



HOOP HISTORIANS NEWS

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HE JUST KEEPS ON GOING AND GOING AND GOING



Coach **John Mayberry** has had a storied career in many different fields, but his commitment to education may be second to none. The Californian has been working on a new assignment this spring as a full-time seventh grade counselor. This year marked Mayberry's 63rd consecutive year of teaching. John's first teaching job paid him \$100 a month back in 1955.

REVISITING HOOP HISTORIANS HISTORY

Executive Director **Joe Spagnolo** couldn't pass up the opportunity for a return trip back to the beginnings of the Hoop Historians during a recent visit to the greater Minneapolis area this month. Joe stopped by the Outback Steakhouse in Bloomington, Minnesota – the site of the group's first annual meeting in 2001. Spagnolo reports that not much has changed with the restaurant's setting – which still includes the local faithfuls watching hockey games on the big screen TV, despite a night where the NBA Playoffs were in full force. Also the unseasonably cool temperatures haven't changed much since any of the past Final Four travels to the Twin Cities. It's safe to say to get ready to buckle up your overcoat next April.



WATCHING THE BEST IN BASKETBALL

The California Community College's Mens' Basketball Coaches Association hosted its Sophomore Showcase at Moorpark College in March. The upper deck had over 200 coaches from NCAA and NAIA schools in attendance. The event was part of the Great Eight CCCAA State Tournaments hosted by Ventura College, and was worked by fellow Hoop Historian **Vern Vegso**. Mt. San Jacinto won the womens' championship and San Francisco City captured the mens' title at the Ventura College Athletics Events Center.



ABOVE: A "Who's Who" of college coaches watch the Sophomore Showcase from the rafters of the Raider Pavilion

ON THE ROAD AGAIN



Hoop Historian **Vern Vegso** will be a busy traveller during the month of June. Vegso will be working a pair of the Pro-Tech Basketball Camps, which will mark the 14th summer that Vern has worked these events. The first camp will be held in Tyler, Texas from June 11-14 and will be followed by another Pro-Tech Camp in Door County, Wisconsin, June 18-21. The events feature both boys and girls team participation and are coordinated by former NBA scout Ron Meikle.

HOOP HISTORIANS APPAREL TO BE OFFERED



Looking Good

The Hoop Historians brand will now be able to reach the closets of its members and friends of the group. Plans are now being made to have an on-line store which will feature Hoop Historians apparel and merchandise. Items ranging from jackets, pullovers, hoodies, sweatshirts, t-shirts, hats, caps are expected to be available this fall.



HOOP HISTORIANS PHOTO GALLERY

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BATTER UP: It must be baseball season once again. Hoop Historians (left to right) Rick Schabowski, Gary DePerry and Joe Spagnolo are at Miller Park in Milwaukee.

MINNESOTA MAYHEM: 2019 FINAL FOUR



APRIL 6 & 8