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He told me of the Y.M.C.A. college, and I was all for stopping my ministerial career right then, and going to that college. However, I was dissuaded, and received my ministerial degree, but have never held a pastorate."

Dr. Naismith and Alonzo Stagg entered Springfield College together, and by reason of excellent preparation, both finished the work in a year. Naismith was retained for two years in the College staff, and it was during this period that he invented the game of basketball.

When he had entered McGill he had disregarded gymnasium work, relying on his farm-boy physique, but took to heart the warning of a couple of upper classmen. Later, when the gym instructor died unexpectedly, Naismith succeeded to the job, and when he went to medical school in Denver, again found a gymnasium position that paid the way.

In the summer of 1898, Chancellor Snow of the University of Kansas was seeking a man who could combine the duties of instructor in physical education and of chapel leader. He chanced to tell his quest to Stagg, who recalled his Y. M. College schoolmate, and he recommended Naismith. The chapel leading ceased after a few years, but the interest in basketball continued.

A team was soon organized at the University, and that very winter games were played with nearby teams. The game had been introduced at the University of Iowa by a Y. secretary, so it was easy to interest mid-west colleges in the sport, and it became one of the recognized sports as soon as the old Missouri Valley conference was formed.

Dr. Naismith has made many studies of the effects of the game on the player, and has taken an active interest in its improvement. He is "honorary chairman for life" of the National Rules Committee for the United States and Canada.

In February, 1936, basketball teams throughout the nation observed "National Naismith night," at which contributions were made to send Dr. and Mrs. Naismith to the Olympic games.

DR. FORREST C. ALLEN

Director of Athletics and Basketball Coach, University of Kansas
Director American Olympic Basketball, 1936

TWENTY conference championships in 26 years of basketball coaching, with additional highly successful seasons for two other sports, is the record established by Dr. Forrest C. Allen, director of athletics at the University of Kansas, Lawrence, and basketball coach all that time, and two years in his student days. He is the dean of basketball coaches in the United States, and has been selected as director of the American basketball team entered in the Olympic games at Berlin.

Dr. Allen was playing basketball with the Kansas City Athletic Club in 1905 when it won three games straight from the Buffalo Germans, then touring the country as "world's champions." In a game at Independence, Mo., in 1903, Dr. Allen first met Dr. James Naismith, inventor of the game of basketball, and then coach at the University of Kansas. The next year Allen entered the University, and in the season of 1908 was coaching the Kansas team, which finished the season as champion, with 7 games won and 2 lost.

The next year he coached to another championship, 10 to 2, and at the same time was coaching the Haskell Indian "National Aboriginal" team, which won 19 of 24 games, and travelled 5000 miles. He likewise coached Baker University, 20 miles away, to a successful season.

He then entered medical school, studying especially how to guard against, and to relieve athletic injuries, and in the fall of 1912 became coach of all sports at Missouri State Teachers College at Warrensburg. His football, basketball, and baseball teams that winter completed the seasons undefeated, and the basketball championship started a seven-year series of conference championships.

In the fall of 1919 he became director of athletics at the University of Kansas, and before the basketball season was over was coaching that sport. In the 1920 and 1921 seasons, Missouri won the championships, but in 1922 Dr. Allen