



Indie quartet Figment are the hottest rock act to come out of the city since the Driven released *Jesus loves you* back in '96. Their debut release, *Come on do your thing*, came out last month on the fledgling Murgatroid label and HMV were sold out of the single within ten minutes.

People generally make a fuss about things like this, especially in a city with a live music scene consisting of two nightclubs, a few bars and Cruises St. At the moment, their hot. It's staying hot that's the challenge. Perhaps that's why guitarist and vocalist Brian McNamara appeared bemused when I asked whether he and the rest of the group would consider leaving fifth year at the Crescent Comp and become full-time rock stars instead. "It would be good to get the Leaving, just to have it."

"What if", I asked, "Figment were offered a five album deal with '?'" "It would depend on the money. Show me the money."

"We've got on the 2FM playlist and we're just after getting a manager. The first single from an unknown band

- it's hard. It's good to get our name known around Limerick, especially in the county. We're mainly known in the city."

The band played their first gig around Christmas '95 at the tender age of 14. From the first gig, Brian told me, they always played some original material. "We write together and I do the lyrics. Even when we started we always did some originals. We've dropped a few since then - from the live set, anyway." The bands' pseudo-Americana alternative sound comes from a variety of influences. "We all listen to different stuff. I like Weezer, Pavement and Radiohead."

"We're hoping to bring out some singles; it depends on the record company - if they want to release it." With their next single to be distributed in England by Vital and a tour with the Hitchers beginning shortly, the band could be here for the long haul. Mind you, if you were in a band, would you like to be here? Answers on a post card, please.



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