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Dear Doctor Allen:

I have just learned that it will be impossible for me to attend the Coaches' meeting at Atlanta. Sentiment seems to be crystallizing against the voting of funds for meetings of this kind. Personally, I feel that this is very much to the detriment of our school and the Pacific Coast, but I have not yet been able to get this idea across.

I note from the newspapers that you are again advocating the twelve foot basket. I am sorry, but I do not share your point of view. There are just any number of courts that would find it impossible to install these baskets. The expense to many others would make it prohibitive, and I feel very definitely that it would retard the action of the game because it would reduce scoring, encourage long shooting altogether, make set-up shots as doubtful as long shots, and therefore discourage all maneuvers that would aid in working the ball in close to the basket. It seems to me that these facts overbalance all the disadvantages that the present arrangement causes.

With respect to the report of the research work for the year, as chairman I have written to all of the members of the Research Committee, asking them for reports of any investigations that they may have carried out during the past season. As yet I have had no replies from them. Our own work out here consists of four projects. The most important to me is fatigue, or rather the recovery from fatigue after exercise. I am hoping sometime to get comparisons between the strenuousness of basketball and other sports. This is a long, tedious job, and while I have been working periodically at it, I still do not have anything that I can report at the present time. I shall be here all this summer and expect to do a great deal of work then. The results of this work will constitute my thesis for my Master's Degree at Kansas, so I am hoping to finish it up within the near future. The second point that has been drawing my attention during the past two years is a method of rating players. It has always appealed to me that one of the most difficult problems that a coach must face is that of choosing the players for his team. I have been attempting to get some tangible basis by which one may be governed in the selection of his team. You may recall that Bill Chandler has done some work along this line. I have been using a little different method of attack. I am enclosing for your information the chart which I have used for the past two years.