

Walk with Sheryl Crow reveals singer's other side

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I'll bet that if I had bought a lottery ticket last Monday, I would have won.

It was my very first time seeing Sheryl Crow perform live, and I was eagerly anticipating her performance. I was standing outside the Orpheum Theater's backstage entrance about 3 p.m., freezing but hoping to just catch a glimpse of or get an autograph from Crow. Then this woman who was just over 5 feet tall came along, walking a dog.

I knelt down to pet the dog and when I looked up to see whose dog it was, there was Sheryl Crow. She was accompanied by her bodyguard, and they both hurried in to the Orpheum because of the cold.

After the initial shock faded—and I stopped kicking myself for missing my big chance—I resumed my position by the backstage door, hoping that she would come out again.

I could hear Crow and her band performing during their sound check for almost two hours. About 10 minutes later, the doors swung open and the same golden puppy emerged, leashed again to Sheryl Crow. She was wearing blue sweat pants, a gray sweat shirt and sunglasses. She looked nothing like the Sheryl Crow that had graced televisions and magazines for the past two years—she looked like a regular human being.

She was taking her dog (and her bodyguard) for a walk, and I asked if I could show them around the city. She agreed, and we were on our way.

We walked through the Old Market, and I pointed out all the interest-

ing things there—and no one seemed to recognize her.

After a short walk, we headed back to the Orpheum and said our goodbyes. She happily signed my CD, and I was left to revel in my walk with Crow.

It wasn't until that night that I realized why no one in the Old Market had recognized her. On our walk, she was Miss Crow, a sweet young woman who could be mistaken for any other person in Omaha, but on stage, she was Sheryl Crow, a sensual ball of energy that held a sell-out crowd in the palm of her hand—and she knew it.

The last thing she said to me before going back into the Orpheum that afternoon was "Why haven't I been here before?" I have a feeling that this is not the last Omaha has seen of Sheryl Crow.

Sheryl Crow, Dishwalla intoxicate Omaha

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opened with "If It Makes You Happy," the first single off her self-titled album.

Crow's powerful, yet soothing voice and gentle mannerisms created an informal climate for the duration of the show. Displaying not only the range of her voice, Crow also impressed the audience by playing the guitar, keyboard, accordion, harmonica and castanets.

Her frothy banter with the crowd and with her own band kept everyone in the best of moods, even while covering some of her own personal issues. She stopped after a soulful rendition of "Maybe An-

gels," to discuss her position on censorship and her news-making conflict with Wal-Mart. Even Dustin Hoffman would have been proud when Crow denounced the mega-store's actions by simply saying "Wal-Mart sucks."

Her set ranged from folk to rock to gospel, but was always Crow. Winding down the show with the moving song "I Shall Believe," she and her band took a bow and left, only to return for a three-song encore.

Crow's performance beat a Tuesday morning hangover hands down. The light-hearted atmosphere, dabbled with moments of sobriety, proved that all she wanted to do was have some fun.

Music, schmooze flow freely at South by Southwest

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But the hype worked in Lullaby's favor—they were the only SXSW band to have its photo run in this Monday's edition of the New York Times.

Blue Moon Ghetto didn't do too badly either, playing at the Ritz Saturday to a receptive crowd.

One of the undisputed highlights of SXSW was the Jayhawks performance Saturday night at Stubbs.

Another superb Minneapolis band that put on an amazing show Saturday night was roots-rockers the Honeydogs, who recently signed with Mercury Records.

Other bands that put on good shows at SXSW include Columbia, Mo.'s Ditch Witch, Kelly Willis, Victoria Williams, the Gourds, Giant Sand, Joe Henry and the Waco Brothers, who performed a surprise set at a backyard barbecue Friday afternoon

with Austin band the Texas Meat Purveyors.

Other exceptional performances were turned in by Slobberbone, Whiskeytown, Blue Mountain, The Violets (watch out for this band—the lead singer has the voice of Melissa Etheridge and the stage presence of an all-country Gwen Stefani) and Minneapolis singer Marlee MacLeod.

Some other bands of note that performed at SXSW include Old 97s,

Cake, Soul-Coughing, Brave Combo, Matthew Sweet, Indigenous, the Backsliders, the Skeletones, Yo La Tengo, Royal Crown Revue and Big Bad Voodoo Daddy.

Austin native Alejandro Escovedo and his rock-orchestral ensemble provided the perfect close to the week, playing a much different set than the one he performed when he opened for Son Volt in Omaha a few months ago.

The SXSW Music Conference is a

week-long circus of schmoozing and boozing. It's young bands playing their hearts out in hopes of that golden record contract. It's established performers standing in line with their fans to see their own musical heroes.

It's blatant material excess and self-promotion to the highest degree.

But once you look past all the hype and glitz, there's still the music. And that's what it's really all about.

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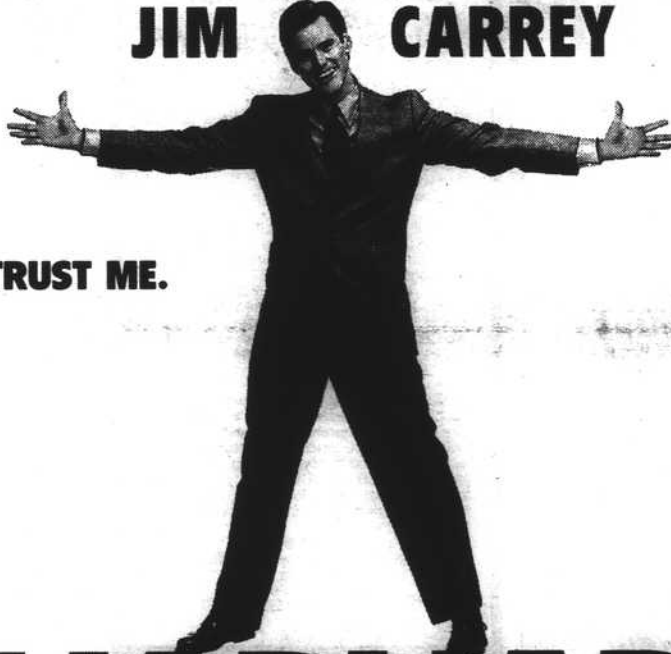
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 Congrats to our new Initiates: Juna Dickey, Callie Crawford, Cama Charlet, Beth Straub and Tracy West. We love you guys!
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KA
 Congratulations to Tami Kaschke for being accepted into Mortar Board. Way to make an impression on your finance class. And to Jenni Schulte on being accepted as a counselor at Camp Easter Seals. We know you'll do a great job.
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KKΓ
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 Way to go Christine Alta for being selected the Sigma sister for this month.
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ΠBΦ
 Congratulations to Sarah Buda & Dave Stratman on your engagement! We were so surprised!
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ΣA
 Congratulations to Christy Angerer for being elected to the CASNR Advisory Board.

ΣOE
 A big congrats goes out to the newlyweds Karl Fila & Scott Kieppinger. Hopefully next year the priest will keep his pants on.
 Love Pi Phi

ΣN
 Thanks for the great dinner exchange on Monday!
 Love, the ladies of Phi Mu

230 Student Government

Homecoming Royalty Coordinator

This person will coordinate all of the events for Homecoming Royalty for 1997. Applications available at the ASUN office, 115 Nebr. Union, deadline April 2.

Student Government Appointments Board

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UNL Student Government

Wed., March 19
6:30 p.m.
City Campus Union

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