# 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 in 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 durschool lunch hours. Security was handled by more than a dozen teens volunteering

Claire Langridge, a Halton Hills Youth Coordinator

for Open Door.

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

St. George's Church.

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.

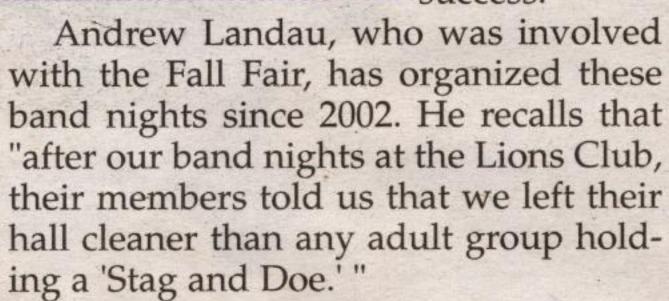
Rob Park, the Rector at St. George's, offered his opinion: "Personally, I enjoy having the opportunity to have contact with the youth of Georgetown. Being a venue means providing a safe place for the youth to gather and enjoy themselves.

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

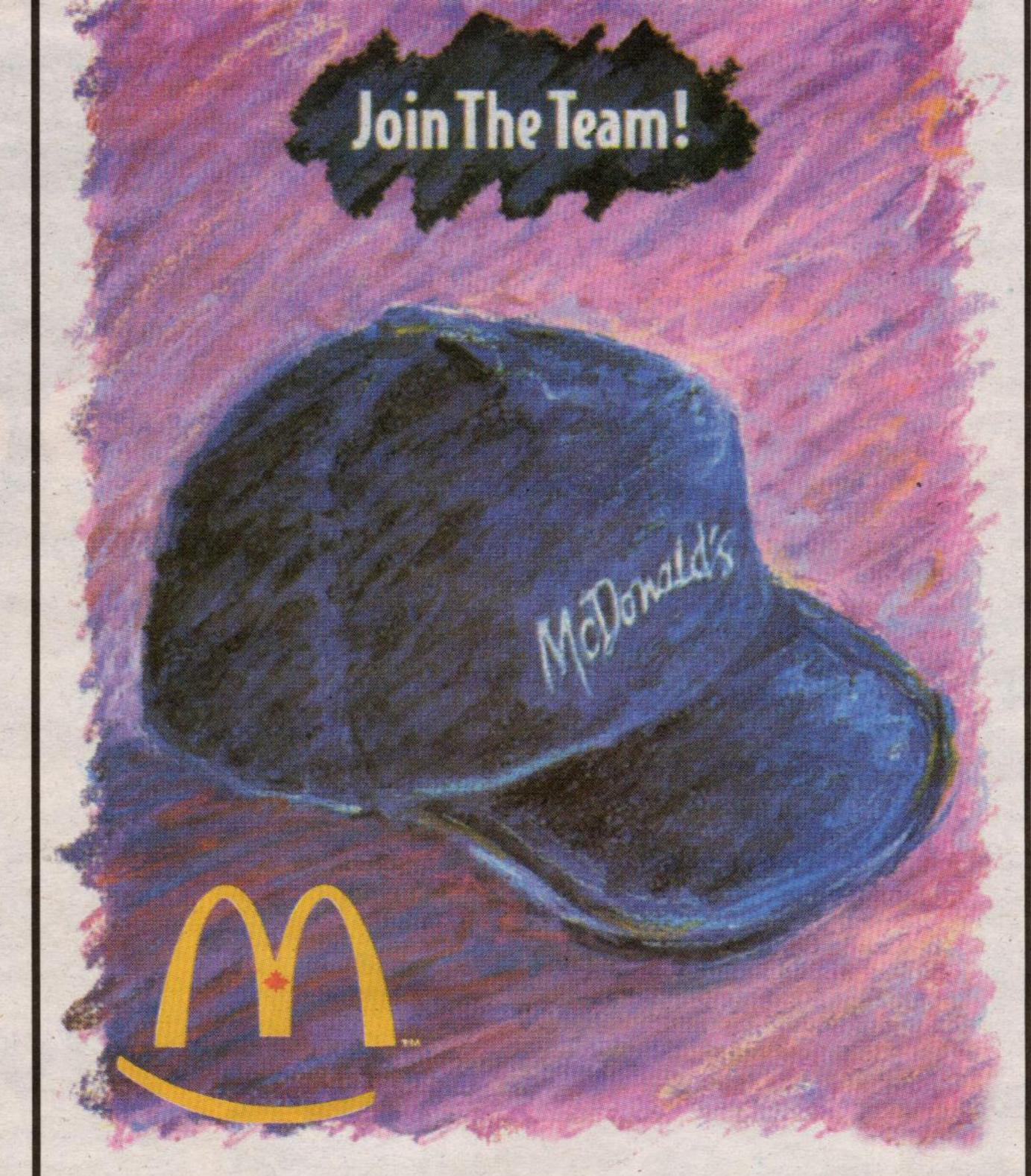
Oct.15th at a local family restaurant. Thanks to the support of the staff, Ares there are plans to hold another band night in the future.

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



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 coopera-



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

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Local rock band, Trafe, performed at a suc-

cessful Teen Band Night held October 7th at

Photos by Emily McMenemy

### 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 Christmas Bookmark December 15th Karaoke Night December 22nd Christmas Celebration -Special Hours 8:00am - 9:00pm

#### **Senior Youth** (ages12-19)

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 Week of December 26th CLOSED

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

CLOSED

#### 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

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8:30 am - 10:00 pm \$45 - \$70 (based on equipment needs) Call 905-873-2601 x2276 for more information!

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