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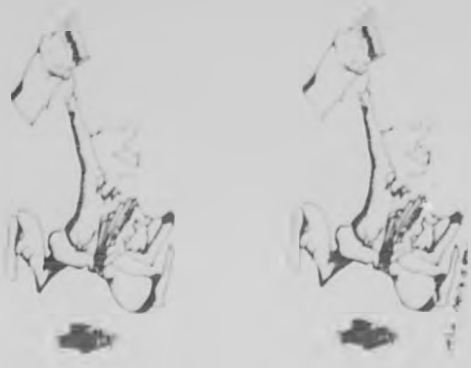
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★★★★ EXTRA ★★★★★

Lakers take final bow in KC

by Corky Williams
KANSAS CITY In the early morning hours after Saturday's 90-73 loss to Henderson State of Arkansas in the consolation game of the NAIA National Tournament Grand Valley coach Tom Vitellmure took the opportunity to talk some more basketball.

His audience consisted of some of the same people he had been preaching roundball to since last summer—his players. But there were a few others outside of the team that got the opportunity to listen to Vitellmure.

He started his answer and question period at about 1:30 AM and it lasted until about four in the morning.

"I could have fired questions at him all night," said WFR's basketball manager, Jack Griller, who stayed for the duration of the gathering despite having to get up at eight the next morning.

While being entertaining for the listeners, it also gave Vitellmure an opportunity to unwind from the week-long tourney.

"I think it's incredible what they've accomplished," said Vitellmure of his squad. "If any team deserved it, this team did."

Henderson was pulled by Campbell College Saturday night in the semis and they played like they had something to prove against Grand Valley, which ended the season with a 30-4 mark.

They're shooting in the first half today 50% and Vitellmure of Henderson's 68% per cent efficiency from the floor in the first 20 minutes.

"I distinctly remember them hitting some shots with hands on their faces," he added.

Numerous fans became crowd favorites. It keptier Arena despite the fact that Grand Valley had invited Henderson University of Missouri-Kansas City for opening night.

Most notable among the crowd players was junior center Paul Peterson. The Muskogees average 24.1 points a game in Grand Valley's last three games.

Pete has tremendous court sense," said teammate Scott Hartmann. "I'm not sure you can teach a player that."

Peterson kept the crowd buzzing most of the week with his side moves and short jumpers. The only fall in his performance came in the 69-62 loss to eventual champion Texas Southern.

His name kept on the lips of fans and well-dressed Peterson to near perfection in that game. He hit Pete to eight points. It was the first time in 35 games that he failed to score in double figures.

Griller punished Peterson physically and it drained Pete's already overworked center considerably. Nevertheless, Peterson netted 22 points in the loss to Henderson.

Peterson's fall from the top scoring spot to 22 points in 35 games.

He was also hit by prize center fatigue—affected his play a little bit," he said. "He kept going because he's just that kind of kid and quality player."

His pretty performance in the consolation game earned him a berth on the All-Tournament team.

Senior forward Ted Peterson scored 18 points and helped drive Grand Valley to a 73-69 victory. He shot 18 points and helped drive Grand Valley to a 73-69 victory.

He scored with a 100% accuracy in the consolation game and registered 18 points in 13 minutes.

Pete Vitellmure was asked who he thought the best player in the tournament was. "Ted Peterson," he said. "He's always looking outside and that makes it easy for me to take care of. I know my man. We'll sign off on the top 10."

Southwestern guard Chris Haven was hitting from the Outer Limits all week in a two-game stretch. Haven hit 14 of 17 attempts from the feet with most of those shots coming from the 20-25 foot range.

The King of Kansas City truly appreciated the game throughout the week. "It's a great game," Haven said. "When people you might never see come to see you and say, 'Hey Chris, you're good.'"

Vitellmure couldn't help but

consider it a privilege just to meet the same kind with Vitellmure. "It's a special privilege."

It was apparent that the players had the sense of that same big night that early Sunday morning in a hotel room in Kansas City.

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Women lose to MSU in semi-final

by Margaret J. Dwyer
WEST LAFAYETTE A fourth place finish in the MAIAW West-west regional basketball tournament Saturday concluded the second best women's basketball season at GVSC in its eight year history.

The Lakers knocked off second seeded Indiana University 62-61 in the opening round of MAIAW competition Thursday at Purdue University.

Junior Carol Vande Bunte put up the winning Laker basket at the buzzer to surprise the Hoosiers. Vande Bunte, a forward, then scored her personal high of 30 points in a 63-56 quarter final win over the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh.

Grand Valley lost to the even-

tual MAIAW champion, Michigan State, 65-49 in semi-finals and to Indiana State, 74-54 in the consolation game.

The 1976-77 season included several highlights for the Lakers.

A 19.9 record surpassed only by last year's 22.6 mark.

A third straight OLIAC crown. A 64-53 season opening win over MSU, the first Michigan team ever to earn a national basketball tournament berth.

A career scoring record set by sophomore Kim Hansen.

An individual game scoring record (32 points) set by Kim Hansen.

Fourth place at the state tournament.

Fourth place in the regional tournament.

Perhaps the biggest GVSC ac-

complishment was its fourth place regional finish when the Lakers were expected to go.

The invitation to the MAIAW was an expression of the region's confidence in Michigan teams as a whole and in Grand Valley in particular," said GVSC coach Jim Brown.

The women's basketball team

with a third place finish in last year's regional and fourth place finish in the 1977 regional has helped map Grand Valley as a mid-west women's athletic power.

Both last year's outstanding players, Terry Dwyer and Katie Van Dyke, coach Brown feels will must be an especially strong edge team next year.

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Vice President Tom Johnson, National Development, whose class will be meeting with persons concerned about plans to close KAG (ceramics and refractory classes) and the resultant closing of a faculty. The meeting will be held at 2pm Tuesday. For more information call extension 224.

President Arvid D. Lubbers has agreed with the Executive Committee of the All-Colleges Academic Senate recommendation that late class registration fees be dropped for Monday, March 28, the first day of classes.

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