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ECCENTRIC TANTRUMS Jon Jones, the UFC, and Professionalism

Jon "Bones" Jones defended his light-heavyweight championship against Vitor Belfort in Toronto during UFC 152 on September 22nd. After extricating himself from a perilous armbar in the first round, Jones went on to win by submission 52 secwith the world. All but forgotten was the cancelation of UFC 151 that was supposed to have taken place September 1st-a cancelation that UFC head Dana White blamed squarely on Jones. For weeks the fighter suffered the abusive commentary of those who condemned his "selfish act" and labeled Jones "the most hated man in Dr. Caprio's Sex Clinic: the UFC."

Jones had been set to fight Dan Henderson as the main event of UFC 151. But Henderson injured himself and had to pull out of the match. No problem. Dan Henderson is a professional, and as such he has the right to fight at from further injury. However, in his haste to turn a fast buck Dana White informed Jones on eight-days notice that the match would still go on and he'd be fighting Chael Sonnen instead. Jones replied, "Not so fast," and re-fused to take the match. Dan Henderson showed professionalism with his decision and, with his refusal to accept a substitute, Jon Jones showed professionalism with his. The only person involved in decision making who did not show professionalism was UFC president Dana White.

Those who support the legalization of professional mixed martial arts events in New York State are attempting to show legislators that the sport has matured, that it has become JON JONES responsible, well organized and regulated, sensitive to the needs of fighters and the public, in a word, "professional." As any pro boxer will tell against an opponent you train specifically to the styles, methods, and abilities of that opponent. Trying to shove a dedicated pro like Jon Jones this level of competition to no more and become a class act himself. than a circus side show. Putting on a



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important than maintaining standards. This is the wrong message to send to state legislators, and if there was a way to legalize pro MMA, but keep the UFC out, this might be an option. you, when you prepare for a match There are plenty of other-though much smaller-pro MMA organizations out there.

After his victory Jones even thanked Binghamton mayor Matt Ryan's wife-the mother of Jones's girlfriend-for providing helpful words of support during these trying times. Now that's into a match with an entirely different a class act. If Dana White is serious about spreading the legitifighter on eight-days notice reduces macy and legalization of pro MMA, he needs to learn from Jones

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CORRESPONDENCE Letters From the Vault: May 1968

BILLY GRAHAM ON SEX

Read that article you published about Billy Graham warning that there's too much sex on the college campus. So what? Have things ever been different? It was the same story in 1850, 1890, 1900, 1920, 1950. Sex is sex and it's here to stay! Does Billy Graham have a better substitute to recommend?

I feel that the article such as the one you published is an insult to my intelligence-not that I think I'm a genius. If it wasn't for "sex" to crusade against guys

-F. Caldwell, Montreal, Canada

Why do magazines always take delight in writing stories about poor Jackie Kennedy getting into hot water? It is absolutely terrible what the press is doing to the lovely lady.

The article that I read in the Police Jon Jones, the UFC, and Professionalism..... 2 Gazette, "The Hippie Scandal in Jackie Kennedy's Life," was dreadful and stupid. If Lord Harlech's daughter is a hippie, what has it got to do with Jackie?

You have to remember that Lord Harlech was the British ambassador to Washington when JFK was president. You can hardly blame Mrs. Kennedy for being friendly and polite with a man of Lord Harlech's background.

I see nothing scandalous in her social visits with the English nobleman and diplomat. Only an idiot with a warped ad suspicious mind could conceive something scandalous in such a relationship. And I assume you have to be such an idiot to write for the sensational press, such as your rag.

-Mrs. Éleanor Cummings, Chicago, IL Write to us at letters@PoliceGazette.US. Please include your city or location. Writing to us at the above address constitutes your consent to have your letter published. Letters become the property of the National Police Gazette and may be edited.

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