

## BOOING A REAL MENACE IN BASKETBALL

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The ten-second rule with the division line across the court and the three-second post pivot play rule have succeeded in speeding up basketball to almost a dangerous degree. However, the game still has its drawbacks.

The next big drive to put on is against blatant rowdiness, expressed in the form of booing, hissing, and the well-known "Bronx Cheer." This form of reverse English enthusiasm has shown an alarming increase in the past few years.

Stalling, which threatened the security of the game a few years ago, has almost wholly disappeared. But I think that booing and rowdiness in basketball crowds are getting so bad that unless definite steps are made to curtail them, they will kill the game. To me it seems all wrong that we permit the public, because it pays money, to deride, cajole and abuse the officials. Serve notice at the games that booing will not be tolerated, that it is considered unsportsmanlike, that offenders will be escorted to the box office by ushers, and after the money is refunded will be asked to leave the building.

The serious thing about booing at basketball games is that spectators are close to and practically upon the players. Every opinion uttered is almost a personal remark. In football and baseball the individual cannot throw his voice and direct it at anyone in particular.

If possible, the leaders in the school student body should handle the matter. Appeal to the students that this is their game, and have them ask the cooperation of all Varsity lettermen to see that booing is discouraged to the limit. Booing is unsportsmanlike and affects both young and old in a most unsavory manner.