

DAVE WALSH GRADUALLY RETIRING
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Davis H. (Dave, to you) Walsh, the Hoboken schoolmaster who has been blowing whistles on Eastern basketball courts for more years than he will tell you, is gradually retiring from active officiating to devote more of his time to the post of associate director of the recently formed Collegiate Basketball Officials' Bureau.

When Dave accepted the supervising job with Asa Bushnell's agency, it was anticipated that he could combine it with a reasonably full officiating schedule, so he booked his quota of Eastern League games and took on assignments for a number of others in the New York and Philadelphia districts.

As things worked out, though, it became evident that Dave had taken on too large a burden. After all, even a basketball official has to sleep some time. The bureau, instead of assigning officials for the ten colleges which were its founders last spring, found itself working for more than a dozen others and steadily increasing its list of registered officials.

An announcement by Bushnell yesterday explained the situation thus: "Walsh has been released from engagements to handle games this season for most of the colleges in the New York-Pennsylvania area in order that he may have more time to devote to the training of younger officials and to the promotion of the bureau's efforts to standardize officiating technique and mechanics and to bring greater uniformity into the interpretation of the rules.

"Nevertheless, he will continue, throughout the present season only, to officiate in games of the Eastern Intercollegiate Basketball League; this exception is being made because the league's staff of referees and umpires for this year's service was made up many months ago and does not include ready replacements."

Walsh and the other associate director, Ellwood A. Geiges, of Philadelphia, have their work cut out for them in trying to carry out the bureau's aims. If it is any consolation to them, though, the college coaches are as one in hoping that they eventually succeed in taking the phobias and inconsistencies out of officiating in the bureau's territory. Then, perhaps, some progress can be made toward bringing different districts closer together.

Who knows? It may be that at some not too distant date, basketball will be officiated everywhere as uniformly as football. The millennium approaches!

Eastern College Fives to Vie for Silver Cup (continued from p. 6)

The new trophy must be won three times for permanent possession. It replaces the Columbia University trophy, which became the property of Dartmouth. The Indians won the league title in 1938, 1939 and 1940.

FAN SHAPE BACKBOARD GOOD

According to Dr. Phoggy Allen, the new fan-shaped backboards allow 55 per cent of spectators sitting behind the basket to see the goal, as made.