

SOME OF MY FEELINGS ABOUT THE BYU

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BYU is not perfect but, with few exceptions, a spirit of caring, trusting and cooperation are present there. Also, administrators, faculty, auxiliary workers and students are “commandment keepers”. They love God and their fellow beings, pay tithing, are honest, and refrain from insulting their bodies with alcohol, tobacco and drugs. And they are Chaste! Students are not sexual prey for a lecherous faculty.

Teacher’s qualifications are high and concerns for their students are great. Research in a number of areas is World Class.

One-upmanship, games-manship, and dirty tricks to achieve higher authority and positions so prevalent in other institutions are essentially nonexistent at the “Y”.

The buildings, grounds and mountain setting of BYU are like Eden itself—truly reflecting the aspirations of most of the people who are there.

I have had a reverent feeling for BYU since my first day on campus in August of 1955. Irreverent acts such as littering, smoking, shortcutting across lawns or carving on desks bother me.

Occasionally there have been lofty moments crossing campus, when I have thought, “This is holy ground, I really ought to take off my shoes.”

It would be difficult to count the many blessings that have come to my wife, Ida-Rose, our seven children, and me from our association with the great heart of “Happy Valley.” BYU, we love you!