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Lawrence, Kans. Jan. 9. 9 - Phog Allen, Kansas coach, is pretty proud of his "Pony Express" cago team, as he calls it this year.

"They're beginning to prove", he says, "that height isn't everything in this game of basketball after all."

The Kansas ponies average only a half inch above six feet and have no man over 6 feet 2½ on the first two squads. Every other team in the conference has from one to a half dozen towering players of 6 feet 5 or more.

RANGY SOONERS WERE STYMIED.

This last Friday night the Jayhawks took the ball and kept it away from a rangy Sooner outfit and beat them 46 to 26. Tall Oklahoma Center Ford, 6 feet 6, was able to make only one basket.

But Coach Allen still realizes the tall boys have an advantage. Paul Mooney, Columbia university coach, proposes to take away the backboard, but Allen feels that that isn't the answer. "I'd like to see the goals raised two feet," he says, "They have been hanging all these years at ten feet just because the running track in the gym where Dr. Naismith invented the game happened to be ten feet high and that is where the goal was placed.

RAISE GOAL, HE SAYS.

"Raise the goal two feet and you'll take care of these mezzanine-peeping toms that have become so necessary to most of the teams. And it will do four things to make the game more fair to the players and more interesting to the spectators:

1. It will release the congestion under the goals that make it impossible for either the spectators or players to know what is going on.
2. The rebounds will go out further and cover a wider area.
3. It will call for a higher arch on the shots and thus make a prettier play of the field goals and free throws.
4. It will give the little fellow a chance.

In the practice court in Robinson gymnasium here the Jayhawks work out with eight goals at the conventional ten feet; two 11-foot hoops and two 12-foot goals.

"Though these boys", Dr. Allen explained, "may never use a higher hoop in a game, practising with them enables better, higher, wider arcs on their shots and thus improve their shooting for the regular goal."

JUST A KID NAMED JOE.

Hurrah, hurrah, our center's back
And we'll be on that winning track;
You know, you need a little size
To rebound with those great big guys,
He's just a soph, but boy he's tough,
He never seems to get enough
His joints repaired he's feeling fine;
His size? He's only five feet nine.
The Club from Corydon.