



HOOP HISTORIANS NEWS

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MILESTONE EDITION REVIEWS PAST HIGHLIGHTS

Celebrating its twenty-fifth issue, This month's Hoop Historians News will reflect on some of its past stories and notes through the years. [The first edition was published in May of 2003.](#)



John Mayberry and Pat Irvine's picture at Turner Field from the 2002 Final Four weekend was the first photo in the initial Hoop Historians News. The ballpark was a fitting place to find Pat -- the sister of Yankee great Billy Martin

UCLA, ALCINDOR, SAN ANTONIO AMONG HISTORIANS FAVORITES



The entire [January, 2004 edition of the Hoop Historians News](#) focused on survey results of all-time bests from the Hoop Historians. The 1967-68 Bruins, Lew Alcindor, John Wooden and San Antonio were among the groups choice's for best team, player, coach and Final Four city. Expanded results of the survey can be found at www.hoophistorians.com/funstuff.htm.

IT'S A HIT ON THE WORLD WIDE WEB

Since its inception in November of 2004, the Hoop Historians website, www.hoophistorians.com has had over 25,000 hits on the internet. The website allows for better communication of its membership and provides easy access to the group's activities for Friends of the Hoop Historians to follow across the globe.

PASSAGE TO ADVENTURE: HOOP HISTORIANS GO INTERNATIONAL

Through the various editions of the Hoop Historians News, stories have focused on members trips from [Alaska](#), [Hawaii](#), [Ireland](#) and [Scotland](#). Plans are underway for a truly international flavor for the 2009 Final Four in Detroit with possible activities north of the border in Canada.



ALOHA! The Hoop Historians on the Big Island

SPORTS, SPORTS AND MORE SPORTS



It's not always basketball all the time. Hoop Historians have seen history in being present [for back-to-back college football championships by USC](#), [World Series celebrations for the White Sox](#), [Barry Bonds' 700th home run](#), and even the first ever [California vs. Chicago bowling tournament](#).



ALL EDITIONS OF THE HOOP HISTORIANS NEWS ON-LINE

Want to review some of these Hoop Historians News memories yourself? All of the 25 complete issues of the Hoop Historians News can be accessed on the internet at <http://www.hoophistorians.com/news-home.htm>



HOOP HISTORIANS HONOR ROLL

The past 24 issues of the Hoop Historians News have outlined milestones of both its members and "Friends of the Hoop Historians". Here are just a few of those honors: **Steve and Vashilla Bennett** [added two children to their family](#); **Dorothy and Surl Kim** [attended yet another Super Bowl](#); **Dennis Mishko** was [named Coach of the Year](#) and was [named to the Top 25 area coaches of all-time](#); **Darren Sack**, son of Nancy and Al Sack, was [drafted by the San Francisco Giants](#); **Frank Wilson** [shot a hole-in-one](#); **Fred Allman** [officiated in state championship](#) games in two different sports; Friend of the Hoop Historians **Al Benninger** works his [40th straight NCAA Final Four](#), and Dean of the Hoop Historians, **Brian Burmeister** was [recognized for attending his 40th straight Final Four](#). Congratulations to one and all!

WERE YOU THERE TO SEE "THE BALLAD OF THE ALAMO"?



DID YOU KNOW?

The [sixteen person membership](#) of the Hoop Historians has amassed a total of 347 Final Fours between them and have attended a grand total of 1,658 NCAA Tournament games.

HOOP HISTORIANS MISSION STATEMENT

Sharing the past experiences of our members to promote the great game of basketball through education and goodwill.