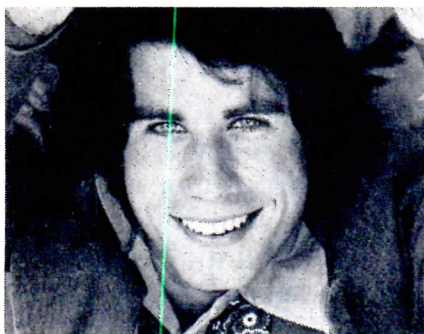


# ALBUM ALLEY

Every month, before you put those pennies in your pocket and race out to add a new LP to your collection, screech to a halt right here in Album Alley and check out the latest and greatest on the record scene!



Good news! Not only is John Travolta a super actor on TV but he can sing. He has a debut album on Midland that proves it. The songs are well chosen and express both the joy and pain of young love. The recording is very professional and John's dreamy voice is as good as any Pop star at the top of the charts.



It's amazing how a freaky looking group like Dr. Hook turns out sweet and tender songs with sincerity. The latest Capitol album by this outrageous bunch is called *A Little Bit More* and it includes their hit single "Only Sixteen". The album is a nice combination of warmth, understanding and good humor.

If you're into good old rock and roll, Billy Swan, ("I Can Help" was his biggie.) has a Monument L.P. He sounds a bit like Elvis and the band behind him uses a pumping piano and a Fifties sax. This up-beat record includes a version of "Blue Suede Shoes" with an assist by it's originator, Carl Perkins.

Elton John has a live album, recorded in New York on one side and London on the other. He's in good form as he sings favorites like "Bennie And The Jets", "Rocket Man" and "Crocodile Rock". So if you don't mind hearing 20,000 fans in the background, this new MCA album titled *Here And There*, is for you.

Todd Rundgren's L.P. *Faithful* on Bearsville has one side of new and original songs that bop along at a happy pace, and a flip side of sixties hits. "Good Vibrations", "Strawberry Fields Forever" and a Dylan tune are done up in much the same style as the originals.

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