

# Region offers business programs for students

## Summer programs provide hands-on training and prizes

The Halton Region Business Development Centre is co-ordinating two programs to help students start up small businesses and become successful entrepreneurs.

The Summer Company program provides hands-on business training and mentoring, together with awards of up to \$3,000 to help enterprising young people start up and run their own summer businesses.

There's also the Ontario Secondary School Business Plan Competition, where students can win up to \$1,000.

"We're pleased to be able to assist Halton students in creating their own work opportunities," said Halton Director of Business Development John Ayling.

"The Summer Company program and Ontario Secondary School Business Plan Competition foster entrepreneurial skills and allow students to make valuable networking contacts they can use in the future."

Participants in last year's programs gained valuable experience that will help prepare them for success in today's highly-competitive business world. Brent Wells,

2004 Summer Company participant and owner and operator of Grass Snips, can attest to this.

"When I started, I believed everything would fall into place and customers would be knocking on my door. I learned through the program that this is not true — it takes hard work and determination to get a business running," he said.

"I found our mentoring meetings very helpful. They gave me an opportunity to share the challenges I faced with experienced entrepreneurs who understood what I was going through, and who could offer

practical advice."

The business development centre coordinates the Summer Company Program and delivers it through business mentoring groups made up of volunteer advisors from the Halton business community.

Participants will have the opportunity to meet regularly with their group for support and advice and are required to attend a minimum of 12 hours of business training.

Students must provide proof that they will be returning to school in the fall in order to qualify. Deadline for applications is April 4.

All students are eligible to apply for the business plan competition, regardless of their study field. Official sponsor RBC Royal Bank and a panel of business leaders will judge the entries.

Students must submit their plans to their teachers by May 16 and schools must submit their plans to the Region by May 31. Students may use this plan in the Summer Company program.

For more information, contact the Halton Region Business Development Centre at (905) 825-6000 or visit [www.haltonbusiness.com](http://www.haltonbusiness.com).

