

SPORTS

Lady 49'ers down Lady Rebels second straight year

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The Lady Rebels failed for a second time to attain the Pacific Coast Athletic Association championship, thwarted once more by Long Beach's Lady Forty-Niners, this time losing 79-58.

The game started out badly for the Lady Rebels, and got worse as time wore on.

Long Beach opened the game with a 11 point scor-

ing drive lasting for the first four minutes.

The Lady Rebels finally got on the board with a pair of foul shots by Genine Jordan, which was quickly followed by two points from the floor by Jordan.

Long Beach, however, did not let up on the Lady Rebels, chewing them up on the inside and forcing turnover after turnover.

Mid-way through the first half, the 49'ers pulled off a three minute scoring

drive which put the Lady Rebels behind 33-16 with 6:21 to play.

Then the bottom dropped out. The 49'ers out scored the Lady Rebs

17-9 for the last portion of the second half and the Lady Rebels never recovered.

During the second half, the 49'ers opened their

lead from 23 points at the end of the first half to a total of 30 points in just under eight minutes.

The Lady Rebels attempted a rally, but to no

avail, as Long Beach nipped it at the bud.

The Lady Rebs will play again at the NIT on March 24-26 in Amarillo, Tex.

Haney named new PCAA commissioner

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The PCAA took time out from it's busy basketball schedule last week to name a new commissioner. Jim Haney was introduced to the media at a Press conference on Thursday Morning at the Los Angeles Hyatt Hotel.

Haney, who will take over the office of commissioner on April 16 when his resignation from the Missouri Valley Conference becomes official.

"I believe that this conference is healthy," Haney said in his opening statement to the press. "The PCAA has had great success in the past 20 years."

Haney also sees two sides to having an institution like UNLV in the conference.

"There is a positive and a negative," he said. "It's always positive when you have a program that has continued national exposure, but we need to make it known that there are other quality teams in this conference."

Haney has made himself familiar with some of the issues that he will be faced with when he assumes the office and one of those issues involve the changing of the conference name.

"I don't think that a name change will help the recognition of this conference," he said. "Hard work and dedication will help chance the league's image."

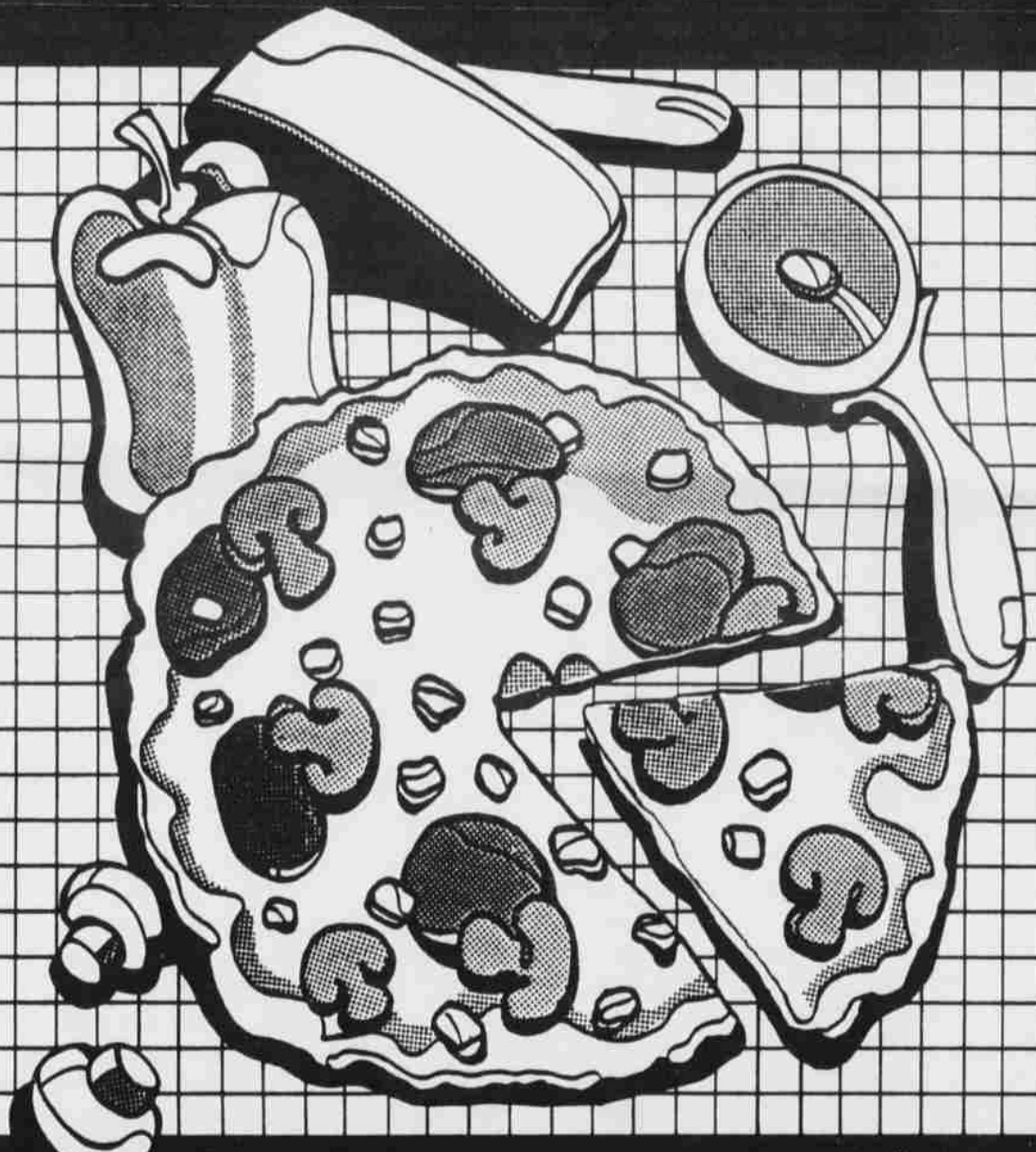
The league image doesn't come up to the level of some of the member institutions," he continued. "One of the main jobs of this office will be to carry the message of the quality of this conference to the media."

Haney, as noted above, has been commissioner of the Missouri Valley conference as well as serving in that position with the Metro conference.

Haney spent 11 years at the University of Oregon where he served as an assistant coach from 1972-1978 and as head coach from 1978 - 1983. He also served as assistant to the Vice President of Player Personnel of the Dallas Cowboys and assistant Basketball coach at the University of Kansas.

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