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‘Blockheads’ share their daydreams

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The New Kids on the Block come to Southwest Florida Thursday — and some of their fiercest fans aren't far behind.

Molly Phennicie of Lehigh Acres — who once daydreamed of marrying New Kid Joey McIntyre — plans to be there for the Germain Arena show.

So does Cape Coral resident Katrina Sammelian, who says she's amassed a huge (and slightly disturbing) collection of New Kids memorabilia. Including Danny Wood's dirty sock.

Some New Kids fans love the Boston boys as much now as they did in the late '80s. Maybe even more.

The News-Press recently asked the mostly female concert-goers to e-mail some of their best New Kids stories and confessions. Here's what these self-described "Block-heads" had to say:

- "I have been a fan since the '80s," writes Melody Anderson, 32, of Tampa. "My entire bedroom was filled top to bottom with NKOTB pictures."

Anderson is such a hard-core fan, she recently baked a cake for Jonathan Knight's 40th birthday.

"My kids think I'm crazy," she says. "Hell, everyone thinks I'm crazy!"

"They were my first crush, and now I'm suppose to be an adult.

"But when I hear their music or see them on TV, I scream like I'm 13."

- Angela Garcia, 30, of Miami says she's been a "Blockhead" since 1988, and she still loves the quintet's smooth dance moves, fantastic voices and dreamy good looks.

"My favorite then and now is Joe McIntyre," Garcia writes. "He has always remained my favorite with his suave Frank Sinatra demeanor and perfect smile."

Garcia says she never got to meet an actual New Kid — but she did meet their parents.

"The craziest thing I ever did for the band — other than spending endless amounts of my mother's money for memorabilia — is when my cousins and I slipped out in order to meet the parents of the band members at a local mall here in Miami," she writes. "Even though we did not get to meet the guys, meeting their parents was just as exciting."

- Sabrina Mills, 29, of Leesburg says she and her friend Erin once dreamed of marrying one of the New Kids.

She was 5 years old at the time.

"We where so convinced that they would love us if they met us," she writes. "We planned to one day go to Boston and marry them so we could be sisters."

- Molly Phennicie, 27, of Lehigh Acres also dreamed of marrying her favorite New Kid.

"I just knew that I would grow up and marry Joey McIntyre and fulfill my life's destiny as Molly McIntyre!" she writes. "I had Joey's giant poster, T-shirt, and at least seven or eight of the picture buttons."

She still fondly remembers her third-grade birthday party that included NKOTB plates, cups and a birthday cake (including the New Kids in icing form).

"I couldn't sleep for days before my party," she writes. "I just knew the New Kids were going to show up at my house to perform their hits "Hangin' Tough" and "Right Stuff."

"I daydreamed about being serenaded during "Cover Girl."

- Katrina Sammelian, 37, of Cape Coral describes herself as a "crazed NKOTB fan." In 1989, she and her sister saw them three times in Florida. They even snagged some unusual keepsakes after the shows.

"We have got some crazy memorabilia from those days," she writes. "We retrieved Danny's dirty sock, a shirt and some other weird things."

Sammelian recently flew to Baltimore and then drove with her sister to Atlantic City to see the band.

"We somehow squeezed our way to the front row and got two backstage passes," she writes, "but we weren't lucky enough to get to use them. We were in the wrong place in that line, and the body guard cut off the line in the middle and we were at the end! Once again, SO CLOSE!"

She hopes to get backstage on Thursday at Germain Arena, and she ends her e-mail with a personal message for the New Kids.

"We love u guys!" she writes. "Maybe one day we will get our face time?"
