FOUR FRESHMEN at CATALINA'S, Hollywood CA January 15, 2003

by Ross Barbour

Sue and I and two of our good neighbors sat right at the edge of the stage (a 6-inch-high stage).

The group knocks me out! They are <u>alone</u> in their field, and, if you broaden the "Vocal Group" category enough to include the currently successful "boy bands," the Freshmen are <u>way ahead</u> of whoever is second.

Brian





Curtis







Bob

On The Road With The Freshmen

by Barbara Dana and Lois Frye

Dateline: January 25, 2003 - SANIBEL ISLAND FL

The performance at the B.I.G. ARTS Center on this small island paradise off southwestern Florida was totally sold out weeks in advance. (We drove 125 miles to see them and were glad we had purchased our tickets early.)

The guys looking very sharp in blue blazers, white turtleneck shirts and gray pants, came out and started right in, We were treated to two sets - 24 songs of perfect harmony.

Once again, The Four Freshmen held the audience in the palms of their hands. The following tunes made up the rest of the first set:

SW Florida FFS Rep, Bill Curts, said CD sales were constant throughout intermission. (Some folks commented that they wished the CD on sale was of the current group and wondered when one would be available.)

The audience wouldn't let them leave, so the guys came back and treated everyone to a very special encore. They came out to the edge of the stage and did the last two songs acappella, and without amplification. They sang the beautiful "I'm Always Chasing Rainbows," followed by Brian's arrangement of "The Star Spangled Banner." The crowd seemed very impressed with The Freshmen's talent, but they also were quite "moved" by their sensitivity and ending a performance this way.

Dateline: January 29, 2003, Palm Beach Gardens A Sell-Out Again

Venue - Eissey Campus Theatre at Palm Beach Community College - a very modern performance hall. Every seat has a clear view of the performers and excellent acoustics. All 750 seats were filled. (The Box Office said they stopped taking names for a "wait list" when it reached 50!)

The Freshmen are still doing what we all come to see and hear..."knocking out the audiences" with their abundance of talent and winning personalities.

The guys looked "energized" after their successful Sanibel Island booking, four days earlier. An eager crowd of "Music Lovers" filled the lobby prior to the concert and were warmly greeted by two FFS Reps - Barbara Dana, SE FL Rep. and local resident of the Palm Beach area, and Lois Frye of Melbourne FL, the NE & Central FL Rep. There were also several other FFS members in attendance: Sally and Rod Dague, Eastern New York Rep., down from Altamont NY, and Maryann and Bob Sincavage of Binghamton NY (Maryann and Bob were also at the Sanibel Island concert), John Van Wagoner, a newly-joined member from Stuart FL is a long-time follower and friend of the early Freshmen groups and he brought along his guest, Tony Koustas of Dearborn MI, also a winter resident of Stuart. Fred Crow of Jupiter FL was there, as well as Sonya and Stew Davis of Oldsmar FL. It's always fun meeting so many others who share our love of the Freshmen Music. (continued)