



Moby Grape

Moby Grows Tall

"In the country where artists are so often a function of greed, where the creative imagination finds its widest expression pushing nose drops and aluminum foil, and where so few can think, but everybody can conal, the story of Moby Grape is an American classic. Their story reflects in clearest detail what life is really like for any group in the music business, and thereby, in miniature, what life is like for the artist in America," says David Rubinson in the liner notes of "Moby Grape '69."

David Rubinson produced this latest in the series of Moby Grape albums, which is supposed to present a new type of Moby Grape music, played for a new reason and with less notoriety.

In the beginning, Moby Grape demanded the enormous build-up. Then, as all artists eventually do, they discovered they couldn't live up to their notoriety. They substituted notoriety for artistic ability.

Rubinson continued, "They lost all faith in themselves and their music, stopped respecting each other. Music became a function of money and fame. They fell apart.

"The hangover, middlemen,

advisors, and most everyone else, predictably drifted to the newest hype thing. Alone, they could fall back on nothing but their music."

The fall was short. They landed solidly on a foundation of musical and artistic ability they had not been aware of. Moby Grape grew.

The results of the growth are incorporated into "Moby Grape '69." Ranging from the sounds and feelings of "Ooh Mama Ooh" to "Seeing," it is a clear example of what a matured Moby Grape can do.

One of the best cuts contained on the album is "It's A Beautiful Day Today." The sound is out of the "Groovin'" mold. The added harshness makes the idea more dynamic.

"What's To Choose" is another sound that makes it for the Grape. Other songs on the album include "Hootie," "If You Can't Learn From My Mistakes" and "Captain Nemo."

Rubinson concludes, "This album represents an attempt to retrieve all that was once so honest and easy and simple. It symbolizes the very amazing truth that through all the in-

credible nonsense of the past two years, the group is still together, still functioning, writing, playing, rehearsing. They are, in fact, starting all over again.

"We have promised each other, no more gimmicks, no more hype, no egos, nothing ever again but the music and the mutual respect and feeling from which the music springs — pure, honest, and with a most hopeful eye to the future."

On The C Sharp Scene

Old Groups Add A New Thing

"Nudity in record albums is beginning to equal nudity in movies. Donovan's Greatest Hits," his latest on Epic Records, has an eight-page color insert of never-before-seen photographs of Donovan from childhood on, including "a bathing-beauty nude shot which will charm even the most strait-

laced." The album includes "Mellow Yellow," "Sunshine Superman," "Hurdy Gurdy Man," "Wear Your Love Like Heaven," "Jennifer Juniper" and others from his three year of chartbusters. Epic also has released a new Donovan single, "To Susan on the West Coast Waiting."

Susan" is for a young admirer who asked Donovan, just after his concert in Anaheim, Calif., last summer to write a song especially for her.

The new single by the English blues group Fleetwood Mac—already a chart-buster in Britain—is being rushed into release in the United States by Epic records. Entitled "Albatross," it is from the five-man group's latest album, "English Rose."

The incredible and unpredictably Sly and the Family Stone have achieved a Gold Record, their first, for their single, "Everyday People." The highly coveted award signifies sales in excess of one million copies.

electric piano, and of Freddy Stone, who plays lead guitar and harmonica. Cynthia Rubinson, who plays trumpet, is the cousin of Larry Graham, who plays bass and harmonica. Jerry Martini, who plays sax, is the cousin of Greg Erico, who is the Family Stone drummer.

MetroMedia Records has announced the signing of four pop artists to exclusive long term recording contracts. The artists include contemporary singer Kay Hart, TV-singing star Bobby Sherman, vivacious vocalist Bambi McCormick and folk-turned-rock singer Carolyn Heister.

Kaye Hart has appeared on numerous television shows including The Merv Griffin Show, The Mike Douglas Show, The Joey Bishop Show and The Don DeLuise Show. She has played top night clubs and will be appearing at Bimbo's in San Francisco for nine days in March and April.

Bobby Sherman, who co-stars in ABC-TV's comedy series "Here Come The Brides," has become one of Hollywood's brightest young actors. He began his television career as the star of "Shindig," and has made guest appearances on "The Monkees" and "The F. B. I."

