

## And So It's Over

by John Bangs

On July 8th President Tom Purvis and FFS Financial Advisor Jack Chivatero made the 450 mile drive from Sandusky OH to Oshkosh WI. Tom and Jack picked up some 28 cartons of Music Mart products to take to Bob Lininger, thus saving yours truly a lot of time and trouble.



We discussed Freshmen past and present and future?? We agreed that Group #22 sounds/plays as well as any before it. If bookings pick up, longevity is assured. There remain some major problems between the group, ownership and management, my opinion ONLY.

Tom was kind enough to honor me with a plaque that reads "RESOLVED by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), that it is the sense of the Congress that JAZZ is hereby designated as a rare and valuable national American treasure to which we should devote our attention, support and resources to make certain it is preserved, understood and promulgated. Congress Sept. and Dec. 1987." Thanks, Tom.

We had two meals together at the area's finest, visited the Experimental Aircraft Museum, and took a short tour of Lake Winnebago properties. The temperature reminded us of Las Vegas - it was HOT Hot and Humid as Wisconsin is this time of year.

Again, I thank Tom and Jack for their transfer of the mart's goodies and hope that all FFS members give Bob Lininger a chance to break in slowly. President Purvis has authorized me to keep a phone line till the end of the year. I bought a new fax machine and for now the numbers will remain the same.

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As Ross wrote "AND SO IT'S OVER."

## A Fond Farewell to John Bangs

Tom Purvis, Pres. FFS

Not so fast...he is not going anywhere! John has elected to step aside, not down, as the director of our Music Mart. I have searched for a title for John to provide a suitable status level for his retirement from an active role with FFS; President Emeritus, Senior Director of the Music Mart, etc. Nothing really fits a guy like John other than GOOD FRIEND - to the Freshmen of all eras, without question to FFS and its many members, and most importantly to me personally. Without John there would be no Four Freshmen Society, and quite possibly no Four Freshmen, at least as we know them today. His devotion to the music, the Society and the Freshmen is the stuff that builds legends. So...anyone that is this good is needed and John has assured me that he will remain interested and involved and will be available for advice and counsel for some time to come. He just hopes to get out of his basement more frequently!

The Music Mart inventory is now delivered to its new location in Pittsburgh and the new Music Mart will be operational soon. John will be in a necessary support role for a time and we will continue to solicit John for suggestions for items to include within our "store."

John will continue to have the FFS telephone and fax in service, so if you need to speak with him please do so, but be sure to address him by his title, GOOD FRIEND.

We presented John with an attractive plaque for his basement wall, but I suspect that it may not get hung as it may displace portions of his beer bottle collection. Well, at least the thought was there.

