

**THE FRESHMEN RETURN TO ROSEBURG, OREGON FEBRUARY 11, 2009 FOR
JAZZ IN JACOBY AT UMPQUA COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

by Gil Peterson

Before I give you the details of the upcoming concert, let me take just a moment or two to say a few words about the Indianapolis FF Convention. Neil, Sara Lou, and the entire Indianapolis convention committee deserve a huge round of applause for a beautifully orchestrated convention. I know first hand the dedication that is required to put such an event together. I am sure I speak for all the FFS members attending the convention by saying that it was virtually flawless in every way. I suppose the only way to express our appreciation is to simply say THANK YOU -----IT WAS WONDERFUL!!!!!!!

Now let me give you the details of the concert. Roseburg is a rather small rural community of approximately 25,000 residents. However, one of the tremendous assets we have is Umpqua Community College. The Chairman of the Performing Arts Department at the college is Dr. Jason Heald. Dr. Heald happens to be one of the most creative individuals I have ever known and is a huge fan of the Freshmen. Each year in February, Dr. Heald has a music event called Jazz in Jacoby. All of the area schools come together with their modern jazz vocal groups to perform in Jacoby Auditorium. It is a marvelous event and each year Dr. Heald has a celebrity individual or group to present a workshop to these young musicians. The Freshmen have done this before and will once again be the celebrity workshop hosts. This is a fabulous opportunity for the Freshmen to gather a whole new young fan base to keep the sound we love alive.

The Wednesday night concert will be at 7:30 PM in Jacoby Auditorium and the tickets will be \$15.00 and may be purchased online at www.tickets.umpqua.edu or by calling 541-440-4691. We have arranged for special seating for FFS members. As in the past, we are recommending the Windmill Inn for accommodations. Their local number is 1-541-673-0901. When you call, identify yourself as an FFS member and ask for the group rate.

After the concert, I am in the process of arranging a private room for us at Elmer's, which is next door to the Windmill Inn, for an afterglow together. I am sure the boys will join us for a few adult beverages and fun.

The workshop will be Thursday the 12th and all FFS members are invited to attend this event. I think you will be impressed!!

If anyone should have any problems with arrangements or tickets, please contact me at 1-541-672-0937 and I will be very happy to assist you.

We are very excited to once again have the number one jazz vocal harmony group in the history of the music industry here in Roseburg. We love having them here and when I spoke to them in Indianapolis, they seemed genuinely excited about coming back.

It is going to be a fabulous evening of music and memories. PLEASE JOIN US!!!!