

# Fromholz late, but no matter

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An hour is time enough to get drunk. Steve Fromholz turned around a restless crowd Sunday night at the city hall. He was Fromholz the storyteller, not Fromholz the musician. He was in fine form — without a drink.

His songs sounded like honest-to-God folk songs. There was no studio full of musicians to get in the way. His only accompanist was Tom Elskes. Elskes added depth with tasteful vocals and steady playing.

Before the show, workers sat on crates in the back room and waited nervously. That's all they could do.

The main room was packed — 200 people — sold-out packed. Their seats said Steve Fromholz would start at 8. It was already 9.

He's not known for this sort of thing, is he? one of the workers said in a grim tone of concern.

There was no reply. The ones who had been saying "Don't worry, he'll be here if he's not dead" had been silent 30 minutes before.

As time passed, the bar grew warmer. Elskes volunteered to do a set to help appease the cus-

tomers until Fromholz arrived, but not even that quieted them.

The people had come for Fromholz. They drank beer and waited and drank beer and waited and drank beer and drank beer. He paid for being late.

But he had the crowd. The people loved him. Unfortunately, enough of them had had enough beer to make them feel like verbalizing that love in the middle of stories and songs that seemed to beg for just one moment of silence.

When Fromholz walked into

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Grins, about 9:10, he walked into a near-hostile environment. He started performing the second he walked in the door. Within minutes, that Fromholz "charm," to use a sweet-smelling euphemism, had everyone in the bar laughing.

It was a repeat of a scene just played in the back room:

"Have you ever tried to take a taxi in College Station? Jesus," he said.

After meeting everyone, he focused his attention on an older man working for the beer company. While others gathered around

Fromholz, the beer man didn't seem the least bit interested. He didn't come for Fromholz; he came to work.

"Are you from Louisiana?" Fromholz called across the room.

"No I'm Irish," the man called back, "I'm from Dublin, Czechoslovakia."

"Yeah, I've heard that twice already," Fromholz said.

The man walked toward Fromholz to put down an empty keg and asked, "Are you goin' to play that new song?"

"She's everybody's baby but mine?" Fromholz asked, referring to a song from his latest album.

"Naw," the man said, "If I can't get none here I'm goin' somewhere else."

"Did you write that one yet?" Fromholz asked laughing. "Somebody needs to."

"Well when you're 60 years old," the man said, "about all you can do is pat 'em on the fanny and go to sleep."

"Try takin' out your teeth and layin' face down," Fromholz said.

About half-way through his first set, Fromholz ad-libbed a few lines of a song he said only his friend in the back would understand. It went, "If I can't get none here..."

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# Hopson honored at reception; A&M Consol now interviewing candidates for superintendent

Fred Hopson, superintendent of Consolidated School District, made his last public appearance Sunday as the faculty and staff greeted him with hugs and well-wishes.

The reception at the Special Services Building honored Hopson who is on a leave of absence last Thursday before he moves to Leander where he will be the new superintendent.

The district's faculty and staff presented him with an etching of a lion, Leander's mascot, and a briefcase. Visibly moved, Hopson managed a mumbled "thank you."

Hopson will become the Leander superintendent Monday. He said he was taking early leave to finish plans for the move.

Dr. H.R. Burnett, assistant superintendent for instruction, will take charge of Consolidated Thursday.

The school board terminated Hopson's three-year contract on Nov. 20 citing "disagreements concerning educational policy and policy implementation" and negotiated a new contract which was to expire on June 30.

Earlier this month, however, Hopson gave the district two-week's notice that he was leaving to take the Leander job.

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