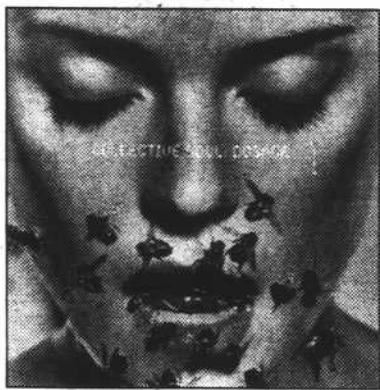


## New Releases



**Collective Soul**  
"Dosage"  
Atlantic Records  
Grade: D

Collective Soul is tremendously dull.

There is no wildness, no rough edges, no unpredictability. The band never learned that all the best rock 'n' roll bands sound like they are capable of falling apart at the seams at any moment.

It's not that Collective Soul is that terribly awful. The band members are competent musicians, slick studio professionals and they know how to write radio hits. And that's exactly what makes them so un-

tenable.

In the band's press biography, singer Ed Roland writes of the Beatles, "They're the ones that wrote the rule-book on rock 'n' roll, which is that there are no rules."

It's strange that Roland would write this, because Collective Soul follows every rule in the book. Ballads start out with sensitive acoustic strumming, then the band crashes in two-thirds of the way through. Every damn song has a guitar solo. The lyrics try to expound deeply on the meaning of life without sounding like anything more than bad junior-high poetry.

Sadly, this is the best stuff heard yet from this band, whose early radio singles were anemic and soul-deadening. The band has improved its sound greatly and isn't nearly as abysmal as that terrible song about heaven letting its light shine down or something.

The members of Collective Soul have been transformed into slick, studio professionals. Singer Roland also produced the album, and he threw so much high-tech gloss on the instruments, especially the drums, that it almost covered up how average the songs were. The first song, "Tremble for my Beloved," is even

catchy and slightly entertaining.

But it's all downhill from there. There is no way these guys can match the production values of this record live. They will sound like the generic pantywaists they are. And even though the record makes them sound like a fuller, more fleshed-out band than they used to be, the songs are still bad.

"Heavy" is dumb boogie rock and "No More, No Less" is meandering and pointless. The two ballads are sappy and boring and the hidden bonus track is hidden for a reason.

The band should quit while it's ahead. These guys made their best album, and it's not so good. Also, their audience isn't there anymore. The kiddies who loved Collective Soul on MTV's "Alternative Nation" and the Edge are now digging on Master P and the Backstreet Boys.

A recent VH1 special showed Collective Soul in its early days. It was a Depeche Mode-ish synth-pop band and a metal band before settling on its brand of alternative rock-lite.

Maybe Ed Roland and his bandmates should cut their hair and learn some choreographed dance moves with chairs. They might still have a chance.

## Artist, speaker shares strong message of diversity

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tion that Anfuso began her scattershot approach to self-education, plunging into the several different fields that shaped her into the multi talented person she is now. And she also began to learn how unjust America could be, particularly to a Native American woman.

"There are so many practices that people don't think about, things they do and say every day, and they don't realize that they are affecting people negatively," Anfuso said.

"I see these things clearly because I've been on the negative side of them. I try to expose these people and these actions for what they are."

Another way in which she unveils these issues is through her home page on the Internet. Filled with dynamic images, bold poetry and proclamations that challenge the viewer, this page was — as should be no surprise — conceived, designed, written and even scripted by Anfuso. The page is available for viewing at <http://www-class.unl.edu/adrp>.

Minority issues are particularly prevalent at UNL, where the vast

majority of students and faculty members are of European descent. Many people realize this, Anfuso said, but many people don't recognize another more basic point of contention: the history of the area itself.

UNL, all of Lincoln, Omaha and much of the surrounding area was stolen from the Omaha tribe, and the majority of people who now live here are effectively trespassers, Anfuso said. It is the failure to address basic issues such as this that leads to events such as the controversy surrounding UNL's anthropology department and its disposal of Native American remains.

"Something like that will get a lot of press, and it will stir up a lot of talk, but it's really just the tip," Anfuso said. "It's just one small part of the problem."

Anfuso is content to chip away at the larger problems through her art and the time she spends in the classroom. But even for this obviously dedicated and undeniably talented artist, not everything is politics.

"Sometimes I just paint for the aesthetic," she said.

"I don't always have to have something to say."

## Good vs. evil plays out in movie

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nicely, but she doesn't do much with her role other than look sweet and spout virtuous advice.

The film's real laughs come from Blair's Cecile. She sports a koala T-shirt from Australia and doesn't catch the sarcasm when Sebastian exclaims, "Cool T-shirt!" As a gawky klutz who experiences her sexual awakening, she does a perfect job of missing the point. After enough twists and turns,

"Cruel Intentions" doesn't seem like a high-school take on anything. The eroticism is palpable; but unbelievably, there is hardly a touch of nudity in the entire film.

Its real triumph, and what encapsulates what is so right about the rest of the film, lies in the film's closing scene — a music-video treatment that sets everything cosmically right.

It could have fallen into banality, but its kitsch value makes it a pleasure to experience.

## Dropped Notes

### Comic brings historical, autobiographical act to town

For most people, history books and the occasional educational cartoon is the closest they'll ever get to Benjamin Franklin.

But for Josh Kornbluth, Franklin is just a few monologues away.

Kornbluth, a New York solo theater artist, will bring his one-man show "Ben Franklin: Unplugged" to the McDonald Theater at Nebraska Wesleyan University on March 18-19.

"Unplugged" deals with the historical figure, but also with comic autobiography and the mystery genre.

Kornbluth pulls his humor from his own background, which most notably featured his communist parents and their decidedly un-American activities. In the show, he deals with this aspect of

his family's history and compares it to Franklin, whose own son was a loyalist during the American Revolution.

"Ben Franklin: Unplugged" has been receiving praise from critics nationwide since its debut, and next week's performance in Lincoln promises to follow suit.

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