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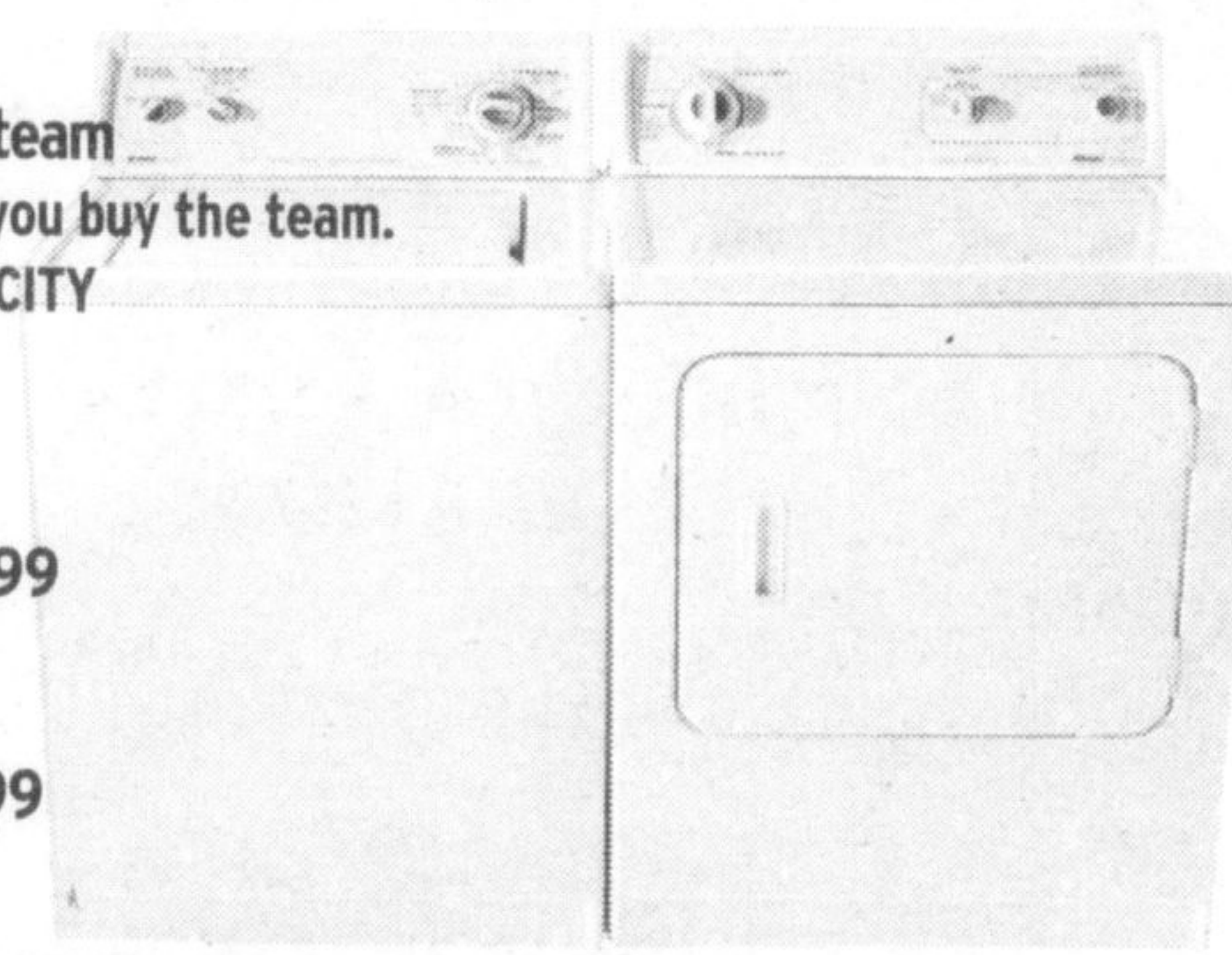
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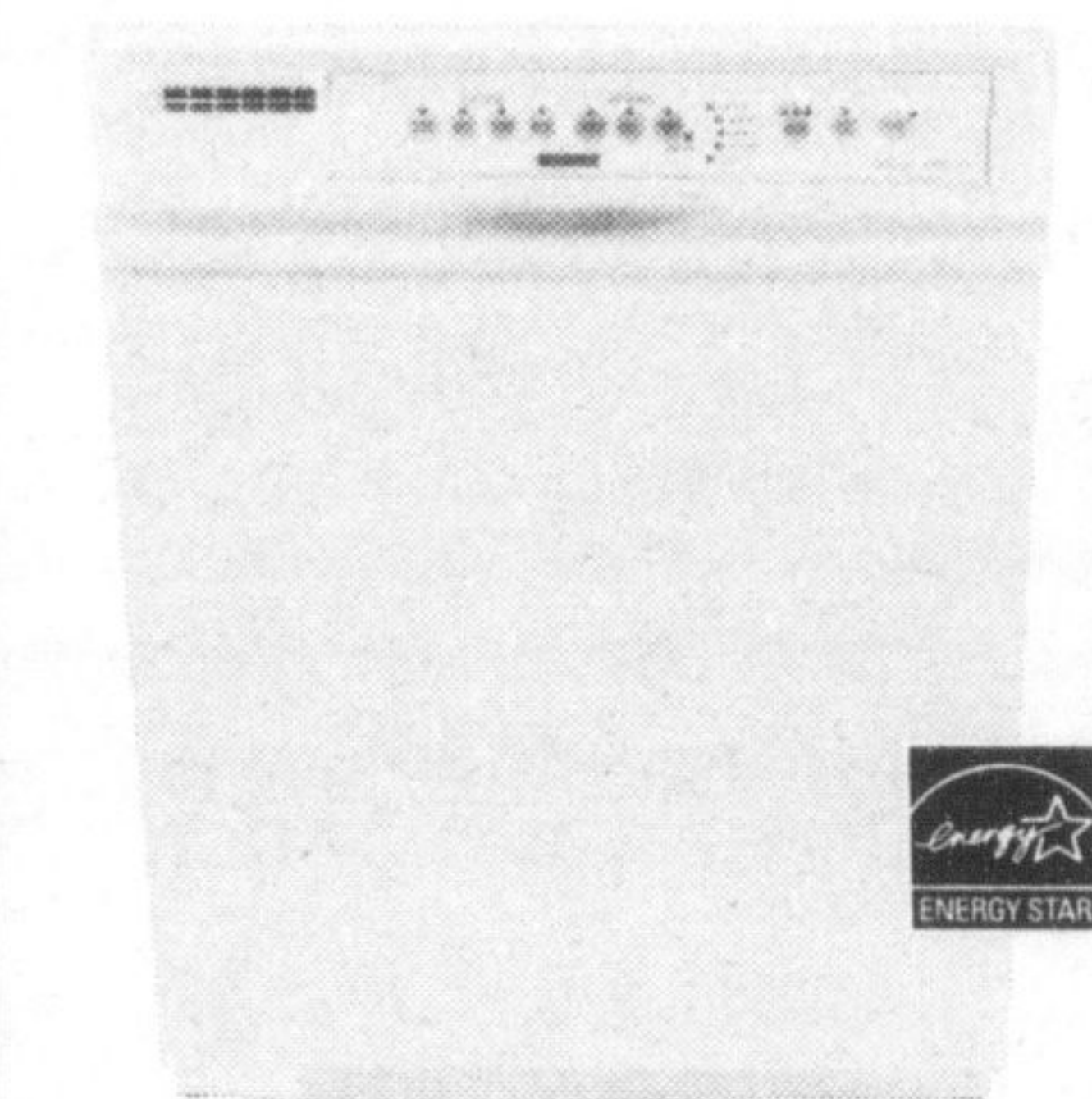
