



## HISTORIANS COMPLETE MARCH TO THE ARCH

The Hoop Historians met in Saint Louis for their Dinner and Annual Business Meeting. Among the highlights of this year's event included the adoption of the organization's constitution and the attendance of Bruce Ziemer's family and our Friends of the Hoop Historians from Pennsylvania.



*Ted Reineking gives the Hoop Historians State of the Union Address at the Annual Dinner Meeting.*

One of the notable highlights of the Final Four week included the great hotel accommodations at the Drury Inn and Suites, which was 500 feet away from the entrance to the Edward Jones Dome and Convention Center. Outstanding job by hotel committee!

## VISIT THE ALL NEW HOOPHISTORIANS.COM

Check out [hoophistorians.com](http://hoophistorians.com) to see a pictorial review of the entire March Madness activities of the Hoop Historians. Follow the membership as they traveled to Nashville, Tucson, Chicago and Saint Louis for various rounds of this year's NCAA tournament. In addition, the new Hoop Historians logo design now accompanies each edition of the Hoop Historians News. Additional features are also planned on the site on the world-wide-web in the coming months. See you in cyberspace.

## ILLINOIS A WINNER AT THE FINAL FOUR

Of course North Carolina defeated the number one ranked Illini in the National Title Game, but the biggest upset of the weekend may have come in another sports venue -- a bowling alley. Some of the Hoop Historians gathered in Saint Louis at the Pro Bowling Hall of Fame for a game of ten pins. The heavily favored California contingent of Frank Wilson and Al Sack were upset by the Illinois delegation of Bruce Ziemer, Ted Reineking and Joe Spagnolo by 56 pins. Wilson, a scratch bowler, claimed high game honors with a score of 121 – a bit under his usual average.

**DID YOU KNOW ?????**  
**The sixteen members of the Hoop Historians have now attended a collective 332 Final Fours.**

## THE RACE TO INDIANAPOLIS



**APRIL 1-3, 2006**

## NORTH TO ALASKA: "THE ROCK" PARTY A HIT

In what is becoming the signature event of the Final Four, the Great Alaska Shootout party sponsored by Anaconda Sports is an annual staple of the zenith of March Madness. This year's celebration featured over 4000 pounds of fresh seafood flown in from Alaska.



*John Mayberry poses outside the Great Alaska Shootout Party*

The annual guest appearance of Dick Vitale capped the evening with his family oriented speeches. The Shootout, widely regarded as one of the premier invitational collegiate basketball tournaments in the country, has been played annually since 1978 and has been nationally televised by ESPN. Congratulations to Les Lombardi of Anaconda Sports and their entire staff on a great evening.



*Les Lombardi of Anaconda Sports visits with the Hoop Historians*