

Four Freshmen-Back Home Again Columbus, Indiana by Marian Parker

Tuesday, May 2, 2006, was a "Red Letter Day" for the Four Freshmen fans who packed the Columbus North Erne Auditorium in Columbus, Indiana. This concert was billed as the "Four Freshmen-Back Home Again" Concert. Columbus, Indiana, is where it all began 58 years ago when Ross and Don Barbour started this group while students at Butler University in Indianapolis, Indiana. Everyone was thrilled to have Ross and his wife, Sue, in attendance.

From the opening song "Day In, Day Out" to the encore finale "And So It's Over" (written by Ross Barbour) the multi-talented Four Freshmen held the audience "in the palm of their hands." They were given a rousing standing ovation! The program may be over "but the melody lingers on!" How could we ever forget the outstanding trumpet playing of Curtis Calderone, Brian Eichenberger's rendition of "If I Only Had A Brain," Vince Johnson's bass playing, whistling and scat singing, Bob Ferreira's expertise on the drums and his very memorable solo "How Do You Keep The Music Playing?" They delighted the fans with standards like "Route 66," "Poinciana," "Young and Foolish," and "Skylark." Several songs from their latest CD "In Session" were also highlights of the concert. These personable young men definitely "won the hearts" of this very receptive audience.

Ross Barbour was introduced and was asked to join the Four Freshmen in singing "It's a Blue World" which was a "show stopper."

A workshop was held in the auditorium the afternoon of the concert for high school vocal and band students. They were very attentive and are definitely fans of the Four Freshmen now!

Four Freshmen CDs were for sale in the lobby after the concert and every CD was sold! The Freshmen were busy signing CDs and visiting with the fans. An "After Glow" was held at the Holiday Inn following the concert for Society members and guests. Everyone enjoyed visiting with Ross and Sue and the Four Freshmen at this event.

Ross Barbour was invited to speak at the Public Library Monday night, May 1. The room was filled and everyone enjoyed hearing Ross speak about his experiences starting the group and singing with them for so many years. Lydia Bohn, his 90-year-old former grade school and high school music teacher was introduced and she told about helping Ross purchase his first trumpet when he was in grade school.

Those of us who served on the organizing committee for the concert are so happy to have been a part of this event. It was really a "Mountain Top Experience" for us. Several of us are looking forward to attending the FFS Convention in Pittsburgh in August.

Organizing Committee:

Marian Parker, Shirley Lyster, Ned Bradley and Norman Morris



Curtis, Vince, Ross, Brian, Bob