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especially in Seattle--painfully aware of growing economic inequality. As climate change continues. As we see horrors in Ukraine.

It is a hard time to dream big. Right now, it feels like a hard time to simply keep on conducting
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to injury, the Seattle Times reminded us last weekend that we live on a fault line 2 and they
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And yet here we are, together, finally, with students who keep showing up in spite of it all, hungry to learn.

Being unsettled is nothing new for Seattle U. It was at a very unsettled time 2 1931, the Great Depression, financial crisis, that this university undertook one of its most RADICAL INNOVATIONS: coeducation.

Leading from the margins of Jesuit education, Father James McGoldrick began educating women alongside men in 1931. Despite the opposition of Jesuit and Catholic leadership at the time. And he persisted, until nearly two decades later, in 1948, the Society of Jesus formally accepted coeducation.

That is Seattle U, humble, but sure of its vision, scrappy, and leading from the margins.

What does that vision mean for us today, in 2022?

5) It means real and authentic community engagement ² building and rebuilding ties to our urban setting ² grappling with the implications of inequality on the ground, not just ³ ~~DGPLULQJ WKH SUREOHP` IURPAW KHIYDHW \ RI RXU FO~~ And not forgetting the extraordinary gift of being able to engage in higher education in the richness of a