

The Record Rack

By Jim Berry

Frankie Beverly and Maze have officially hit gold with their Capitol debut album, "Maze."

Another album is in the works, and should be out shortly after the group finishes touring with George Clinton and his P-Funk Earth Tour.

Marvin Gaye's "Got To Give It Up" has been at the top of the charts for months... Now another tune with the same title recorded by The Most Requested Rhythm Band on Magic Disc Records has been released. Record officials at Magic Disc feels this version will also get a lot of attention. (The record may not, but the album cover sure should!)

A rare live album by Lonnie Liston Smith is now available on RCA Records. It's called "Lonnie Liston Smith...Live." It features a version of "Expansions" that's out of sight.

The new, revamped, Spinners have just released a new single entitled "Heaven on Earth (So Fine)" on Atlantic Records.

Former lead singer Phillip Wynne, now out on his own, will still be heard on some of their new releases. (Can you believe that Wynne and Bootsy Collins of Bootsy's Rubber Band were once in the same group in Cincinnati?)

Speaking of Phillip Wynne, expect good things in his debut album, appropriately called "Start All Over Again." Hopefully, Wynne's solo career will be better than his predecessor with the Spinners, G.C. Cameron.

A good disco bet is the Brothers Johnson's new long-playing 45 on A&M Records. One side features the disco version of "Get The Funk Out Ma Face," the other has their newest disco hit, "Strawberry Letter No. 23." This and other disco LP's are featured at the Soul Shack in downtown Charlotte.

Brick is back. Now they've gone from "Dazz" to "Dusic." It's good music to boogie by, but it sounds too much like their first jam.

Coming soon... a new Earth,



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Wind, and Fire LP. A release date hasn't been set, but Maurice White and Company have taken it easy on the concert tour lately to put the finishing touches on it. I guess they've been too busy helping others put out albums (The Emotions, Ramsey Lewis, Denice Williams, etc...) to get their own together.

Not too long ago, we promised a list of albums NOT to get...here's a partial list.

BUMPS AND BRUISES, by Joe Tex, on Epic Records. After you get through bumping with the big fat woman there's nothing else to do on this one.

PHASE II, by Hamilton Bohannon on Mercury Records. You would think Bohannon would change the beat of his music after 4 albums, but he hasn't.

HERE AT LAST...LIVE, by the Bee Gees, in Polydor Records. They sound much better in the recording studio than in person singing the songs that turned on soul music fans on their last couple of albums.

MAGIC JOURNEY, by the Salsoul Orchestra on Salsoul Records. I had high hopes for this group after their "You're Just The Right Size," jam on their debut LP.

Unfortunately, this album doesn't provide much variety, and the journey isn't so magical.

Donna Summer has wasted no time in releasing another album on Casablanca Records. Her latest is "I Remember Yesterday."

For Saturday Night

WBTV Sets "Miss America Pageant"

The Miss America Pageant, television's longest-running primetime pageant, will return to the CBS Television Network, live from Atlantic City, on Saturday, September 10, at 10 p.m. on WBTV, Channel 3.

For the 23rd consecutive year, Bert Parks will serve as on-stage master of ceremonies for the Pageant. Joining him as co-host for the sixth year, v b: Phyllis George, a former Miss America (1971) and now a CBS Sports broadcaster.



Dorothy Benham
...Miss America 1977

The Miss America Pageant's scholarship program is the largest single source of

direct academic aid for young women in the world. Last year, \$1,250,000 was awarded, and since the scholarship program began in 1945, approximately \$14,000,000 has been awarded to help pay educational expenses for tens of thousands of contestants.

About 70,000 young women enter the Miss America Pageant each year in some 2,000 local pageants, held in every state. The live broadcast from Atlantic City will mark the grand finale of four days of competition by the 50 national finalists, and will culminate in the crowning of Miss America



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