

A Little History

by Dick Baldwin, President

The Four Freshmen Appreciation Society was founded by Edd Tounsand (Elizabethton TN). In 1987, after Bob Flanigan gave him "The FF Approval", Edd served as CEO from 1987-1990.

In 1990 Edd resigned and, our one and only John Bangs assumed the presidency. Based in Oshkosh WI, John expanded our society and our fan club changed its name to "The Four Freshmen Society".

From 1990 - 1996 John was an excellent leader, moving FFS to rapidly growing membership and fiscal stability. At this time John recruited Freshfan Chick Trafford to produce our society newsletter - **Fresh News**. The newsletter has been an invaluable tool in the presentation of THE FRESHMEN SOUND.

After seven years at the FFS helm, John resigned the presidency . . . passing the baton to Theodore D. Driscoll (Elyria OH). Ted held the office from 1996-1998.

Ted continued the excellent leadership and played a major part in the nomination and selection of THE FOUR FRESHMEN to the Vocal Group Hall of Fame (based in Sharon PA).

Another one of Ted's accomplishments was the initiating of major financial support for the freshmen.

Don Follett (Shoreview MN) took over the presidency in 1998-2000. Again the society was greatly enhanced by Don's leadership and people skills.

Next my immediate predecessor was inaugurated as president in 2000, serving five years! Thomas A. Purvis (Sandusky OH)

During the full term of his leadership the society grew in world-wide membership, and tangible support for THE FRESHMEN increased to unprecedented heights.

Editor's note: After faithful service he helped the society by suggesting that the strides made to improve our business strategies be continued. He recruited long time fan and college administrator Richard E. Baldwin (Williamsville NY) to run for election to the presidency of FFS.



Couple from U.K. & Bud and Vonda Webb



Babs Frederich and Kathy Barbour (Ross' baby)

More Ross' Quips

- Cyclops:** Chances to ride your bike.
- Kaleidoscope:** Camera lens for filming auto wrecks.
- Diverticulitis:** People who have this disease laugh a lot when going in the water.
- Palisades:** Are cliffs, not the King's servants.
- Portrayal:** If you get seasick even before the ship leaves the dock, don't barf over the Portrayal. Use the starboard side for heavens sake.

- And Remember -

It is better to have half a loaf than not to have rested at all.

We did have a good time in Portland. They really planned it well. Not better than Pittsburgh, but close . . . Ross