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Mr. Floyd A. Rowe  
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Dear Floyd:

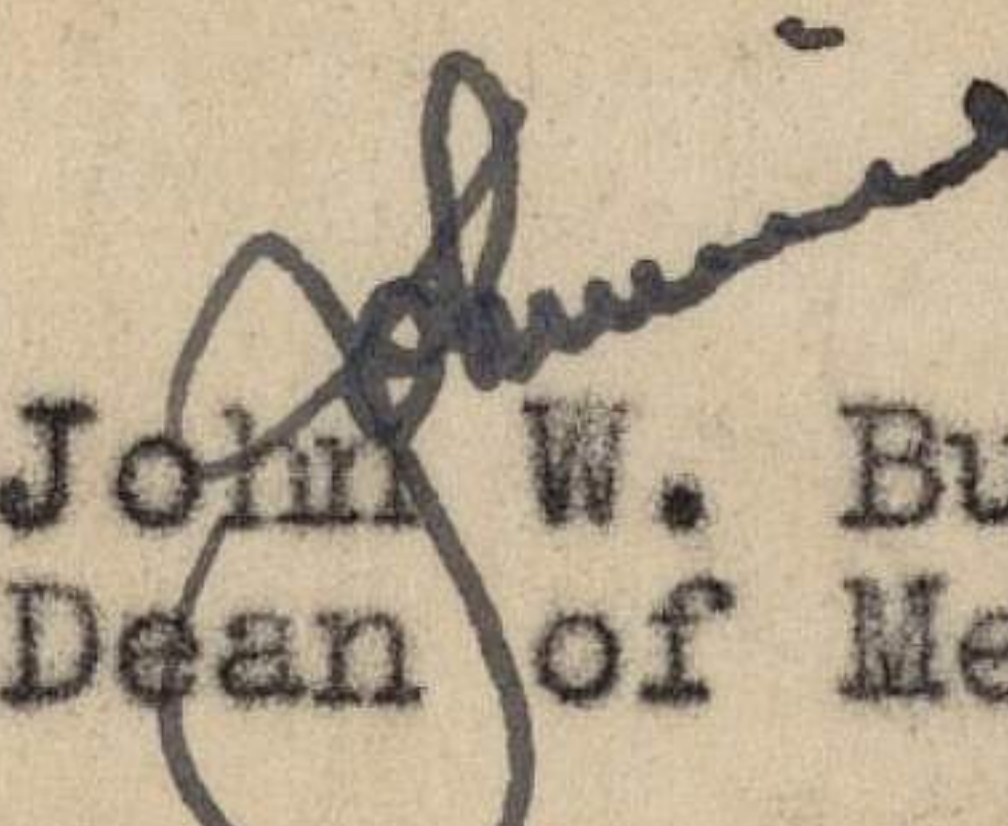
In the last issue of the official bulletin of the National Association of Basketball Coaches, Dr. Allen is quoted as saying that you have statistics to prove that the game of basketball under the present rules has shortened the stature of boys from two to four inches.

I know that you are a rather careful investigator. I also know that changes in anthropometric measures in the race are hardly discernible over the short period of time in which the rules governing our present game have been in force, and also that it might be difficult to attribute such a drastic change in height measurements to this one factor.

I am writing you to verify this statement for which Dr. Allen is credited. I hope that he has been misquoted because statements of this kind (I am assuming that it could not possibly be true) are the type which help to discredit the standing of the profession of coaching. Most of our statements represent opinions or wishful thinking and so few of them are based on sound facts. I hate to see statements of this kind in print because I have not in any way diminished my high evaluation of the contribution that coaches can make.

I shall be interested in having your reaction.

Cordially yours,

  
John W. Bunn,  
Dean of Men.

Doc: They must have misquoted you.