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The Reader of this little book is hereby introduced to the scenes of student activities at Stetson University. Only a partial glimpse is given. No student rooms are shown. The four literary society rooms, the girls’ fraternity rooms, the dining hall, domestic art, domestic science kitchen, wood and iron shops, laboratories, parlors, and many other things are omitted. No student groups appear, since these have so often been introduced into catalogues and student annuals.

Stetson is one of the most beautiful Universities in the United States. It is constantly moving upward and onward in its material and spiritual growth. Patrons and friends of sound higher education on a Christian basis are invited to co-operate at Stetson.
Every student at Stetson enters the University by way of this beautiful entrance to Elizabeth Hall. The Dean of Women has her business office here, and advises the young ladies as to rooms, courses of study, and other matters. This Hall was named for Elizabeth Stetson.
The President’s residence. Through the trees one sees the administration building. The huge live oaks line both sides of the streets. The grounds at Stetson are cleaned every day. Order and neatness are enforced.
This is the street entrance to the chapel. Crowds throng the doors every Sunday to attend the vesper services. Palms and live oaks abound, and add a great charm to the attractiveness of Stetson.
Looking into the campus from the residence of Mr. Williamson. Many choice homes surround the University. Across this yard, through the shrubbery may be seen the great shade trees of the campus.
Another fine residence facing the oak grove of the University on Michigan avenue. It was in the grove facing this house that the students gave the open-air performance of Shakespeare's comedy, "A Midsummer Night's Dream." Other out-door plays are planned.
Woodland Boulevard in front of Elizabeth Hall. The architecture of the Stetson buildings has been adopted with a view of making the University unique among the great institutions of the land. This building was planned by Mr. Pearson of Philadelphia.
Exterior view of the Auditorium. Stetson has a beautiful Auditorium, with a seating capacity of more than one thousand. It has costly furnishings, including stained glass windows, seven oil paintings and a $10,000.00 pipe organ.
Interior view of the Auditorium. All the students assemble here for chapel service every morning. They make a great room full. Every effort is made at these services to impress on the students the duties and responsibilities of the Christian life.
The Library. This building and its endowment and contents cost over $120,000. The library is the brain center of the University. It is a wonderful building, greatly admired, and daily used by eager students. A sun dial, the gift of the class of 1915, stands in the open court.
This is Chaudoin Hall, one of the homes of the young ladies. It joins at right angles Sampson Hall, the other residence hall of the ladies. The spacious veranda, the great roomy parlors were planned in the good old Southern style of gracious hospitality.
Sampson Hall. The corner of Chaudoin is seen at the right. Tennis courts face the side entrance. The dining hall is in this building. These two dormitories cannot accommodate all the young women at Stetson, but the University takes care of all who come.
The entrance to Science Hall. The bust of Benjamin Franklin above the door greets all comers. Chemistry, physics, domestic science, and engineering are the sciences taught in this building.
The Flagler Building. Henry M. Flagler gave this building to encourage the youth of Florida to gain knowledge and to work with the hand and the brain. It is equipped throughout. The beauty of the building is obscured by the trees in this picture.
Conrad Hall. This is a residence hall for college and law men. It is situated deep in a fine grove of live oaks, approached by cement walks and a driveway on the side. The building has a court in front flanked by two wings.
Spanish moss adds its charm. DeLand is a city of homes and trees and culture. It is called the Athens of Florida, and has attracted to its hospitality a fine class of citizens and tourists. Every one praises it for its beauty. It is a fine environment for the students.
A corner of the Flagler Building. Domestic science thrives in its well equipped kitchens. Fine arts prospers under its sky-lights; and mechanical drawing and chemistry are here cultivated. The building resembles the Spanish architecture at its best.
The Campanile or Bell Tower. This beautiful tower is a replica of the famous bell tower of Independence Hall in Philadelphia, where Liberty Bell proclaimed our Independence. The chimes at Stetson are placed in this tower and daily peal forth melody to the students.
Coming from Daytona one sees this end of the Cummings Gymnasium. It is happily located at the end of the athletic field, and near the street. The basement is given up to dressing rooms and offices. The main floor is the scene of many delightful games.
The tennis courts. Stetson has thirteen in all. There are nine in the above enclosure. Nearly every student plays tennis at Stetson. These courts were built where the location is well shaded by large rows of live oaks. Tournaments are held every year.
Under the pine trees looking across a part of the campus toward the two dormitories for young ladies. The superintendent of buildings and grounds has a cottage to the left in the picture. The May Day exercises take place in a great open space on this campus.
The Chimes. The Eloise Chimes are here seen before being placed in position. Their tone is rich in quality. They are played daily.

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Of love and home and that sweet time,
When last I heard their pleasing chime."

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Stetson Hall. This is a dormitory for the boys. It is big and roomy. A dean and two monitors reside here with the students. The building is well lighted, heated, and comfortable. Hundreds of boys have lived here. Like Rugby and Eton, it has fine traditions.
A Residence Hall. Comfort and elegance prevail at Stetson. Nothing is allowed to run down. The students' interests are always first and foremost. This is a beautiful dormitory. Each student has a room to himself, if he wishes it. The building is well shaded.
The Administration Building, with the Fine Arts Museum abutting on the left of the picture. The Business College and Biological Laboratories are in this building, and also the bird room, Natural History Museum and class rooms.
On the Stetson campus there are scattered bits of shrubbery and trees, including orange, grapefruit, camphor peach, umbrella, wild cherry, date palms, bamboo, palmettoes, Spanish bayonets, holly, jessamine, roses, poinciana, poinsettias, trumpet vines, ivy, lilies, oleanders and three distinct groves, one of pine trees, one of live oaks, and one of palms.
A Well Shaded Street—Minnesota Avenue. This avenue runs across the campus. The trees are wonderful. The picture does not do them justice. This is the center of much student activity. Students cross and re-cross here between the dormitories and the class rooms.
Stetson owns a costly campus of about 38 acres and 17 buildings, erected in this order: DeLand, Stetson, servants’ cottage, president’s house, girls’ gymnasium, laundry, central Elizabeth, Chaudoin, Sampson, auditorium, business college wing, East House, Science Hall, heating plant, library, Conrad, Cummings gymnasium.
The Seniors of 1916 placed a tablet at this entrance to memorialize all donors to Stetson who have given $1,000 or more to the University. The alumni have placed a tablet inside to the memory of John B. Stetson.
A tennis court near the entrance to the Cummings gymnasium. Stetson has won championships under the shade of these trees. The climate is glorious. Blue skies, soft winds and sunshine in January invite to these out-door games. And there are all sorts of out-door pastimes, including nearly everything anyone could wish.
Good health is essential to good scholarship. Stetson has separate buildings for young men and young women, and separate coaches and instructors in games, physical culture and athletics. All students have a chance to get the benefit.
On this athletic field are held the baseball and football contests; the field and track athletics; and the past year the scientific plays and games. Inter-class games are frequent, beneficial, and much enjoyed. The Brooklyn Club of the National League, the Jacksonville Club of the Southeastern League, and other big teams have crossed bats with Stetson here.
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