

Coffin and Keys



The Fall 2003 Edition



History

On the night of October 24, 1916, ten men representing each of the various factions existing at the time at the University of Nevada, and comprising men of all walks of college life, met together with the idea of promoting the common good. The consensus was that a force was needed to give the proper impetus to affairs of school life. At the time the rivalry among the various groups threatened to supplant the steadfast loyalty to the university that all its citizens should unite in giving. It was evident that unless energetic steps were taken at once, our community would become a collection of wrangling cliques instead of a united whole. Under such conditions, no progress would be possible. The very life of our university would be threatened.

Realizing this, and bound by a pledge to work for the common good, these men founded this society in which all the component parts of our school may be represented around the council table.



The ASUN Dictator...

Here at the University of Nevada there is a student government that is elected by the undergraduate population. This student government, or ASUN, is made up of three branches just like our State and National governments; the Judicial, Legislative, and Executive. But unlike the State and National governments, ASUN is not controlled by its elected officials. Instead it is ruled by an underlying power. Sandy Rodriguez is by no means an undergraduate student. So why does she have so much power in a system that is supposedly controlled by students? She has been put in place by the Administration to control and take away rights and privileges that students of the past have held responsibly without direction.

Over the years the ASUN Dictator has taken more and more power away from the students. She is granted this power because unlike elected student officials who serve one or maybe two terms in office, she has been appointed by Shannon Ellis and Rita Laden to oppress the students of the University of Nevada as long they unknowingly let her

remain in control. A new student government takes office every year with no knowledge of the system, but the ASUN Dictator has no problem molding them to how she sees fit.

It is time for the Associated Students of the University of Nevada to take the power back. For too long on this campus, countless ASUN Dictators have terrorized the students by abusing the power unrightfully taken away from students. Sandy "The Dictator" Rodriguez thinks that she can sway the vote of the student government to do whatever the Administration sees fit. If the student government on this campus continues to follow her lead, students should start paying the APUN (Associated Puppets of the University of Nevada), guaranteed to put on a show that the Administration has seen before. Not only is the dictator writing the screenplay, but she is hiring new stagehands (Assistant Dictator of the ASUN) to run the show. The only problem with these robots is that they can do nothing without Sandy's approval. If you have a job (Nelly Leon) where you are in a capacity to advise a faction of the ASUN, then try and use your best judgment instead of constantly trying to obtain a second opinion.

If the student government keeps letting these instances occur, there is no point in even having elections every year. Coffin and Keys suggests that the student government make your own decisions on behalf of the students of this university, not based on the opinion of el Dictator.



The New Dining Commons...

A "job well done" goes out to the University for the New DC. A facility that actually makes students want to go eat has long been desired. With as many dining options as a high-quality buffet, this is definitely a terrific investment. Not only is the food tasty, but there is plenty of adequate seating. This is a great example of the university having the right idea and executing it perfectly. Now you freshmen should feel more comfortable spending \$2000 on a meal plan where there is actually a menu that does not revolve around sloppy joes and grilled cheese sandwiches. We sincerely

hope that this trend of exemplary facilities does not end with the new dining commons. If you have not experienced how good the new commons are, we strongly encourage you to take advantage of this great campus location. Just one warning though, as good as this DC is, we are still wary if it will be successful in combating the infamous “freshman 15”.



Greek Covert Ops...

Greek Week has had its share of ups and downs over the years since it has been conceived. While one could find examples of good events that the Greeks have co-sponsored in order to build house unity, this is one was a scar on their collective resume. “Covert Operations,” in which teams of thirty or forty people run around at 12:00 or 1:00am throwing ice cubes, water balloons and each other in the name of stealing the other groups’ flag. Did this sound like a bad idea to anyone else? While we are sure it sounded like a great idea at the time, it seems like no one put more than five minutes of thought into this event. It should have been apparent that the preset rules for this Greek Week event would be broken. This issue, however, was not addressed appropriately. While it was great to see the amount of Greeks participating, it was ridiculous to see the level to which some of these individuals took the event. The culmination of all this “controlled” chaos led to the event being cancelled two days before it was scheduled to finish. It is true that hindsight is always 20/20, however there is no substitute for common sense and careful planning. Some advice for the future; if you have to let people know in the “rulebook” to not get physical or hurt each other, it is probably not a good idea.



