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The men of Jones speak

Dear Sirs:

When I first arrived at Jones House, I was overcome by the uncomfortable feelings one gets upon entering a strange atmosphere for the first time. My nervousness was relieved by a friendly young man by the name of Kevin Ratcliff, who proceeded to show me around the house and he made me feel welcome. When this goodnatured and gentle man decided, on the eve of Sept. 7, 1980 to go against the system, he was doing it on behalf of the members of the house, for the members of the house, he gave of himself for us, who had absolutely no objection to what was about to take place. For his dedication to duty as our president and for his vigilance in carrying out his duty to us, we the members of Jones House feel that the action taken upon Kevin Ratcliff was not only unjust but a killer blow to the morale of this fine house, which I am proud to be a fully initiated member of. The only way to remedy this suffrage(sic) is to allow Mr. Ratcliff to return to the house that has been his home for 3 years.

Thank you for your time
Sincerely,
Earl Diamond

To the editor:

Sir:

As a Jones House member I find it is time to speak about problems that came up prior to Sunday 7/9/80

Last Sunday we had initiation of the Freshmen. It had been voted on by the upperclassmen and freshmen that this event would go on as planned. The president of the house, Kevin Ratcliff, whom was representing the majority of the house wishes, agreed.

This initiation has been going on for many years. So you see he was not starting something that people did not know about. On the next day, Monday 8/9/80, Kevin Ratcliff, was evicted from the house. The Jones House members then proceeded to a meeting to find out the reason of this irrational action. We were given none to sustain this punishment.

To conclude, I would like to say that we want Kevin back because he is one heck of a good guy that can make Jones House a good place to live.

From an enraged Freshman

We are writing this letter in response to an incident which occurred on Sunday, Sept. 7. Kevin Ratcliff our president was expelled from the residence system due to the incident which we considered to be minor.

The incident, which was related to our freshmen initiation program was the cause of Kevin's expulsion. It was decided earlier by the Upperclassmen that the program would continue as planned. Our Don tried to intervene to stop the program because he felt the freshmen were being forced to participate. A vote was taken by the freshmen to see if they were willing to go along, approximately 35 voted to do so. As a result our program continued over the Don's objections.

During the program the third floor Proctor participated in verbal and physical abuse of our freshmen. Yet he was not punished, while Kevin was expelled. It is felt that Kevin's punishment is un-

called for and that he should be reinstated as our President and a member of Jones.

There are many in our house who have the same feelings about the situation, and only want to see justice done.

Sirs:

This is a letter of protest on behalf of the expulsion from residence of the Jones House president Mr. Kevin Ratcliff.

Kevin was told to leave Jones House because of a power struggle which had arisen between he and our Don, Mr. Dave Brescacin. Apparently Kevin was

not see eye to eye with some of the new Don's policies. Mr. Rescacin explained that Kevin was

dishonest to him and that "he alone" had broken some orientation regulations set out by the university. He was held totally responsible for an incident which occurred on Sunday, September

8th. This occurrence was the "voluntary" initiation of the Jones House freshmen. The Don did not agree with this 20 year old ritual, although he did have the opportunity to stop it.

Kevin was only acting on behalf of the Jones upperclassmen. I fail to see how he can be held solely

responsible for the actions of some forty men. I also feel that he

was treated unjustly. Kevin has been a member of Jones House for four years, three of them on the

House executive committee. He has an excellent academic record

and is station manager at CHSR. An incident such as this could be very detrimental to his chances of obtaining employment after graduation.

Serious consideration of the above would be greatly appreciated.

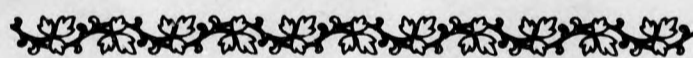
Sincerely,
Robert Garland, EElI
on behalf of the Men of Jones

To the Editor:

I being a member of Jones House protest the expulsion of our House President Kevin Ratcliff. I think the reasons of his expulsion were not justified. I believe if he is not re-enstated as our House President we are out one hell of a good man.

Yours truly,
Dwan MacKenzie
Raymond Mockler
Charlie Gulespie
Charlie Cutcher

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