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Dear Sir or Madam:

Please find my enclosed check for \$30.00 to cover a subscription to the Foghorn. I would also like to offer the following for publication.

re: Breaking Communion

Since taking my MBA from McLaren College in 1991 I have been following, with increasing dismay, the Jesuistic effort to destroy the value of my very expensive degree. I refer principally to the new MBA curriculum, which in its latest, no-doubt proud incarnation, seems to have altogether given-up on the possibility of demanding any analytic rigor from business students.

I also wish to protest this year's firing of McLaren College's most proficient teacher of analytically demanding courses, Kurt Roemer. Professor Roemer was one of the few instructors who had the integrity to stand against the tide of academic dishonesty and gratuitous grading which seem to be actually encouraged by the administration. Furthermore, he is positively the only professor to have ever invoked our shared Catholic heritage as a guide to conduct and understanding. As a native San Franciscan, he related genuine (if nostalgic) affection for USF; and always softened the flooding indications of its decline.


Professor Roemer's academic work was the most interesting and original that I encountered. I was one of the several students who continued to work on his project after graduation as a matter of entrepreneurial interest; and we do not appreciate having the academic legs cut out from under our effort.

I was especially dismayed to learn that Professor Roemer was dismissed for the "instance" of sexual harassment which I personally witnessed in his office. All I saw was that one of his students (and a personal friend of mine) brought a complaint of harassment TO Professor Roemer ABOUT the lead editorial writer of the McLaren Business Journal. I can only assume that Professor Roemer did his best to halt the goings-on at the Journal, was rebuffed because the actual offender was one of the Jesuits' Multi-cultural "good guys", and that the accusations were somehow turned against him.

Since returning to San Francisco, I have learned that another popular professor, [REDACTED], has left USF because of campus politics (Foghorn, May 6, 1992). I cannot help but contrast these losses to USF's faculty with the behaviors of some of the administrators USF retains. In the case of USF's Budget Director, who had to be relieved of his teaching duties at McLaren, we see that a gay, non-Christian star of a pornographic video is allowed to apologize and keep his job (Foghorn, October 22, 1992).

I hope my USF education to be rewarding both professionally and personally and not something I should come to look back on with disdain. This has to be the result of the University creating a campus of competent instructors and administrators who provide students with a solid education as well as the "all mighty" diploma.

With all due frankness,

A handwritten signature, possibly "C. [unclear]", is written in dark ink. The signature is enclosed within a hand-drawn circle.