Used-CD Store

There's a strip of stores along St. Marks Place between Second and Third Avenues that dominates the used-CD market-it includes such stalwarts as Sounds, Smash Compact Discs, Venus Records, and Joe's Compact Discs. Even more stores are now setting up shop on the surrounding blocks, so it seems like the last place in the world someone would want to open yet another place. Twenty-five-year-old Tony Sachs, a former employee of Smash, was the first to figure that out. He has had the Upper West Side virtually to himself since opening NYCD (426 Amsterdam Ave., near 80th St.: 724-4466) a year and a half ago. Like the downtown stores, his is crammed with used CDs ranging from recent releases to obscure jazz classics, as well as a healthy selection of new CDs, boxed sets, and imports.