

May 6, 1943.

Mr. John F. Lance,
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Dear John:

Pardon me in not answering your kind letter, in which you enclose congratulations for our basketball team. It is very nice of you to express yourself as you do.

I have delayed answering your letter thinking that I would set forth some reasons why any rule that would prohibit the defensive team from touching the ball on the basket and permitting the offensive team to touch it would be discriminatory against the defensive team. In any court of law a rule or a law that discriminates against one side does not hold.

Therefore, the only rule that would not be discriminatory, giving both sides an equal chance, would be the higher basket.

I was amazed that the N.C.A.A. would not have enough legal knowledge to make such a ridiculous rule as they did. Such rule only adds disrespect for rule-makers.

With all good wishes to you, I am

Sincerely yours,

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Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.