

Allen -- By all means, Dr. Naismith. I do not see how any intelligent physical education director or athletic coach can do a good job unless he definitely understands the structure and functions of the human body. Diet, fatigue, training, as well as fundamental body building, must of necessity be understood by this individual before he can do justice to the boy. And do not forget this point - a coach who has never had a course in psychology will not have the best understanding of his subject - the boy.

Naismith -- Doctor, I would like to ask you one question. Do you know, or do you think there is a high school superintendent or principal who wouldn't accept "Whizzer" White as head of a department of physical education, even if he never had a day's study of physiology, or anything of that kind?

Allen -- Well, Doctor, you are hitting me right in the middle. I believe most of them would take him. And there is a weakness there. But you brought up the name of a wonderful young man who perhaps is not trained in physical education and maybe wouldn't take the job. We both know that he is a Phi Beta Kappa and has been selected as a Rhodes Scholar from Colorado. They tell me that he is about everything that you would want in a young college graduate. Don't you think if "Whizzer" White should take a job like that that he would go ahead and get a major in physical education if he stayed in the field very long?

Naismith -- Well, I don't believe that he would need it. He would be so busy with his football and his basketball and his track that he wouldn't have time to think along in terms of real physical development.

Allen -- But, Doctor, don't you think he really would get it?

Naismith -- He ought to have it, certainly. I think that is the trouble. We ought to have lots of things but we can get along without them. But what of the athletics and physical education department? Athletics have a great appeal not only to the instructor but to the public, and also to the principal or superintendent.

Allen -- Yes, Doctor, but I remember a conversation I had with John Bunn over twelve years ago. He came into my office and said to me, "Doc, I am thinking about changing from what I thought was my life work into another field." John also said, "You know, I have received my degree in engineering. I would like to ask you what is the future in physical education." I said, "John, there is a great future in physical education. If a man will get his M.D. and his Ph.D. degrees, a \$20,000 salary in the next twenty years will not be an unheard of thing for the man who prepares for it. John, there will be a lot of small jobs for fellows who partially prepare, but there will only be a few big jobs for men who fit themselves for it." I believe if "Whizzer" White went into coaching he would use that only as an introduction to the plumbing of a deeper life's work. And, Doctor, we do not have to think of "Whizzer" White. There are a great number of other fine athletes who have been brilliant scholars - John Bunn, Junior Coon, Ted O'Leary. And you remember, Doctor, your own football player, Hubert Avery.