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Mr. Dan Partner
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Dear Dan:

I was quite sure that I had autographed a copy of "Better Basketball" for you because I had a conversation with Dr. Peete concerning you when I sent it. I had presumed that it had been misplaced and I was happy to send you another.

I am glad that you are going to handle the basketball coverage for the Star this Winter. I know that it will be done in your usual highly efficient coverage of this game.

Regarding Gene Petersen. It is a rather interesting angle. Gene wanted to study veterinary medicine. He had visited personally with Louie Menze at Ames and he also made a trip to Manhattan to visit Coach Fritz Knorr, as well as writing Ohio State. Nebraska does not have a veterinary course, neither does Kansas but he states that he has always wanted to come to Kansas even during his high school days.

Confidentially at this moment, when he came down to Lawrence and paid his own expenses I sold him on the larger influence that he would have and the greater service that he could render as a medical doctor. His highest grades were 98 and his lowest was 84. He had 95 in chemistry so you can see that his future long after his college days were over was the thing that he was seriously considering.

This is also confidential to you. Gene Petersen wrote me two letters neither of which I answered. When he wrote me the first one and I refused to answer he wrote me the second saying, "I think I know why you didn't answer my letter."

Pat Penny, a newspaper reporter, who was then writing Hill stuff for the Journal World came by here on her rounds. I pulled the two letters out of the desk drawer where I had lain them and said, "Pat, here is some news which you cannot print." Pat is the sports editor of the University Daily Kansan at the present time. She looked at them and said, "Well, I can write him, Can't I?" And she wrote him on her Phi Pi stationery.