

Dear Dr. Stenzel,

I haven't written you in quite a while, primarily because there has been nothing of value to write.

Austin and UT remain about the same. Now that the football season is over, the school and its students should return to organized chaos, rather than the frenzied activity of the past few weeks. I do not envy the professors who have to teach a non-receptive group interested only in football, parades and the like.

The geology faculty remains the same. Dr. Bell recently had a bout with pneumonia; he was quite ill but has recovered. Dr. Lundelius recently made a trip to the Rio Bravo to look at some rodent remains found in some Indian caves. Dr. Young has just completed his undergraduate course in Mesozoic stratigraphy (I managed to attain an excellent score on his examination, thanks to having read in your library this past summer).

Dr. Lundelius' trip was to a very interesting archaeological site. UT and Park Service workers have been searching in the Eagle Pass vicinity and have found 'Indian caves' that contain wall paintings of great interest, as well as the usual human and animal debris. I believe that Lundelius, with some help from a pollen and spore student, will attempt to interpret a climate cycle. One of the archaeologists is a close friend and is taking my family for a visit there over the Christmas holidays. If we get any good pictures of the wall paintings I'll send you copies. The painter(s) may have been Tertiary stratigraphers.

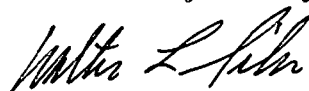
The Thanksgiving holidays have afforded an opportunity to closely read Hans Cloos' "Conversation With The Earth". He was a superior writer and a devoted geologist. You must have enjoyed studying under him.

Mr. Barker had dinner with us on his recent visit to Austin. He told of your remarkable recovery. It seems that you are destined to have quite a few productive years after all.

My son recently obtained an after-school job at the Texas Museum. Of course it is an unpaid, menial position, but it seems a good spot for a youngster to get a start in the scientific world, and to see the world through eyes other than those of his father.

Our regards to your daughters, and our congratulations on your recovery.

Yours very truly,



Note: This typewriter has an automatic misspelling factor --

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