


# Coffin and Keys



## The 2004 Homecoming 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.*



### 4<sup>th</sup> Down and 10-15 Years to Go...

Now whenever ESPN's "P.T.I." talks about Wolf Pack Football, the acronym will stand for "Prison Time Included." While we here at Coffin and Keys hate to beat a dead horse, we simply cannot miss an excuse to lambaste the sheer poise and grace that our beloved Wolf Pack Football team has exhibited during the last few months.

We heard that the pre-season was going to be rough with the return of the "Little General" (Chris Ault) but we don't think anyone anticipated what was to come. It would seem that while some of the boys were practicing routes and patterns others were engaging in the supplementary "extra-curricular" activity for which our football team is so well known, felony crime! We know that losing to the University of Nevada (COMMA!!) Las Vegas for five consecutive years seems like a crime to most of us. However, we are talking about those roguish habits that tend to land people in the clink anywhere from 10-15 years. Newsletter after newsletter we have been spreading the word about these gentlemanly scholars who, in their free time away from the rigors that come with balancing those difficult Education and

Health Ecology classes, have managed to run lawless throughout the community. Take a look at C&K's picks for the All-State Penitentiary Team!

1. Craig Bailey: arrested for battery against his girlfriend
2. Gary Snyder Jr: arrested on suspicion of raping a woman passed out at a Reno apartment
3. Joe Bwire: arrested on suspicion of felony battery (ouch!)
4. Stephen Murphy: felony theft of backpacks from the DC (probably yours) & drug charges
5. Brenton Kendrick: selling cocaine
6. Dwight Lane: stabbed two FELLOW TEAMMATES in a dispute over money
7. Rodney Landingham: felony armed robbery (still not sorry?)

Now we don't want this list to fool you. These examples have only happened within the last 2-3 years. There are countless other incidents that went largely unreported regarding football players vandalizing, beating, stealing and generally cheating their way through college. Unfortunately, we only have a limited amount of space and the aforementioned beacons of inspiration have gotten enough shine from the Gazette. For those players that do represent the University of Nevada with pride and integrity, we salute you. This is not an attack on all football players, just those that would rape you, or beat you up, or steal from you, or...well you get the point.

At least coach Ault handled the situation in a tasteful manner, by demeaning Chris Tormey and his questionable recruiting practices. Hey, we might be wrong but wasn't Chris Ault the Athletic Director during Tormey's tenure as coach? He must've been too busy addressing the "stupid things college kids do, like fraternity parties," to recognize that the players on his team were being locked up faster than you could say, "five-o, five-o! Down, set, run!!" While we are optimistic about the future of the program under the tutelage of Chris Ault, there is no doubt that student trust and appreciation for the football team has been flushed down the toilet.

All we can hope is that this type of farce doesn't continue in the future and that something can be learned from this mess. This problem has happened too often and continued unimpeded for far too long. And as for those who turned out not to be college material, maybe between polishing their shanks and brewing up another delicious

batch of Prune-O, they will think back and remember the opportunity that they idiotically threw away.



## *To Park or Not to Park*

On the issue of parking and transportation service, we would like to bring just a few items to light that concern all of those who choose to be vehicular citizens of the university. On the first order of business, the university Budget and Finance Committee unanimously voted for a five year audit of the Parking and Traffic budget. The reason is there has been some concern on campus because the Parking and Transportation services, as a department, cannot carry over profit from year to year-in order to curb the usury of its supporters. There have been two numbers published that represent the profits of the parking and transportation services for the 2003-04 fiscal year. One is \$4,200 (published by the university), and the other is \$2.4 million (published by researcher Albert Carlson of AFSCME). But don't despair, this seemingly complicated financial matter was resolved our senior Budget Officer said, "It depends on what the definition of profit is." We have included here the definition of profit so as to avoid any further discrepancies on the matter. "**Profit:** the return received on any business undertaking after all other operating costs have been met." We hope that this short lesson in economics for the Senior Budget Officers will help in future years to distinguish between the hard working person's money at our university and the multimillion dollar slush funds.

Now put aside financial doubts momentarily, and allow us to illustrate the benefits of the program. First, the waiting list for the silver 8 zone (largely faculty and graduate students) has swollen to more than 3 years (how long are you in grad school?). Too many silver 11 passes were sold which has forced a number of silver 11 pass holders to find parking elsewhere. For those students who chose the bookstore meters for parking, they found parking tickets on their windshields with 2 or 3 minutes remaining on the meter because the parking Nazis didn't want to have to walk their asses back in a few minutes to verify if the time had actually expired. The new parking garage is months behind schedule yet passes have already been sold. Also, our university has found it necessary to distinguish between a city handicapped parking pass and a university one. First the handicapped person has to drive to the top story of the parking garage, buy a normal day pass, find a parking spot, travel to the student services building, and obtain

UNIVERSITY handicapped parking pass. Finally they return to their car and then, and only then, are they able to find their helpful and convenient handicapped parking.



