



# HOOP HISTORIANS NEWS

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## FOUR NEW MEMBERS CHOSEN FOR HISTORIANS

The Hoop Historians reach from coast-to-coast and have added four new members to their group at their Annual Business Meeting in San Antonio. The Class of 2008 has outstanding credentials. Added to the membership were: **Dave DeGrace**, of Wisconsin, an editorial assistant for the Associated Press; **Michael Johnson** of California, an Academic Counselor at Moorpark College; **Don McKay** of Florida, a semi-retired basketball coach formerly from New York; and **Vern Vegso** of California, a Camp Director of Director of Media Relations. In addition to their service to the game of basketball, the foursome has collectively attended 37 Mens' Final Fours. With the addition of these four individuals, the membership of the Hoop Historians, has reached an all-time high 23 members.

## WINDY CITY FOURSOME HAS BUSY TWO WEEKS

Four members of the Chicago contingent of the Hoop Historians: Fred Allman, Ted Reineking, Joe Spagnolo and Bruce Ziemer saw nine NCAA, an NIT tournament game, a college baseball contest with the nation's number one ranked team and numerous spring training contests in a two week whirlwind that took the foursome to Anaheim and Phoenix.



*The Al Sack house played host to many a Hoop Historian during March Madness*

## WEST COAST QUORUM

Nearly half of the Hoop Historians membership gathered in California for first round NCAA Tournament games in Anaheim and other social activities in the Golden State.



*Hoop Historians and family members gather at the Frank Wilson ultimate barbeque in California.*

## HOOP HISTORIANS FEATURED IN ARTICLE

Extra! Extra! Read all about it! The Hoop Historians made front page news with a feature article in suburban Chicago's Daily Herald Newspaper. The article focused on an overview of the organization and recapped a few of the Historians most memorable Final Four memories. The article can be found on the Hoop Historians website at:

<http://www.hoophistorians.com/dailyherald/040508.pdf>

## ANNUAL MEMBER MAILING SCHEDULED FOR MAY

The annual mailing to Hoop Historians members will be sent out with the annual membership directory in May. Please forward any address changes to [hoophistorians@hotmail.com](mailto:hoophistorians@hotmail.com) for inclusion in the new directory.

## MORE SEATS FOR FINAL 4

The NCAA Executive Committee approved a new seating configuration that will increase capacity to about 70,000 at the Men's Final Four beginning in 2009. The Executive Committee authorized the purchase of temporary seating to be transported and installed at all Final Four sites. The system will be used at various regional dome sites as dress rehearsals for the following year's Final Four. The host facility for the 2009 Final Four, Ford Field in Detroit, will be the first site to use the configuration. A similar model was used there in 2003 for a regular-season game between the University of Kentucky and Michigan State University that attracted an NCAA-record attendance of 78,129. NCAA and CBS Sports representatives attended the game to evaluate logistics and obtain fan reaction. Fans even in the farthest reaches were pleased with their ability to view the game either on the court or on giant flat-screen televisions placed strategically in the upper confines. The 2010 Final Four will be at the newly constructed Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, while the 2011 event is at Reliant Stadium in Houston.

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