

Mater Dei High School

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November 7, 1989

Official documentation - November 3, 1989 meeting.

Attending: Mr. Thomas Hodgman, [redacted] (1988 graduate),  
[redacted] (1988 graduate) and Mrs. Lucretia Dominguez

Chaired by Mrs. Lucretia Dominguez, Assistant Principal

A meeting was arranged on Friday afternoon, November 3, 1989 in my office.

Mr. Hodgman showed me an article written by Joelle Casteix in the October 18, 1989 issue of the Daily Nexus about an abortion she had in July of 1988. This was the first time Mr. Hodgman had any knowledge of her pregnancy and abortion. Concern was warranted because the father of the child was not stated but certainly reference was made to Mr. Hodgman.

[redacted] stated that this was the first time she ever discussed this matter openly and directly with Mr. Hodgman. She was aware of the dating because her friend, Joelle, had kept her informed. When asked why she waited so long to discuss this matter she said she did not know what to do. She was angry and confused.

She wanted to meet with me to find out what action the school had taken. My reply was that I did not know that there was a serious issue yet to be dealt with. The only information I had ever received was from Mr. Hodgman in June of 1988 regarding dating a student. I have never received any complaint or charge filed against Mr. Hodgman by any student, staff or parent. We simply discussed his behavior, and I was assured that it would never happen again. This article and additional information, not factual, have not come to our attention before this date.

I was aware that [redacted] were going to meet with Fr. Weling on Saturday and no attempts on Mr. Hodgman's or my part were made to prevent them from doing so.

I also told Mr. Hodgman that I was quite sure that Fr. Weling would want to meet with him to discuss this matter. Mr. Hodgman stated that he feels it would be important for Fr. Weling to hear his side of the story.

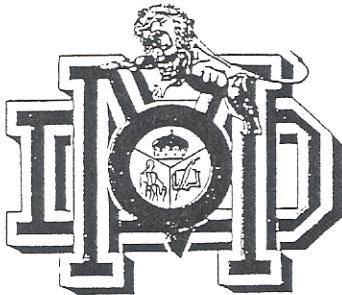
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OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL

REVEREND JOHN B. WELING

November 8, 1989

Official documentation - November 7, 1989 meeting with Mr. Tom Hodgman

This is to document my meeting with Mr. Tom Hodgman on Tuesday, November 7, 1989.

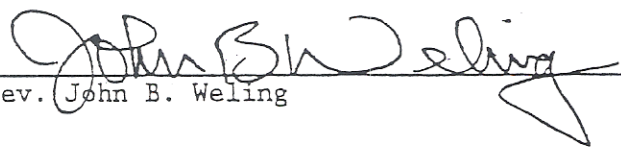
I met with Mr. Hodgman to discuss allegations made by four Mater Dei graduates (Class of 1988), [REDACTED]. These former students met with me on Saturday, November 4, 1989, to share their concern about past relationships Mr. Hodgman allegedly had had with two of their classmates. The first situation involved Joelle Casteix during the semester before she graduated. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the summer after graduation. They brought a copy of an article written by Joelle Casteix published in the UCSB student newspaper, Daily Nexus, on Wednesday, October 18, 1989. This article states that Joelle not only entered into a close relationship with one of her high school teachers, but became pregnant by that relationship and subsequently decided to have an abortion.

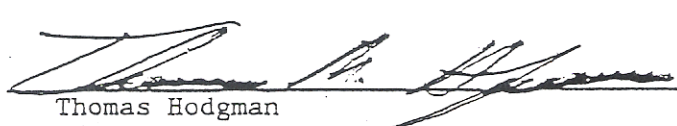
The students stated that they knew about the sexual relationships Mr. Hodgman had with these two former students because of direct information they were given by Joelle and [REDACTED].

In my meeting with Mr. Hodgman, he admitted to not only dating these two students [REDACTED] but having sexual intercourse with them. He had not been aware of the possibility of the abortion until he read the article.

Mr. Hodgman reassured me that he had undergone extensive counseling and had taken many steps in his personal and professional life to ensure that he would never make this terrible mistake again. He swore that this sort of problem has not occurred again with any students.

  
Rev. John B. Weling

11/9/89  
Date

  
Thomas Hodgman

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