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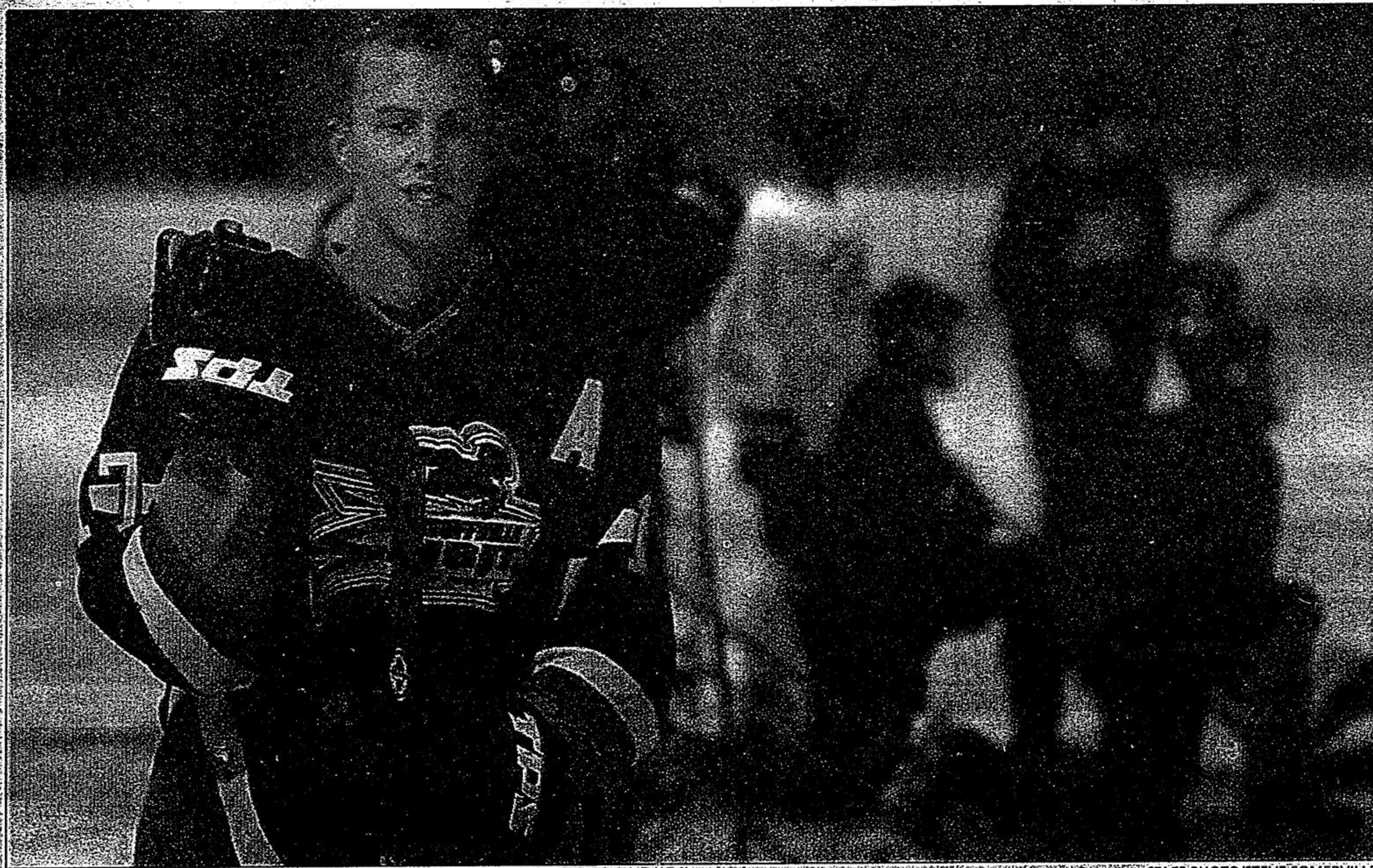
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## CHIP OFF THE NHL BLOCK



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Will Acton takes a break from practice with the Stouffville Spirit Jr. A hockey team Monday at the Stouffville Arena. The son of Toronto Maple Leafs coach and ex-NHL player Keith Acton, Will has been selected to play in an international tournament in Saskatchewan next month

## Acton Jr. bound for NCAA, world event

BY MIKE HAYAKAWA AND JIM MASON  
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The last name needs no introduction to Stouffville hockey fans.

Will Acton is indeed the eldest son of Keith Acton, the Toronto Maple Leafs assistant coach who played 14 NHL seasons after a starry minor hockey career in Stouffville in the 1970s.

But the 19-year-old is six foot, two inches, six inches taller than his dad, more fair and tall like his mom, Susan.

Where Keith was known as tenacious checker and pest, Will is more finesse and a goal scorer.

Still, the hockey smarts are engrained after a lifetime of living with a profession-

al hockey man in NHL cities across North America.

"You can still see the similarities," Will said. "You can tell my dad learned to play on the ponds and not on a chalkboard. He's always preached that. It's all about flow and creativity while still fitting a defensive system in there."

When Stouffville Spirit general manager Ken Burrows took Will aside during practice last week, it wasn't to send a stern message about his performance on the ice.

Rather, it was to deliver some good tidings to the Stouffville resident, a third-year centre and assistant captain on the Provincial Jr. A Hockey League team.

Will received word he would be part of

the 22-player Team Canada East squad that will take part in the World Junior A Challenge.

To be played in Yorkton and Humboldt, Sask., Nov. 6 to 12, the six-team event will also feature entries from Western Canada, Belarus, Slovakia, Russia and Germany.

Team Canada East will include players from the Provincial Junior A, the Northern Ontario Junior, Central Junior A, Maritime Junior A hockey and Ligue de hockey junior AAA Quebec leagues.

But it was a pleasant diversion considering the Spirit, at the time of the news, were mired in a five-game losing streak.

"When I heard it, I was surprised to say

## MAYORAL HOPEFULS DEBATE AGAIN TONIGHT

# Cinema, centre proposed for youth

BY HANNELORE VOLPE  
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The five candidates for mayor all want to do something for Whitchurch-Stouffville's youth; just not the same thing.

They tried to convince residents they're the best for the job at yesterday's mayoral luncheon sponsored by the Whitchurch-Stouffville Chamber of Commerce at Bushwood Golf Club.

The candidates include a current mayor (Sue Sherban), a former mayor (Wayne Emmerson), a former NDP candidate (Pamela Courtot), one resident running for mayor the second time (Randy Mole), and a first time candidate (Don Barker).

The candidates will square off again tonight from 7:30 to 9:30 at a debate at Stouffville District Secondary School. Hosted by The Sun-Tribune and the Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library, the meeting will also include candidates for council.

All the mayoral candidates yesterday agreed youth need something more to make Whitchurch-Stouffville a better home for them.

The youth should be asked their opinion, Mrs. Sherban said and Mr.

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