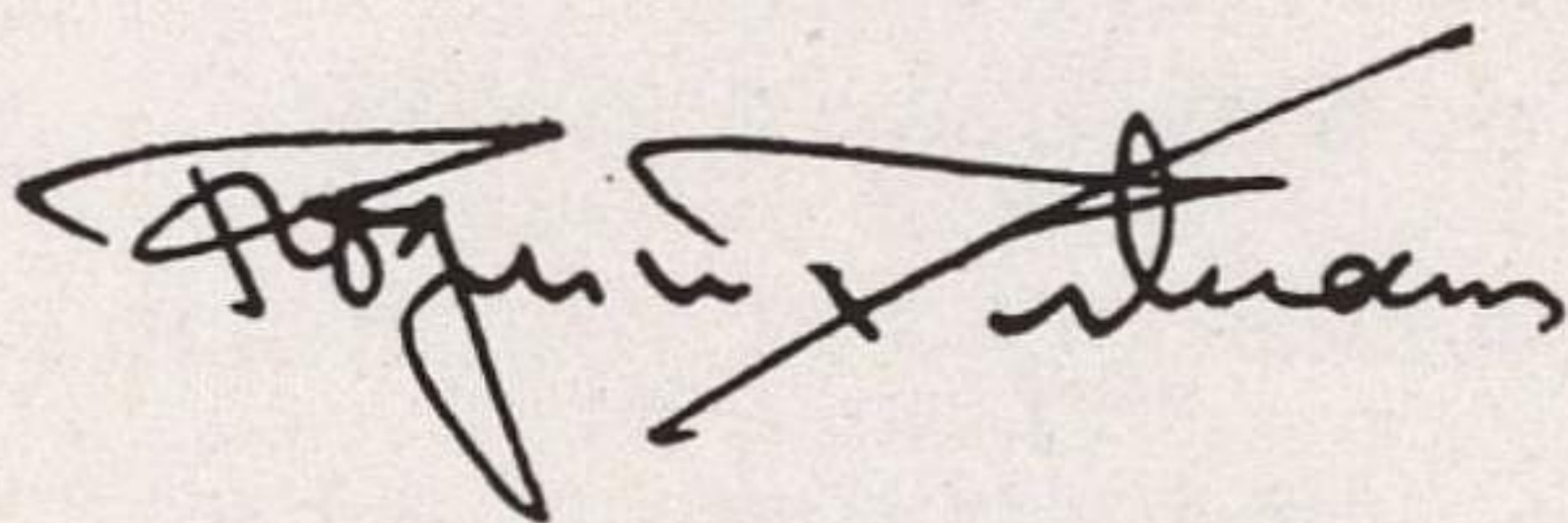


A Message  
from the  
Naismith Memorial Committee

In undertaking to raise a fund of \$300,000 to construct the Temple of Basketball in memory of Dr. James A. Naismith, we know we have the good wishes of sport lovers everywhere. We have already been assured of help and cooperation of important sport figures, sports editors, and college authorities, but we aim to make the Temple of Basketball a national institution, and as such it should be a monument erected by the efforts of all who ever played or watched the game.

Just as the game is a nationally popular one, so we want the Temple of Basketball to be the result of popular national effort. We are not depending on one group in the sport, but on all groups. At a time when the world is preoccupied with bitterness, recriminations and destruction, it is inspiring to feel that here at home we have not forgotten to pay permanent homage to a man whose ingenuity has brought joy to millions.



Roger L. Putnam  
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