New Student Union...

The first survey has been completed for the new Student Union, the next survey in regards to cost will be the most important. Please be aware that your upcoming choices could be the deciding factor for another student fee upwards of \$150 per year. You the students have all the power in this decision. Choose wisely you must.



Athletics...

The Athletic Department headed by Chris Ault, Nevada’s “Golden Boy”, has seen unprecedented attendance at the Football games. \$2 of each student’s tuition goes into Athletics. If our student body of 15,500 students enroll in 12 credits, our Athletics program will generate \$372,000 per semester. This huge figure and the tremendous support of the student body to attend games was not enough to stop Ault. The Golden Boy still chose to cap the student’s entry to 3200 students. Ault sought school spirit from the

students. It is quite ironic, that once he received an overwhelming amount of it, he went back on his decision making. One hopes that all students are allowed to participate in Athletic events because it provides opportunity for students to engage in all aspects of college. This was not the case during the UNLV game, when hundreds of students were left outside of the gates, unable to watch a team they helped fund.

To better explain the idiocy of our football admission policy, we have to offer the reader an example. First imagine that the football game you wish to attend is not sold out (this is often the case). Now, if you happen to enter the stadium after 3,200 of your fellow students, then you will not be allowed into the game using your student identification card. With this policy, your only way of entering the game is by paying a full general admission price. It is disheartening that Nevada Athletics would charge its own students twice to watch their own team play. Hopefully by the time basketball season rolls around, the abusive aristocrats in athletics will turn things around.

One more thing Chris... We can understand your concern for student behavior at games, but the location of the student section is right near the beer garden as well as the visiting team’s entrance. You have to have half a brain on you. Don’t you? It is not clear thinking to create problems for Athletics and then blame students for all the actions taking place in the vicinity. Figure it out. Move the students away from the alcohol and the other team.

Kurt Esser, is next up to the plate. This year’s Assistant Athletic Director for Marketing and Promotions. Kurt Esser is responsible for the creation of Blue Crew, an organization who pride’s itself on school spirit and athletics.

Kurt, however, brings nothing more but regulations and middle men to deal with problems. Kurt created an organization for students that unfortunately started to regulate other fellow students at sporting events. This allows Athletics to scapegoat Blue Crew whenever they please. Mark Glodowski (President of Blue Crew), hopefully you will follow Blue Crew’s mission statement and promote the spirit in which sports are played.

Another problem we see is that Athletic s has been making decisions towards the detriment of the University. We hope you can go back to when you were students and consider how you would feel if you had to watch the game from home because you could not get in. Your organization has way to much power in an institution dedicated to higher learning. If you are not going to be fair in your decisions, then we will root for your early departure from your position.



Burrito Bandito...

On September 29th we received a disturbing e-mail from a distressed university citizen. The e-mail went into detail about a certain past Senate Candidate and current President of Kappa Alpha Psi, Tony Sewell refusing to abide

by societal rules of exchange. He found himself in such dire need of nourishment that in order to continue his existence he had to steel a burrito and large soda.

Why does Tony Sewell not have to pay for burritos? Can we sign up for this? Does he have some inside deal worked out with Los Trojes where he: looks around conspicuously, pulls the burrito out of the warming tray, walks away, returns to fill his soda, wraps the burrito in a disguising group of papers, waits for the lunch rush, and walk out the in-door. No one saw him eat it, but something tells me that that burrito is in there.

Tony no steal food. Food good, but not for Tony. If Tony want free food, Tony go to "Pizza with the President", or "Kappa Koffee Hour".

We have warned the Graduate Student Association to watch out for Tony in the university food pantry. No Tony, No.



Ode to the Barrel...