While on Shindig, Bobby recorded such hits as "It Hurts Me" and "Happiness Is" and made personal appearances throughout the U. S. and Canada. He has recently built his own recording studio in Van Nuys, where he experiments with new recording techniques and produces many top recording artists.

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abilities match her desires. After months of competitive bidding by many record companies, a rambling farmhouse in Rhinebeck, New York, was the scene of one of the most important signings of the decade.

Johnny Winter (the young Texas-born blues and rock guitarist whose recent San Francisco and New York appearances have caused underground and other critics to hail him as rock music's new genuine superstar) has signed an exclusive long-term contract with Columbia Records.

In commenting on the signing, Clive Davis, president of Columbia Records, said, "Johnny Winter is a virtuoso of the guitar. To say more would involve the use of superlatives that would wrongly be attributed to press agency."

Winter's plans for the near future include concert appearances on the East Coast and work on his first album, which is tentatively scheduled for release this spring.

Most assuredly, he'll do well, but we'll just C Sharp!

HOT-HITS

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| 1. Proud Mary | Creedence Clearwater Revival |
| 2. I Saw The Light | Nashville Brass |
| 3. This Girl's In Love | Dionne Warwick |
| 4. Day My World Ended | David Ruffin |
| 5. Time Of The Season | Zombies |
| 6. Touch Me | Doors |
| 7. Livin' In Shame | Supremes |
| 8. Special Prayer | Percy Sledge |
| 9. Goodnight My Love | Paul Anka |
| 10. Change My Mind | Tryone Davis |
| NATIONAL | |
| 1. Touch Me | Doors |
| 2. Crinoid and Clover | Tommy James |
| 3. Everyday People | Sly and the Family Stone |
| 4. The Worst That Could Happen | Brooklyn Bridge |
| 5. Build Me Up, Buttercup | Foundations |
| 6. I Started A Joke | Bea Gees |
| 7. Change My Mind | Tyrone Davis |
| 8. You Shaved Me | Turtles |
| 9. This Magic Moment | Jay and Americans |
| 10. If I Can Dream | Elvis Presley |

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Gaston County Residents Earn Scholastic Honors

FINALIST FROM ASHLEY
DURHAM—Mark Steven Nielsen of Ashley High School was among the national finalists who gathered at Duke University for the last round of interviews for Angier B. Duke Scholarship awards.

The scholarships are Duke's most prestigious. They are worth up to \$4,200 for four years of

study at Duke, with the amount given to the individual recipient determined by financial need.

This year some 72 outstanding high school seniors from throughout the United States were invited to Duke for final screening. The candidates were entertained at a reception, dinners, and were special guests of the university at a Broadway production, "The Man from La Mancha."

Scholarships will be awarded to 34 members of the 1969 freshman class. The program recently was expanded to consider deserving students already enrolled in the university.

ON McCALLIE HONOR ROLL
Two Gastonia boys have earned positions on the honor roll of The McCallie School in Chattanooga, Tenn.

Peter L. Mullen, a junior, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Mullen, 210 W. Fifth Ave. Roger E. McArver Jr., a sophomore, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger E. McArver, 304 W. 10th Ave.

Both boys were awarded positions on the first semester honor roll.

ON THE C SHARP SCENE

DEAN'S LIST AT APPALACHIAN
Meredith Wilson of 103 S. Edgemont St. and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Wilson, made the Dean's List at Appalachian State University for the fall quarter.

UNC-G HONOR GIRLS GREENSBORO

Two girls from Gaston County were among the 84 students at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro who made all A's on courses completed during the first semester.

The "all-A" students were Barbara H. Curtis of Cherryville, a senior elementary education major, and Janice A. Lewis of Mt. Holly, a mathe-

GROOVE OUT

By JEAN LEWIS

It is hard enough to walk a tight rope. It is almost impossible to predict which side you're going to fall off on. Jon and Robin have been walking the thinnest of tight ropes between music that is country and music that is not country. Up until their latest single they had performed this feat with reasonable success.

No one can bat a thousand and, you guessed it, this dizzy duo fell off their perilous perch, crashing into the clammy clutches of country corn. Putting all sweet sentiments of "Gift of Love" aside, it stinks.

"The Weight," which brought Dusty Springfield back on the pop scene in a big way, is working well for Aretha-Aretha. Of course, everything works well for her, doesn't it?

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