I only had Wellhausen two years. He competed in track two years and he was only 20 when he graduated. When he was 18 he was so crude that we could not accomplish much with him. Then during his junior year he did not take enough correspondence work during the summer to get eligible for basketball, and I did not let him come out because any fellow that was not any more enthused than that about a sport, I wasn't very enthusiastic about him. He got eligible for the second semester and went out for track, threw the javelin, the discus and did some high jumping. Then of course he came back in his senior year and was ready to work and it took a lot of work to make a player out of that type of fellow, but he was really great. Like all coaches, I should have enjoyed having him another year, but of course he was graduating and that was impossible. In another year I think he would have been one of the nation's outstanding players.

The McPherson Cilers used him, but they had big Joe Fortenberry, 6 feet 9g inches, and he played down in Texas at the North Texas State Teachers College and had a lot of experience under his belt. Wellhausen played with Wichita last year and is playing with the Oklahoma City Park this year. He is getting enough age and experience now that if some coach could know how to use him he would be wonderful, but we college men of course are not interested in that sort of set up. We have a very difficult problem of teaching young boys who develop very slowly.

Answering your question specifically, I would use the other four men man-to-man trading and switching near the basket with a semi-retreating defense. And then your tall man will soon get into the scheme of teamwork and you will be surprised how they can play with him. But he is playing zone. If they spread out we play man-to-man using this fifth man to take a man. But when they come near the basket or in a position to shoot that tall man never pulls far enough away from the basket but what he can get into position to pick it out of the air.

Art, I don't know whether I have helped you or not. If I could sit down with you I could get your thoughts and you could get mine. If you care to have any sort of a diagram explained you could send it to me with questions. I will be glad to do my best to answer them.

Sincerely yours,