

## PORTLAND 2007 IS ALMOST HERE

The 17th annual Four Freshmen Society convention, Portland 2007 is less than a month away and all our plans are falling into place, well almost all. Naturally there are a few small things that took some fixing but that is all under control now. And things are going very well. If you have kept up on our publicity offerings you already know what will happen and most of the details. Rather than repeat any of that we will update you with things that you do not know.

We mentioned that the Portland light rail, commonly called "The Max" will deliver you from Portland International airport directly to the DoubleTree hotel for less than \$2.00. We did not tell you about their website so you could see for yourself all the details. Try <http://www.trimet.org/max/index.htm> to see all the places they can take you right from our headquarters hotel.

One thing that we have not been able to solve is a problem with the DoubleTree Hotel reservations department. All DoubleTree hotels use a common reservations office and sometimes the people there do not have all the correct information. Some folks have been told that the special room rates are all used up and the price is much higher than we state. That is not true and the rates are just what we have said. Some folks have been told that parking is \$9 or \$18 per night and that is also not true. If you are registered with the DoubleTree for the convention, parking is free. To avoid all the confusion caused by this misinformation we suggest that you do NOT ask for the reservations desk when you call the hotel. Ask for the front desk and they will help you with all the correct information. You must still use the FFC code when making reservations and ask for clarification if you are given the different information than we stated.

We will have an added attraction that is not shown on the events schedule and that is an 18 piece swing band that will perform a short concert following the Four Freshmen on Friday, August 3rd. Nothing else has changed. The jam session on Thursday evening will have some surprises that you will enjoy so be sure to attend that event that starts at 7:30 PM.

Our registrars, John and Barbara Osterholm, are doing an excellent job of taking care of those who register and there should be a very minimum of confusion, if any, when you arrive. Trish Hatley has taken good care of everything that will be required to make sure everyone can see and hear all of the entertainment. She has also brought some of the finest musicians in the Northwest to entertain you.

We will not know until the convention actually starts just how many Four Freshmen fans we will take care of. Presently we have well over 350 and with seven weeks from when this is written to go, we may well top the 500 mark. We have also attracted many new members to the Four Freshmen Society by combining a reduced introductory membership fee with a convention registration.

If you are still not sure whether you are coming to Portland 2007 all we can say is you are missing a wonderful time in a great part of the USA if you do not come. We really hope to see you there in August. There is still plenty of time to register and if we can help in any way feel free to call me, Loren Knutsen (360) 293-7308 or E-mail me [Lorens@fidalgo.net](mailto:Lorens@fidalgo.net).