

At the present time the Springfield College at Springfield, Mass., is endeavoring to have a Naismith Night to obtain funds to build a field house in Dr. Naismith's memory. Personally, I have not been hepped up on the plan to build a utility for some school to honor the man. Years ago I went to Dr. Naismith and asked him to tell me where he would want a memorial if he had the choice. He said, "Well, I had thought after retirement of moving to California, but since I have worked most of my life at Lawrence, Kansas, to be specific since 1898, I would much rather have it here in Lawrence than any other place." I had a life mask made of him in plaster of paris and have it here in our possession. I had thought of sometime obtaining a sculptor and having a fitting memorial to Dr. Naismith's memory here. When I broached the subject most of the administrators discouraged the idea of a non-utility memorial, and they want something that they can use.

Personally, I have done little promoting to erect a building, and as far as I am concerned I am not going to be able to subscribe heartily to the Springfield plan of having a Naismith Night and the contributions going to a college for a building.

I talked to Porter, of Chicago, who is national secretary of the High School Federation, and he feels the same way about it. So I am not sure whether the drive will go over this winter or not. This year, of course, is the 50th anniversary of the birth of basketball, and incidentally it will be my 25th year of coaching Kansas basketball. Due to the fact that this is the semi-centennial there will be a tendency for people to want to celebrate Naismith Night. With twenty million people in the world playing basketball this year will be a prosperous year for promoters and money gatherers who play on the Naismith idea.

In 1920 I went back to New York to the National Collegiate Athletic Association meeting and pointed out the fact that the Rules body had taken Dr. Naismith's picture and name out of the Rules Guide and stated that they should restore it and pay him the honor that was due him. They did this. Dr. Naismith, being a very quiet and obscure individual, did not go in for fanflare, so I have been his champion having played under him and having played against his teams prior to my coming to the University. I thought he was a grand gentleman, a great teacher and a man who bequeathed a sport to the American public that had not been fully appreciated. He had never made a penny off of the game that he originated and in his later years I wanted him to receive some of the compensation that should rightfully be accorded him.

There is a book on basketball called "Basketball", by Dr. Naismith, printed by the Association Press, 347 Madison Avenue, New York. If you have not gotten it I think it might be helpful to you in your research work. The book sells for \$2.00. This is