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GALLERIES—DOWNTOWN

ZOE CROSER

Michelle duBois (a.k.a. Cricket, Kathy, Alice, and Mitchi) is the desperately vivacious party girl whose scrapbook photographs Croser has appropriated for this shrewd, unsettling show. A chameleon by necessity, she has changed identities nearly as often as wigs, and her snapshots look like stills from a low-budget performance piece—one of Nikki Lee's cruder impersonations, perhaps. Croser, who rephotographed and enlarged nearly all the images, has arranged them as if they were clues rescued from a life's wreckage. Although duBois is not entirely believable, her theatrical personae provide a kind of protective coloring. Like Cindy Sherman, she passes as one of the gals; what goes on behind that fiction remains a mystery. Through Feb. 14. (DCKT, 195 Bowery. 212-741-9955.)

Short List

ALEX HUBBARD: Maccarone, 630 Greenwich St. 212-431-4977. Through March 6. **DAVID REED:** Blum, 99 Wooster St. 212-343-0441. Through March 6. **“THE STORYTELLER”:** Johnson Design Center at Parsons the New School for Design, 66 Fifth Ave., at 13th St. 212-229-8919. Through April 29.

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