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Dear Fresh News,

Having just received the *In Session CD* and the DVD of the 2004 Convention, I must congratulate the current custodians of the 1948 sound on their fine performances and Dan de la Torre on his excellent videoing.

Vince Johnson's whistling takes me back to Bing Crosby and the 1930s and 40s, when every errand boy in England seemed to have the will to whistle. My only slight disappointment with the Grand Rapids performances was that Brian Eichenberger didn't play keyboards at all.

A Chronicle of the 20th Century (with foreword by President Gerald R. Ford) lists Vaughan Williams' 6th Symphony; Alan Paton's novel Cry the Beloved Country; Laurence Olivier's movie Hamlet; and Jackson Pollock's painting Composition No.1 as THE arts events of 1948. But none of those gave rise to an appreciation society like the FFS. I think 1948 saw the birth of a great minority tradition in jazz music and the ultimate development of barbershop singing.

All good wishes and happy listening!

SMALL WORLD by Jack Morrison

While attending the Elkhart Jazz Festival, my wife, Mary, entered the restroom and a lady said "Aren't you the one who hosted last years Four Freshmen Convention?" Then another lady said "I was there too" and a third lady said "I did not attend but I am a Four Freshmen Society member."

Here there were five women in the ladies restroom and four of them were Four Freshmen Society members. Considering that over 2,000 were in attendance that day and the ladies came separately from four different states (Ohio, Michigan, Indiana and Illinois) just blows my mind. I recognized 15 different FFS members in attendance and wonder how many more there were that I did not recognize.

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