# Michael Penn's second album exposes his poetic influences 

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"Free For All" Michael Penn
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-Michacl Penn's second release, "Free For All"," is splendid for its marginality
Penn has traveled to the outskirts of his musical style with more folk music influences and a more aggressive presentation.
He is in a much purer form than he was on his debut, "March," which garnered him MTV's Best New Artist award in 1990 .
Penn picked up the award the same year that Milli Vanilli did. He claims that he actually was the ONLY win iter.s understandable.

The songs that fill up "Free For All" have an intense emotional qualso tighty that there's no wallowing to

be found.
Penn is as much a poet as he is
musician. He has obviously mastered the creive use of deadpan irony Check out these lyrics "Bells clang/l gucss it's a holiday/ Did that rhyme?/Shit! I'mapoctnow.: For the most part, "Frec For All" is acoustic endeavor.
There are many guest musicians on the album who add a richness of instruments, voices and styles to
nercations.
One of the most lyrically enter aining songs is "Scen the Doctor. Here Penn adeptly swerves
lyrical to the metaphorical.

The song starts a woman assisting in a heart surgery; the patient loves ${ }^{\text {i }}$ I loved a girl once beyond compare/She saw inside me and gave $m$ air/She was assisting my surgery/My heart was opened as she put a mask on me/l'm breathing but it's become chore/' Now that you' ve seen the doccor don 't call me anymore.
 Michael Penn
It's a tough call when comparing sounds, but there are a lot of similaritiesbetween Penn and Matthew Sweet. Penn also could be a good buddy of Joe Jackson, lyrically, as they each seem adept with witty lyrics.
Fans of Jackson or Sweet or anyone even close should check out Penn.
He's up, up, up . . . and coming.
-Stacey McKenzie

## entertainment

## Kick up heels for MOO TV

From Statt Reports
The University Programs Council is sponsoring a "Party on the
Plains with MOO TV" Friday Plains with MOO TV, Friday.
The event is acountry-style party with a video light show. Beginning at 6 p.m., attendees will have the chance to take coun-

Lied to welcome Poundstone

From Staff Reports $\qquad$ Nationally known comedian Council's MajorConcertscommit Paula Poundstone will bring her tee is sponsoring the event. humor to the Lied Center for Performing Arts at 8 p.m. Nov. 16. Poundstone has appeared on A\&E's "Evening at the Improv"
try dance lessons. The lessons wil last until 8 p.m. at which time a country-style dance will begin. The dance will last until mid night. Plains East Campus Union Great PlainsRoom is the site of the "Party dents and $\$ 3$ for non-students.

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