

"The added height of the basket", continued Dr. Allen, "would measurably clear up the congestion that always exists under the ten foot basket. The big, rugged guard who sets himself to block out the incoming man and the tall mezzanine hurdler who ~~sets himself~~ camps near the basket, would of necessity have to move back on account of the higher ~~area of dispersment~~ arc of dispersment of the bounding ball from a 12 foot basket....By forcing the defensive man farther back and away from the basket it would naturally give the shorter and speedier man more area to operate in without molestation. It would also strike a blow at the zone defense".

Dr. Allen emphasized that he proposed the elevation of baskets to twelve feet for college players only--he would leave the interscholastic cage at its present level, largely because a great many present gymnasium now utilized by high schools, would not allow the elevation to 12 feet.

"The elevated basket will come just as sure as death and taxes", Dr. Allen concluded. "There is no way that the administrators (of the basketball rules) can frame a rule that will not be discriminatory and I am going to get a great chuckle out of watching these boys that oppose a 12 foot basket view those seven foot boys like Kurland. In their confusion, they wouldn't know what to do and they get licked. I am not kicking on my own personal account, but I am endeavoring to improve the game".

And the doctor should speak with authority--since his teams have won nineteen championships in the Big Six in the 26 years he has coached there. And the Big Six produces some of the nation's finest basketball.