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The fact that the tall boys can prevent the ball from going through the basket by goal tending, is not one of the Doctor's objections to the ten foot basket at all. Rather, he points out in his letter to Cannon, the discrimination is in favor of the offense rather than the defense.

"If the ball is on the rim of the basket", he wrote, "the offensive man may push it in, strike the ball, bat it in, or strike the rim when he dunks his arm about eight inches through the rim with the ball, and the goal counts in all of these situations. But a defensive man guarding the goal may not tap the ball or reach over the perpendicular plane of the basket in knocking the ball away from the hoop. Again, if the ball should be on the edge of the basket and the defensive man should knock it off or touch the goal two points are scored for the offensive side."

So Dr. Allen is not one of the coaches who are crying because he can't beat the "mezzanine peeping basketball hurdlers". The Doctor calls the tall boys "mezzanine hurdlers" because they are tall enough to reach the mezzanine floor. Not at all--for his Kansans last year defeated several of the nation's crack outfits who had stars over six and a half feet tall.

The second of the Doctor's most intense arguments against the basket at the current level is that 80 per cent of all fouls in basketball are committed under the basket--inside the free throw area--by the drive in and lay up attempt at the goal.

"A hard drive toward the basket which produces 80 per cent of all the fouls by the defense in basketball are made for this very obvious reason", he said, "because a player driving in for the basket is fouled, or draws a pair of fouls and the official awards the offended player two free throws. If you could cut out 80 per cent of the fouls and practically all of the double shots caused from players throwing these goals, then you would have a much cleaner, open game where field goal shooting would be the dominant point rather than foul shooting which seems now to be the case".