

# Local bands need venues

By Max Halparin

Every time teen bands play at a youth organized event in the Georgetown area, property is damaged, the noise is unbearable, the venue is left a mess, and gas prices shoot up! Not true.

On Thursday, October 7th, a Teen Band Night was held at St. George's. The night featured four local high school bands (The Renegades, My Cause of Death Experiment, Trafe, 12 Glazed Donuts), as well as two out of town professional acts (Five Blank Pages, the Vulcan Dub Squad), and ended just after 10 p.m.

All proceeds from the event went to the Open Door Youth Centre, run out of St. George's during school lunch hours. Security was handled by more than a dozen teens volunteering for Open Door.

Claire Langridge, a Halton Hills Youth Coordinator

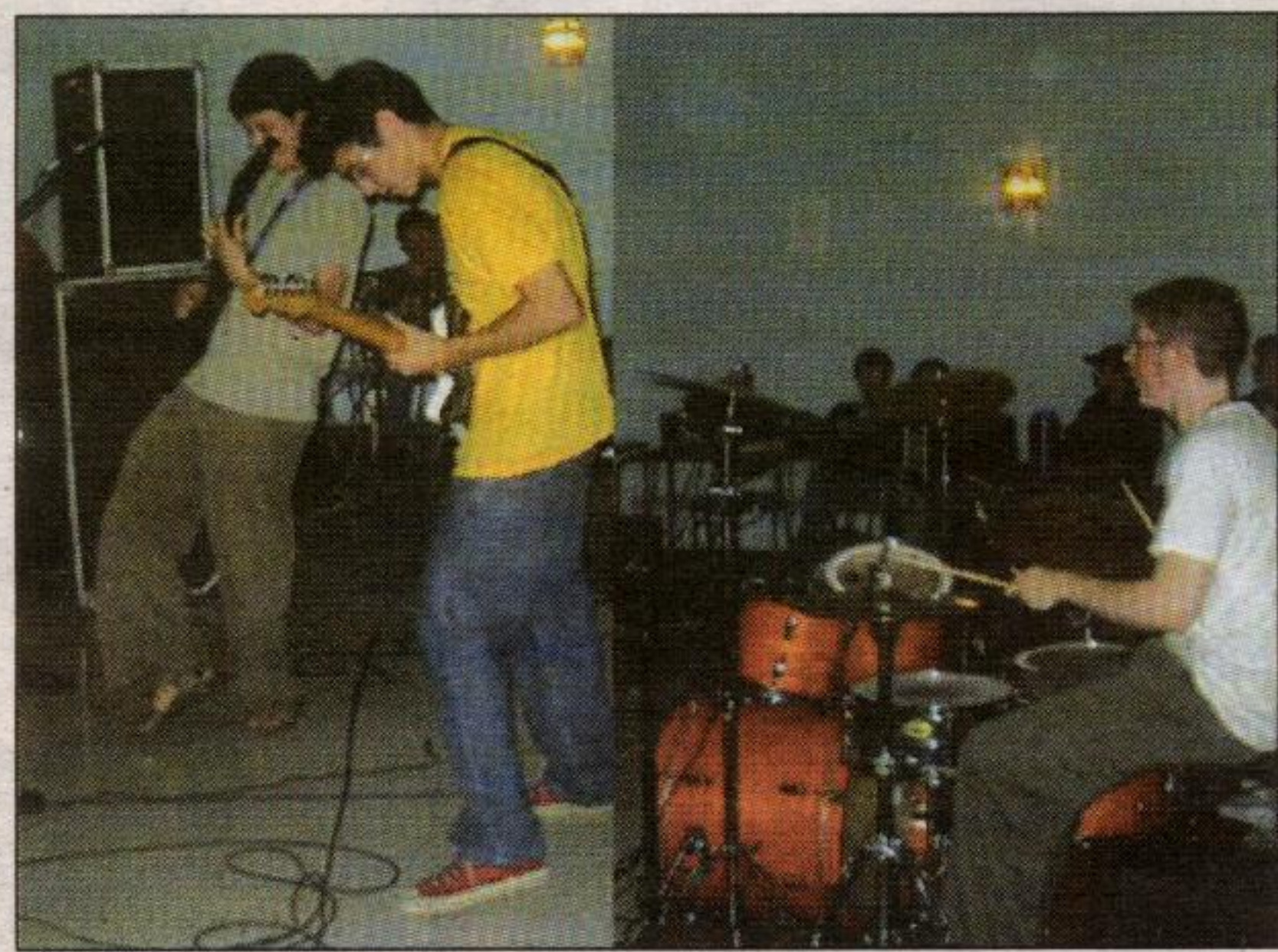
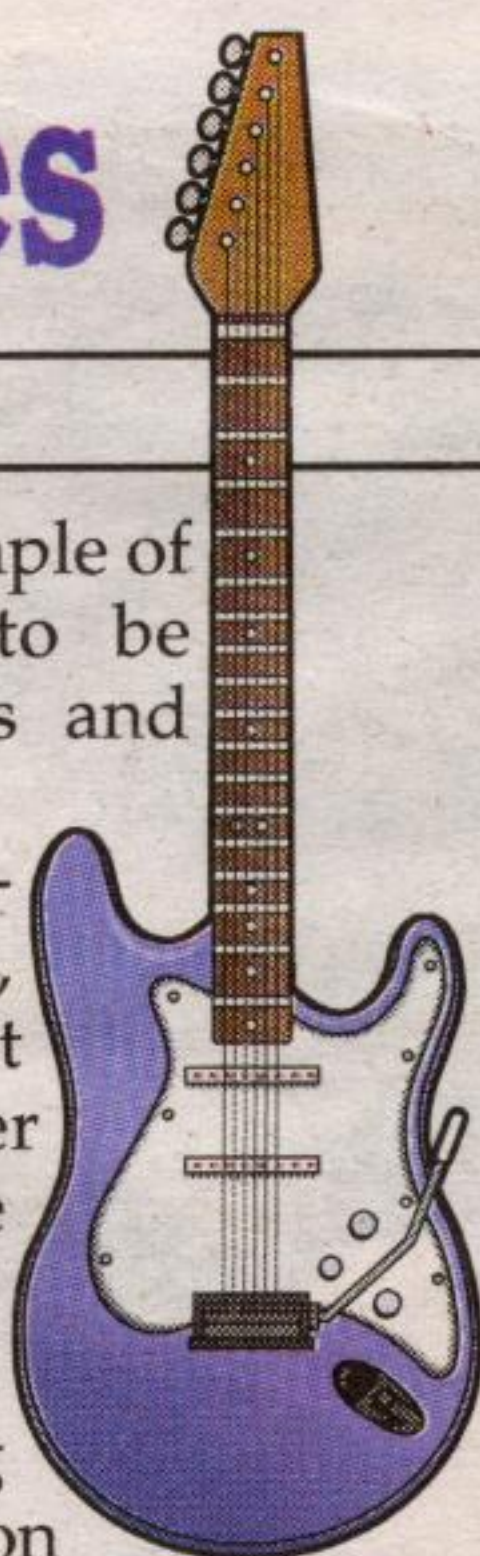
involved with Open Door, proclaimed that "it was a great way to have youth and adults work together to support a positive community initiative."

