

Coffin and Keys



The Fall '04 "Dead Day" 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.



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The Rebel Yelp

As the Fall Semester comes to an end and another class has graduated, we the Men of Coffin and Keys, couldn't think of a greater injustice than to let our distinguished graduates leave the hallowed halls of Nevada tasting the bitterness that is pulsating from our bastard stepchild UNLV. After the attacks came from the UNLV student newspaper the Rebel Yell about why the University of Nevada, as well as the town of Reno is inferior, we anxiously awaited for our own lackluster student newspaper to deliver a clever and witty retort. We waited and waited and waited, then drank, then waited some more. Well, we're sorry, but our collective patience has ultimately run thin. Now, don't get us wrong, some of us may be from Vegas and most of us love Vegas even more, but that doesn't rectify the fact

that UNLV is a terrible college that is not even living up to its own standards. As taken from UNLV's own website:

The university increasingly will concentrate its resources on programs that are:

- student centered
- demonstrably excellent
- responsive to the needs of the local and regional community

With goals such as these going into their programming, one could assume that the student body would reflect these, as well as other values of this academic utopia. Unfortunately, this is simply not the case. The first two bullets are not that bad, except for the fact that UNLV students demonstrate excellence in a variety of sordid ways. Can we say **Encopresis** everyone? For those that don't know-as well you probably shouldn't, encopresis as defined in a medical handbook states thusly: "the essential feature of encopresis is repeated passage of feces into inappropriate places (e.g. clothing or floor)". As their own Rebel Yell Sports writer Sean Minagil writes in the Sept. 30th article playfully entitled, Sports Court: More Reasons Why Reno Sucks, "...these upstanding young citizens (UNR student athletes) surely have not taken a cue from UNLV fans, who show their discontent with Reno by smearing poop on the walls of their public restrooms..." While we are studying and working towards a degree that will not be laughed at on job applications, our chimpanzee-like colleagues from the South are "smearing poop on the walls of public restrooms." Is that something you learn from Home-Ec class or Abnormal Psychology (is this even offered at UNLV)?

This brings us to the third bulleted point; that programs should reflect onto students the importance of being responsive to the needs of their regional community. Being in the same state (unfortunately) as UNLV would warrant them to be responsive to our needs. Most importantly, our need for them to bring us more towels, re-fill the little bottle of shampoo, valet our cars and generally keep their mouths shut.

Let's face it the University of Nevada and Reno are two places that are vastly superior to Vegas and UNLV. We are often left wondering how students can even afford an education at UNLV due to the city's number one pastime, tipping. For those that are from Vegas or have

ever been there, you know exactly what we are talking about. You tip the towel guy, the doorman, the guy next to the doorman that is just standing there, the guy next to the guy next to the doorman who doesn't even work at the hotel but for some reason needs a tip anyway. We think we can go out on a limb here and say that students probably have to tip their professors after lecture or tip their T.A.'s for grading papers. What's ironic is the only guy that actual deserves a tip is the guy that had to clean your shit off the bathroom wall.

Now that we've come to the aid of the reputation of our university, we hope that those students who attend UNLV realize some universal truths. Their student newspaper might not be as boring as the "Sagebrush" but nor is it more credible. Hopefully, this article will end our student newspaper's absurd habit of putting letters from UNLV students bashing UNR in their publication. Besides, everyone knows that Vegas as well as UNLV can both be compared to a crystal toilet. It looks very pretty but everyone uses it for the same reason, **POO!**



The Alliance Strikes Back

(Read this first: www.coffinandkeys.com/alliance_letter.doc)

For those of you that are unaware of the whole homecoming debacle, here we go. This was not a fiasco on the part of ASUN or Samantha Goldstein the Speaker of the Senate, who was accused of discrimination. It was simply unneeded drama caused by the Alliance. For those of you that don't know the Alliance is a coalition of minority groups on our campus.

Just like many other clubs, the Alliance was signed up to participate in the Homecoming festivities. On Friday night at the "Parade of Lights" the Alliance was without a truck to haul their float. They assumed that calling **two**

hours before the start of the event would be plenty of time to obtain a vehicle (not that it would have been that hard to find a truck for yourselves, but that's a whole other issue). What they failed to consider was the fact that there were many other student organizations participating that had taken care of their arrangements **well in advance**. So, at approximately 5:05 Pacific Standard Time the "Discrimination Card" was pulled and put into play by the Alliance.

The following week they sent a whiny, impulsive letter to ASUN claiming that there were discrimination issues involved with Homecoming, specifically concerning the parade. This letter prompted ASUN President Erin Lankowsky to assign a committee to investigate the issue.

Of all people (or organizations) the Alliance should be aware of the sensitivity of the issue of discrimination. By their reaction you would think that Alliance was the only student group on campus that got turned down for a truck. Yeah...don't think so. In addition to the Alliance, the Delta Delta Delta sorority was also unable to obtain a truck for the same reason, poor planning.

For all of you that remember it was none other than the Alliance that helped to get us banned from the Homecoming parade three years ago! (Ironic isn't it). Apparently they felt our anonymity was a threat to their safety. If you claim to be an organization of cultural understanding and open-minded thought, then you of all people should realize the childish nature of your sob story. Grow up, stop throwing the discrimination issue around because in this situation it was not an issue.

Our solution to this debacle that you created; right your wrongs and apologize to Samantha Goldstein and ASUN. In the future please refrain from crying "wolf" and take responsibility for your own mistakes. We thought your club's goal was to be a contributing part of our campus, so stop segregating yourselves every chance you get.



C&K Exit Polls (Register on the Message Board to Vote)

1. John Lilley has a library named after him T/F?
2. Who was the first president of the University of Nevada?
3. How many warnings and tickets did Parking Services give out during the 2003-2004 school year?
4. Only 50 student fans show up for final home football game. (T/F)
5. Naomi wins Maxim hometown hotties. Poses for C&K website. Rave reviews. Katie Montgomery is pissed! (T/F)
6. Barber John got his start as Hugh Hefner's personal barber and has dated multiple playmates at the same time. (T/F)
7. Kurt Esser charges ____ number of students ____ dollars to attend Wolf Pack basketball game.

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