

For years Dr. Naismith taught Sunday school at the Presbyterian Church here at Lawrence, Kansas, and he was a regular and devout member.

Desiring further to give you every possible bit of information regarding Dr. Naismith, I called Dr. C. M. Baker, who is Director Emeritus of our University Library. I am sending him a copy of my last letter to you and have read over the phone the other correspondence that we have had. I am asking him, after he has gone over this material to send you any additional material that he can regarding Dr. Naismith from the University scrapbook. Dr. Baker informs me, of course, that he could not send you the scrapbook, but he will pick out everything that he can that is not included in the data mailed to him.

You doubtless have a copy of Dr. Naismith's book, Naismith on Basketball, published by the Association Press, New York City.

John W. Bunn, Director of Athletics at Springfield College, Springfield, Massachusetts, played on my football and basketball teams while here at the University of Kansas. He was here when Dr. Naismith was at the University and had many associations with him. Perhaps you would want to write to him, without letting him know that you communicated with me, and ask him the estimation of Dr. Naismith's activity while he was at the University.

I think perhaps a letter of this kind would more thoroughly reflect Dr. Naismith's activity as estimated by a graduate during Dr. Naismith's tenure.

I have been on a speaking tour every night since March 18 and when your first letter came, I was in Ohio and Illinois, as well as in distant parts of our state, and it was physically impossible for me to write a letter which would take the time that this letter has today. I assure you that our friendship with Dr. Naismith and our motives are the very best, for he was a valued friend of mine and for the world we wouldn't do anything that would reflect on his reputation here in our university. We tried, however, to get the information to you from the source that assembles such things, rather than relying on our judgement and manner. These are always faults when you hasten to get a job out.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

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Varsity Basketball Coach
Professor of Physical Education

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cc: Dr. C. M. Baker