It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, to all that had the opportunity to enjoy the barrel sludge we say farewell. Although you may not remember your hookups, lock-ins or other adventures legal or not, it was definitely a place that helped bring this university together, and sadly it is no more. We hoist our Beirut Pitchers and Barrel Mugs to you.

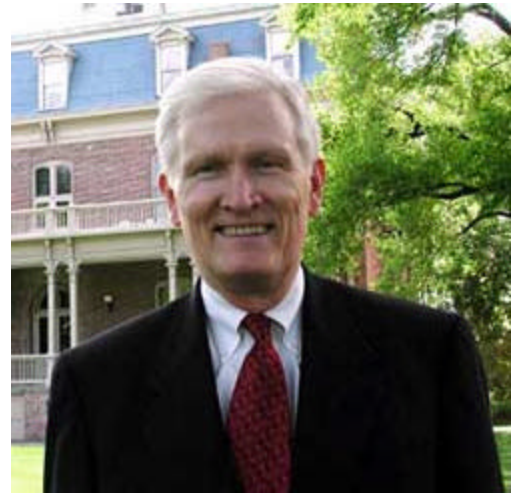


Predictions...

- Coffin and Keys will deliver a cake to the ASUN Senate and Sandy Rodriguez will eat it...oh wait that happened yesterday.
- With the new campus alcohol policy in effect, the Sundowners make a triumphant return as the newly appointed Flipside Board. Let the drinking begin.



- ASUN Senate will make a push to purchase the Beer Barrel, owned and operated by the Associated Students for the Associated Students.
- Students will not get the one thing that they all asked for on the New Student Union Survey – a bar/pub with alcohol.
- U of N football will win the WAC, because we will be the only team still in the conference.
- President Lilley ousted by Board of Regents. Provost Fredrick replaces Lilley as new University President. Bill Hamma becomes the new Provost.



Cyber Prez of the Week... "They airbrushed out my hat."



Homecoming Foiled...

Timeline of Homecoming event - Rafting on Manzanita

1. July – Homecoming week events planned.
2. August – Events are approved through all the necessary boards.
3. Tuesday, 10/21/03 – Shannon Ellis creates her own university policy to ban all activities on Manzanita Lake because of the lawsuit of the Santos family.
4. Same day – Ellis uses Rita Laden as patsy for student outrage.
5. Day of event – Rafting was replaced with an invigorating game of Twister drawing a large crowd, forcing Chris Ault to cap student attendance.
6. Night after event – Ellis comes to Senate to apologize for Rita's mistakes. She filibusters all the questions asked by Senate. Sandy takes the cake and eats it too.
7. Future – Student fees increase as result of lawsuit and students get screwed over once again.



The Coffin and Keys Midterm Grades



- A-** *Katie Montgomery*- Boosting campus moral and encouraging Internet downloads. The picture warrants you an A, but we have a feeling a bit of air-brushing aided in the final product.



- B+** *John Fredrick*- We commend you for stirring up and bringing new ideas to the University, but you are still Lilley's Beavis (Fire Science is cool, huhu hu huh).
- B** *The Football Team*- Besides the best efforts of Cordova, Kretschmer, Heiser, and Berry, the team still receives a B. Sadly, our seniors will not see the Fremont Cannon.
- I** *Panhellenic/IFC*- An incomplete grade corresponds to the power you actually have. Honestly, what the hell do you do? Put a halt to the elephant walk and get your act together.
- D** *Student Fans*- The only reason you did not receive an F is because of attendance. The action displayed at home games is embarrassing. We are better than UNLV.
- F** *University Bicycle Policy*- It seems parking services isn't busy enough worrying about double parked cars and expired meters, they now spend their time ticketing bicycles for parking legally in designated bike racks. Unfortunately, the university cannot track everyone that comes onto campus with a bicycle. "A PERMIT NEEDS TO BE OBTAINED FOR YOUR BICYCLE" Why?

Existing solely for the betterment of the University of Nevada, we are the Men of Coffin and Keys.

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