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December 1, 1939

Mr. Wesley H. Loomis, Jr.
1311 Telephone Building
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Mr. Loomis:

Thanks ever so much for your good letter of November 30.

Dr. Allen did call me about your contribution and I ran a story about it in the October Graduate Magazine. Enclosed in this letter is a sheet from the magazine with the story as it appeared on page nine. You may have the satisfaction of knowing that Dr. Naismith saw this story before he died.

I heartily agree with you that some memorial should be erected to the memory of Dr. Naismith here on the campus. The business of raising a fund by popular subscription right now is rather tough, not only because of financial conditions, but also because of the fact that we are already launching out on two or three different campaigns among K.U. alumni. The chief one of these is a campaign to furnish a dormitory for self-supporting boys by buying the old Acacia property.

We need a field house terribly. It might be that we could get some fellows with big money who were interested in Dr. Naismith's life and contribution. I certainly agree that if any person deserves to have a building named for him Dr. Naismith is one. I will be glad to help in any reasonable movement.

Cordially,

Fred Ellsworth
Secretary

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