

Says he's going to study medicine.

(Pause: 5-10 seconds....Fade In)

SEC: Here's a letter from the President of Baker University,  
Dr. Naismith. You should look at it right <sup>away</sup> off. (Paper  
Rattles)

NAI: HMMMM....They need a basketball coach at Baker....Well, we'll  
have to see what....

(Knock at Door: Door opens)

ALLEN: Are you busy, Dr. Naismith?.....

NAI: Not at all, Phog.....Come in! I was just reading a letter  
from the Dean down at Baldwin City.....They need someone to  
run their basketball team. I've been asked to find them  
someone.

ALLEN: A coach, oh.....Goo! Have....anyone in mind, Dr. Naismith?

NAI: That's the trouble.....Can't think of anyone available, right  
now, anyway.....

ALLEN: Say, Dr. Naismith, I'd sure like to take a try at that. You  
wouldn't recommend me for that post, would you? As I think  
of it, there are a lot of things about basketball that could  
be coached...don't you think, Doctor?

NAI: You?? (Laughs sympathetically) Well....I don't know...Phog...  
Phog Allen.....Basketball coach! Sounds kind of strange!  
Of course, I'll agree you're a fine player, Phog....But....  
Coaching's different. (Chuckle)  
Coach Allen..You bloody beggar!...

ALLEN: I think I could do it, Doctor. I know I could! You could  
tell them that I know how to throw free throws, that we  
always pass in angles and run in curves. You could at least  
send me down for a try. I'll show 'em! I know I can do it.  
I've got some definite ideas about certain fundamentals of  
playing the game.....always passing to the open man...and  
so forth.

NAI: I know, Phog...I know....No young fellow has ever tried to  
coach basketball around here.....But still, I'm almost  
tempted...By George..I will write them! They ought to be  
willing to give you a try. They can't get anyone else...

ALLEN: Thanks, Dr. Naismith. You can bet your life I'll give them  
everything I've got, and I'll bet we will win some ball games!