There was no property damage and no drug or alcohol abuse. More than one hundred teens came out to enjoy the night, and proved to all involved that these nights do occur successfully.

Rob Park, the Rector at St. George's, offered his opinion: "Personally, I enjoy having the opportunity to have contact with the youth of Georgetown. Being a venue means providing a safe place for the youth to gather and enjoy themselves."

This is just one example of why teens deserve to be trusted by local halls and venues.

Unfortunately, during some other nights, the actions of a few cast a shadow upon other youth-although there are always young people present at the end of the night cleaning up. This was the case on



Local rock band, Trafe, performed at a successful Teen Band Night held October 7th at St. George's Church.

Photos by Emily McMenemy

Oct.15th at a local family restaurant. Thanks to the support of the Ares staff, there are plans to hold another band night in the future.

At the Fall Fair in September, nine local and professional bands came to entertain the crowds, and the result was nothing but a success.

Andrew Landau, who was involved with the Fall Fair, has organized these band nights since 2002. He recalls that "after our band nights at the Lions Club, their members told us that we left their hall cleaner than any adult group holding a 'Stag and Doe.'"

Unfortunately, many venues in town have chosen to close their doors to teens planning a night of music.

Using October 7th and the success of the Fall Fair as examples, halls would do well to consider the following message: please be open to these nights, and in return you will receive youth's cooperation.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### Tonight at Open Door Youth Centre Late Night Movie Mania

#### November events at Off The Wall

##### Junior Youth (ages 9-11)

November 17th  
\$2.00 Sport Night

November 24th  
Christmas Tree Decorating

##### Senior Youth (ages 12-19)

November 18th  
Make your own Snow Cone

November 25th  
Christmas Tree Decorating

#### December events at Off The Wall

##### Junior Youth (ages 9-11)

December 1st  
Wacky Krafty Night

December 8th  
Scrapbook Crazy

December 15th  
Christmas Bookmark

December 22nd  
Karaoke Night

December 29th  
Christmas Celebration -  
Special Hours  
8:00am - 9:00pm

Week of December 26th  
CLOSED

##### Senior Youth (ages 12-19)

December 2nd  
Late Night Movie Mania

December 9th  
Italian Night

December 16th  
Café Night

December 23rd  
Christmas Celebration  
Special Hours  
8:00am - 9:00pm

Week of December 26th  
CLOSED

Open Door - 60 Guelph St., Georgetown Off The Wall - 47 Mill St. E., Acton

### Other Youth Events in Town

#### Youth Dances

Gr. 6, 7, 8

Dec. 3, Jan. 7, Feb. 4, Mar. 4  
Gellert Community Centre  
7:30-10:00 p.m.

Tickets \$6.00 (In advance or at the door based on availability)  
Call 905-873-2601 x2702

#### Blue Mountain

Ski/Snowboard Trip

February 4 (P.A. Day)

8:30 am - 10:00 pm

\$45 - \$70 (based on

equipment needs)

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