

## CONVENTION UPDATE — from Jack & Mary Morrison, Convention Co-Chairs

**We are overwhelmed by the response for this year's convention. We have sold out the Convention Ballroom with over 350 FFS members coming. In addition we have 25 requests for single night tickets that are on a waiting list. Our first priority is to take care of those Four Freshmen Society members who wish to attend the entire convention. Even though we have sold out, we encourage those who would like to register for the whole convention to contact us. I am told that it is typical that a number of cancellations come in during the last month before the convention. The cost is \$160 per person. We will do everything possible to include you if we can.**

**Directions:** The hotel is located on the south east end of town close to the airport, shopping and many restaurants

By Air: Once you arrive at Gerald R. Ford International Airport in Grand Rapids, proceed to the baggage claim area and use the Crowne Plaza phone to call hotel for pick up. This is a no charge service. Hotel is less than 10 minutes away from airport.

By Car: From the east- take I 96 and get off at exit 43B and head \_ mile east.

From the south/west- take I 196 past downtown and it merges into I 96 and then exit at 43 B — head \_ mile east

**Drive Time:** Chicago 3 hours, Detroit 2 \_, Indianapolis 4 \_, Cleveland 5, Pittsburgh 7, Cincinnati 6 \_, Nashville 8, Milwaukee 4 \_, Louisville 6,

**Hotel:** The convention hotel is Crowne Plaza, 5700 28<sup>th</sup> St SE, Phone 616 957 1770 (888-957-9575). If you have not made your hotel registration yet, I would encourage you to do so soon.

**What to do and see in Grand Rapids:** We will have an Information Table staffed with knowledgeable people who can assist you on selecting sites to see, restaurants or shopping tips. You might also check out the following web sites for more information — [www.visitgrandrapids.org](http://www.visitgrandrapids.org) or [www.wmta.org](http://www.wmta.org)

**Optional Tour:** We are using two busses for this tour. We have 19 unreserved seats available (only those who have paid have reserved space). You can sign up at convention on first come first serve basis or you can send in \$27 and be assured a seat on the bus

**Dress code for events:** Thursday & Friday night events are casual dress. Saturday night will be a dressier affair. Sport Coats (ties optional) are suggested. Please dress for air conditioned rooms (might bring sweaters)

**Entertainment:** Three nights of entertainment are planned, starting with the Thursday night Fan/Jam. The Tom Hagen trio, a very talented and versatile group, will anchor the evening's entertainment. Former Four Freshmen will be encouraged to join the fun as they have in the past. The Central Illinois Freshmen Singers, a group of 12 FF fans, will participate as well. The evening will conclude with a jam session, so all musicians are encouraged to bring their instruments and join in. The Four Freshmen will perform on both Friday and Saturday evenings. They will perform a shorter program Friday evening and share the program with a great group, called the Keller Kocher Quartet. The entertainment will conclude on Saturday evening with a full concert by the Freshmen.

**Music Mart/Hospitality Room:** Be sure to stop in and see old friends and meet new ones. This room will be opened throughout the week. Bob Lininger will have a full selection of Four Freshmen CD's for you to browse through and buy. The convention committee will be selling T-shirts (nice additions for your collection/wardrobe). Raffle tickets will also be sold for a drawing of two autographed Four Freshmen posters. Don't be surprised if you see other members selling or swapping old Four Freshmen LP's.

**Questions?** If you have any questions or would like to register for the Convention, you can e-mail Jack or Mary Morrison at [Jwmorr001@aol.com](mailto:Jwmorr001@aol.com) or mail requests to J. Morrison, 2171 Teal Ct. SE Grand Rapids, Michigan 49546.