

Change in
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Country City Council

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Dear Tom:

It's nice to hear from you.

I hope you are becoming complacent. You'll live longer and without ulcers. I have gotten rather peaceful, express my opinion, in writing if I think it important to protect myself, and then let the ball bounce where it may. Miltake me not, I still enjoy a professional argument.

It is no doubt tough to reform Houston Ch. A tuition school, unless heavily endowed, has to keep on too many poor students to keep running.

Why not relax and make a stratigraphic school out of the joint? The geophysics can be picked up as graduate work somewhere else. One of the few things I agreed with at Caltech was that they shouldn't dabble with micropales. Again it could be gotten elsewhere. Let the guy be a Penguin.

Fischer rings no bell with me. Probably a reflection on him, not me. Would think if Detting's

energies could be grooved he would make a good man. I hope Newell's man is better than Newell.

Sounds like your MS will be an opus magnum.

A year ago Gov. Moody told me at L.A. that he ~~had~~ was moving to Houston. That's the last I have heard of him. Saw Mark & Fran at APZ in San Francisco in Nov.

Enjoy the boys in the Anaechos. Never made it. Felt the key to Monroe & Jackson Gas Rocks might lie there. Might be some conditions. Had a note from Roy which I have not answered.

Now I mind not your resignation, more or less to academic facts, but I thought your review of the H. S. Society Tertiary booklet was all too gentle. Think I could burn 'em, but I have other troubles.

Tried going the San Nicolas ^{Is.} ~~Island~~ by using the most abundant species for going. This was pretty much of a flop. So am making a species "step" plot. Don't know if I'll ever get done.

Thalman's seminar not so much fun this year. The Austrian ended up with the Shell at the Hague. He was superplusultra.

Next Monday will run down to Bakersfield. Will look over some Eoc. on way. Collecting will be light. Will hear something or other on Paleo. Monday night. A U.C. student I think. Then Tuesday night the Bakersfield Geologists will hold a round table on the Eocene. Figured I should be there. Will spend Tuesday in the labs.

Probably can dig a few more samples on way home. Wonder why I dig them - never seem to get to them. I played more when with United Gas.

Nobody sick this year. Lost a wisdom tooth several weeks past but still feel bright. The unusually rainy weather this winter has had my sinuses aching since pre-Christmas, but nothing like as in dear old Houston.

Carry on, my friend!

As ever,

Mike

P.S. - What's become of that Weckes forum paper you told me about.