



# Fresh News

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## New CD Release Announced: The Four Freshmen: LIVE in the NEW MILLENNIUM

**Pat's Gold** has announced the "street date" for the new compact disc as recorded at the **Annenberg** in California. FFS members should be able to buy the new album at a multiplicity of stores, because Pat's Gold has improved the distribution process. Contact your stores on JUNE 4, 2002!

As this fanzine goes to press, FFS has not been able to negotiate the acquisition of cd's for our Music Mart. It has been our policy over the years to avoid "availability announcements" until we actually have the product in inventory; therefore, it is likely that we won't be able to ask you to send your money to John Bangs until the publication of Fresh News (July 2002).

Here is the list of songs recorded for our pleasure:

*DAY BY DAY - I CONCENTRATE ON YOU*  
*I'M GONNA GO FISHIN' - I FALL IN LOVE TOO EASILY*  
*CAN'T TAKE YOU NOWHERE - POINCIANA*  
*LOVE DANCE - ROUTE 66*  
*POLKA DOTS AND MOONBEAMS*  
*THIS OCTOBER - GRADUATION DAY*  
*YOU CAME A LONG WAY FROM ST. LOUIS*  
*AFTER YOU'VE GONE*  
*WALKIN' MY BABY BACK HOME*  
*THEIR HEARTS WERE FULL OF SPRING*

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## Chance Encounter with Celebrity Fans of the Freshmen

By Ann Smith, State Rep, N. TX

A friend of mine, Jo Stone, is a tremendous fan of the Four Freshmen, although not as yet a FFS member. She was on a flight to Nashville and was travelling in first class (since her son is a pilot). Seated in the seat beside her and the two seats across the aisle were three delightful African American gentlemen, whom she got into conversation with. On a guess, she asked if they were a vocal group – and to her amazement they replied yes. She further inquired, "Well, are you someone I might have heard of"? And their reply was, "We're The Commodores"! After exclamations of delight, she asked, "Well, would it offend you if I told you I was a Four Freshmen fan"? And their reply was, "No. We're Four Freshmen fans, too!"

## High Praise for the Freshmen From the Vocal Majority

By Ann Smith, State Rep, N. TX

The Vocal Majority is a 140-voice men's choir in Dallas – and has been going strong for many years (at least 30). Ross Barbour mentioned them in his book, *Now You Know*, in which he outlines life as a Freshmen. After a Vocal Majority concert, I introduced myself to their director, Jim Clancey (also noted in Ross's book). (By the way, I was wearing my Four Freshmen tee shirt, in an attempt to recruit people for the FFS.) I told Jim that I felt sure that the Four Freshmen would like for me to tell him hello for them – and that I had seen them not too long before at our annual convention in Bowling Green. He asked how Bob Flanigan and Ross were, and I assured him that they were fine and were with us at the convention.

Jim shared with me that a few years ago the Vocal Majority did an appearance in Scotland. And when Ross heard about it, he and Sue went to Scotland and attended the concert. How's that for a mutual admiration society?

Then Jim said the most amazing thing – my reason for writing about this. He said, "Without the Four Freshmen, there would be no Vocal Majority." Further, he stated, "Without the Four Freshmen, I wouldn't be here in Dallas." (He did later qualify the remark by saying, "at least, the Vocal Majority as we know it today".) Such profound praise just had to be shared with the Freshmen (original, former, and current) and also with the Four Freshmen fans.