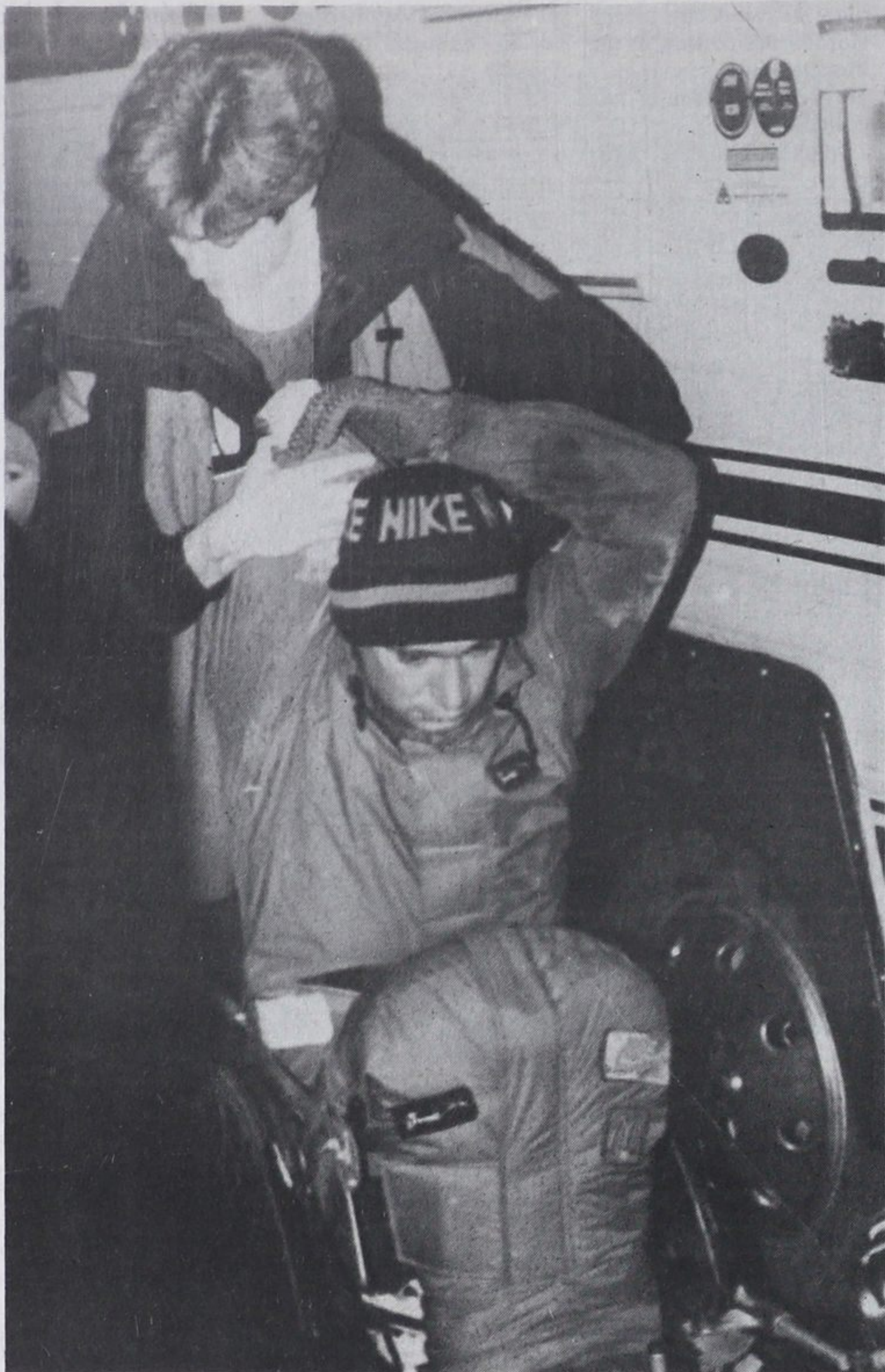


# Man in motion tour visits Huronia



7 a.m. warm-up

This past weekend Huronia was in the limelight of the national media as Rick Hansen's Man in Motion World Tour made its way from Barrie to Parry Sound.

The young wheelchair athlete was greeted in the small Village of Coldwater by over 500 people, who braved the sub-zero temperatures to see Canada's newest hero, on Friday evening. After only a brief stopover, just enough time to accept a number of donations to help his cause, Spinal Cord Research, and have a bridge named after him, Hansen continued his trek to Fesserton where he stopped for the evening.

After a night's rest in Port Severn, Hansen, who has travelled over 21,000 miles since leaving Vancouver in March of 1985, headed back to Fesserton shortly after 6 a.m. to begin the final stretch of his world-wide tour.

Despite the early morning, students from the Fesserton Public School were waiting to send off their hero. After singing a song, written in his honour, and presenting him with a copy of their school calendar, the group of youngsters ran in the darkness beside the wheelchair athlete as he left Fesserton just before 7 a.m.

