

May 9, 1939

Mr. J. W. Bunn, Dean of Men
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Dear Mr. Bunn:

Upon the suggestion of Dr. Allen, we are sending you a copy of our original drawing MF-58, covering the convex backstop, standard 4'x6' size, as was demonstrated in connection with the other two sizes in New York during your meeting.

We are also enclosing copy of our letter of March 24 to Dr. Allen in which we covered our thought concerning this convex basketball backstop and also included the claims made by the inventor of the board. We believe this letter will give you a foundation concerning what has gone on before, and from this point on we shall, of course, keep you posted as we want you to have, at all times, a file on what is being attempted at this end to develop this new idea in basketball backboards.

At the time we met in New York there was some comment made regarding the possibility of supplying you with a set of samples such as we exhibited in New York. Unfortunately, we made only three sets of these samples and in addition to the set in New York we installed a set of them in Chicago, where they were demonstrated before Mr. Porter and about forty local coaches last Friday. The third set was installed in the University of Kansas in Lawrence and, consequently, we do not have any additional backboards on hand at this time.

Rather than make up another set, in view of what has come to light both in New York and in Chicago last week, when there was some discussion regarding the correct size, we ask that you bear with us a little while until we can arrive at some more definite conclusion and then we shall make up a backboard built on revised specifications, and shall be glad to forward one to you for testing purposes.

Incidentally, the reports that have reached us from the Chicago demonstration was that the small backboard was seemingly favored by Mr. Porter. We obtained the impression in New York that this board was a little too small. Viewing this matter from another angle, the adoption of a board of the restricted size, as demonstrated in New York, would complicate the question of present pipe supports which are now being used to support the standard 4'x6' board. Obviously, in this connection we are thinking of economy in the way of a change-over, if it should be approved by your Rules Committee.