

Local rock group moving up in the live music world

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O'Keefe said. "Together we work on songs, work on our own parts."

O'Keefe said the group's album, "Now Dig This," will be released Aug. 21 and will be available at Rose Records, 216 Ogden in Downers Grove.

Parents of Hideout members "come to every show they can," said O'Keefe, who calls his father, Gerry Sr., "like our main manager."

The senior O'Keefe, who is a salesman for Citation Box and Paper Company in Chicago, "does all the phone calls, talks to the agencies," according to his son. Music is something of a tradition in the family. Grandfather Tom sang on the radio in the twenties.

"I would definitely like to, we all get along really well," said O'Keefe, "and we're really serious about it. It's hard to imagine doing anything else."

O'Keefe is studying music composition at Columbia College in Chicago, while Trevino takes architecture classes at College of DuPage, Bukowski studies graphics at College of DuPage, and Gradishar studies music at Milliken College in Decatur.

"For some people playing a show and having the right person in the audience (brings instant national fame). For others it's an eight-year process. It's really tough to get known internationally," O'Keefe said.

But in the meantime, business on the local scene isn't bad.

The Hideouts' upcoming schedule includes the album release party at the Glendale Heights VFW Show on Army Trail Road Aug. 21; the University of Illinois, Champaign, Sept. 4; Sir Donald's, Sept. 11; and DarienFest, Sept. 12-13, where they are the opening act for a mid-sixties revival band, The Byrds.