

DiFranco

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"Shy" and played other songs from her wide repertoire, including "Your Next Bold Move" and "Names And Dates And Times." She debuted significant new material, as well as songs that have yet to be released — "Phase" and "2nd Intermission." Her guitar playing was nearly flawless, much improved over recent solo performances.

The stage was decorated by numerous light changes. The transitions were especially effective,

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changing from colors such as soft magenta to electric blue, depending on the mood each song dictated. During one song break, one man yelled out "We could touch

our girl cheeks" to the singer (a reference to her song "The Whole Night" from her 1991 album "Not So Soft"). Fans also threw gifts at the stage, including notes — one of which DiFranco read aloud — and what appeared to be joints.

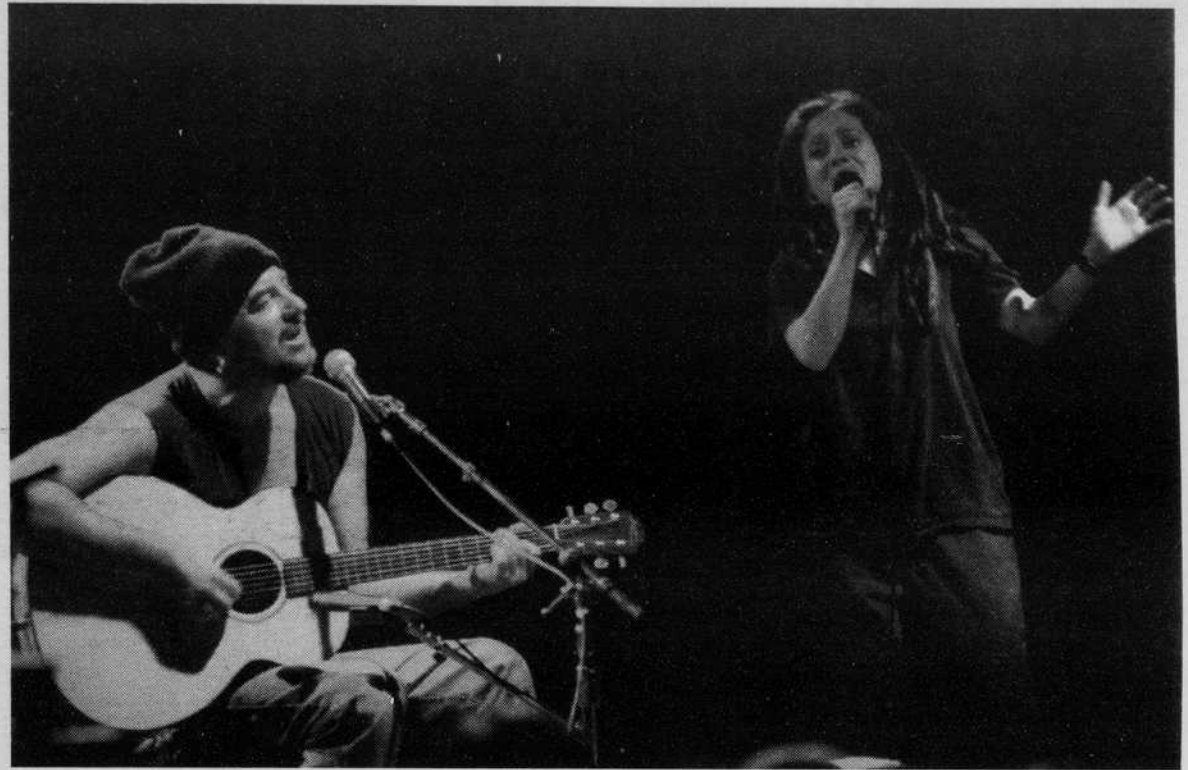
Memorable of the new material was a long, jazzy number which started with some guitar explorations and "Evolve," which could be a future crowd favorite once it gets released on a record.

After saying she was behind on her record-making because of the events of the last few years, DiFranco responded to an audience question and announced she was in the midst of working on a new studio album, recorded with a band, which should be released next spring.

For the encore, stage hands brought out three microphones. DiFranco, Regan — with drums — and Brown reappeared to do a lyrically free-flowing version of "Every State Line."

The concert's atmosphere was intimate. Fans said "excuse me" to one another as they pushed toward the front of the stage. Friends and lovers held each other as they revelled in DiFranco's presence.

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Mark McCambridge Emerald

Greg Brown and Ani DiFranco perform "Lord I Have Made You a Place in My Heart" during Brown's opening set.

DiFranco presented herself as she always does: raw, open and pretense-free. Clad in a tanktop and wrinkled gray pants, she connected with the audience on a level that few artists achieve.

A quirky juxtaposition of childishness and strength, DiFranco wasn't simply perched on the stage performing for the audience. She might as well have been sitting in the middle of the crowd, because

she was playing with her fans.

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News briefs

Halloween weekend citations down

The Eugene Police Department cited fewer students for partying in the West University neighborhood than it did a weekend ago, handing out 64 citations on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

During the weekend before Halloween, EPD cited more than 75 people. This past weekend, the pa-

trol broke up four parties within three days, two on Halloween night.

On Thursday, EPD cited 33 people as minors in possession of alcohol — with 25 of those citations issued at one party. Five residents who hosted parties received first response warnings and citations for allowing minors to consume alcohol. Four residents also received citations for noise violations.

On Friday and Saturday, EPD cited 10 people as minors in possession

of alcohol and four residents received citations for allowing minors to consume alcohol. Two residents also received first response warnings and one received a citation for improperly registering a keg.

As for EPD field activity — which monitors street activity in the area — no citations were issued.

EPD also continued to identify and arrest people affiliated with the September rioting. Last Thursday, EPD arrested a 16-year-old boy

from Junction City who allegedly helped to set fire to a golf cart.

— Danielle Gillespie

Alumnus discusses water crisis book

Former U.S. Senator and University alumnus Paul Simon will give a free public lecture today at 7 p.m. at 175 Knight Law Center.

Simon will discuss his book "Tapped Out: The Coming World

Crisis in Water and What We Can Do About It." The discussion, which is sponsored by the University, will be followed by a book signing.

The former senator, who has been a writer, newspaper editor and publisher, also served in the Illinois Legislature and the U.S. House of Representatives. Simon is now a professor at Southern Illinois University and has written more than 16 books.

— Brook Reinhard

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