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December 8, 1933

Mr. Hugh Burnett
Weskan, Kansas

Dear Mr. Burnett:-

Last Wednesday noon, the executive committee of the Lewis Memorial met at Cody Commons. The members present were: Dr. Clair J. Wilson, Prof Edwin Davis, Mr Val Weigel, Dr. Rarick and myself. This is the third meeting of the committee. We have planned to meet every other Wednesday. Mr. Mann and his son of Hutchinson, Kansas were present at this meeting and presented an architectural drawing of the Campanile, together with estimates of cost and size.

The committee was favorably impressed with the design. The size proposed was a shaft twenty feet square on the ground by one-hundred feet in height. The cost approximately \$25,000.

Dr. Rarick and Mr. Weigel suggested the possibility of the employment of Civil Works men on the project, thereby cutting down the costs considerable. It is possible that the Civil works administration would approve such a project here on the campus. A bridge to be built across the Big Creek to the Girls Dormitory is a project of the Civil Works Administration to be started in the very near future. The labor on the Memorial will be approximately \$11,000 including both skilled and unskilled labor. It is also possible to have skilled labor furnished by the Civil Works administration.

Many problems have arisen but it seems the first one to be considered is the location of the shaft. Some felt that the space suggested by our late president would not be in keeping with future campus developments. The architects felt that the space allotted would not give the best view for such a project. That the space was too small for a good view. That a campanile in the middle of the present quadrangle would look too cramped. Dr. Rarick is having the campus surveyed.

We are not discouraged over the prospects but do feel that it will take some time to iron out some of the problems which have arisen. We feel confident that we will be able in the next few days to notify you of some definite plan and also relative to a meeting of the general committee in the very near future. I shall notify you of that at the very first opportunity.

Sincerely