

Mater Dei High School

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November 7, 1989

Official documentation - June 1988 meeting with Mr. Thomas Hodgman.

This statement is to document a meeting initiated by Mr. Tom Hodgman with me in June, 1988.

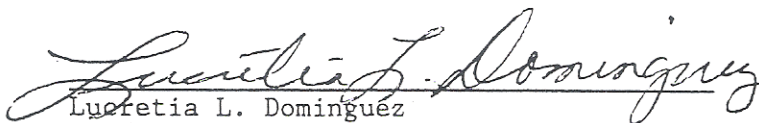
At this meeting Mr. Hodgman stated that since he decided not to resign that he would like me to know of a situation in which he was involved during the last semester of the 1987-88 school year.

Foolishly he dated a senior girl, Joelle Casteix. Her parents called him and asked him to stop dating their daughter. They also requested that he keep the matter quiet because they did not want the school to be aware of the situation. They would prefer that their daughter not be dragged into any kind of a situation at school.

Mr. Hodgman stated that he kept his promise to the Casteix family by not calling, seeing, dating or discussing the matter with anyone.

He stated he was in counseling to help him with this and other problems he was experiencing at the time. He recognized what a big mistake it was and vowed that it would never happen again.

No record of this meeting was placed in his personnel file, and it is only at the request of the Principal that it is now being documented.


Lucretia L. Dominguez

11-7-89
Date


Thomas Hodgman

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CONFIDENTIAL

REVEREND JOHN B. WELING

December 12, 1989

Sr. Celine Leydon, S.S.L.
Superintendent of Catholic Schools
Diocese of Orange
2811 East Villa Real Drive
Orange, CA 92667

Dear Sister Celine:

This is to inform you about two personnel matters we have been dealing with recently. In case you are ever contacted about these situations the enclosed information might be of assistance.

1. [REDACTED]

2. A past situation involving our choir director, Tom Hodgman, and one of our senior girls at the time was brought to my attention by four of our graduates. They gave me the enclosed copy of an article this student wrote in her UCSB school paper. At this time we have no evidence that she was pregnant and had an abortion. We are aware of her past history of serious emotional problems. When confronted with this alleged situation, Mr. Hodgman admitted to me that he did have a relationship with this student, prior to her graduation, which included sexual intercourse. The student was under eighteen at the time which necessitated my report to the Child Abuse Registry. Mr. Hodgman subsequently resigned and has no further association with our choir program or students.

Both cases have been handled with the advise from [REDACTED] office.

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As you can see, there is never a dull moment at the corner of Bristol and Edinger! If you wish to discuss either of these matters further, please let me know.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John B. Weling". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Rev. John B. Weling

JBW/r

Enclosures

cc: Most Reverend Norman McFarland
Rev. John Urell

November 20th, 1989

To: The Administrative Board
Mater Dei High School

From: Thomas M. Hodgman
Director of Choral Music, MDHS

Dear Friends:

It is with great regret that I must inform you of my resignation as director of choral music at Mater Dei High School. I have greatly enjoyed my work here, and I shall miss it tremendously.

I feel I am leaving the program in good standing and in excellent hands with my accompanist, Mr. Pro Mojica and my replacement, Mr. Tom Flannery. They are both fine musicians and are familiar with the demands and expectations of this job.

I look forward to hearing beautiful music from this program in the future. The school is to be commended for its incredible support of the choir program over the past four years, and I am confident that this enthusiasm will continue into the future.

Good luck in all that you do, and thank you for the many wonderful gifts and opportunities which you gave to me during my time here. I will miss you all very much. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Thomas M. Hodgman

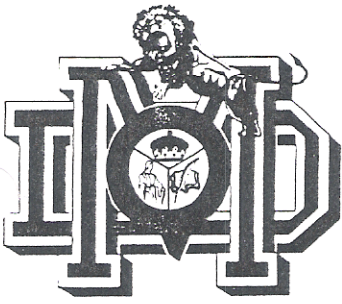
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The following information should be paraphrased to the students (and, if possible, the parents) of the Mater Dei Choral Program:

- Mr. Hodgman has resigned as director of choral music at Mater Dei High School.
- He has chosen to do so for personal reasons. (Rumors of physical, mental or emotional illness are incorrect and need to be discouraged).
- Mr. Hodgman is planning to continue his Graduate Studies in the Spring of 1998.
- Mr. Hodgman is confident that the students and parents of the Mater Dei Choral Program have the strength and ability to carry out the year's plans under the guidance of the new director and present accompanist.
- Mr. Hodgman will always be with the members of the Mater Dei Choirs in their music. Music is the world which the students and Mr Hodgman shared together, and will continue to share for the rest of their lives.
- Mr. Hodgman loves you; he misses you; and most of all, he expects you to carry on the tradition of musical excellence which you have established yourselves, over the past four years.

Good luck.

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OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL

REVEREND JOHN B. WELING

November 29, 1989

Memorandum

To: Faculty and Staff
From: Rev. John B. Weling *JBW*
Re: Personnel Changes

This is to inform you that Mr. Tom Hodgman has resigned from his position of Choir Director. He has chosen to do so for personal reasons. He is planning to continue his graduate studies.

In his three years at Mater Dei, Tom's enthusiasm, dedication and far-reaching talent has taken the choir program to new heights. He will be sorely missed by all of us.

Please welcome his interim replacement, Mr. Tom Flannery, who comes to us highly recommended by Tom Hodgman. Mr. Flannery has a degree in music from Chapman College. Prior to joining the Mater Dei family he worked for the Anaheim School District. He is also Music Director at St. George's Episcopal Church, Laguna Hills and Music Director at the Phoenix Club, Anaheim. He was president of the Chapman College Choral Organization for two years. Tom also speaks German fluently.

We especially appreciate Mr. Flannery's willingness to take over the program on such short notice.

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