

Coffin and Keys



The 2005 Welcome Week 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.



Welcome to Nevada

Welcome freshmen to the first semester of the rest of your life! The Men of Coffin and Keys would like to welcome all of the men and women (especially the women) to our fine institution. This semester you can plan on being bombarded with fraternity bids, club sign-ups, free lunches, keg stands, concerts on the quad, animal rights activists converting everyone to vegans, preachers, ghostly administrators, peer pressure to party instead of go to class, parental scrutiny and class stress. So cinch up your tube-tops and grease down your emovers because all of these things can make or break even the best of students. Our suggestion is to have fun, get involved in school organizations and most importantly budget your time (and money, for you future alcoholics). Good luck and God speed, you'll need it!



Your First Week at Nevada

Your first few weeks of college life will be the most important time to secure your social success! One false move and you may be committing social suicide and could be forcibly ousted from all of the main social groups on campus, such as the glee club or the taco eating club! The Men of Coffin and Keys have a handy weekly planner for you new little froshies, so print this out, paste it to your forehead, and get ready...

Monday – For a great night, it's important to know what you're doing, what you're drinking, who you're hooking up with, and who's driving your drunk ass home. The last thing you want to do is to get pulled over and spanked by UNRPD your first night out! The first thing you need to know is how to get into one of our fine drinking establishments so get a fake ID. We hear that they toss them down like little boys' pants at the Neverland Ranch over at 1075 Ralston. Just in case you don't know where 1075 Ralston is, it looks like the old Governor's Mansion and has a S.W.A.T van parked out front. You've blown your first week's allowance on the ID, so you'll need to start cheap. Go to Fritz's and grab a few beers, then head to the Silver Legacy and play some penny slots for free drinks (but the waitresses come around more often at the nickel slots).

Tuesday – We know you won't have any homework so wake up and hit the bars early! Live Jazz at the Siena.

Wednesday – Chicks 'n' Salsa night at Hacienda. Scarf down some \$1 tacos and margaritas and pimp on all the baby girls in their skimpy summer wear.

Thursday – Start out at the Little Waldorf, then go to 2nd street and Sierra. There you have Vino's, Level, the Green Room, Liquid Lounge, and a cornucopia of drinking taverns in the vicinity. Women, lock up your

chastity belts and keep a close eye on your drinks. Men, keep drinking.

Friday – Go to the Pub and Sub because by now your ID has been confiscated and you're out of money. Pub and Sub is the easiest place to get into, and they have some of the best half-priced pizzas in town!

Saturday – If you can manage to swipe another ID, head downtown to Roxy's for a few delicious martinis. Then stumble your ass around to the other swank clubs that the Eldorado and Silver Legacy have to offer. If you meet someone don't take them home just yet. Get their number and sleep on it. At this point, your ability to make good decisions will be hindered by the 2.2 BAC you've been packing around for the last four days.

Sunday – Sleep all day with a vomit bucket next to your bed and don't forget to flip the mattress (chicks don't like stains).

Disclaimer: (for all you pissy bastards) Coffin and Keys does not endorse the manufacture or distribution of False Identification. We are also opposed to binge drinking☺

