

# Teen Outlook

## Open Door drop-in second home to students



### GDHS report

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There are few facilities for youths in Georgetown. Open Door has been meeting the needs of teenagers and is now looking to the community to ensure its future.

Open Door "opened its doors" to the youth of Georgetown for the first time in September, 1984. Bob and Lorraine Tadman ran the project for the first two years, assisted by adult volunteers. The project was funded through a generous grant from A.I.M. (Anglicans in Mission) over a two-year period. St. George's Anglican Church at 60 Guelph Street provided a "home" for Open Door, as well as financial and volunteer assistance. Other churches, service

groups and firms in Georgetown have supported the project.

As of Jan. 1, the Board of Directors of Open Door has become independent of St. George's Church A.I.M. funding, even on a reduced level, cannot be guaranteed for 1987-88, so if the project is to survive, a commitment must be made by the community, both in terms of financial and individual volunteer support.

Members of the community have come forward to serve as board members, churches have included Open Door in their budgets and individuals have made contributions. One creative and caring couple, Dave and June Jones, asked their wedding guests to make donations to Open Door in lieu of wedding gifts. Thank you, Dave and June!

In January, Bob Tadman left Open Door to take up a full-time teaching position. Beverly Scruton, who was Bob's assistant since September and had volunteered at Open Door during the previous year, has taken over as co-ordinator. Prior to

graduating from the University of Western Ontario, she trained as a social worker at Brunel University in England and then worked for ten years.

Mark Tiller is a new addition to the staff. He was a candidate for ordination at the Anglican Diocese of Niagara and has just finished his Theology training at Trinity College at the University of Toronto.

Open Door is an integral part of many students' lives and often serves as a second home. The supervisors listen to the students and help them cope with problems and sorrow as well as share in their achievements. Unlike school or family, Open Door sets no expectations - its attendants are accepted as they are.

"I love Open Door," one student says. "All my friends are here. There's always someone here who cares about you."

A discussion group meets every Friday at noon at Open Door. Ideas are exchanged on such topics as stress, divorce and the nuclear

threat. Often guest speakers are invited to attend. Last month a representative from drug and alcohol addiction research came to talk with the students.



A weekly discussion group is being planned to help distressed teens. It will be run by a staff member and a professional counsellor from Halton Adolescent Support Services.

Open Door sponsored with GDHS the Youth Nuclear Disarmament Tour (S.A.G.E.) when it visited Georgetown Jan. 22.

March 27, Open Door will have a Memorial Dance for Jeff Maclaren. All proceeds will be given to the Jeff

Maclaren Memorial Fund, which is awarded to a student interested in drama and media. Music will be provided by Third Union, Well-Laid Plans and 337 Dwyer. The band members are all regulars at Open Door.

Open Door is open every Thursday and Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Smoking has been banned from the premises since February 1986. If you would like to assist Open Door call Bev Scruton at 877-8044.



Father: At your age I could name all the Presidents, and in the proper order.

Son: Yes, but there were only three or four of them then.



ALMOST MADE IT-Tempest came a close third in the Battle of the Bands competition Sunday. Members of the rock and roll group are (from left) Sean Cotton - guitar

and vocals, Adam Bennett - bass guitar and vocals, Shane Oldrieve - guitar and vocals and Adam Broughton - drums and vocals. (Herald photo)

## High school band still shining stars

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It may have been the Bourbon Tabernacle Choir that eventually came out on top, but Tempest, Polyester Breakfast, Pelican West and Parallel Fifth were all "in on the running".

And for those of you who thought there has been a full-scale war between Walt Disney, Morley Callaghan and arithmetic, guess again. It was really just a competition between high school music bands in the Toronto area. Georgetown's single entry, Tempest, competed in the annual High School Star Search at the Toronto Concert Hall Feb. 20.

Adam Broughton, Shane Oldrieve, Adam Bennett and Sean Cotton, the four members of Tempest, were chosen as one of 18 high school rock bands from 90 applicants, to participate in the competition. This is the first time that Tempest, in its three-year history, has competed.

"This was by far the largest crowd that we've ever had," Adam Broughton said. "We did okay, but we've played better."

Although the band did not place in the top two, Tempest was satisfied with its performance. The audience of almost 2,000 made the winning decisions by voting after the concert.

"We were at a slight disadvantage, because we were the youngest band in the competition, and we were an out-of-town band", Adam said. Tempest sold over 70 tickets for the event to people from Georgetown.

Tempest has been involved in a number of community events. They have played at schools, parties, Canada Day, the Fall Fair, Poppy's and Spanky's in Brampton. On March 8, they will be playing at Acton High School.

## Pupils invited to CTV studio to talk on crisis counselling

It was an exciting week for two Acton High School students. They were invited down to the CTV studios in Toronto to tape a segment of the daytime talkshow Lifetime with Peter Feniak and Liz Grogan.

Seena Sato, a Grade 11 student, and Lynn Noble, a Grade 10 student, travelled down with counsellor Marg Tamblin to speak on the important topic of Teenagers dealing with Death.

The girls emphasized the role that schools should play when dealing with a tragedy, such as the importance of counselling and accepting the loss of a loved one. The group has certainly helped Lynn and Seena, and the girls were even introduced to Gail Smith of CFTO news.

What will you be wearing on the spring break? Ski clothes? Beach clothes? Your pyjamas? Acton students are holding an early Spring Break Dance March 6.

Students will wear their spring break duds to catch the spirit. The special feature of this dance is the rock band Tempest, a regular attraction at Poppy's Restaurant in Georgetown.

Join the great milk contest! Acton, along with other high schools, are competing in the Great Milk Contest. The goal is a 30 per cent increase in milk sales; if they succeed, there will be a \$150 prize to the school and they could win a CFTV video roadshow dance. There will be six draws for prizes, such as a telephone, sweatshirts and painter hats.

A belated congratulations to Howard Gossip and Steve Wagner for placing first and second in the root beer chugging contest. For some strange reason, Howard can't stand root beer anymore!



### AHS report

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role; not only do they make as little human impact as possible, they also clean up the environment by carrying out garbage.

In sports action the junior girls volleyball team competed in Oakville in the quarterfinals. Unfortunately the girls lost, but coach Ken Ellis felt they had played some great volleyball this year and should be proud of their efforts.



Tenant: Does the water always come through the roof like this? Landlord: Oh no, sir. Only when it rains.

Manager: Why did you fall down in the ring? He didn't hit you. Boxer: No, but I read his mind.

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