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## What Makes Les Go?

To find out, our reporter spent a few days with Les. Here she gives 30 facts about one of your favorites.

*Lesley Gore* is perhaps the most "wanted" young singer to hit the disc scene in many a moon. She not only possesses a natural singing talent, but she was born with looks, intelligence, determination, confidence, and a family that adores her. She could have been anything she wanted to be, and she decided to become a singer. Now she also has fame, money and success. But, she still keeps going. Recently, Lesley started a new phase of her career . . . acting in summer stock.

"The coming weeks," she said, "will be very busy, but I am looking forward to them." *Lesley Gore* is like a steam engine . . . all signs point to GO! And, just what makes Lesley go? Well, I've gotten together a list of some of the most intimate facts about Les. After reading them over, maybe you can de-

cide just what makes this girl, who has the world on a string, go-go-go.

- 1- A few weeks ago Lesley flew to San Francisco to Letterman Hospital where she sang for 40 minutes. Everyone loved her! Letterman Hospital is for wounded soldiers back from Vietnam.
- 2- "I've wanted to be a singer since I was three years old," she said.
- 3- "I prefer to do both standard tunes and new ones: ballads as well as songs with a beat."
- 4- She has been voted the number one female vocalist in the country by three different music magazines!
- 5- She writes many of her own songs.
- 6- She has a poodle named Buffee.
- 7- She has her own music publishing company which she calls Buf-

fee Music.

- 8- At 19-years-of-age, Lesley says; "I've become aware that successful show business personalities can have a real influence on people. For good or evil. I want to be good."
- 9- "I feel I'm far too young to be accepted as a jazz artist, but I'd like to direct my record career toward a jazz-oriented future."
- 10- Lesley has made 15 singles and 8 albums.
- 11- Maybe it's her tiny . . . 4½ shoes . . . feet that keep her going!
- 12- Although someday she'd like to, right now Lesley says; "I don't think I'm ready for a Broadway show." But she is "going" by doing summer stock.
- 13- Maybe Lesley keeps going to be tops in her career because she knows how proud her family is of her. Her brother Mike even sells his famous sister's autographed photos to his friends for 50¢ each!
- 14- Lesley doesn't like to go shopping for her clothes. She'd rather spend her time working on her career. Her Mom does the shopping.
- 15- But, she does love beautiful clothes. "You'd probably like to

know what I prefer in clothes," Lesley said. "I like 'em to be casual, unfussy, and decorated with jewelry."

- 16- She does like to shop for jewelry, though. "I love turquoise and gold jewelry."
- 17- Lesley, who always looks beautiful says she does her own make-up. "Of course when I'm not doing a show, I wear quite a lot less. But I'm never without eye liner and mascara. I don't feel right when my eyes aren't made up." She looks great, no matter where she's "going."
- 18- When it comes to school, Lesley says; "It might surprise you to know that I really enjoy my studies in literature, history, art, mathematics and logic."
- 19- On September 19th, Lesley begins her junior year at Sarah Lawrence College. Only two more years to go!
- 20- During the school year, when she's busy "going" with her classes, Lesley doesn't do much traveling.
- 21- She loves to travel for her career. England really thrilled her.
- 22- Her parents travel with her. "Boy, am I glad they're along!" She has said.

23- Lesley couldn't "go" once . . . She had to turn down her own TV series because of her schooling. But, she said, "All the success in the world can't replace an education."

- 24- When it comes to dating, she really likes to "go", and insists that she is *not* engaged to *Dick Kallman*, as some mags have reported.
- 25- She says, "I go with the same boys as before. Some of them are impressed with my career, and some couldn't care less. I'm still the same person I always was."
- 26- "I love to play billiards at the billiard parlors in New Jersey."
- 27- "I love dancing, especially the new ones. The frug and the jerk and the shing-a-ling are a real groove."
- 28- She has kept a diary since she was in the fifth grade.
- 29- In her diary she wrote: "I will wait for real love . . . love that will last a lifetime."
- 30- **WHAT MAKES LESLEY GO?** Maybe this last quote from her will really answer the question: "I want to develop my ideas intelligently and then live a life that will let me make this world a better place to live in."



In two different poses Les shows that she can look sophisticated and also like the girl next door.



Her last two hits, "California Nights" and "Summer and Sandy" were produced by Bob Crewe.

