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Lawrence City Commission
City Hall
6 East 6th St.
Lawrence, KS 66044

Dear Commissioners:

As a Lawrence native and weekly visitor, I look at the Lawrence Journal World online. I saw an article in yesterday's paper that says you are considering renaming Missouri Street between 11th and 9th for Don Fambrough.

I respectfully ask that you consider another way to honor Coach Fambrough. I grew up at 1014 Missouri, and my parents lived there from 1948 to 1987. The house is still there, and lived in. I think there are many more appropriate ways to honor someone than obliterating the heritage of all the families who lived on those blocks for so many years.

How about a statue, with explanation of Coach Fambrough's successes, at the Stadium? How about naming a new street for him? Surely you can think of something more appropriate and less destructive!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nancy Hitt Clark". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Nancy" being the most prominent.

Nancy Hitt Clark

From: Jackie McClenny [mailto:jrmcclenny@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 04, 2009 10:31 AM
To: David L. Corliss; mdever@sunflower.com; robchestnut@sunflower.com;
mikeamyx515@hotmail.com; suehack@sunflower.com; boog@lawrence.ixks.com
Subject: Proposed Renaming of Missouri Street

Dear City Commissioners,

I hope you will once again vote down the absurd proposal to rename a portion of Missouri Street after a football coach.

I have lived on Missouri Street north of the stadium, and I know there are people there that are inconvenienced enough by Kansas Football, Inc. without having to having to change their address information and start spelling out F-A-M-B-R-O-U-G-H to the Chinese delivery guy.

There are actually other things in life (and even in Lawrence!) than sports, and this fad of renaming streets is just plain silly. Let us try to maintain some sense of dignity as a city, and work on some real issues instead of letting our map be changed by a vocal minority of people that are taken up with what is, after all, just a glorified hobby.

Sincerely,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Mark Volmut [mailto:mvolmut@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 04, 2009 2:48 PM
To: David L. Corliss; mdever@sunflower.com; robchestnut@sunflower.com;
mikeamyx515@hotmail.com; suehack@sunflower.com; boog@lawrence.ixks.com
Subject: Proposed renaming of Missouri street

Dear City Commissioners,

I hope you will vote against the proposal to rename a portion of Missouri Street after coach Don Fambrough.

I live in the neighborhood that will be affected and have lived on that portion of Missouri street north of the stadium for years, and feel it an insult to the integrity of my neighborhood to have its historic named changed in such a trivial way. I love the Jayhawks but this is simply ridiculous to change the street name to another football coach.

KU sports has overshadowed a large portion of our city's history. This town is beautiful and is ingrained with a proud history full of events and people, such as John Brown,

James Lane, Pelathe, Langston Hughes, and many others who gave this town its identity, and proportionally have very little to do with sports. I would like visitors that come to our city to know us for a history that made a difference on national and international levels instead of from inconsequential characters of a glorified child's game.

Please help us maintain our dignity as a city and vote down this absolutely ridiculous and silly proposal.

Sincerely,

Mark Volmut

From: Brian Harris [mailto:bharrisks@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 04, 2009 11:02 PM
To: Lisa Patterson
Subject: Opposed to renaming Missouri Street

I am a former Lawrence resident, KU alum, KU athlete and a former KU staff member. I also used to live on Missouri street, first in the 900 block as a college student and later as the owner of 839 Missouri. I also happen to have grown up in Missouri.

An important part of the history and character of Old West Lawrence and other historic areas of Lawrence is its street names, which are, of course, named after states. The University is an important part of Lawrence, but Lawrence has a grand history of its own separate from the University. To me, the streets named states are one of the things that makes Lawrence, Lawrence.

Let the University name a campus street after coach Fambrough if it wants. But for the city to rename Missouri street for any reason would be a mistake.

Should we rename Iowa street the next time KU loses to Iowa State?

Sincerely,
Brian Harris