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Charles S. Davis

Dear Dr. Stenzel:

Changes in Florida's educational system have resulted in both the University of Florida, Gainesville, and the Florida State University, Tallahassee, (formerly the Florida State College for Women) being made co-educational institutions in the last three years. This is crystallizing plans and decisions to strengthen certain colleges of each university. In doing this the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences here at Florida State University has kindly asked Dr. Vernon and me to serve with a faculty committee in casting about for a head of the geology department, which is one of those to be decidedly expanded. It is the thought of the committee that we should endeavor to get a person of outstanding ability, especially in the field of non-metallics, micropaleontology, sedimentation and stratigraphy - a field in which Florida should assume leadership. I would like to add also that FSU has recently established a department of marine biology and construction of a laboratory on the Gulf Coast immediately south of Tallahassee is under way. This laboratory will, of course, function in close cooperation with the geology department. I view the possibility of this geology department of FSU taking a place of outstanding leadership in this southeastern area. The department now functions under the direction of Dean Edwin S. Walker and Assistant Dean Charles S. Davis, Dr. Lyman S. Toulmin, Dr. Richard Jordan, Prof. Stephens Winters and a lecturing professor, Dr. F. F. Grout.

My purpose in writing is to see if I may present your name for consideration as head of the geology department. You have been in Texas for some years and your work is generally recognized. I recall the definite assistance you gave us during our field trip in the Gulf Hammock region. The salary this position presently offers is \$7,500 a year. This may not in itself be too tempting, but the future of the position as head of the geology department is definitely more promising. Please let me have your reaction at your earliest convenience for presentation to the committee.

Very sincerely yours,

Herman Gunter
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