Obviously there are a few items of business that the Men of Coffin and Keys feel need to be addressed, and we highly recommend that these be taken care of promptly and with the best interests of the **STUDENTS** and **FACULTY** in mind.



## *Nevada: A Great Story Lilley Made Up*

President John Lilley recently delivered his State of the University address to recognize this past year's achievements, and to lay out his plan for the future of our University (we use the term "his plan" very lightly). Surprisingly, it was a good diplomatic showing by the figure head of our university. ([www.unr.edu/president/content/](http://www.unr.edu/president/content/))

So maybe for a change, we will start by acknowledging some of the positives. We were extremely

satisfied with the fact that a good chunk of the speech was devoted to recognition of the outstanding faculty.

Many faculty members and departments were individually recognized and applauded for their achievements. As

many of you know, this university will only be great with the help of these superior educators. Hopefully, we will see our faculty members continue to

strive for success and reach for the loftiest of goals in the academic arena.

The first major point addressed was the necessity for a "critical mass" of communication in order to enhance the recognition of the University of Nevada throughout the academic world. President Lilley took this "critical mass" idea from a book by Malcolm Gladwell, The Tipping Point: How Little Things Can Make a Difference. Okay, sounds official enough, but we are not really sure that he actually read this book, but nonetheless good use of outside literature. We are sure that the folks in the Office of Communications probably read it (those who prepare most of what you hear publicly from Big Lilley Style). But, with this new mass communication effort are we allowed to say University of Nevada? Or, will you hypocritically chastise us as much as you did with the University staff and faculty when the whole Nevada vs. UN, R issue came about? Or, are you referring to the references on ESPN that Nevada is now Felony U? Now that's some mass exposure. On the other hand, the President did an adequate job of acknowledging the fact that this bad exposure can quickly bring our reputation down. He also dodged "repeated" questions regarding coach Chris Ault's



policies, and in the end, did not really stand one way or the other on the subject (big shock).

At the end of the address, the President went on to outline 10 points of focus for the future of the University of Nevada. Many of them make sense, some of them are weak, but only a few really stick out in our minds. Step 7: "Implement a master plan for campus restoration, beautification, and expansion..." Does this include cutting down huge trees in front of the library? How is the view as you walk from your office? The only conclusion that we've been able to uncover is that our President has decided to go for a tan, and any sliver of shade must be destroyed. But wait, there's more!! How about those awesome replacement trees in the planters? Don't you know that global warming is going to fry us all on the bricks in front of the library? Maybe we will lay some sand down, and have an area for sunbathing...

The last point in the address was the need to "tell our story." We assume that this correlates with the "critical mass" of communication as discussed above. Do not get us wrong, we completely agree with Big Lilley Style on this one. But, let's make sure that we tell our story. National television labeling us as "Felony U" is not telling our story. The Board of Regents telling us that we must add UN, R is not telling our story. The Cheerleading outfits and the Football jersey will be awesome with UN, R across the front. "Go UN,R" we will all shout as the football team gets routed yet again. Let the students and our faculty be the storytellers. If our student body is extremely proud and bleeds blue and silver, we will not have to go out and tell the world about our great University. Maybe when this is the case, there will not be any worry about empty seats in the third quarter of games (i.e. UNLV game...wait, every game pretty much). The President will be able to give us straight answers, and not say, "I'll check into that for you..", as he stuffs his mouth with pepperoni slices.



## *Lilley the Lumberjack*

**Extra, Extra! Clear cutting strikes Northern Nevada for the first time in over one-hundred-and-fifty years since Lake Tahoe's forest was cut down to supply wood for the Virginia City gold rush!** Lilley demanded eight trees in front of Getchell Library to be removed because of alleged damage to sewer lines caused by the roots. We, the Men of Coffin and Keys know the true story behind the slaughter of these innocent trees and it goes something like this. President Lilley ordered his feared henchmen (Buildings and Grounds) to axe down the trees. One may ask "why



such harsh treatment", or "why was the clean air on campus taken away?" It is the same story as with the scoreboard that was never placed on the intramural fields. When Lilley doesn't like something, it doesn't go up (or in this case, comes down).

"The feng-shui was all wrong! The scoreboard, the planetarium, and those damn trees...all shall perish!" Lilley was overheard shouting to his council. "I can no longer see the coffee shop in front of the library...those great mochas and delicate delights" so stated Lilley. We're sorry, but cutting down trees to have a better view of the eyesore we call the library is inexcusable. The punishment C & K recommends is the replacement of the trees you relieved us of, and then hug said trees.



## *C&K Crystal Ball*

- Naomi (that's "I moan" spelled backwards) wins Maxim's Hometown Hotties. We're anxiously waiting for the "Paris Hilton" debut.
- In the year 2030...The Beer Barrel triumphantly returns to campus by merging with Jimmy John's.....Sells beer so fast you'll freak!
- More teachers will hold class at the wall to avoid paying parking fees.
- Wolf Pack football beats Manogue in overtime to take the Nevada State 4A high school championship.
- Barber John is elected by popular vote to become the new Dean of Students. Alcohol Policy quickly burned.
- Bill Hamma mail-bombs Sagebrush for no longer publishing his letters. Accepts job offer from Rebel Yell.



