



# BASKETBALL GOLDEN JUBILEE

NAISMITH MEMORIAL COMMITTEE  
Springfield, Mass.

June 12, 1941

MAYOR ROGER L. PUTNAM  
*Chairman*

Mr. Forrest C. Allen  
Basketball Coach  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Coach Allen:

As you already know, the coming season is the Golden Jubilee of Basketball, and extensive plans are already under way here in the City of Springfield -- the birth-place of the game -- to commemorate in fitting fashion the memory of Dr. James Naismith, founder of the sport.

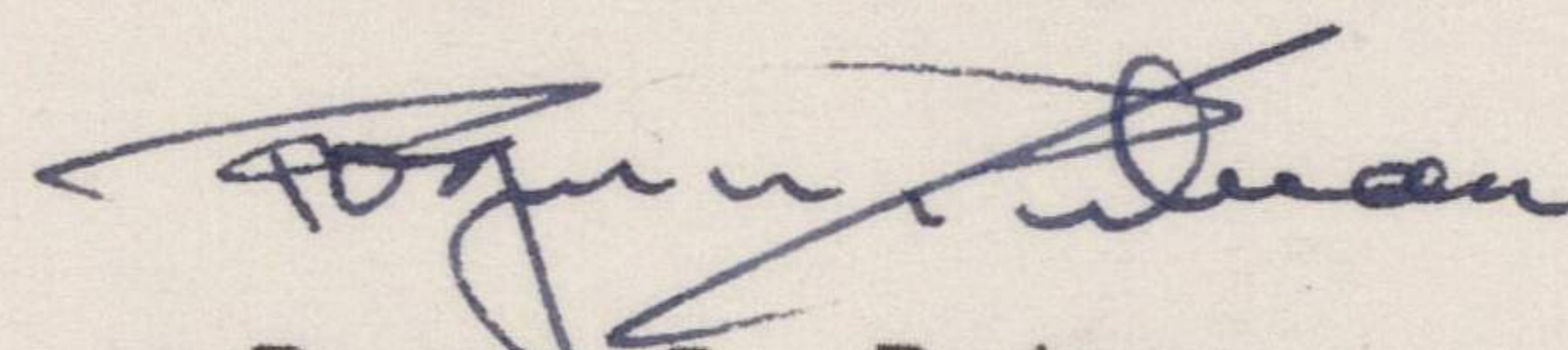
I am heading a national campaign to raise funds for the erection of a Naismith Memorial Building, which will include a museum and Hall of Fame.

Two committees are being formed to help with the campaign -- a National Advisory Committee made up of the most prominent figures in the college, amateur and professional sports world -- and a Coaches' Committee, consisting of outstanding basketball coaches in the country.

I would like very much to have you serve on the honorary committee of basketball coaches, and trust you will agree to lend the weight of your name to this very worthy enterprise.

An early response will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

  
Roger L. Putnam