

The definition of research, according to Webster, is "a searching for something, especially with care and diligence; careful or critical examination in seeking facts or principles." I would suggest that the present basketball rules should be frozen for a three-year period. And that a competent research committee of basketball specialists be appointed. This committee should receive adequate compensation for their services so that they could be held accountable to the same degree they are given authority and compensation. There are very few competent college coaches who would make good research men because their search is for taller players rather than for finding the facts about rules of the game.

Many college coaches are thinking more of the financial income of the game than they are in improving the game. Some of these fellows endorse watches, postum or bananas in their spare time rather than spending their effort in finding the answer to goal-tending, out of bound plays, unlimited substitution, or the effect of fatigue upon players under varying conditions. Most of the efficient researchers are high school executives and school officials. The college executives and coaches of the N.C.A.A. haven't done any real basketball research for years. They played lightly with the term "basketball research". The big time college coaches are more concerned with tall players than they are with tall baskets. I challenge their research committee to show one instance of constructive research done in the past ten years.

Some coaches at the present time are much concerned over goal tending. Their contention is that tall players bat the ball away from the basket before it enters the same. They suggest a rule which provides "that of awarding a field goal when a defensive player touches a try for goal above the level of the cylinder of the basket or if the ball has started