

Band belts out good music

Firefall — for rock fans

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Firefall was a concert you either loved or hated. Though some individuals left G. Rollie White Coliseum early, obviously displeased, most stayed until the end — clapping their hands and enjoying each note. Friday night, Firefall refuted the town Hall tradition of supplying only country or easy listening music. Where Flash Cadillac flopped, Firefall succeeded. When the concert began, the audience was relaxed, hoping for di-

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version from a crushing week of tests. Some were hoping for a night of easy Eagles-like listening, while everybody sat in anticipation as the Sanford Townsend Band opened the concert. The loud, jazzy warm-up band was deafening; even so, it was an acceptable band. John Townsend bellowed high notes with a clear voice, while the six-man group never ceased moving. Townsend either pounded his synthesizer, twirling his hand skyward, or Sanford was doing deep knee bends at his keyboards. Although the rock they played was refreshing, it was so devastatingly loud it hurt even with cotton in the ears — the thunder possibly an attempt to compensate for cavernous G. Rollie's tinny acoustics. Ending with "Smoke from a Disjoint Fire," the group received a standing ovation. During a short intermission between acts, frisbees and a large beach ball amused the crowd. Firefall opened their act with "So Long." Some in the crowd expected soft music along with favorites such as "Cinderella" and "Just Remember I Love You," but were jolted by the well-executed heavy slide guitar solo. Lead guitarist Jock Bartley led the band in flashy jams, with Rick Roberts, main vocalist, on acoustic guitar. Roberts harmonized well with Larry Burnett, on electric and acoustic guitars. And a saxophone and flute spiced up some of the songs. The lighting was also fair. But the concert wasn't faultless.



Battalion photo by Bernard Gor
Lead guitarist Jock Bartley jolts out some hard rock at Friday night's Firefall concert.

The middle was boring and the pieces sounded repetitious — nothing new to prick up your ears. Some in the audience closed their eyes and dozed off, others sneaked out. However, those who decided not to stick around missed the best part — the end. As the band warmed up to the crowd, Firefall spun into "Get You Back," "Mexico," "You Are the Woman," and finally, "Sold on You," in encore. Some fans stood on their chairs clapping their hands above their heads, others rushed the stage. Bartley came to the edge of the stage leaning down to play to those nearby. The band left after encores followed by shouts of "more, more" from the crowd.

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itinerary. They also are making calls on Texas A&I, Lamar, University of Houston and UT-Austin and Arlington. Dean Benson escorted the officials on tours of the Departments of Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Chemical Engineering and Engineering Technology. ALCOA support to Texas A&M engineering programs includes about \$7,000 in fellowships and scholarships plus metal for engineering technology shops. Besides the Rockdale plant where Bergeron is located, ALCOA has Texas facilities at Marshall, Palestine and Port Lavaca.

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