

Phog Allen Blasting Again— This Time at Cage Rules Body

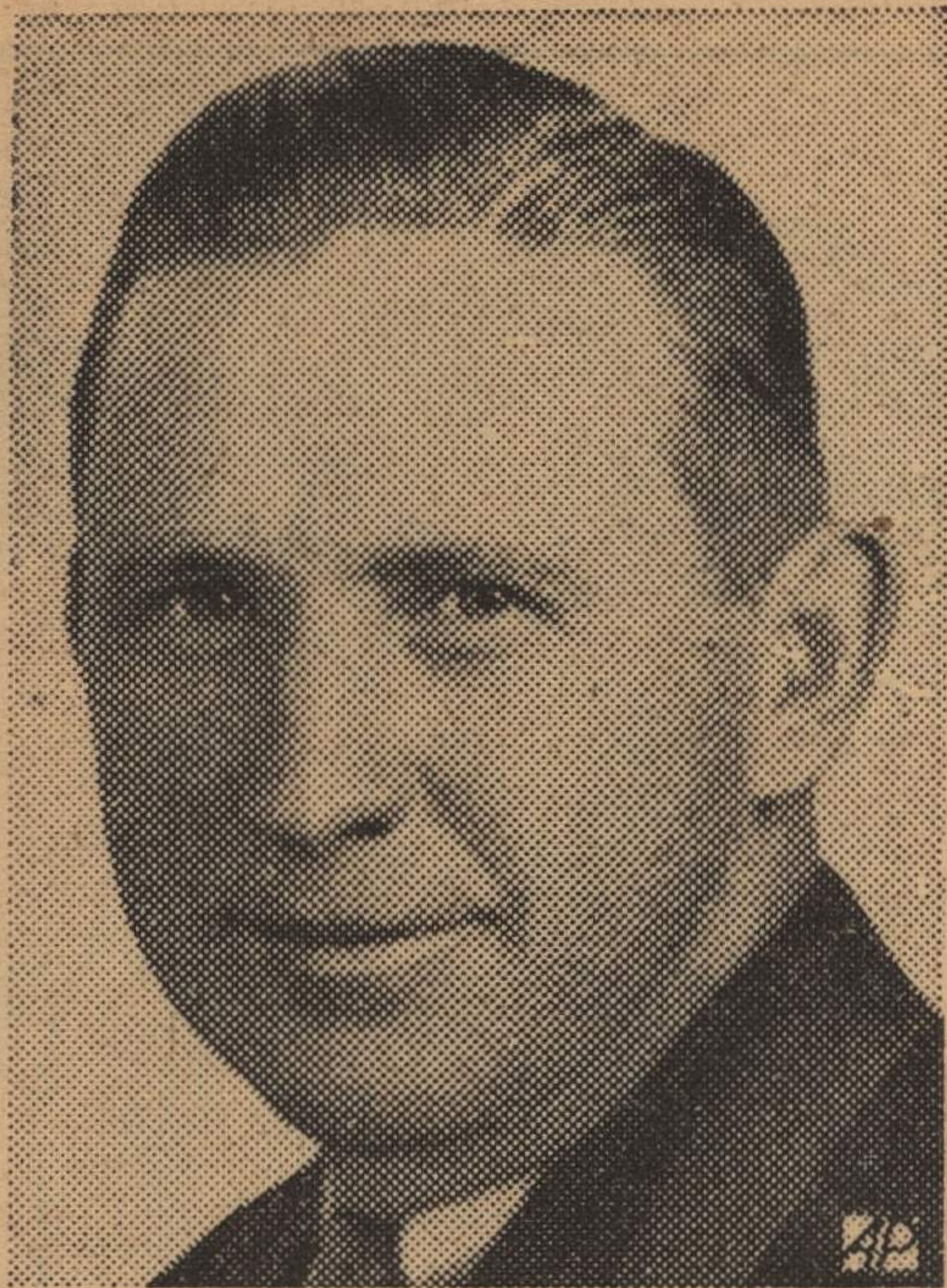
LAWRENCE, Kan., Apr. 30—Dr. Forrest C. "Phog" Allen, an old hand at producing fearsome basketball teams at Kansas University, let loose a verbal barrage at the rules committee today for its recent changes, aiming his blast particularly at the "anti-goalie" mandate.

Allen claims the new rule prohibiting tall players from touching the ball on its downward flight to the basket fails to take into consideration the fact that most players don't shoot arching shots, but "skimmers." The veteran coach says raising the basket to 12-feet from the floor would be a better solution.

"The committee didn't meet the issues squarely," Phog charged, "because it did nothing about the tall player on offense—the ones who can add their height to their jump and push the ball down through the basket."

Phog, however, praised the new unlimited substitution rule, but condemned the change allowing five personal fouls instead of the previous four.

The good doctor of cage lore concluded his blast at the committee with a condemnation of the new rule permitting officials to halt play any time for an injured player. "The new rule will plague officials and rulemakers just as it did



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before being changed to the one just abolished. When in force before, players were able to fake injuries when their opponents had the ball in scoring position."