DAYWIRE

SPORTS

BY JACK V. FOX

UNITED PRESS STAFF CORRESPONDENT

DX1

DENVER, FEB. 16--(UP)--EVERETT SHELTON, VETERAN COLLEGE AND AMATEUR BASKETBALL COACH, JUMPED INTO THE CURRENT ARGUMENT ABOUT WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE CAGE SPORT TODAY, DECLARING A PROPOSAL TO RAISE THE BASKETS 12 FEET FROM THE FLOOR WAS "PURE NONSENSE."

SHELTON, WHO COACHED THE DENVER PIGS IN 1937 AND 1938, LED WYOMING UNIVERSITY TO THE NATIONAL COLLEGE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP LAST YEAR AND WHO NOW IS COACHING THE DOW CHEMICAL AMATUER SQUAD OF MIDLAND, MICH., SAID RAISING THE BASKETS WOULD ONLY MAKE THE GAME MORE DIFFICULT FOR ALL THE PLAYERS AND LESS ENTERTAINING FOR THE FANS.

RAISING OF THE HOOPS HAD BEEN ADVOCATED BY PHOG ALLEN, COACH AT KANSAS UNIVERSITY, WHO DECLARED IT WAS THE ONLY WAY TO ERASE THE ADVANTAGE HELD BY THE EXTREMELY TALL PLAYERS.

SHELTON SAID THERE WAS NOTHING WRONG WITH THE PRESENT REGULATIONS AND SAID THE SMALLER PLAYERS SHOULD LEARN TO SHOOT WHEN THEIR TOWERING OPPONENTS WERE OFF BALANCE SO THEY COULD NOT PREVENT THE BALL FROM GOING THROUGH THE HOOP.

THE DOW COACH DID CRITICIZE PRESENT REFEREEING, HOWEVER, DECLARING THAT AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT BRAND OF BASKETBALL WAS PLAYED IN VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE COUNTRY BECAUSE OF THE OFFICIATING.

SHELTON SAID THE GAME HAD DEVELOPED INTO "LITTLE SHORT OF MAYHEM" IN THE MID-WEST WHERE REFEREES WOULDN'T BLOW THEIR WHISTLE UNTIL

MATTEO

END BUK GA XXX UNTIL

SHELTON SAID THE GAME HAD DEVELOPED INTO "LITTLE SHORT OF MAYHEM" IN THE MID-WEST WHERE REFEREES WOULDN'T BLOW THEIR WHISTLE UNTIL MATTERS GOT TOO ROUGH TO IGNORE. HE SAID GENERAL TACTICS WERE FOR TEAMMATES TO ACT AS BLOCKERS TO "OPEN A HOLE" FOR THE MAN WITH THE BALL.

THE SOLDIER TEAM AT CAMP GRANT, ILL., CAME IN FOR HIS PARTICULAR CRITICISM.

"I ONLY HOPE," HE SAID, "THAT IF CAMP GRANT ENTERS THE NATIONAL A.A.U. BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT THIS YEAR, THEY WEAR THEIR FOOTBALL UNIFORMS SO THEY WILL BE DRESSED FOR THE KIND OF GAME THEY PLAY.

ON THE OTHER HAND, SHELTON CONTINUED, BASKETBALL IN THE EAST IS OF THE MILQUETOAST VARIETY WITH REFEREES SO STRICT THAT THE OFFENSIVE STYLE HAS BEEN SERIOUSLY CRAMPED. THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN AND FAR WEST TEAMS PLAY A TYPE OF GAME SOMEWHERE BETWEEN THOSE EXTREMES, ACCORDING TO SHELTON.

HIS DOW CHEMICAL TEAM PLAYS THE UNBEATEN FORT WARREN SQUAD AT CHEYENNE, WYO., TONIGHT AND THEN RETURNS TO DENVER TOMORROW FOR A TILT WITH DENVER'S AMBROSE-LEGION TEAM -- THE CITY'S HOPE FOR THE A.A.U. TOURNAMENT BEGINNING NEXT MARCH 19.

DOWN THEN MOVES ON TO SALT LAKE CITY FOR A PAIR OF GAMES AND THENCE TO LOS ANGELES. THE TEAM WILL RETURN FOR THE A.A.U. TOURNAMENT.

JF316A