

FOUR FRESHMEN INCLUDED IN VOCAL GROUP CD

by Mike Collins (TX)

The newest CD from the syndicated radio show, "Big Band Jump," includes the Four Freshmen among the 27 famous singing groups in a 2-1/2 hour set entitled "The Groups Sing."

The FF entry is its rendition of "Tuxedo Junction." (Strangely, this is without words...if limited to only one choice, I would have chosen a number with words.)

In all, 27 groups are represented on 51 songs in the two-CD set. For further information, call 800-377-0022.

The program library has many other CDs from the big band era, with most of the choices dating earlier than 1950, including a four-CD Stan Kenton set on music from 1941-49, with 93 songs.

Ross Remembers...

George Vaval was a good man, and he ran a good nightclub called the Esquire Lounge in Dayton, Ohio, (March 1950).

Yes! That's the place Stan Kenton heard us first, but I'm not going to tell you that story again. This is about George's dad.

George had two grown sons. He wasn't young, but his dad was old...I mean really old. Once in a while he would hobble into the Esquire Lounge in the afternoon for our rehearsal. We all treated him with great respect. That was 52 years ago. He may be dead now, but don't bet on it.

One day somebody was gently kidding him about being old and asked him "What do you do to keep going all these years? Do you have a secret?" Everybody leaned a little closer to hear his words of wisdom, and he did not disappoint. He said, "You know how it is. Most people die in bed. Well, not me! Every night before I get into bed I drink a LOT of water. Next morning, I've GOTTA get up!"

SIGN IN BARBER SHOP

from John Bangs

DO NOT COMPLAIN ABOUT GETTING OLD
AND HAVING GRAY HAIR! MANY OTHERS
NEVER HAD THE SAME PRIVILEGE!

Fresh Fans, I Have An Idea!

Father Peter Gillquist CA

How about running a column in Fresh News called "Songs I Wish the Four Freshmen Would Record." Ask the readers to submit and sign their list. This is my list:

When I Fall in Love (It Will Be Forever)

That's All (I can only give you country walks in Springtime...)
Through the Years

A Time for Us

Where or When

Night and Day

All the Things You Are

You Are So Beautiful to Me (Live in Nashville Grillo solo)

I'm In the Mood for Love

From Here to Eternity

My Day With the Four Freshmen

by Dominic DeMalia (9 yrs. old)

July 5, 2002, was the best day of my life. I got to spend an entire day with the Four Freshmen. My grandfather is Charlie Messier and he knows the guys really well, so he arranged the whole thing! The day started by going to radio station WICN to do an interview. I had never been to a radio station before so it was neat to see how everything works. Then I got to go to lunch with them. They were so nice. They told me really cool stories about the band and how they began to play music. I want to learn the trumpet so Curtis gave me some pointers for when I start. They let me take pictures and they signed my autograph book. It was awesome.

After lunch I got to go to the EcoTarium in Worcester, Massachusetts, to see the soundcheck. It was neat to see the way they set everything up to get ready for the concert. I requested that they play "Route 66" and "Day by Day." I also asked if they would do "How Do You Like Your Eggs In the Morning" but Bob said he was the only one who knew it, maybe they could learn it for next year.

The concert was awesome. They played all the songs I love and the ones I asked for. My favorite of all time is "Route 66." I took some more pictures and I never wanted the show to end!

After the concert was over we all went back to my grandparent's house for a concert party. I got to meet a lot of 4 Freshmen fans like me and spend some more time with Bob, Brian & Vince (Curtis couldn't make it). I was kind of sad it all had to end.

I'll never forget that day as long as I live. I want to thank everyone who took the time to show me a great time. Thanks Bob, Brian, Vince and Curtis, you guys are great! Most of all I want to thank my Grampy for giving me the greatest day of my life! Thanks and I love you!

I'm only nine, so I hope the Four Freshmen will keep playing for a long time to come!