Only five miles down the road, another group of spectators awaited anxiously at the Voyager Restaurant in Port Severn,

at a planned stop for Hansen.

Hansen and his entourage of vehicles pulled into the officials stop shortly before 8 a.m. During the very brief stop, which included more presentations, Hansen made a public statement thanking everyone for their contributions and those who have helped him along his 18 month tour. Hansen said he hoped, through his efforts, society would be

able to see the disabled community in a different light and he also added that he hoped, through him, people would better understand spinal cord injuries.

Despite the wintery conditions Canada's latest hero continued along highway 69, leaving Huronia and entering the Muskoka Region.

According to Advance Person Simon Cumming,

Hansen has another 4,100 miles to cover before returning home to Vancouver sometime next Spring.

On average, the entourage travels from 80 to 88 kilometres a day. Hansen was expected to arrive in Parry Sound Saturday evening.

Since leaving last March the athlete has raised over \$10 million for spinal cord research. One third of that was raised in Canada alone.



Man of the hour



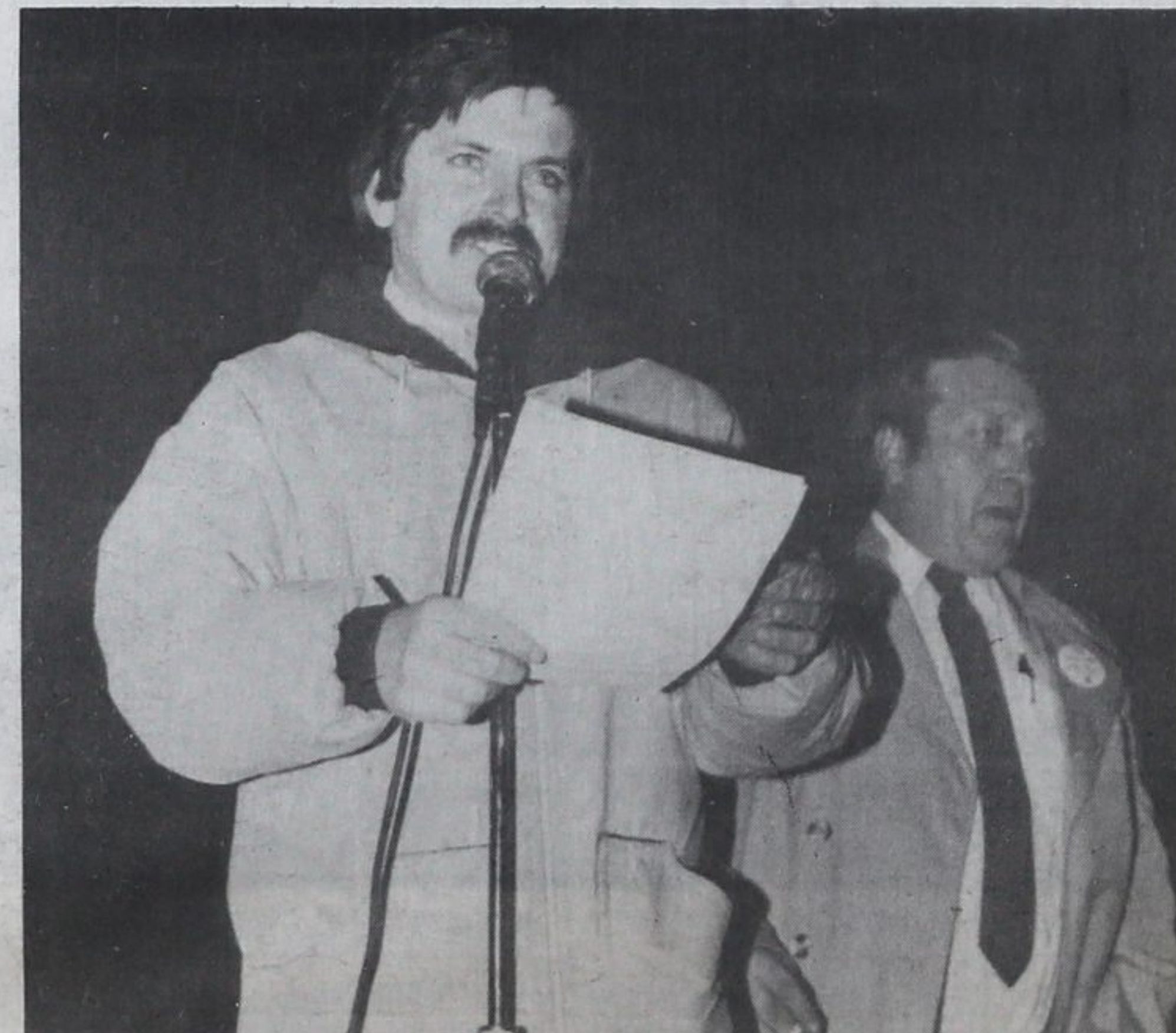
Anxious crowd



Numerous donations



Early morning crowd



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