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Dear Tracy

Sue had a hard time getting a letter off to you. I wrote a letter in November and called your son Tracy. He wasn't home but his wife said that you were getting transferred and it would be better to wait until they had a firm address. I got the address a month later. By then I had lost track of the letter so here you go again.

Changes are really taking place at the U. The Church has announced that it can't afford the rate of support it has been giving us. Tuition is going up 10% next year I suppose as a direct result of that policy. Development is trying to raise \$50 million for the next 5 years or something like that. They are really working hard. My guess is that we will be seeing other things in the future. Because of inflation I have taken a 20% cut in purchasing power in the last 10 years. I should say fortunate though. A good friend of mine in science education at Northern Colorado Univ just lost his job when they axed 37 degree programs & there. He was only two years away from being vested.

There is no intent to get the sign of BYU but there is a sincere effort to make sure we are doing the right things and are getting the best return from our money. Every college and department is or has been looking at their programs to see what is important & here is what has happened. The Law Justice Administration program will be phased out in about 3 years. The Business Administration ^{Education} ~~and~~ Management program will also be phased out but a new program in Management Information

will take its place. Many of the same faculty will be used in the new program but they will have to be retrained. Some might lose their jobs. Three of the ten degree programs in Communications will be deleted with an enrollment cut from about 500 to about 350 students. Career Education has dropped about half of its classes and there is serious question whether the department will continue. Part of the problem is that there are 1000 computer science majors plus many others who haven't completed enough classes to be accepted as majors. There are so many students in business & engineering compared to past years that the school can't keep all the faculty courses that they had before & pump more money into these new expanded programs.

Another thing that is happening is that many departments are cutting off a few courses for two reasons. Faculty don't have enough time for research because of all the classes that they have to teach. By dropping some classes faculty have more time. They also feel that they are forcing students into the more basic classes and improving the quality of their programs. Most of the changes are taking place with inertia supplied by the collapse in response to general guidelines laid down by the administration.

Research seems to be holding its own. It's at about \$5 million dollars. Since Holland came in and they did away with a Director or Assistant Academic VP of Research, some faculty have felt like the University is not sufficiently interested in Research. To say the least, the present administration has initiated more change in less time than

any other administration I've seen. I'm sure that
 much of the change is necessary but still
 very difficult for many to take.
 There are hard times for students and graduates.
 There has been a great increase in the numbers
 of students seeking loans. There was a modest decline
 last year of 5% in the enrollment of students in
 my cooperative education program and a 25%
 decline in earnings. Only half the students in accounting
 find jobs as accountants. Student employment in
 the country is 1/8 what it was three years ago.

There was a time when I knew what was happening
 in Pleasant View. I don't even know what is happening
 in the three wards in our building. As a Sunday
 school teacher and the ward employment specialist
 I am not in the know. We have a rather new
 bishop. You may have known Farley Robinson
 from Company Science. He is a completely
 good man and a good bishop.

Our family is quite well. Janet still has problems.
 When the Dr gave her an overdose of a medication, the
 resulting convulsions and coma knocked out much
 of her immune system so she catches everything
 that comes along that gives her a thorn. She is
 doing much better than she has reason to. She
 should have died but has three lovely children. He
 oldest (4 years) is quite a singer. She has been a
 soloist with a performing group at Disney Land,
 Hotel Utah, B.V., Utah Council for the Arts and a host
 of other places. Janet is a gifted teacher. Her
 husband was just made a partner in a law

Jim. Sandy's husband, Tom Glah, is general manager of KSL Radio and VP of KSL Incorporated which includes KSL Radio, TV, & a few other things

Next night Jim is down with sinusitis and I hope the radio on listening to BYU vs Airforce. We have won our first game in league play & will probably win this one

Kent is 30 and unmarried. He is still waiting and hoping that Heritage Mountain will get funding. He will have it made if the resort goes. Our next, Bruce has about a year to finish his degree in Environmental Health. Our youngest, Christine is a senior at Timpview

You and Ida must be having a great time. My guess is that you have had many challenges. Just I send you our best wishes in your missionary work. We pray often for the missionaries of the church. We sincerely hope that conditions will stay stable in South Africa so the missionary work may continue

Lane

P.S. We won by a score of 73-61. We lead the league

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