



NEW MEMBERS ADDED TO HOOP HISTORIANS

Six individuals representing four different states were added to the Hoop Historians membership during the annual meeting in Windsor, Ontario, Canada giving the group an all-time high total of 30 members. Elected to the membership Class of 2009 are **Steve Atkins** of Highland Park, Illinois; **Cal Dilworth** of Southfield, Michigan; **Michael Gant** of Indianapolis, Indiana; **Steve Newhouse** of Wheaton, Illinois; and **Peter and Noel Sotta** of Kansas City, Missouri. Biographies on the new members can be found on the Hoop Historians website at: www.hoophistorians.com/2009inductees.htm In order to be a member, an individual must have attended three Final Fours, be a Friend of the Hoop Historians for at least one year and be voted in by 75% of the membership.

TELEVISION CAPTURES HISTORIANS IN ACTION



Pat Irvine talks to the press

The lead story on the WXYZ-TV 11:00 p.m. Thursday night newcast during Final Four week featured the Hoop Historians and their assault on the Motor City. You can see the entire interview on the Hoop Historians website at www.hoophistorians.com.

MISHKO RECOGNIZED

Hoop Historian Dennis Mishko received the organization's annual Distinguished Service Award at the Welcome Dinner for his recognition earlier this year into the Keystone College Hall of Fame. Mishko won over 700 games in his career.



LEFT: Hoop Historians Dennis Mishko (left) and Al Sack (right) coached basketball together at Keystone College in Pennsylvania.

EARLY POST-SEASON SITES SET TOURNEY TONE



Shorts in March? Must be tourney time

Hoop Historians stretched from one end of the country to the other to watch post-season basketball. UCLA backer Hersh Cherson was seen at the semi-finals of the Pac-10 Tournament in Los Angeles, and Dorothy and Surl Kim enjoyed USC's championship run in the tourney's title game. Out East, Bill Carsley and Marianne Parrillo attended their third straight Big East Tournament in New York and watched all 15 games of the event – including the remarkable six overtime contest between Syracuse and Connecticut. When the first round games started the Hoop Historians attendance didn't dwindle as Dave DeGrace traveled to Boise for six games; Ted Reineking, Joe Spagnolo and Bruce Ziemer were in Dayton and new inductee Steve Atkins watched in Philadelphia. The West Regional in Glendale, Arizona was seen by Fred Allman, Al Sack, Bob Stan, Reineking, Spagnolo and Ziemer. In addition, a record 22 of the 30 Hoop Historians also saw games at the Final Four.

RECORD NUMBERS FOR WELCOME DINNER

The first ever venture into international activities for the Hoop Historians became the highest attended function in group history with the annual Welcome Dinner in Windsor, Ontario, Canada. The dinner, held on Friday night of Final Four weekend, had a record 33 participants crossing the border to socialize and interact with Hoop Historians and Friends of the Hoop Historians.



The City Beer Market in Windsor was the site of the annual Welcome Dinner

PLAY BALL! HOOPSTERS TOUR COMERICA PARK



The Home of the Tigers opened in 2000

It might have been snowing on the day of the National Championship game in Detroit, but that didn't stop the Hoop Historians from going on a tour at Comerica Park with about 20 of their members and Friends of the Hoop Historians. Detroit Tigers management welcomed the group and took them behind the scenes in the downtown ballpark. Hoop Historian Pat Irvine played a special part in the tour, as her brother was Billy Martin, a former manager of the Detroit Tigers (and New York Yankees as well).

WEBSITE UPDATES NOW ON HOOPHISTORIANS.COM

The only thing as busy as the Hoop Historians travels are the volumes of new information on the official website of the Hoop Historians: www.hoophistorians.com. Updated profiles of all 30 members and their NCAA Tournament games logs are now available. In addition, a replay review of the recently completed Final Four, history pages and picture galleries from March Madness 2009 are now posted on the site. The website has had nearly 150,000 hits in the past year. Be sure to check out all the information on the World Wide Web.

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