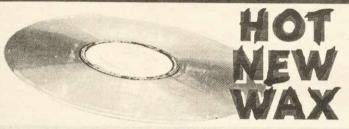
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Christine Graves Facing Me

(Independent)

Halifax on Music performer Graves stampedes the listener with her diversity on Facing Me. A musical cross between a more political version of Sheryl Crow and an abrasive Heather Nova, Graves holds nothing back in her lyrics. The album is rock, folk, and everything and nothing in between. Splurge and pick this disc up if you see her live. It has not left my CD player yet. — Janet

Moxy Fruvous Thornhill

Thornhill the album is about as dull as the Toronto suburb for which it is named. Gone is the contagious a capella groove that Moxy Fruvous has produced in the past. Amongst the ashes are flavorless three-chord pop songs that my pet turtle could probably write if she tried. — Janet

Our Lady Peace Happiness...Is Not a Fish That You Can Catch

Almost three years since Clumsy made them one of Canada's biggest bands, OLP returned this month with Happiness...Is Not a Fish That You Can Catch. Not unlike the band's other releases, this album is tightly structured, raucously performed rock-pop songs. The songs are their most melodious and the lyrics are more observational than internal. While it's nothing new, it is their best work yet. - Nicole.

Flabby Modern Tunes For Everybody

Granted, the group is instrumentally talented and offer various musical genres, its roll is no better than a frisbee, or coaster. The lead singer's interpretation of trying to be bad leaves you with a creepy feeling, as if you'd just accidentally touched something un-fresh. — Anika and Melanie.

The Tea Party TRIPtych

(EMI)

Unlike its predecessors, Transmission and The Edges of Twilight, [TRIPtych] lacks the Egyptian rock previously evident in the band's sound. The first release, "Heaven Coming Down" is no indication of what the rest of this album offers. Most of the other tracks are gloomy and depressing instead. Avid fans may be disappointed, but the songs on TRIPtych are bearable nonethe-

THE BETA BAND Self-titled

(Astralwerks)

If I think about Jerry Garcia, Beck and Elevator's Rick White stowing away in the cargo bay of the Explorer Space Shuttle and, to combat the tedium of space's omnipresence, recording an album, I would be thinking about this CD. But I'm too busy listening to think. — Fred

EMM GRYNER Science Fair

(Dead Daisy)

With her latest record, Emm continues to deliver the goods. Whether sad or vibrant, her songs are always perfectly crafted. The great songwriting is lifted by her hooks and melodies, and vox that just keep getting better. -

BY STEPHANIE EISAN

The best way to sum it up last Saturday, Moist rocked! Having gone to many

shows, I can safely say the energy of the audience was the highest I have ever seen. Saturday marked my fourth Moist concert experience, and this time I was fabulous to be the interviewer, not just a

The anticipation before the opening band played was torture I hoped that their set would be only one song, or that their equipment had gotten lost.

Nevertheless, MAdE emerged and began to play. Why have I never heard of this band? They were amazing, enough so. that a CD purchase might have been in order. MadE pumped up the crowd appropriately, and the McInnis Room was psyched up for more. I was almost sad to see them go, but now I was in Moist-

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The crowd was in agony as the crew took what seemed to be the longest hour in history to set up, subjecting us all to blaring stereo music. When Moist finally appeared, the crowd erupted. The crowd smooshed forward, and I discovered how it must feel to be a piece of bologna in a sandwich. Kicking off their set with "Tangerine," Moist was full of energy, and ripped through their set as if they had never had such fun in their lives.

The only Moist hit missing

was "See, touch, feel" but they made up for it with two encores, including a smashing performance of "Push.

Although the crowd was already insane, this pushed them over the edge, bringing the show to a climactic ending.

After the show, I had a chance to say hello to the guys. They were sweet as pie, but I only stayed 10 minutes because they seemed exhausted. After this phenomenal show, I did not sleep for the rest of the night.

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