

Staff-students in H.S. food cram

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A hushed silence descended upon the crowded gymnasium as the emcee, dressed in a dark jacket and shades, walked to centre stage. "Welcome sports fans," he announced, "to the Inter School

Christian Fellowship's 2nd Annual BATTLE OF THE STOMACHS!"

The fans went wild, sending up cheers and shouts of encouragement as the individual teams were introduced and assigned their positions on stage. The

emcee briefly explained the simple rules—that the participant must eat ALL of their designated food and whistle before his/her teammate may begin. The first team to finish the entire meal wins and receives the distinction honor of having their individual and team name placed upon the

esteemed Battle of the Stomachs trophy.

Shirt sleeves were rolled up, lips were moistened and belts were loosened as the emcee announced "It's twelve o'clock. Teams—On your mark. Get set. EAT!"

It was a fast and furious race to see which team could complete the "meal"—consisting of crackers and peanut butter, bananas, marshmallows, coke from a baby bottle, positively revolting pea-flavoured baby food, jello, and one WHOLE pie—in the shortest amount of time. The battle raged as the crowd laughed, cheered and applauded the brave competitors, and after 17 minutes of ex-

treme gluttony, the host I.S.C.F. team proved victorious, soundly defeating all other contestants. The winning team consisted of Neil Gunathunge, Durwin Gray, Duane Zielonko, Cammie Ratcliff, Karen Straun, Jeff Newman, and Mrs. McKnight.

"The first bite tasted good," replied the happy, yet full Neil Gunathunge, who finished the race for the I.S.C.F. team by eating the entire apple pie, "but then it got kinda gross."

When asked about his technique on downing 15 marshmallows, Jeff Newman replied, "It was simple—you bite 'em in half and then slide 'em on down—the large chunks feel funny at first, but its

the fastest way."

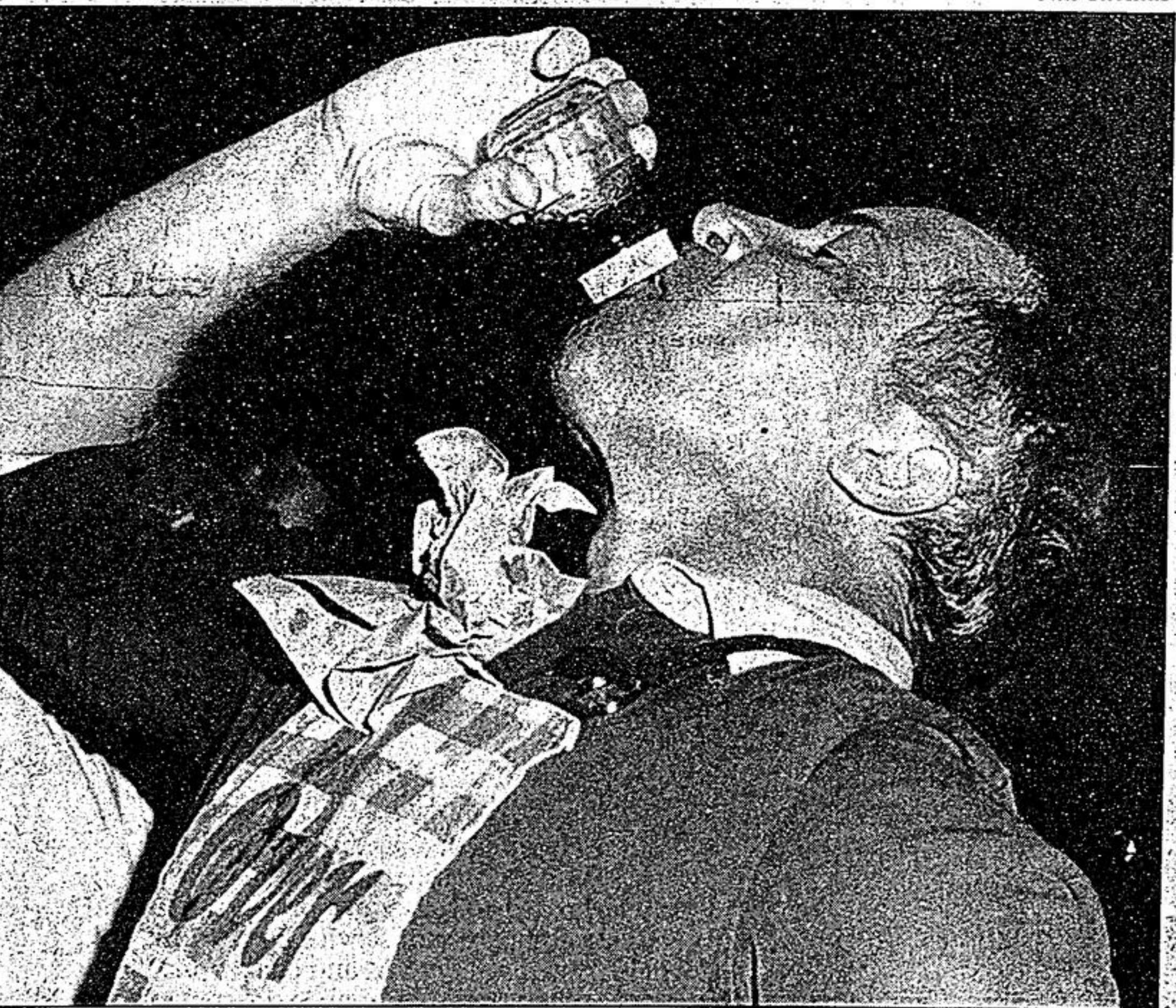
The 2nd Annual Battle of the Stomachs was a huge success. School spirit soared as students cheered on their peers and favorite teachers.

"And that's exactly why we do it," explained I.S.C.F. staff advisor Mr. Currie. "We want to let the school know that as Christians, we can have a good time, too. The Battle of the Stomachs is an entertaining, exciting, and a unifying way to get that message across. And, he adds with a smile, "it is a LOT of fun!"

What other "fun" events does the I.S.C.F. have planned? Stay tuned... Hallowe'en is fast approaching!



It was billed as 'The Battle of the Stomachs' at Stouffville Dist. Secondary School last week and that's exactly what it was. Teams of teachers and students competed to see who could consume a set quantity of food the fastest. Above is vice-principal Rod Leonard and below, staff teacher Ken Coulter. The event was organized by the Inter-School Christian Fellowship. The host team won. —Jim Thomas



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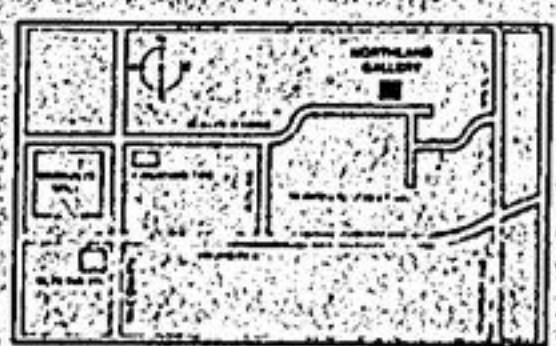
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