

# Cheetah main attraction

Al Oeming was in Schreiber and Terrace Bay last week with a live cheetah. He was promoting the preservation of endangered species such as the cheetah and raising funds for that purpose.

During the day, Mr. Oeming and Tawana visited the local schools and Birchwood Terrace. The incredibly docile animal was very patient as cameras flashed in his face and people stroked his thick coat. According to young and old alike it was a real thrill.

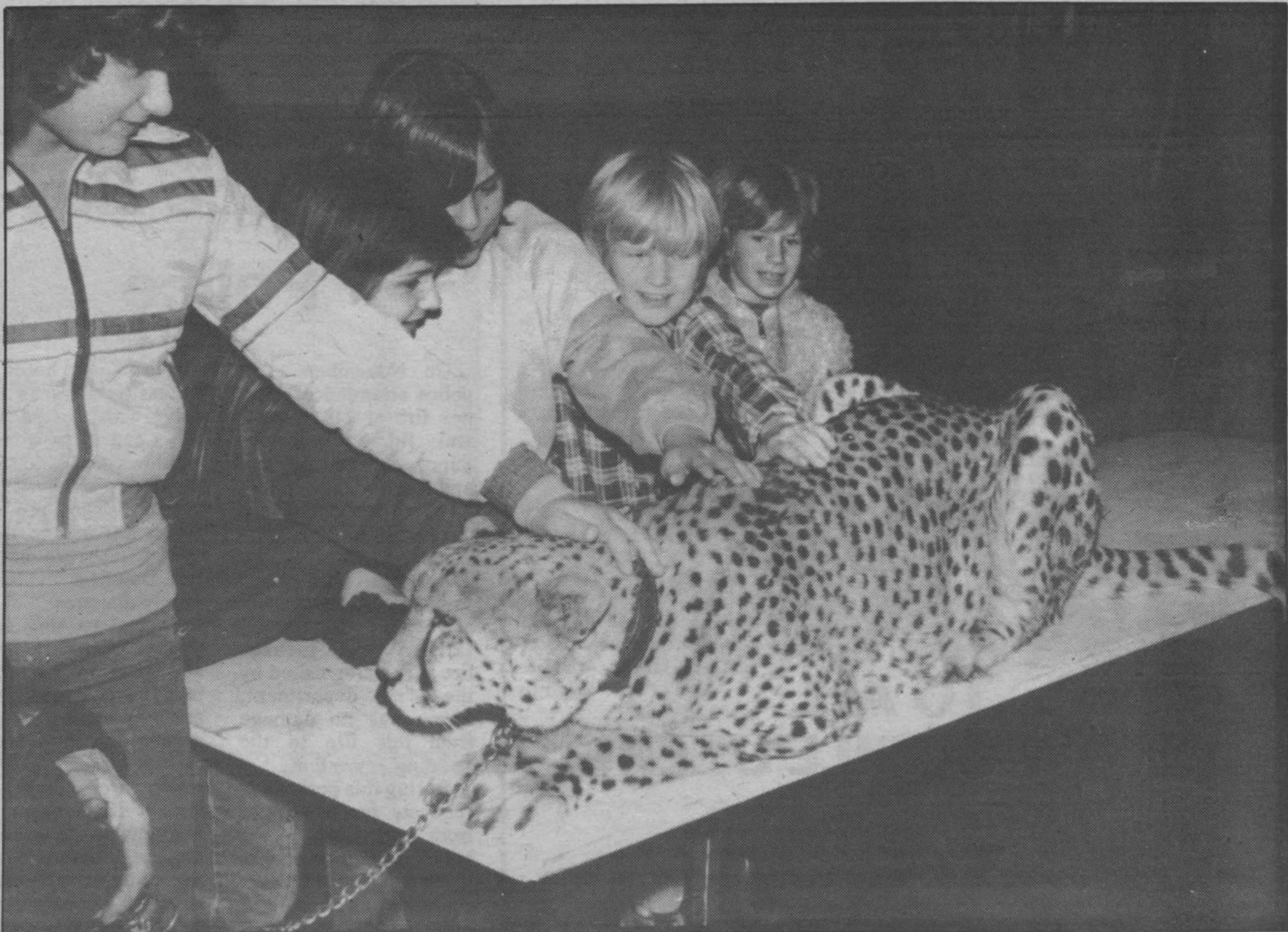
Though the cheetah stole the spotlight, the film that was presented Tuesday night at L.S.H.-S. Terrace Bay was no less incredible. The film was two hours long though it had taken ten years to make. There were no special effects like most films today need in order to hold your attention. It was a portrayal of real life, the daily lives of predatory

animals and how they survive. It concerned the survival of the fittest and the incredible will to survive.

The most amazing thing was that the filmmakers were able to photograph such things as a cougar stalking big horn sheep and a bear chasing wolves away so he could eat their kill. A fascinating creature called the pygmy shrew, the smallest mammal must eat every three hours to survive and does so by eating mice or minnows - and it's all on film.

The film is narrated by Al Oeming himself who adds many interesting points because he was there.

Mr. Oeming signed many autographs that night and explained to people that the cheetah was indeed a descendant of the one he had brought to this area years ago. If he comes again, don't miss it!



The tame cheetah "Tawana" lay patiently while local children and some adults stroked her fur. The cheetah was with Al Oeming who presented a two hour film on predators.

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