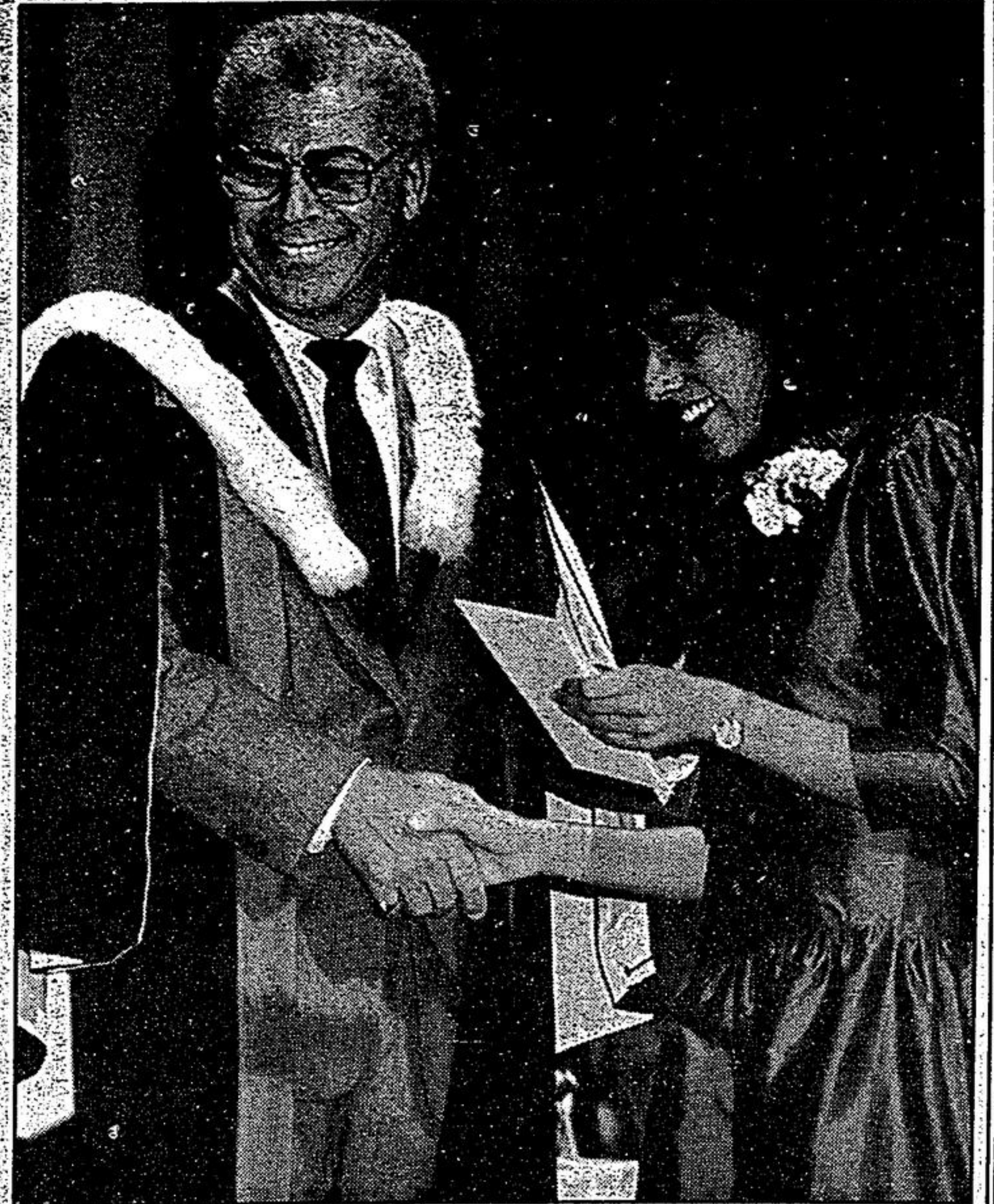


SDSS graduates celebrate their scholastic success



Stouffville District Secondary School students returned from various pursuits last week to celebrate their graduation. A number of awards and tributes were given to the students, who carry with them many memories of life at SDSS. At left, Student Council President Michael Pongracz presents student Lise Haylow with a school letter. At right, Shaheen Doctor accepts the SDSS General Proficiency Award from retired teacher Lin Jones. Below, a bouquet of flowers provides the setting for a speech by Valedictorian Tim Balazs.



Race is on for high school track

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They are off and running at Stouffville District Secondary School as the first dollars start pouring into the school's Track Fund.

SDSS Physical Education Department Head Dave Connell announced Monday the school raised more than \$600 for the proposed running track at last week's exhibition basketball game between the Harlem Diplomats and the school's student-teacher team.

Mr. Connell hopes SDSS students and staff can raise between \$15,000 and \$20,000 this school year towards the track, which is to be located east of the Recreation Complex, across from the school.

He and colleague Christine Milton, along with several students, will make up the fundraising committee.

"We see the track as costing somewhere around \$200,000," says Mr. Connell. "If we raise \$15,000 to \$20,000, and the Board goes ahead with their finance committee's recommendation that they pay up to \$125,000, then perhaps the Town and citizens can come up with the rest."

"We already have commitments from several area businesses to help in building the track. It does appear that the students of SDSS are willing to put up their time and effort to help raise money for the track," he added. "Fundraising for 1989-90 has become a top priority at SDSS."

Mr. Connell said students are about to embark on two sales campaigns involving chocolate bars and Christmas poinsettias to raise some of the funding.

Other money-making schemes being considered include orange and grapefruit sales, a pie-in-the-face event, a student-parent social evening, slo-pitch, golf, and old timers' hockey tournaments.

Mr. Connell says he is confident the citizens of Whitchurch-Stouffville will rally around and support the school's fundraising efforts.

"The track is not just for the school," he notes. "The whole town will be able to use it."

He would also like to see tennis courts included in the track plan. "It would be nice to have them both together, for the benefit of the school and the Town."

SDSS is one of two secondary schools in York Region currently without a running track.



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