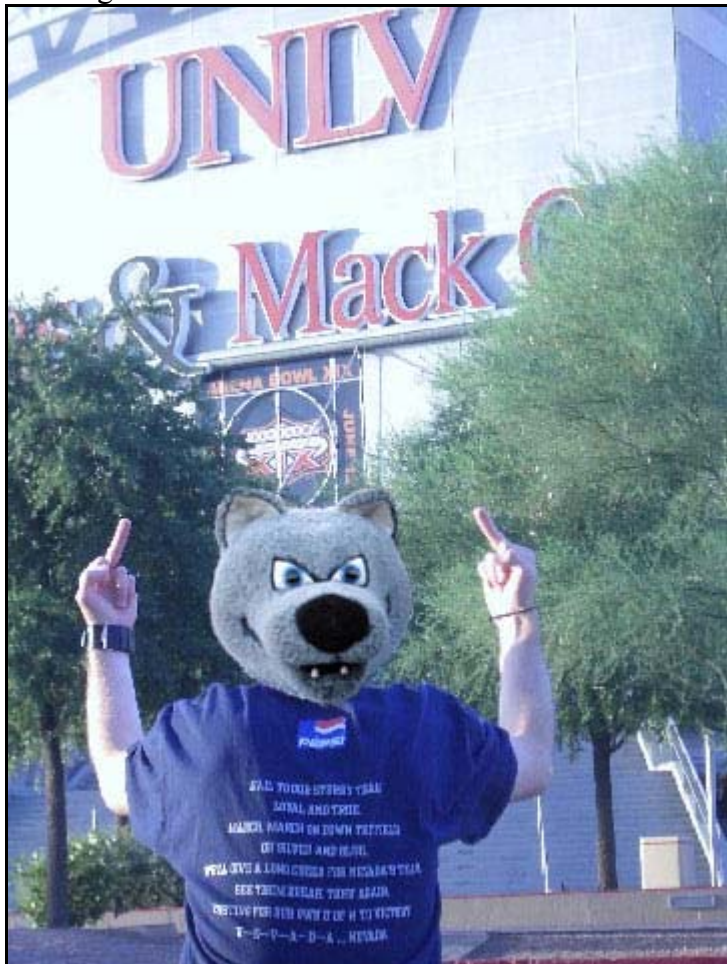


Photo sent in by one of our favorite MySpace fans. Send more in to coffinandkeys@hotmail.com and maybe we will use them!



UN – NSU – UNLV – UN,R

As you already know, the University of Nevada (no comma Reno) was founded in 1874. Then about 80 years went by until one day the University of Nevada opened a classroom in Las Vegas. Some more time passed – about 13 years this time – and finally a small class of about 30 students received degrees from the southern campus of the U of N. The year was 1964. That was about the same time that most of your parents were crawling around in diapers. Coffin and Keys was forty-eight years old.

The very next year (1965) the Nevada State Legislature gave that classroom its name: Nevada Southern University. (Actually, by that time, it had grown into a small building.) So, while our great university was approaching the century mark, higher education was finally emerging in southern Nevada.

So, how did Nevada Southern University become UNLV? And how did the University of Nevada become the University of Nevada comma Reno?

Well, as it happens, Las Vegas wasn't always the fashionable hotspot that it is today. In fact, most intelligent people – the kind of people that might appear in a university classroom – generally stayed away from Clark County. This might come as a surprise, but without all of those big hotels, the Las Vegas valley really does not have very much to offer, especially during the 1960s, because just over the hill the feds were having fun exploding a bunch of atomic bombs. Unlike the U of N, Nevada Southern University was having a real hard time attracting serious attention from anyone. So, in January of 1969 at a Board of Regents meeting, some dimwit announced a proposal to change Nevada Southern University's name to UNLV. His reason for the name change: "Recruiting is handicapped because of the assumption, when seeing or hearing the name, that it is a regional college."

So you ask: why did they not then just change Nevada Southern University to Nevada State University? Why did they propose that NSU become UNLV? The answer is simple: what NSU wanted most was to be identified with its parent, the already prestigious University of Nevada (no comma Reno). According to the minutes of that fateful Regents' meeting, identification with the U of N was in fact the primary reason for the NSU name change.

The proposal to change NSU to UNLV was seconded and passed with only two dissenters. They should have stopped right there. But instead the regents went one step further... They then changed the University of Nevada's name to the University of

Nevada comma Reno. After 95 years as the U of N, the regents changed the name of our school to U of N, R.

But wait a minute; the name of our great university is protected by the Nevada Constitution and by state law. How did the regents make the new name legal? The answer: add some language that says that the word “university” is meant to refer to the system of state universities. Everyone knows this is bullshit. The language in the constitution is meant to protect the university’s name, not allow it to be expanded upon. But that was how they did it.

To the men of Coffin and Keys, our great university will always be the University of Nevada (no comma Reno). Despite continued pressure from the south, and despite the sometimes short-sighted view of many of the elected representatives that we send to the Board of Regents, we will not forget our school’s great name. We commend those students, journalists, alumni, faculty and staff who still hold to our university’s traditional name: the University of Nevada.



