



ALBUM ALLEY

The Rutles/Warner Brothers

Eric Idle, formerly of Monty Python, has taken the most familiar Beatles tunes and rewritten them so they come out, not exactly backwards, but sideways. Certain tunes, such as "Hold My Hand," "I Must Be In Love" and "OUCH!" sound so much like the fab four, you'll be searching your collection of Beatles albums to find the originals. This is one comedy album that is sure to stand the test of time.

Barry Manilow/Even Now/Arista

Manilow returns, much to the delight of his fans. *Even Now* is no disappointment. Top forty hits like "Where Do I Go From Here?" and "Can't Smile Without You" are mixed with new tunes, such as "Copacabana (At the Copa)."

Starz/Attention Shoppers/Capitol

Starz has slightly changed their image and their new release reflects this change. They aren't quite as crazy and as heavy metal oriented. The new Starz album features such tasty tunes as "Hold On To The Night" and "The Third Time's the Charm." Definitely the type of disc to liven up any party.

John Hall/Electra

Hall was formerly with Orleans and has now gone solo. His first effort, entitled John Hall, gives him a good shot at the top. He is a folk-rocker and many of the songs on this album have back-up vocals by such superstars as James Taylor, Carly Simon and Bonnie Raitt. Listen for such cuts as "The Fault" and "Give Me The Right" to become big hits.

Eric Clapton/Slowhand/RSO

Clapton was given the crazy nickname "Slowhand" by an Englishman who was amazed by how quickly Clapton could play. In this album Clapton returns to his rhythm 'n' blues roots. "Lay Down Sally" and "Next Time You See Her" will easily become favorites.

Foster Sylvers/Capitol

Foster's first solo album is a real treat for Sylvers fans. This album is a showcase for Foster's unique vocal talents. Songs such as "The Drop" and "Knocking At Your Door" are get-up-and-dance numbers that could make your next party a smashing success.