

The proponents of the elimination of the center jump made the claim that if the center jump were eliminated the exceptionally tall, gangling player would be driven out of the game. I remember Coach Johnny Bunn, now Dean of Men at Stanford University, and Sam Barry, long time coach at the University of Southern California, and other adherents of the elimination of the center jump, made the claim that the elimination of this much disliked play from their standpoint would rid the game of its many evils. On the other hand, the elimination of the center jump has taken away many beautiful plays from the game and robbed it of its orderliness and the quick surprises of a fighting team stealing the tap from an altitudinous center who controls the tip-off. The center jump is gone and I believe it will never be returned. Perhaps there are enough fine, exciting play situations remaining in the game of basketball to attract millions to the game as in the past. Over one hundred million people in America attend basketball games, which attests to its great popularity.

The installation of the 12 foot basket for college and independent teams will tend to stabilize and slow up the mad rush of this heart breaking game at the present time. With an elevated basket there will be no motive to dash madly across the court for drive-ins and lay-ups. This higher basket will slow down the avalanche rush of these offensive players hoping to beat the defense to the basket. In other words, most teams have thrown defense to the winds and have gone all out for offense. The poorest place in the world to shoot at a 12 foot basket is immediately under the goal.

Immediately after the Iowa State game the baskets in Robinson Gymnasium and Hoch Auditorium will be raised to 12 feet, and the ASTP and V-12 boys who participate in basketball will be used in a research project for study of the game with the 12 foot goal. Some of the following points will be used as the basis of study: (1) the effect upon scoring and shooting generally; (2) the effect on roughness under the basket and clearing up the congestion under the basket; (3) fatigue effects upon players as a result of baskets at the 12 foot height. The two baskets in Hoch Auditorium will be superimposed upon the present steel frames and will cost but \$5.00, and the baskets in Robinson Gymnasium will be raised without any expense whatsoever. This is to show