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The Lower Rooms (1994)

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## Letter from President John F. Cunningham, O.P.

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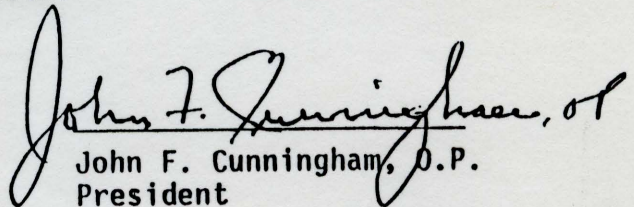
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The selection of this play was made last Spring by a committee of faculty and students of the Theatre Arts Department. My office had no prior knowledge of the play and, in fact, I read it only very recently. If I had read the play shortly after it was selected, I would have urged that an alternate production be chosen. In my opinion, given the nature of Providence College, The Lower Rooms is not a play appropriate for production in Blackfriars Theatre. While I support academic and artistic freedom and am sure that the students worked very hard on this production, I do not think this play is consonant with the ideals of Providence College or the commonly accepted standards of good taste.

  
John F. Cunningham, D.P.  
President

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