

St. Elmo's Fire a hit at The Basement

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St. Elmo's Fire. There were little black placards all over campus advertising the group's two shows to be played at the Basement Coffee House Tuesday and Wednesday nights.

It was probably easy for those who were unfamiliar with the group to pass it off as just another regular attraction at the Basement. Talking with people around campus made it clear that there were a good number of those people.

But the group's name should have been in lights.

For St. Elmo's Fire to even agree to play in a place like the Basement is a tribute to its professional patience. Why, they should have been a Town Hall attraction in G. Rollie White. No, I take that back. No one belongs in G. Rollie except jocks and gymnasts. Anyway, you get my point.

This group is extraordinary. And their performance left many in the audience wondering why the hell they are still playing in places like the Basement. I'm not knocking the

Road," the former a bluegrass number and the latter a soft, lyrical Ian Matthews tune. And Calvert said they lost several fans when they made the change. But, he said the group felt it was time to move up and out.

And move they did. They vibrated the Memorial Student Center with loud rock 'n' roll and jazz, minus the horns, flavored with flute and guitar solos and impressive vocals. The jazz numbers featured Calvert, on flute this time, and bassist Keith Grimwood, who thought he was B.B. King. His powerful vocals on the blues numbers were unbelievable. But the talent was evenly distributed among the five members.

In fact, the group took turns on lead vocals on the first five songs.

But get a load of this. For the encore, they did the old Buddy Miles tune "Them Changes," and even slipped in "I'm a Soul Man," the recent hit revived by the Blues Brothers. Idler's antics, depicting Elwood no doubt, brought the crowd to its feet and left them screaming for more when the group made their exit.

But we'll be hearing more, I'm sure. They said they'll be back if word gets around to our "program council," probably Town Hall, and they can play in a larger facility. And if the enthusiastic Basement crowd is any indication, word will definitely get around.

Review

Basement — it's nice. But I was surprised, and delighted, that a group of such significance would play here and in such a small hall.

So one band member, lead guitarist Craig Calvert, offered an answer to the puzzle. He said the group is willing to play in small halls to drum up support before they take the step into the big time. And with the looks of things, that is not very far off.

For what the crowd saw and heard in the intimacy of the Coffee House easily paralleled anything that has been presented in G. Rollie this year.

The band's jazz-rock style contrasts sharply from the more acoustic mode it established several years back when its name was Wheatfield. It began as a high school talent show entry at Lamar High in Houston, and the three original members — Calvert, Connie Mims and Ezra Idler — have stuck with it since.

The group made the musical transition very well, but it is somewhat a shame that they have abandoned such early favorites as "Waxahachie Woman" and "Seven Bridges

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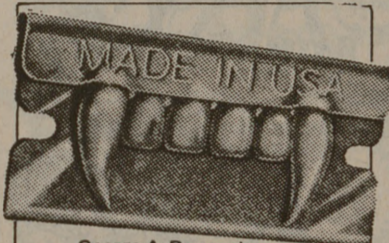
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