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Dear Stenzel:

Please excuse my fine stationary. I havnt any thing else at hand. The Bureau of Economic Geology doesnt have its paper available like the Biology Dept at A&M.

Lohsdale said he met you at Madison. Are our Geol's any worse bla flairs than the German ones when they get at a convention. I wasted my holidays but I have been busy and sick to make up for it.

The new prof here, Harris from Cornell is a very active man. He wants to study his geology in the field and I am strongly in favor of that idea. It isn't just right here to make trips

on Sunday. Simon ~~and~~ rather
advised against it and some
of the boys wout go then. But
it makes no difference with
Harris. He is ready to go any
where anytime if there are
fossils to be gathered and he
have the very correct idea that
the fewer who go in a party the
more fossils they can collect.

We have been out twice
Last Sunday Adkins took four
of us down to Smithwillow
the Colorado. The beds are Cook
Mt and the outcrop looks very
much like Stone City. But there
is an entirely different set of
fossils. The *anomia*s are all
missing, I only found 2 *Uplamio*s
U. alticosta or *rotunda* as he
called it is very abundant and
another form *Trinaria* which

occurs sparingly on the Brazos
is the most abundant form &
didn't get a single *Coups* and only
two *Pseudolites*. We are going
back to the region as soon as
the roads are good. It has been
raining a lot this week. There
are several localities around the
town that we didn't visit.

This Sunday I want to
take the whole party to a Midway
locality north of the Colorado in
Bastrop Co. Miss Gardner has a
good locality for the upper part
of the lower Midway there. Most
of the Midway fossils are very bad.
But here with care one can get
quite a few good forms. They are
very soft and chalky and have to
be doped to keep their form. Those
I collected were mostly all mashed
up in shipping them in.
I have been identifying my
stuff as fast as I can. There is

really almost no literature
on the subject since Harris papers
about 1898-1905. I have quite a
few new species and if you have
been collecting you probably have
a lot more. There are only about
five in the class who are at all
interested and they are working on
material they have collected. So
the rest it is just so much stuff to
get so as to be better oil Geologists.
I am strong for oil Geology but
these prospective students kind of
make me sick at times.

Harris wants to get over to
Stone City and the little Brazos
some day before the term is over.
I have offered to act as guide. I
don't care much about it but I
suppose Miss Gardner has most
of the fossils from there anyway.
So we won't lose anything by the
trip. I have always looked at that

as sort of a private preserve.²
When I finish I'll be able to loan you
a collection of identified specimens
to compare with yours. And if we have
any that arent duplicated probably
we can fix up a trade. I want to
get a tertiary collection. Do you know
of anyone in Germany I could make
a trade with?

I havnt any information
about plans here for next year
except that they plan to get a
Graduate Prof in Geol and plan to
pay him about \$6000 a year. They
want a leading man and I am
sort of afraid they wont get one.
They want a stard man in Am. Men
of Science and one about 40 to 45.
About the only one who comes in
that group is RT Chamberlin and
we about agree on his qualifications.
It seems that to get stard one has
to write a lot and have some very

crazy idea that he would ~~be~~
the time. That is true if he gets on
the list as a young man. The only
one who can write lots is the man
who doesn't take time out to do field
work. The real field geologist may
be stoned but probably only rather
late in life. His ideas there are apt
to be worth something. But they
want a young man here who is
not a paleontologist or a pre Cambrian
man. Structure or sedimentation
is the field they want to build up.
I personally don't know any
man who is exactly fitted for
the job. But I wish them all the
success in the world.

I am having a lot of trouble
with the requirements here. They
won't let a man submit all his
graduate work in one department.
I have always planned to minor in
zoology, but they make it embryology

and ontology here entirely and they wont accept any of the graduate zoology I have taken in anatomy or taxonomy elsewhere and I cant get any of their type this year, if I wanted it, which I dont.

I have suggested that they let me minor in History and they are, or I hope they are discussing the matter. The Dean, who by the way is a perfect ass and a very slow one at that, says that History is too far from Zoology to let me use it. So I am not at all sure of getting my degree in June. Well I'll get the thesis finished if I can and then get it transferred to some other school where my credits wont be so mixed up. I can do it almost as well here as any place else and can probably get in good with the Dept. I got to be a donation of some Texas Eocene fossils. Iowa is the University, I am

best acquainted with and it would
seem logical to try it first. If not
there I guess Ill try Chicago.

I am sorry there is no
Stenzel here to argue out the
minor points of Geology as they
come up. These men here are either
too interested in their own work; too
lazy to do any work; or dont know
enough to give any help anyway. Mr
Lonsdale would be the best along my
line but he is too interested in one
subject and doesnt know much
about the rest. Well Ill stop this
before I prey to death and go to bed.
I have changed my address to
506 West 16th St and have a fine
room to myself

As Ever..

Adams.