

June 2, 1986

Dr. Charles Dodrill
School of Performing Arts
Otterbein College
N. Grove St. & W. College Ave.
Westerville, OH 43081

Dear Sir:

I wish to tell you how disappointed I am that you saw fit to put on such a disgusting play as Extremeties. It has no redeeming features. I attended the performance on Thursday, May 29, 1986. There were four people who left before I did, and I left at the end of the second scene. My husband stayed, but at the end of the performance, he was sorry he had wasted his time.

The language was disgusting, and the premise the victim had a choice about whether she should allow laws to handle the crime or take it into her own hands is not acceptable.

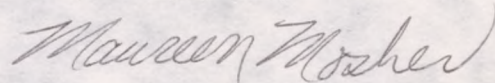
We buy four season tickets each year (and have for a number of years). If the play is suitable for children, we bring our 12 and 14 year olds; if not, we use it as a way of entertaining other couples. We have introduced many people to your school and programs.

Fortunately I forgot that we had tickets for that night, and we didn't have guests. I would have been mortified if I had brought anyone with us.

I am ashamed that your school would condone such a play and allow the writer of such a play to profit from it. It is an insult to the actors and audience.

We will no longer support your school if this is the type of play included in season tickets again.

Very truly yours,



Maureen Mosher
666 Parkway Drive
Marysville, Ohio 43040

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cc: C. Brent DeVore, President

OTTERBEIN COLLEGE

Theatre

(614) 898-1657

June 5, 1986

Maureen Mosher
666 Parkway Drive
Marysville, OH 43040

Dear Mrs. Mosher,

I am sorry that our production of EXTREMITIES was offensive to you, but I very much appreciate receiving your letter expressing your concerns. It may interest you to know that this play has won numerous awards and I enclose a copy of the Columbus Dispatch review which appears to be in line with the general consensus of opinion about this specific production. We have had numerous positive responses to this production.

As a season ticket holder I am sure you are aware that we have carefully described those productions with adult themes and language so that all persons may make their own choice about attending. Since season ticket holders essentially receive five productions for the price of four many people elect to not attend productions that they might find offensive.

Finally, I am confident that you are aware that we are a professional theatre training program and that we must select a wide variety of play types for our students. It may also interest you to know that many of our season ticket holders have praised our efforts in recent years to expand repertoire and include challenging plays from the modern repertoire.

We hope you will continue to participate in the future as we hate to lose any of the most important parts of the theatre experience - the audience. Please don't hesitate to phone me at the above number if you would like to discuss this matter further. Again, thank you for your interest and concern.

Sincerely,

Charles W. Dodrill

cc: Pres. DeVore

Encl.

4119 Karl Road, Suite 206-C
Columbus, Ohio 43224
June 1, 1986

Department of Theater
Otterbein College
Westerville, Ohio

To Whom It May Concern:

We are shocked, incensed, angry, but most of all, very, very disappointed with the Department of Theater at Otterbein College. The presentation which we witnessed (only for a short time, to be sure) on Friday evening was the most flagrant exhibition of bad taste for a group of actors and actresses to have been engaged in and call it drama that I have ever come across.

No doubt the acting was very good but to have presented something so gross and so explicit was appalling.

We have purchased season tickets for several years and also attended many of the summer productions and have thoroughly enjoyed what we have seen, until now. And, it really pains us to have to give up a source of entertainment that we enjoyed.

Please also be advised that there are many sources of information of which the public can avail themselves on the subject of rape without the filthy language and public demonstration.

Rest assured we will no longer patronize your presentations.

Yours very truly,

Mr. & Mrs. W. N. Van Scyoc, Sr.

MR. and MRS. W. N. VAN SCYOC, SR.

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