

e/o Standard Oil Company of Calif.
11 - C Office,
Taft, California.

President Robert Gordon Sproul,
University of California,
Berkeley, California.

Dear Sir:

I have been watching the Faculty Bulletin for an announcement of an appointment of a successor to the late Bruce L. Clark, associate professor of invertebrate paleontology, Berkeley Campus. It has occurred to me that it is time the University did something about it in view of the difficulty the oil industry in the State is having finding trained invertebrate paleontologists or geologists with adequate paleontological training.

I have just finished visiting a number of Mid-Western schools for my company looking for properly trained men. Due to the fact that most of the great Universities of our country lie in regions of much older rocks than are of economic interest to California companies, it is seldom that one finds suitable prospects outside of Western or Gulf Coast schools.

Our profession has been hearing rumors that Wendell P. Woodring of the United States Geological Survey has been considered for the Berkeley department. Also the name of Leo George Hertlein has been mentioned. Both of these men have excellent standings as Tertiary Invertebrate Paleontologists and if either should be acceptable as a teacher he should be appointed without delay. If either is not suitable or obtainable for immediate appointment, I wish to suggest that a wider search be made.

While at the annual meeting of the Society of Economic Paleontologists and Mineralogists at Chicago, about the first of this month, I discussed our problem with a number of our members, some fellow alumni. A suggestion was made that H. B. Stenzel of the University of Texas be considered. I questioned Dr. Stenzel and found him not adverse to making a change at this time. He has an excellent European training in the Geological Sciences and has specialized since in Gulf Coast Tertiary work which is very similar to our California Tertiary. He has the reputation of being a successful teacher and has an imposing list of publications (copy of which is attached). He is also serving as secretary of the Society of Economic Paleontologists and Mineralogists,

has made many valuable contacts with paleontologists and oil companies alike, and has the right attitude for properly training men for positions with our local oil industry.

Dr. Stenzel indicated that he would be glad to come to California for an interview if the University authorities were to consider him seriously. His address:

Prof. H. B. Stenzel,
Bureau of Economic Geology,
University Station, Box B.
Austin, 12
Texas.

I may add, as my personal view, that Dr. Stenzel, with his broad training in all of the geological sciences and his diversified work in paleontology and the related fields of stratigraphy, structure, and economic geology, would fit into the Berkeley post very well. If paleontology at Berkeley should be restored to the Department of Geological Sciences, where it obviously belongs, this would be particularly true.

With the hope that the University will make quick progress in rebuilding its Berkeley staff and with best personal wishes, I am

Yours very truly,

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W. F. Barbat, '26