

## MY FRESHMEN STORY

by Jerry Richardson (OH)

It was a dark and stormy night, the year 1954. Lightning was flashing, thunder sounded like potatoes being dumped on a wooden floor and goblins were everywhere. Suddenly I heard that ghostly sound A-Oh!, A-Oh! Well not really, the year was '54 and the sound was right but the rest is pure fantasy. It was actually a hot and clammy Midwest night, one that called for a refreshing rain storm.

I walked past the juke box to the restroom at a local restaurant. While in there I was listening to the record of choice. I hurried out to the music machine to see who was singing so beautifully. The song "We'll Be Together Again" and the group "The Four Freshmen." This combination has become my all-time favorite.

Click back to 1950...I was an usher in a downtown theater, remember them? One of the movies being shown was "Rich, Young & Pretty." The featured song was "How Do You Like Your Eggs In The Morning?" It didn't catch my attention and I missed "Blue World" and had to wait until '54 to realize what a great group I had witnessed earlier. To say that I admire the group and their music is a gross understatement. They are the best ever and I have been a fan since then.

We were vacationing at Hilton Head, S.C., in 1986, and my wife was reading the local paper. She looked up and said "The Four Freshmen are going to appear the next evening at a local auditorium". I laughed and said sure they are, as I was told they had disbanded years earlier. Says she, "Look for yourself," sharing the print in front of my face. I was sick because we had to be in Atlanta GA the next day for a previously arranged engagement. Later that year we caught a performance in Columbus, Ohio, and they were great. We went to the Battelle Auditorium, also in Columbus. They were appearing with The Columbus Jazz Orchestra. We walked in without tickets, hoping we could get two. I saw a guy puttering around with some papers on a long table, asked him if he could get me tickets. He said he couldn't, but some probably would be available. I watched him for a while then asked what he was doing. He said he was representing "The Four Freshmen Appreciation Society." This was my introduction to John Bangs and we joined at that time in 1989 and have been with them ever since. And what a great rep. John is for the FFS.

Fresh regards - see you in Reston.

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|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Love Lost          | 6. Freshman Years      |
| 2. Lonely For My Love | 7. Tears In Our Eyes   |
| 3. Oh, Lonely Winter  | 8. Nashville Blues     |
| 4. First Affair       | 9. Don't Make Me Sorry |
| 5. Night Time         | 10. And So It's Over   |

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## Meet Bob Lininger

It looks like Western PA native, Bob Lininger, will be our new Music Mart Director after our revered mentor...the indefatigable John Bangs, hangs it up this summer. Here's a candid shot of Bob taken on April 6 in Cumberland, Maryland!



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