



John E. Klein, President
Randolph College
2500 Rivermont Avenue
Lynchburg, Virginia 24503

July 16, 2012

Re: "Bug"

Dear President Klein:

Randolph College is a reputable institution established in 1891 as a liberal arts college; today, according to Randolph's website, it is a community of "nonconformists" and "eccentrics," which its recent staging of "Bug" has confirmed.

Why celebrate the dark side of life when the city you are located in is a family-oriented, faith enhanced community with approximately 600 churches? Reviews of the play use such terms as: "unsettling; shoddy roadside motel; paranoia; deeply disturbed drifter; darkest recesses of the traumatized human psyche; psychotic rage; and creepy love story." In the reviews, I did not find one uplifting word to describe the characters or the play itself.

In the review by the *BURG, Weekly Entertainment Guide*, it stated, "In this case, they're studying how environment affects the way an audience experiences a play. Specifically, Archer says, how theatergoers will react to being up close and personal during a play that involves nudity, violence, profanity and even simulated crack smoking."

This project was a professor/student collaboration, which was to study the reaction of the audience to the environment in which was performed. However, I believe the real question was "How an audience would react to 'nudity, violence, profanity andcrack smoking,'" not the question of mere surroundings.

With an eight-minute nude scene, shouldn't the play have been rated X? What kind of image are you portraying to the community and beyond by allowing such a play to be staged in Lynchburg?

This was a misguided project and should have been scraped by the professor knowing it would push the boundaries of decency in a town filled with God-fearing, family-oriented individuals and families.

Sincerely,

Janet Robey
State Director

CC: State Senator Steve Newman, Delegate T. Scott Garrett, Delegate Kathy Byron, Mayor Michael Gillette and Commonwealth Attorney Michael Doucette

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