

Allen --Well, Doctor, we are not sure about that, but we are definitely endeavoring to find out. By asking men of your caliber who certainly know physical education, and then by doing a job analysis program, as Dean W. W. Charters would call it, we are endeavoring to find out from superintendents and principals in the state of Kansas just what is needed for this state. We are asking these questions and when the survey is completed we believe we will know.

Naismith -- Why do you go to superintendents and principals and ask them? Why don't you tell them? For instance, a year or so ago a man told me- "I have looked this thing over, spent 30 minutes studying the set-up." And I returned, "I have spent 30 years studying this situation, and yet you think you know more about it than I do."

Allen -- Well, Dr. Naismith, you really put me right on the grill, and I like this. I don't mean that we are going to shape our course exactly like all these fellows would suggest, but we want to know what they think are the needs for the schools of this state. They we are contacting physical educators like Dr. Thomas Storey of Stanford, Dr. Jesse F. Williams and Dr. Fritz Maroney of Columbia University, Dr. J. B. Nash of New York University, Floyd Rowe who is an authority and has charge of physical education for the public schools of Cleveland, Ohio, Dr. Anderson of St. Louis, and then of course we are cooperating with our cousins here in Kansas - Professor L. P. Washburn of Kansas State College, and Coffman of Washburn College, with a view of having an all-round program that will fill the needs of the high schools of the State of Kansas.

Naismith -- Doctor, you have mentioned a lot of men, and very prominent men. Can you tell me this: In my early days almost every man who was a director of physical education was an M.D. Today there are only two of those you mentioned who are M.D.'s, and they are old standbys. Now, why is it that physical education has gone from the medical profession to the educational?

Allen -- That is a very excellent point, Dr. Naismith. The only answer that I could give that seems logical would be that the men with an M.D. degree can earn very much more than the professor of physical education. The health program of the country has called the doctors of medicine, and then, too, there has been such an expansion of the physical education program that the colleges have established a curriculum for physical education majors. That curriculum calls for a study of the basic sciences, and most of these physical education majors that are going out now have passed satisfactorily courses in anatomy, physiology, biology and chemistry. Of course, it would be fine if they could have a medical background, but that would require a much longer course than a four-year college course.

Naismith -- Then you consider there is a trend backward to a study of the operations of the body, and that it is a necessity that they understand part of the human body in order to develop a real physical education program.