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## Media Release

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### **Online Mason Hoops Memories- Record Hits!**

**Fairfax, VA, April 2, 2006-** The Patriot basketball wild run may be over, but the memories of a great accomplishment are still here. And online, the *George Mason Basketball Digital Memory Bank* is registering a record number of visits. More than 219,629 site hits and more than 5,500 different visitors have visited [hoops.gmu.edu](http://hoops.gmu.edu) since the site went Thursday, March 30. Hundreds of pictures, videos, and compelling stories have been sent up by fans and friends. The vibrancy of the site continues, even after the basketball has ended.

Digital historians George Mason University's well-known Center for History and New Media conceived of this new website only one day after the historic victory over UConn and hastily put together a new database and website design. Since then, fans, students, and even the players have become part of history by posting online their memories of this momentous run to the Final Four. It is still not over online, as new memories pour in and visitors continue to find the site. Visit [http://hoops.gmu.edu/](http://hoops.gmu.edu) and become a part of this important process. Our stories will become part of a living history, as a component of this digital archive.

### **About CHNM**

The Center for History and New Media creates and maintains a wide range of online history projects directed at diverse topics and audiences, making them available at no cost through its website. CHNM combines cutting edge digital media with the latest and best historical scholarship to promote an inclusive and democratic understanding of the past as well as a broad historical literacy. Since 1994, the Center for History and New Media at George Mason University (<http://chnm.gmu.edu>) has used digital media and computer technology to democratize history to incorporate multiple voices, reach diverse audiences, and encourage popular participation in presenting and preserving the past. The *George Mason Basketball Digital Memory Bank* stems from CHNM's earlier digital archives projects including the *Hurricane Digital Memory Bank* at <http://hurricanearchive.org>, the *September 11 Digital Archive*, at <http://911digitalarchive.org>, and *Echo: Exploring and Collecting History Online* at <http://echo.gmu.edu>, all generously funded by the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation.