

who towers around the basket and by his altitude calls the attention of the officials to watch him. You doubtless have watched it at Loyola, and this same thing is happening all over the country.

I am certainly convinced that something should be done to raise the basket higher than any player can jump. Maybe 11 feet would do the job. But 12 feet would answer the very questions that you ask regarding disqualified players for making so-called trivial fouls. I am not asking now that we raise the basket for high school players because I think that the basket is high enough as it is. These extremely tall fellows in high school do not handle themselves well enough to be a threat, as they become when they are past 20 years of age.

If this basket were raised the arc of dispersement of the rebound would be much further out, causing the guard to move further out on the floor and then this four foot end line helps the player to recover a ball before it goes out of bounds. In other words, the guard on a high basket is not permitted to camp right under the basket and block out men coming in. Therefore, he moves back somewhat. If the ball after a shot drops short of the basket and falls on the playing floor a fast, speedy man can capture it before it goes out of bounds.

Therefore, this 12 foot basket hits at the zone defense, it opens up that area, and it discourages the driving in under the basket for lay-ups, the thing that most officials are calling fouls for now. It is much easier to bank the ball 10 or 12 feet out on a 12 foot basket than it is to drive up and lay one in, because that can't be done in a 12 foot basket.

The fact that I advocated the 12 foot basket several years ago makes me very reticent to bring it up any more, but the 12 foot basket is on the way and I would like to see some fellow with a high degree of intelligence like you conduct research problems on the 12 foot basket. Of course, this cannot be done this year, but I think it should be done. The reason I would dislike to see an 11 foot basket is because we have some players now that can jump up and touch an 11 foot basket.

Many critics have stated that you make the little fellow shoot higher than the tall fellow, but you and I both know that you accommodate the muscles of the eye to height the same as you do distance, and this would give the little fellow an advantage over what he has at the present time because the big fellow who lacks the coordination of the little fellow would be required to shoot, whereby now he blocks off, taps and dunks the ball.

We played down in Texas during Christmas week, playing S.M.U. and Texas a pair of games each, and the officials down there penalize every time a guard goes over toward a one-handed shooter, whether he touches the individual or not. The premium down there is on one-handed shots and nobody is permitted to get near the shooter. We were successful in winning three of our four games, but there is such a difference