



HOOP HISTORIAN EARNS ADVANCED DEGREE

Hoop Historian **Michael Johnson** recently completed his doctoral degree in Education from Azusa Pacific University. Mike's dissertation is titled *Student Success in Community Colleges: The Effect of Intercultural Leadership and Relationships*. Mike is the academic counselor at Moorpark College in Ventura County, California. Congratulations Dr. Johnson, on an outstanding achievement!



WORDS OF WISDOM FROM A LEGENDARY COACH



CALIFORNIA COACHING LEGENDS: Gary McKnight (left) became California's all-time winningest coach in January and had praises for former foe John Mayberry.

Hoop Historian **Vern Vegso** ran into coaching legend **Gary McKnight** from Mater Dei High School, during one of Vegso's many travels this basketball season. McKnight became California's all-time winningest boys coach earlier this season. As the two reminisced about Orange County basketball, McKnight admired another Hoop Historian by stating: "**Coach Mayberry** is the hardest working coach in our profession today that loves coaching kids and has so much energy!" "He should still be coaching high school basketball". Great words of wisdom from one coaching legend to another.

ANOTHER TYPICAL WEEKEND FOR A BRUIN FAN



When your season tickets to UCLA are 1750 miles from your residence, you need to make the most of your trip. There's little doubt that **Brian Burmeister** made the most of his annual trek to UCLA to catch the Bruins host Washington and Washington State. The trip started with the heaviest rainfall Angeleons had seen in years. Despite having many locals uninterested in attending the game, the young Bruins captured a last second victory on Thursday. Breakfast with **John Wooden** is next up on Friday with former UCLA point guard **Mike Warren**. The many accolades of hugs and kisses from all the women present keep Coach Wooden vibrant as ever, as Coach remains sharp as a tack at age 99. A quick visit to the UCLA basketball office sees kudos go out to coach **Ben Howland** on the previous day victory. Bruin football coach **Rick Neuheisel** joins the group and Howland reminds the gridiron coach that Brian is from Illinois and the Illini suffered through a lopsided victory to the Bruins. The sun was back up on Saturday and Hoop Historian **Hersh Cherson** drove up from Orange County on Saturday afternoon to see another UCLA victory. Among the visitors after the game is former Bruins coach **Jim Harrick**. Jim came up to watch the game with **Jack Haley's** parents, a former player for Jim that had a brief stint in the NBA. In less than three days the outing is over with two Bruin victories and many visits with long-time friends that are part of an extended family. That's just a typical walk in the park for Burmeister whenever he travels to Los Angeles.

HISTORIANS GET EARLY START ON MADNESS

A number of Hoop Historians started March Madness one month early as Californian **Al Sack** travelled midway across the country to Chicago to see **Joe Spagnolo** referee a high school game, attend the Louisville-DePaul game and catch a high school doubleheader shootout. Joining Al during the journey were fellow Hoop Historians **Brian Burmeister, Kevin McCann, Ted Reineking, Bob Stan** and **Bruce Ziemer**, along with a host of Friends of the Hoop Historians during the weekend long marathon.

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HOOP HISTORIANS FINAL FOUR WEEK ACTIVITIES

Thursday, April 1 – NABC Tip-Off Reception, Convention Center – 12:15 p.m.

Thursday, April 1 – NABC Welcome Reception, Union Station – 7:00 p.m.

Friday, April 2 – College All-Star Game, Lucas Oil Stadium – 4:35 p.m.

Friday, April 2 – Hoop Historians Welcome Dinner, Palomino Restaurant – 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 3 – Hoop Historians Annual Meeting, Hampton Inn – 2 p.m.

Saturday, April 3 – NCAA National Semifinals, Lucas Oil Stadium – 6:07 p.m.

Sunday, April 4 – NABC Awards Show & Reception, Murat Center – 6:00 p.m.

Monday, April 5 – National Championship, Lucas Oil Stadium – 9:18 p.m.