To the editor

We the residents of Keith B wish to express our dissatisfaction over the selection of our dorm as a new residence for females. The Housing Committee and Dean Amidon sprung their decision on us as the deadline for McCullough was hours away. It wasn't until late Friday, March 26 that the residents individually received written notification from Dean Amidon. This timing is evident of the lack of planning and haste used in making a decision. The consequences for the residence are:

1. The inability to apply for a suite in McCullough because of the late date.
2. The inability to obtain vacancies in suites that have already been formed for the same reason.
3. The lack of priority in moving into other sections of Keith or Canfield.
4. The lack of time to wage any complaints.
5. Above all the inconvenience of having to move into a new dorm or off campus.

The reasons given to us for the decision by Dean Amidon were the proximity to present females in Keith and the number of graduating seniors in each section. We can't understand Dean Amidon's reasoning. She has chosen to segregate the females in Keith, despite her desire to integrate them in Park Manor. Besides the towers are not interconnected and do not provide a proper atmosphere needed to achieve the feeling of unity that Dean Amidon believes they desire. Whether it is section B or Canfield section D we feel that it would serve the same purpose. Even if there are only five seniors in Keith B, there are equal numbers in sections of Canfield. The bottom has fallen out of Dean Amidos justification for selection of Keith B.

Keith B is perhaps unique in that it is a very close dorm. Every resident socializes with every other resident in the dorm. This just does not happen in other sections of Keith or Canfield. This uniqueness has been destroyed. Ten residents will have to move into sections that represent just a room to live in.

Dean Amidon has shown the lack of research and the failure to consult the residents of Keith or Canfield before an important decision like this was made. The dorm director was not even contacted until March 24.

We could hope for the selection of another section but at this late date it would cause utter confusion in a system which appears to us to be already confused.

A decision like the one that has just been made regarding Keith B, and the way in which it was suddenly implemented, causes us to wonder whether current procedures are implemented with the necessary consideration given to the student body socialization needs.

We feel that a complete investigation of the housing committee and it's activities is warranted.

Sincerely,
The Booted-Out Boys

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To the editor

We are writing to express our views concerning a situation having to do with the housing policies on campus. We are appalled and in a state of disbelief regarding the actions taken by those responsible for displacing students, infringing on their residential rights.

It came to our attention April second that action was being taken to transform the complex, a residence for six in south, into housing and social facilities for our newly formed and as yet unproven sorority. Our knowledge of this was received in a very unorthodox and shoddy manner, never hearing directly from the principals involved. Upon discovering this abhorrent situation and utter disregard for our housing rights, we were forced to investigate the matter further.

Speaking to the organizer of the sorority, Sherry Arnow, we were told an official petition by Sigma Kappa was to be filed with Dean Staake and the tri-fraternity council Monday morning. After conferring with Dean Staake and a number of sorority members Monday, We found he and they were as ill informed as we were. It is our assumption that only the upper echelon of the sorority and the Associate Dean of Student Activities and Residential Life were responsible for the concept of this plan. Ms. Arnow explained that after discussion with several administrators it was in our best interest not to be informed as it would ‘ruffle our feathers’. Is this the same attitude they held for the boys of Keith B and the first floor of Central?

Student residential rights are being violated. Are these events to become commonplace with no channel of recourse for the displaced students? We the residents of the complex are unwilling to succumb to these inequities and injustices. Does Dean Amidon dictate policy at Babson?

Signed
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