

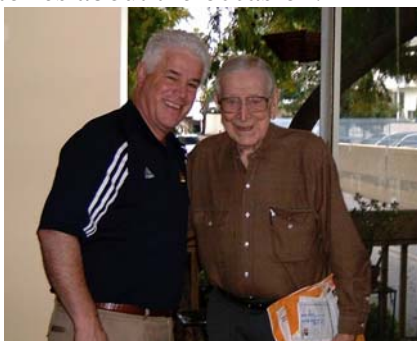
HOOP HISTORIANS NEWS

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SPORTS LEGENDS MEET WITH HOOP HISTORIANS

With more than 120 years of sports service between them, former UCLA basketball coach John Wooden and former Major League Baseball General Manager Roland Hemond had never crossed paths. That is until a meeting prompted by the Hoop Historians got the two legends together in California last month. Hoop Historians Brian Burmeister and Hersh Cherson headed and attended the meeting. Seen later by the Chicago contingent of The Hoop Historians at the annual Pitch and Hit Club Banquet, Hemond expressed enjoyment in meeting with Wooden and shared numerous stories about the occasion.



Hoop Historian Hersh Cherson meets with John Wooden last month

WEBSITE MILESTONE REACHED THIS MONTH

In just slightly over three months on the internet, the group website www.hoophistorians.com received its 5,000 hit on February 4 of this year. The website has allowed the Hoop Historians (and their friends) easy access to the Hoop Historian News, information on upcoming activities and feature articles on its membership. Keep those "hits" coming on the World Wide Web!

HOOPHISTORIANS.COM FEATURE NOW ON-LINE

The monthly feature of The Hoop Historian of the Month and the Friend of the Hoop Historians are now posted on the group website at www.hoophistorians.com/featured.htm. This month features two individuals who have attended 79 Final Fours between the two of them in Hoop Historian Brian Burmeister and University of Louisville and Final Four Stat Team Captain Al Benninger. Check out these two impressive life-long hoopsters on the web.

NABC CONVENTION HIGHLIGHT SCHEDULE

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Mark your calendar, date book or PDA to include these featured NABC and Final Four events in Saint Louis:

Thursday, March 31st

6 pm - NABC Expo Tip-Off Reception

Friday, April 1st

11 am - NABC-Hillyard Champions Luncheon

5 pm - NABC Welcome Reception

7 pm - NABC College Basketball All-Star Game

9 pm - Welcome Concert hosted by Nation of Coaches

Saturday, April 2nd

5:07 pm - NCAA Semifinals

Sunday, April 3rd

7 pm - Guardians of the Game Awards Show

Monday, April 4th

8:18 pm - NCAA Finals

HELPFUL HISTORIAN FEATURED IN PRESS



Fred Allman (right) seen here running in the Chicago Marathon was featured in the Arlington Heights Post last week.

Hoop Historian Fred Allman was featured as a teacher, official, sports fan and youth coach in the weekly Pioneer Press Newspaper chain this month. For more on the newest member of the Hoop Historians, visit the article at www.hoophistorians.com/allman.htm. Congratulations, Fred!

FUTURE EVENTS SCHEDULE GROWS

Check out the Upcoming Events section of hoophistorians.com for the post-season events that the membership is expected to attend. In addition to the Final Four, look for the Hoop Historians at the Big 10 Conference Tournament, the Pac-10 Conference Tournament, First and Second Round Games in Knoxville and Tucson; and at the Midwest Regional in Chicago.

ANNUAL MEETING TO BE ANNOUNCED IN MARCH

Watch this space for next month's announcement on the time and place of the Hoop Historians Annual Business Meeting and Dinner at the site of the Final Four. Bruce Ziemer, Chairman of the dining & entertainment committee, has promised to deliver another winner, in what is expected to be the biggest and best pre-Final Four event in Hoop Historian history!