

Pinkerton Weezer Geffen Records Grade:B

For all the new groups who cashed in on the alternative craze of 1993, this year seems to follow up their smash

First it was Beck, who people originally wrote off as an alternative poser. This year he answered with the astoundingly good album "Odelay."

Weezer, another act that got criticism for jumping on the bandwagon, now steps up to bat with "Pinkerton," its follow-up to its self-titled album.

Weezer's deft sense of humor still is apparent in most of the songs on "Pinkerton." This is especially evident in "Pink Triangle," a hilarious song about a man who yearns for a woman who is a lesbian.

Other self-defeating songs like Tired of Sex" also stand out.

Weezer's album clocks in just shy of 40 minutes. The band is tight ACES HIGH enough to pound out great three- Aces High minute ditties with catchy-as-hell gui- Grade: Btar and drum riffs.

However, the band departs from the sing-along anthems of its last al- try band with a laid-back style, search burn. None of the songs grabs you like no longer.
"Buddy Holly" or "My Name is Jonas"

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songs of "Pinkerton" in the exact or- students, professors or alumni. der that they appear.

ducer. Ex-Cars whiz Ric Ocasek pro- it's passable music. duced Weezer's last album and el-

hit-wonder status. The band could has varying degrees of success. His have used his help with "Pinkerton." low ranges are almost Strait-like. Instead, the band opted to produce the album itself, and this shows. (At least excellent vocal harmony. Beck hired the Dust Brothers to produce the sonic potpourri of "Odelay"). talent. Fiddler Patrick Nowak shines Without a producer, "Pinkerton" is a on a Strait classic, "Amarillo by Morngood, but ultimately forgettable, release.

- Sean McCarthy

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Yet the lyrics are the main reason with UNL roots. Besides recently per- 146B, Denton, Neb., 68339. to listen to "Pinkerton." Vocalist and forming at Prairie Stomp, five musiguitarist Rivers Cuomo wrote all 10 cians in the six-piece band are UNL

Not only is the promotional tape a What "Pinkerton" lacks is a pro- gauge of how a concert would sound,

George Strait's songs are primaevated the band from potential one-rily featured. Vocalist Mark Keaton

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'Hispanic, Hispano, Chicano?

A couple of tracks also have some

The instrumentalists have definite ing" and "Orange Blossom Special." Jerry Maranville shows his ability on steel guitar throughout the album.

A few tunes on the album are original and the rest are songs any selfrespecting country fan knows. It would be great to see more original songs, though.

This blue-collar band at least has the aura of real-life cowboys at home on the range - and that's all that really counts.

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