



CAMPAIGN 2006 IN THE BOOKS



The Hoop Historians were on the move during the third month of the 2006 calendar. The group had representatives in all three rounds of the NCAA tournament this year, as some of them saw Cinderella George Mason start their campaign during first and second round games in Dayton, Ohio. The West coach contingent saw the electrifying UCLA-Gonzaga contest in the Oakland Regional and the masses attended the finals in Indianapolis. On the tournament's final weekend, despite all three games being decided by double digit margins, the Hoop Historians enjoyed activities in Indy off the court as well. The annual meeting provided new apparel, membership cards and lapel pins to promote the organization. The latest chapter of the Hoop Historians annals now totals a combined 347 Final Fours attended by the sixteen person membership – an average of more than 21 Final Fours per person! You can follow the Hoop Historians whirlwind championship month by checking out the 2006 March Madness pictorial on the group's website at www.hoophistorians.com. More pictures will be posted on the website in the next few weeks, so check back often.



Left: I Can't believe he ate the whole thing! Bruce Ziemer and his 32 ounce prime rib at St. Elmo Steakhouse

ANACONDA GREAT ALASKAN SHOOTOUT SHINES AGAIN



In what has become the best event of the Final Four each year, [Anaconda Sports](#) once again sponsored the annual Great Alaskan Shootout party. Hundreds of pounds of fresh fish were flown into Indianapolis to the likings of the Hoop Historians. The event once again featured keynote speaker Dick "my friends call me Richie" Vitale.

HOOP HISTORIAN WEBSITE NEW & IMPROVED

The official website of the Hoop Historians, www.hoophistorians.com, has undergone some major changes. Along with an easy to navigate home page, the site now features an all [new members section](#) – with updated expanded profiles and NCAA game logs for each member, [Replay Review](#) pages of recent Final Fours, and an archive of every [Hoop Historians News](#) ever published. Also, plenty of pictures from March Madness and even a first ever [Hoop Historians Quiz](#) is now on-line. Visit it today!

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CELEBRATING FORTY YEARS OF FINAL FOURS

At its annual meeting, the Dean of the Hoop Historians, [Brian Burneister](#), was recognized for attending his 40th consecutive Final Four. In addition, long-time Friend of the Hoop Historians, [Al Benninger](#) also established a milestone by working his 40th straight NCAA Final Four as tournament statistician. For those of you that remember, forty tournaments ago, UCLA beat Dayton in the 1967 National title game in Louisville. Congratulations, Brian & Al!



Al Benninger (center) poses with a few of the Hoop Historians at this year's Final Four. Benninger worked his 40th straight NCAA Tournament as statistician.

HOOP HISTORIANS: ON TO THE GRIDIRON

With basketball still fresh in the minds of the Hoop Historians, a few of the members went out to the gridiron later in the month. John Mayberry visited his alma mater, Marshall University, for an alumni get together and watched the football team play in their annual Green & White game attended by recent Thundering Herd alums Randy Moss, Chad Pennington, Troy Brown and John Wade. The Notre Dame Blue and Gold spring football game also had its share of Hoop Historians present, including Ted Reineking who attended his 34th spring game at the South Bend, Indiana campus.