

over the country at a terrific total cost." As if this large backboard is not obstructing the view of many people in many of the high schools who pay their good money to see the game and yet sit behind this large obstructing surface without anything being done about it. Certainly the expenditure of the people who pay to see the game and yet sit behind the obstruction far surpasses the so-called terrific total cost mentioned in raising the basket; and yet we are not asking that they raise the basket for high school boys but for college mezzanine hurdlers. I do not call these boys "goons". I think it is an unfair misnomer. Some of the finest athletes that I have seen have been boys over six feet six inches tall. "Mezzanine hurdlers" seems to me a more polite appellation.

Facetiously, I might ask how many 12 foot baskets the public, the sportscasters, the sport editors and the coaches have ever seen. There are none in the Smithsonian Institute, but we have two here in Robinson Gymnasium. Then if you want to get a thousand per cent negative answer, ask how many coaches have actually put up a 12 foot basket and played a game under those conditions.

The elevated basket will come as sure as death and taxes. There is no way that these administrators 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 these 7 foot boys like Kurland. In their confusion they wouldn't know what to do, and they get licked. However, there is a way to beat a team with a 7 foot player but you have to spend many weeks in preparing for just that one team and one player. We will beat many teams with tall players and we have had very few tall centers. So I am not kicking on my own personal account, but I am endeavoring to improve the game.

Sincerely yours,

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