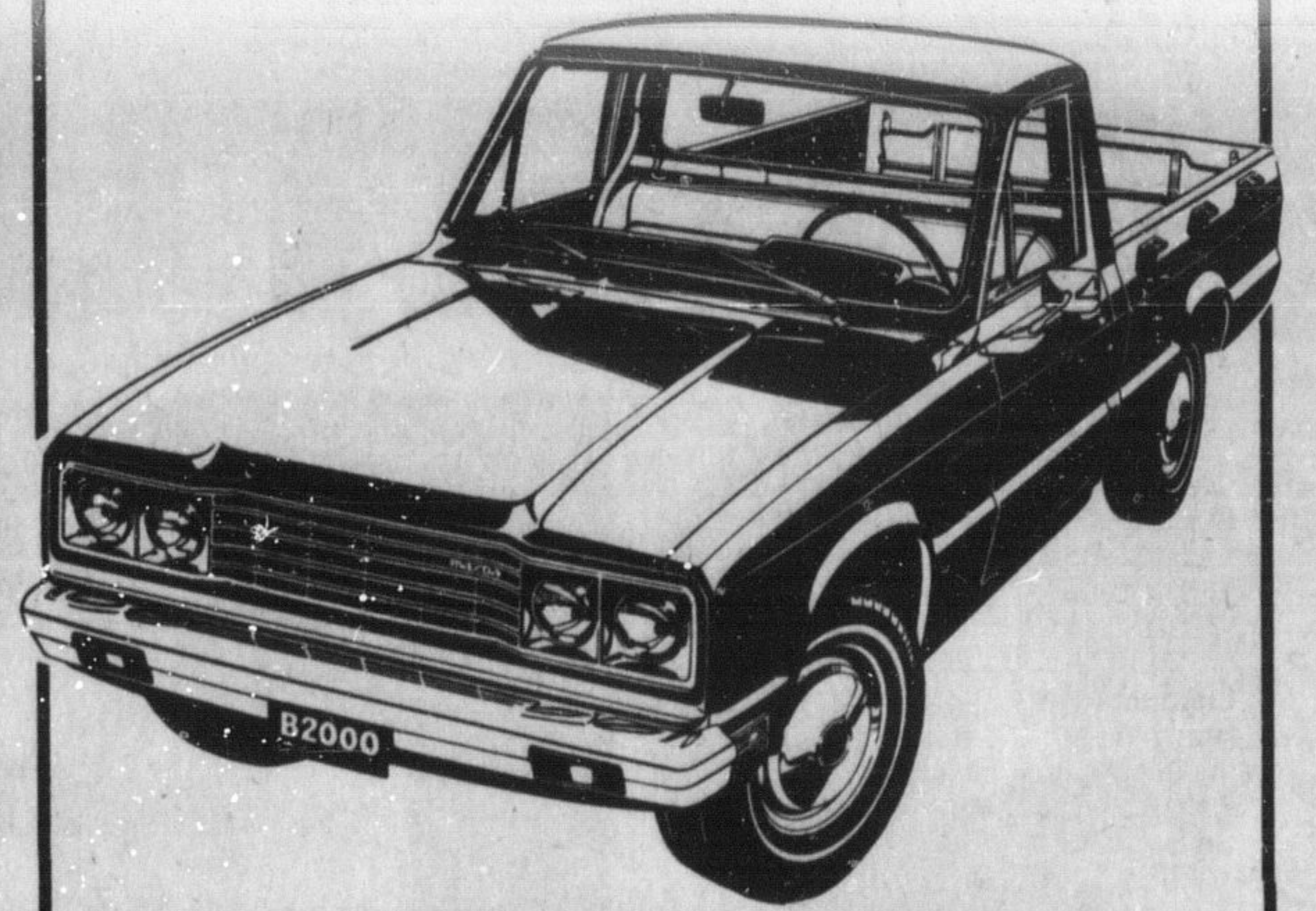
The pair started their school program in November and are approaching its conclusion. After a 2-3 week layoff, the pair start on a summer program which takes them across Canada.



Spinning around: Ron Leithwood catches a frisbee and allows it to roll along his chest in one of his fancy displays at Milton District High School Wednesday.

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Easter at Hillcrest is an 18-hour vigil

On the evening before Easter the early Christians gathered together for a time of prayer and reading in preparation for the coming celebration. Following this tradition, the community of Hillcrest United Church in Hornby undertook a vigil reading of the New Testament.

Commencing Saturday, April 18 at 12 noon and continuing through until 6.32 a.m. Sunday morning, they read all but the last eight chapters of Revelation.

In the weeks prior to Easter many members of the church signed up to read, while others arrived to listen and with nervous enthusiasm came forward to actively participate in the readings. Many read longer than they had planned, reading from their own Bibles or from the large print Bible in the church.

All ages felt a togetherness as the vigil continued. Many families returned to listen or read a second and third time, when sleep was not to be a part of their program.

Some of the young people were only familiar with the Bible story books and reading from the Bible at the pulpit was

a new learning experience. Other young readers, aided by a stool, brought along a parent for moral support.

Conversation and refreshments in the fellowship room sustained the spirit and encouraged discussion.

At 6.32 the vigil was officially over and an Easter Sunrise Service was held. The enthusiastic group, awakened by the chilly air, sang and prayed. During the singing of the last hymn "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" they released their "Good Friday Burdens."

As the church filled with worshippers for the Easter Sunday morning service, the hum in the vestry was, "How did the vigil go?"

Linda Stemp, Hillcrest's candidate for the ministry and her husband Paul organized the vigil and stayed throughout the entire time. They managed to stay awake through the sermon and Linda read the two morning lessons at 11.15 a.m.

For those who did not participate it was their loss as those who did said the rewards were unmeasurable.

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