## *Sagebrush*

As some of you may or may not know, the name of our illustrious institution came under attack recently. Two members of the Board of Regents, fueled by UNLV President Carol Harder's malcontent for her northern counterpart, spawned an uproar about the real name of the University of Nevada. They felt that the name of the university should be the University of Nevada, Reno or simply, UNR. As we all know, the university has held the same name since becoming the first (and still only) institution of higher education in the state. A word from the wise to our ugly redheaded stepchild of the south: we value tradition, integrity, and academic excellence here, unlike the circus that performs daily on the UNLV campus.

The only thing more appalling than the disrespect from the south was the lack of coverage from the "Nevada" Sagebrush. Maybe the Sagebrush was too engulfed in digging up "dirt", such as the critical analysis of A.S.U.N. President Erin Lankowsky. For all of those that didn't hear, Lankowsky had openly mocked the University's Regents for debating our official name. Editor Newman wrote a weak

“editorial” criticizing the spending of \$134.29. The purpose of Lankowsky’s action was to make a very poignant point on behalf of all students at the University of Nevada...oh, we mean Nevada...or is it University of Nevada, Reno? Perhaps if you were to ask people what they thought about the policy makers flying back and forth between cities to discuss the relevancy of a comma, you could see that President Lankowsky did what every student (and most faculty) wanted someone to do: criticize this stupidity in a smart and irreverent way. We are not arguing Ms. Newman’s right to voice her opinion, but we hope that during her tenure as the Editor of the Sagebrush, the \$50,000 that goes to the Sagebrush’s employee salaries does not go to waste.

This is just the tip of the iceberg regarding the problems with our lackluster campus newspaper. Not only has the editor been wasting ink on irrelevant issues, the Sagebrush staff has also been guilty of many lazy publishing errors:

-October 5th issue: the picture of the two young ladies (supposedly Nevada students) on the front page is actually a picture of two homecoming queen candidates from UNLV!

-September 28<sup>th</sup> issue: Why in the world would you put the UNLV cheerleaders on the cover of **OUR NEWSPAPER**? Are you serious? Can’t you jokers get something right and represent the student body here at the **University of Nevada**?



## *Flipside Does Moore*

We know what a daunting task it must have been to top such exciting past events as “Movies on the Lawn” or “The Bus to Wal-Mart” but the dedicated students of Flipside have done just that by bringing the wildly outspoken director of Fahrenheit 9/11 to our campus this week. Events like this one should be commonplace on our campus if we truly want to excite students and get them involved and passionate about voting and politics.

We are although, a little concerned with the one-sidedness of this event. Coffin & Keys in no way supports any political party, we just think that both sides of the story should be presented so that students can make an informed decision. It is inevitable that Moore’s Bush bashing will have an influence on students’ opinions and it is wrong to do so with the election so near and without some form of rebuttal. We do applaud you for not caving to the community and political pressure and for offering the same amount of support for a Republican representative. But don’t forget that you represent the whole student body and it is your elected job to look out for their interests. You should consider it your responsibility to make sure that both sides are represented.

By the way, not sure if you have heard, but Michael Moore has vowed to speak at every campus that has canceled him, citing his right to free speech. Here’s our suggestion; call Mr. Moore and tell him thanks but no thanks, save the \$50,000 we were going to pay him, and he will come anyway.



## *The Coffin and Keys Midterm Grades*



- A** *Alpha Male*- Currently the only thing worth reading in the Sagebrush. It has been said that satire is the most intelligent form of comedy, which is why UNLV doesn’t appreciate you.
- D** *Overlook*- The food is a vast improvement over last year’s, but instead of Overlook, “Overpriced” is a more appropriate name. The only reason you didn’t receive an F is students can no longer afford to gain the “freshman 15”.
- D** *Laura “T’ll dolphin kick out your window” Hall*- Just because you **USED** to be a Nevada athlete does not give you the right to act like you’re on the football team. You were going to get an F but we heard that you put up a good (expletive) fight. Good luck in law school.....
- C** *Soccer Team*- OLEEE.... OLE, OLE, OLE! The women’s soccer team scored their first goal of the year, but after 16 penalties in your last game we suggest that you stop practicing next to the football team.
- A/F** *ΣN*- You guys get an A for being 99% of the police blotter but an F for being absent last week. We hope that you will find some more motivation in the coming weeks.
- A+** *EH&S*- Congratulations and great work on developing a way to run the campus shuttles on used cooking oil. Lilley could learn something from your environmental initiatives.

*Existing solely for the betterment of the University of Nevada, we are the Men of Coffin and Keys; Knickers, Dvff, Spitz, Elk, Flip Flop, Pikachu, Uh Stanley, Noah, Chuck T, Escobar, Forest, Duke, Ace, Wormser, Dumbledore, Seabiscuit, Oompa, Goofy, Forest, Nacho*

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