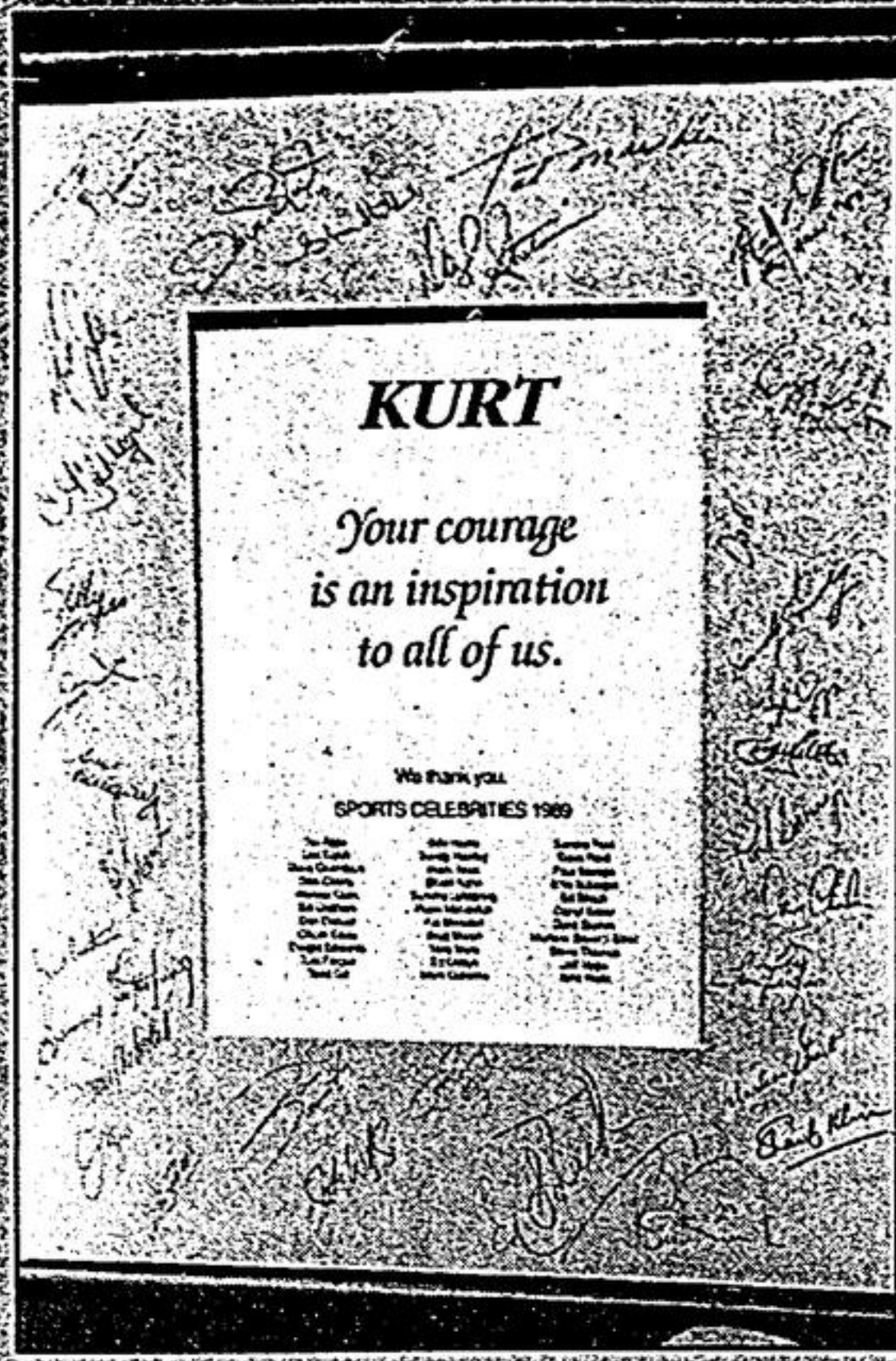


Community comes to the aid of Kurt Gengenbach

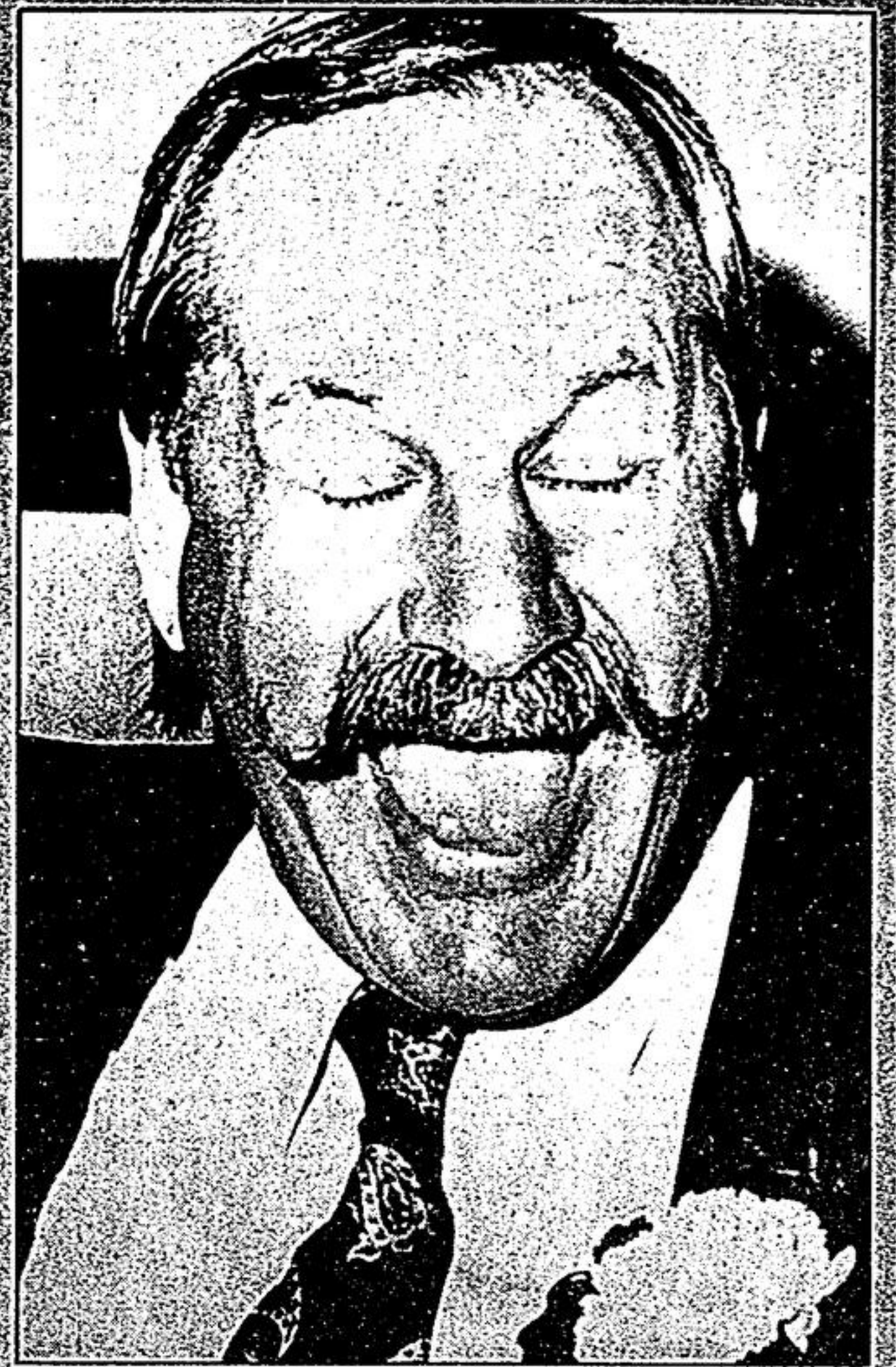


Kurt Gengenbach (accompanied by mother Heidi) had the night of his life last Thursday, at the Le Parc convention centre in Markham. The Uxbridge resident, who was injured in a January hockey accident, was the guest of honor at a dinner and silent auction and was surrounded by sports celebrities of all kinds.

Photos by
Mike Hagarty



Some of the 20 or so signatures from the celebrities at the Kurt Gengenbach dinner in Markham on Thursday. Frank Mahovlich, Darryl Sittler, Hank Ilisek, Sandra Post and Marlene Stuart-Streit were among those who came to honor the fallen athlete. More than 300 Uxbridge and Stouffville residents were in attendance.



Clear the track! Eddie Shack, a perennial favorite at any function, was a hit with the crowd at Le Parc. Here, the former Leaf hams it up for the Tribune's cameras.



Kurt was given the opportunity to meet with each of the celebrities who came to pay tribute to the valiant student from Unionville High School. Here, a dream comes true as he chats with Darryl Sittler before the dinner. Sittler spoke inspirationally during the affair, earning a standing ovation for his words of encouragement for Kurt.



Patrons of the Kurt Gengenbach dinner and silent auction got a chance to mingle with the celebrities during dinner. A long line formed to get autographs of greats like Paul Savage, Bill Crothers, Leo Cahill, Gord Stellick, Sandy Hawley, Billy Harris and Elfie Shlegel.

Lion still roaring after 40 years

By KATE GILDERDALE
MUSSELMAN'S LAKE — Vern Davies has been involved in Lionism over a period of four decades. His enthusiasm's just as strong today. "I joined the Stouffville Lions 40 years ago and remained there until the Ballantrae Club was formed," recalls the Musselman's Lake resident. "When I first joined, we met upstairs at Summitview School. The president then was high school principal Lou Murphy. Fellow Stouffville Lion Tom

Wood left at the same time as Vern to become the founding president at Ballantrae. Vern accepted the position of vice-president.

"During his Stouffville years, 'I did anything and everything,' he laughs. 'I was chairman of different things, but never president. I was president of the Ballantrae Lions; we've all had our stint here.'"

Vern also held the position of Guiding Lion during the inception of the Goodwood Club.

For Vern, Lionism is very satisfying.

"I really think I get more out of it than I put in — the fellowship, the enjoyment; we've been involved in so many different things."

Back in the '50s, the Lions subsidized the construction of tennis courts in Stouffville's Memorial Park. The Club was also involved in the operation of the town pool.

"For a long time, we handled the minor hockey and figure skating in Stouffville; we got it going," he says.

The Club's work in the community and involvement in assisting handicapped groups and individuals makes it all worthwhile, he notes.

"I love every part of the work we do. We try to do as much good as possible. There are clubs in almost every town across Canada and the United States."

Vern rejects the suggestion he's "a great Lion". He's just delighted, he says, to be part of the organization.

"I'm proud I've stuck with it 40 years. I've always been more of a follower than a leader. There have been some great leaders in the Club. I don't think I've done anything really special."

Vern's looking forward to continuing his involvement with the Ballantrae Lions for a long time to come.

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