

DARTMOUTH COLLEGE ATHLETIC COUNCIL

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My dear Coach:

The officials committee earnestly wishes to contribute something worth while to basketball.

After talking about basketball officiating with coaches from all over the country, the committee on officials has decided it will be better to concentrate on one problem this year.

Through different parts of the country, but mostly in the eastern section, there are officials trying to put on an exhibition by shouting at the top of their lungs explaining the reason for the whistle, and no one can understand them. Even the players themselves can't understand and are mystified. This has gone far enough, and it is time for the rules committee to instruct officials that they should use signals to signify the infractions and not words.

Some signals are already in use, and if they meet with approval can be made universal.

We believe that the only way to silence these officials and make them realize that the game still belongs to the players is to have the rules committee put instructions to them in the Rule Book.

Will you kindly give careful thought to the committee's suggestion and be ready to discuss it at the meeting?

Very truly yours,

O. B. Cowles,
Officials Committee