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Mr. Thomas J. Deegan
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271 Madison Avenue
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Dear Mr. Deegan:

Your letter arrived just at the time I was finishing my baseball season and then our examinations and Commencement came on. We're now just starting our Summer School work.

I notice that you have gotten much information from Springfield College and you doubtless have the book, "Basketball" edited by the Associated Press. This should give you much information and background.

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I became Varsity basketball coach in 1908-1909 and won the Championship both years. Then I returned to the University of Kansas as Athletic Director and have been coaching here since that time. All these years I was directly and closely identified with Doctor Naismith, he being Director of Physical Education and I being Director of Athletics and Coach of Basketball. Then, I was given both departments of Director of Athletics and Director of Physical Education while Doctor Naismith continued as Professor of Physical Education.

If there are some points that you wish for me to give you information on, I will be very glad to do so. But, it would be an endless task to write about my associations with him unless there were some definite and specific thing to touch upon.

The Spalding's Athletic Library, in the official basketball guide for 1940-41, the writer has written a tribute to Doctor Naismith on pages 7, 8, 9, and 10 of the guide under the title, "Father