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To Have 'Naismith Night'

Kansas-Iowa State Game Will Honor Inventor of Basketball

The occasion of the Kansas-Iowa State basketball game here Feb. 18, is to be designated "Naismith night," in honor of Dr. James Naismith, inventor of the game. The athletic association and the physical education department of the University are co-operating in preparation of a brief program, to be presented between halves of the game.

Dr. Naismith invented the game while a member of the staff of the Y. M. C. A. College, Springfield, Mass., and brought it to Kansas when he became a member of the faculty here 34 years ago.

The six living members of the 1893 basketball team have been invited to return for the occasion, and assist in paying tribute to Dr. Naismith. Men who played on the first organized basketball team for K. U. are: William F. Yahn, Lawrence; Hubert Avery, Basin, Wyo.; William Hess, Pratt; Willis Henderson, Boulder, Colo.; Eugene H. Owens, Kansas City, Mo.; Claude V. Royal, Oatville, Kan.; and William Sutton, Dallas, Texas.