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Mr. Richard L. Brown,  
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Dear Richard:

I am glad to have your good letter of the 31st ultimo regarding your digest of "Better Basketball". I am glad you enjoyed it.

My advice to you would be for you to become quite friendly with some physician in your town. Get him to loan you an anatomy and also a physiology book. Of course, you understand that anatomy is a science which treats of the structure of the body, while physiology is a science which treats of the function of the body.

Of course you will need some guidance when you talk to this physician. You will want to know about the bony framework and how bone is formed through the different centers of ossification. Then you will want to know about ligaments and muscles and nerves.

This reading will be very interesting to you and you can get quite a comprehensive knowledge of these sciences with the aid of some physician who will explain the preliminary problems prior to your study. It is not at all necessary to be a physician to know anatomy and physiology quite definitely. Most of the teachers in our medical schools are men who have obtained their Ph. D. degrees and not the M. D. degree. This is also true of the teachers of physiology.

With a general working knowledge of these two sciences this information will better fit you for your work when you go to college. Most of the large universities now offer a four year course with a major in physical education. These courses have requirements regarding the study of both anatomy and physiology. The subjects will unfold themselves to you as you explore them.

If there is anything further that I could do to help you, please command me.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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