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Seton Hall Sports Poll

**BY 49%-35%, AMERICANS SAY 'NO' TO BONDS AND CLEMENS FOR HALL OF FAME;
62% AGREE WITH JOE MORGAN'S CALL TO BAN DRUG USERS**

S. Orange, NJ, December 12, 2017 -- By a margin of 49% - 35%, Americans have said “no” to the inclusion of Barry Bonds and Roger Clemens in the Baseball Hall of Fame.

The two have not yet been elected by the Baseball Writers, who are voting now for the 2018 inductees. Both seemingly had Hall of Fame credentials even before their linkage to performance enhancing drugs.

The poll also showed Americans agreeing with Hall of Famer Joe Morgan, who sent a letter to voters saying players named as PED users should not be elected. 62% supported Morgan's position, with only 26% opposing.

“Bonds and Clemens are not the only reported PED users who would likely have gained election,” said Poll Director Rick Gentile. “But they represent the top of the list of players under consideration who were scarred by the drug use. Support for their inclusion just isn't there.”

The poll was taken November 27-29 across the nation, on both landlines and cell phones, with randomly placed telephone calls. The poll is sponsored by The Sharkey Institute. There were 719 respondents, with a margin of error of +/- 3.7%.

ABOUT SETON HALL UNIVERSITY

One of the country's leading Catholic universities, Seton Hall University has been a catalyst for leadership — developing students in mind, heart and spirit — since 1856. Home to nearly 10,000 undergraduate and graduate students and offering more than 90 academic programs, Seton Hall's academic excellence has been singled out for distinction by The Princeton Review, U.S. News & World Report and Bloomberg Businessweek.

Seton Hall, which embraces students of all religions, prepares its graduates to be exemplary servant leaders and global citizens. Its attractive main campus is located in suburban South Orange, New Jersey, and is only 14 miles by train, bus or car from New York City, offering a wealth of employment, internship, cultural and entertainment opportunities. The university's nationally recognized School of Law is prominently located in downtown Newark.

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About the poll:

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Phone numbers were dialed from random samples of both standard landline and cell phones. The landlines were called Seton Hall's Poling Center at the Stillman School of Business and cell phones from Braun Research Incorporated. The error due to sampling for results based on the entire sample could be plus or minus 3.7 percentage points. The error for subgroups may be higher. This poll release conforms to the Standards of Disclosure of the National Council on Public Polls.

The Seton Hall Sports Poll has been conducted regularly since 2006.

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The results:

1. Baseball Hall of Famer Joe Morgan recommended that players with a history of performance enhancing drug use during their playing careers should not be voted into the Hall of Fame. Do you agree or disagree with his recommendation?
 1. Agree 62%
 2. Disagree 26
 3. Don't know/No opinion 12

2. Barry Bonds and Roger Clemens were players with Hall of Fame caliber careers before they allegedly began using performance enhancing drugs. Do you think they should be elected to the Hall of Fame?
 1. Yes 35
 2. No 49
 3. Don't know/No opinion 16