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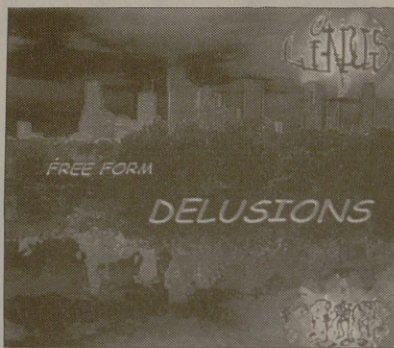
**Clandestine**

Come join us for a musical night filled with Celtic song and dance.

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**Linus**  
Free Form Delusions  
CD courtesy of Millennium Records

For the band Linus, their first album, *Free Form Delusions*, should have been a chance for them to showcase their talent and get one step closer to signing a major label record deal. This album falls short of these expectations.

Linus is lead by Chris Pate on guitars and vocals, the bass is laid down by Eric Dickerson and Sean Eubanks rounds out the band on drums.

The strongest musician is Eubanks, whose talent on the drums stands out greatly from the rest of the band. The music on some of the songs is passable, but it will take more to make this album good.

This album displays the band's potential, but is greatly marred by some weak songs with weak lyrics. This is sad, because without songs like "Cartoon Logic" and "Sail Away," this album could have been decent.

The album's better songs are "Love's Indecent Proposal" and "Hate." The problem is that most of the songs fall into the rather mediocre category of college rock.

Closing out the album is a strong musical piece called "Free Form Delusions." The band should have stuck with this kind of creativity instead of digging themselves into a hole with music that could be transposed from song to song without anybody noticing. (Grade: D)

—By Scott Harris

## Linus goes to college

Hard rock band escapes College Station's country roots

BY SCOTT HARRIS  
The Battalion

Breaking into the music scene for a rock 'n' roll band is not an easy task, especially if the band comes from a small town with predominantly country roots.

This is exactly the situation facing Linus — and the band hopes it can overcome these obstacles.

The three-piece band was formed three years ago and only one member, Chris Pate, remains from the original ensemble.

The band went through different musicians before finally settling on the group of performers that now make up Linus.

Pate said he knew when the band started that he wanted to make music his life.

"My first intention was to be a serious musician; it's what I really wanted to do," Pate said. "Not everybody that has played for this band had wanted to do that. Some just wanted to be in college and do the band thing, and that's cool, but now we are all serious about the music and everybody wants to do it big time."

Playing with Pate is drummer Sean Eubanks, who has been playing with Linus for one and one half years, and newly acquired bassist Eric Dickerson.

Linus just completed their first full length album, *Free Form Delusions*, which includes songs from their EP *The Sky*. The band started recording the album in August and spent six months working on their first release.

Pate said they spent more time with this album than is normal for bands who are not signed with major labels.



Eric Dickerson, Chris Pate and Sean Eubanks of Linus will be performing

"Most bands without record deals go in and put out an album very quickly," Pate said. "We had the luxury of being able to spend a lot of time on it. We were able to sit down and listen to it and change stuff."

"I would spend weeks working on single guitar parts just to get them how I liked."

Pate said their album is about breaking molds and stereotypes that are commonly associated with the band.

"Basically, I was just sitting around one night and I thought about the people who saw us three years ago when we sucked and developed certain ideas about three guys who didn't give a s---t," Pate said. "These people had delusions about us and we wanted to open their minds."

Linus has a managerial and publishing agreement, but are still shopping their CD around looking for a major label deal.

Pate said the band has got the at-

ention of some record compa-

"We are starting to get some interest generated," Pate said. "We think we are on the threshold of something great, but so far it's not definite."

Linus started their local live shows in College Station, Bullwinkles and has expanded their venues to include Houston, Dallas and Waco.

Most of Linus' following locally comes from these towns they still play local dates.

Pate said the College Station crowd is starting to come again.

"In the past six months we haven't played here too much," Pate said. "But the hard rock music scene in College Station is getting better. I think it's the younger students who are coming out to the shows and really into it."

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