

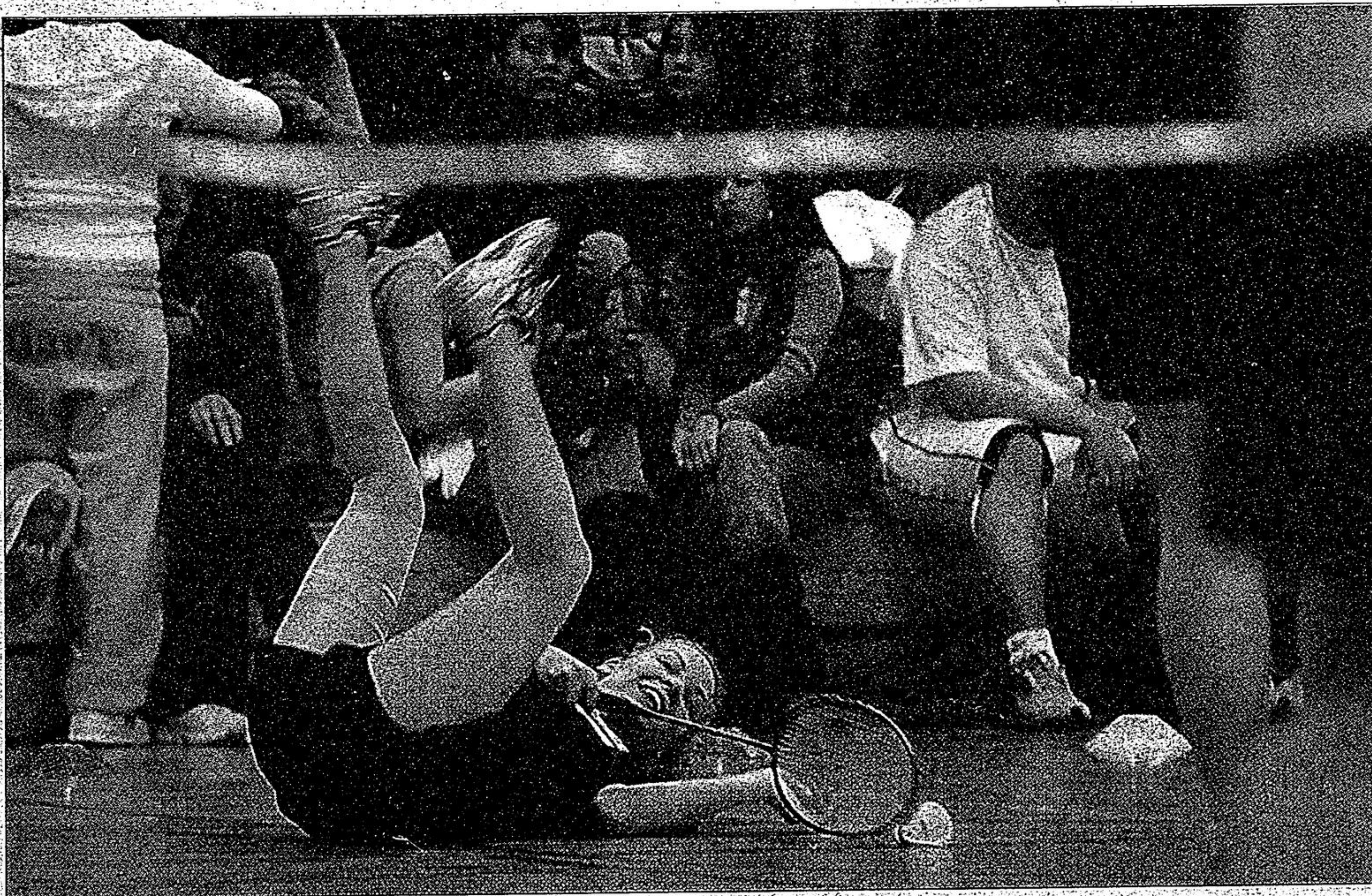
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Bad(minton) fall

Amber Muir of Stouffville District Secondary School takes a fall during York Region high school zone badminton playdowns at Milliken Mills High School in Markham Friday. Amber and partner Jessica Aprile lost 2-1 in the senior match to a team from St. Augustine of Unionville.

Sports, academic schools in region's future

Where we're going, Part 3 of a series

BY CHRIS TRABER
 Staff Writer

It's no longer just reading, writing and arithmetic in York's school system. Optionally, it can be dance, drama and sports administration. Atop a solid academic grounding,



York's two school boards are increasingly committed to providing students with specialty education opportunities.

Anakin Skywalker knows. Hayden Christensen, who plays the Stars Wars character, attended the two-decade-old Arts York

program at Unionville High School.

The latest in the Star Wars series, *Episode III - Revenge of the Sith*, opens next month and stars the 23-year-old who has 17 movies and the same number of television shows to his credit.

York Region District School Board chairperson Bill Crothers was asked if boutique courses of are a new trend.

"Yes and no," he said. "We have a philosophy, an obligation, at the board, that

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'WILL BE OCCUPIED BY NEXT YEAR, HILTON SAYS'

Town hall back to square one: mayor

BY HANNELORE VOLPE
 Staff Writer

More than a week after a firecracker of a council meeting, Stouffville's old municipal building continues to sit empty and plans for its future are back at square one.

But the building will be occupied before this term of office is out, with the aim of revitalizing downtown Stouffville, Councillor Susanne Hilton said.

Mayor Sue Sherban, who has fought for about a decade to have a theatre at the 19 Civic Ave. location, doesn't think it's likely.

"Anything we do will not happen in this term in regards to having to go through all these steps," Ms Sherban said.

If anyone has suggestions on what to do with the building, "my office is open and I am more than willing to listen," she said.

The defeated theatre proposal was a win-win situation for the municipality and Stouffville's downtown, she said. Now merchants must use their own resources to make the area attractive.

Successful historical downtown areas such as Unionville, which has an art gallery and arena, or Port Hope which has a theatre, have significant municipal services that make the area a tourist destination.

After council turned down a proposal last week to add almost 10,000-square feet to the building to accommodate a 300-seat theatre, politicians voted to study the situation more.

It was Ms Hilton who brought forward the motion to look at alternate uses for the structure and have the

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