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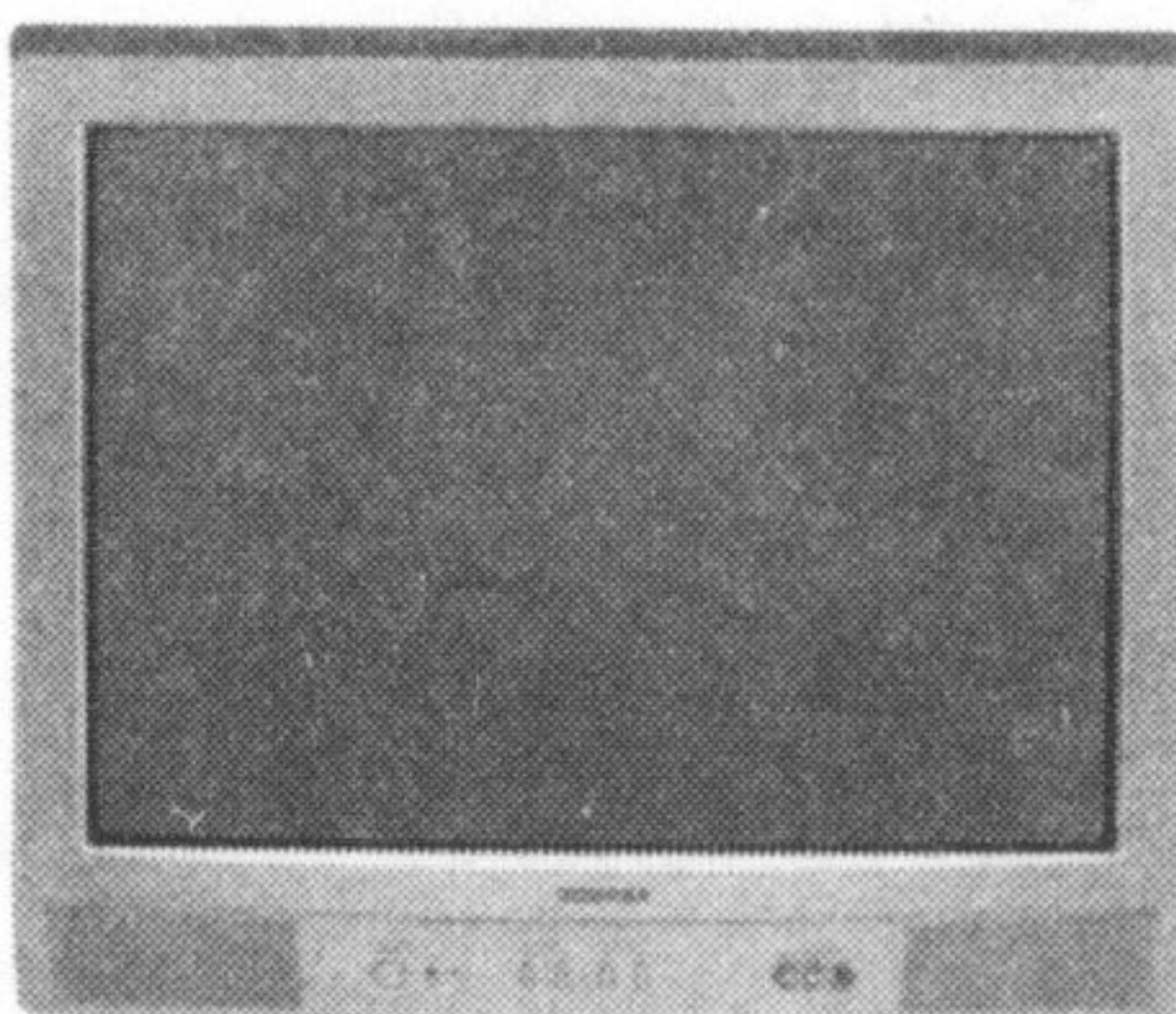
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