Building Nevada’s Future

New Student Union

Money has been flying out the doors over the summer and the Men of Coffin and Keys want you to know where some of your money is going. As the school year begins you will notice the construction crews working on your New Student Union. The new facility broke ground on July 18, 2005 and is scheduled to be open in two years. For the incoming freshmen or those students who have not seen the signs all over campus, the New Student Union building is being built next to Lombardi Rec. and Lawlor Events Center. This new location will become the central hub of the University. The Student Union will be roughly 165,000 square feet, about three times bigger than the JTSU, and will house all the ASUN & GSA offices in addition to the current JTSU staff and new meeting rooms. Currently, the project is within the prescribed budget, which got a nice boost from the additional \$10 million dollars that was given by the University CIP fund and the \$1 million given by ASUN.

The Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center

Joint excavation with the New Student Union started this summer on the new Knowledge Center. Currently this project is out to bid.

New Math and Science Education Building

With the winding-down of the State Legislature this previous spring, millions of dollars were allocated

throughout the Nevada System of Higher Education. The priority of the U of N Math and Science Education Building had been fluctuating, but the state finally agreed to partially fund the project. Thanks go out to President Lankowsky, Senator Ezra, and Senator Madsen (but mostly Governor Guinn) for staying involved, organizing a petition, and attending the legislature’s meetings. Your dedication to the students has paid off and soon the students in the College of Science will have an up-to-date and productive building of their own. (They have only been waiting since the 1970s.)



The “Feel Good” University

For those of you who don’t know, the faculty senate formed a committee several months ago to evaluate the current status of faculty morale on campus. The findings of this committee were released the week before last and were on the whole, pretty negative towards the administration. One of the most glaring issues in the report was the fact that many faculty members feel that they do not have a voice on campus and that many of the changes with regard to the direction that the university is taking are out of their reach. The report also stated that many faculty members don’t feel comfortable coming forward with comments because they fear retaliation from deans and other administrators.

We are still watching how these issues unfold and wish to write a more in-depth analysis at a later date. However, we want to say that regardless of what the administration thinks they are doing to make the faculty feel connected to campus decisions, there is a perception that they are unacceptably ignored...and as we all know, perception is everything. We would also like to remind readers that the faculty complaints that are addressed in the report are typical of any large, rapidly-expanding organization. While we do our research, we recommend that you read up as well. You can download the faculty morale report at: http://www.unr.edu/facultysenate/reports_proposals/documents/FacMorale8-17-05.pdf



C&K News

Keep checking the C&K website and become a friend on MySpace to stay updated about all C&K news and upcoming parties. Clear your schedules for the weekend of September 23rd and wait to hear more!



Chi Kappa Rush Schedule

“The realist RUSH around!”

August 31st ~ Steak ‘n’ Stein

Meet at the Manzanita Bowl for one of the biggest programming events on campus: Steak ‘N Stein. Steaks, wine and kegs will be available for all. Bring your own mug.

September 3rd ~ Hello on the Hill

Meet at the Rancho San Rafael softball fields so that we can hike up to the “N” and paint it blue and white.

September 10th ~ Keg-regatta

Meet at Manzanita Lake and make sure you have your keg and canoe.

September 16th ~ Moon-Off

Meet at the Quad. We will all line up and face south. All at once, we will drop our pants and “moon” the south. (Let’s show UNLV what we think of them!)

These are just some of the events that USED to take place on our beloved campus to bring students together. It is a shame to see how tradition has died! Maybe one day we will see a resurrection...



The Coffin and Keys Summer Grades



- D - Sally Morgan** – For patrolling fraternity houses without being sworn-in by Lt. Dangle
- A Lombardi Passes** – Excellent for keeping off that freshman 15 and totally worth the investment...don’t sweat the extra \$7.50, Mommy and Daddy are probably picking up the tab anyway!
- A Jeff Conner** – For his well-written blog about the Beer Barrel. Read it at:
<http://www.myspace.com/CONNER>
- F Vino Bartenders** – Those wacky bartenders haven’t changed their devilish ways, the roofie stories keep pouring out even after legal action.
- I Matt McKnight** – Thank you for continuing the Exec V.P. tradition (that is not doing anything). We smell a Sagebrush cover. Maybe you can win them an award too!
- A+ ASUN Legal Services** – You get an outstanding grade for doubling the number of clients served last year without increasing the budget...and for having hot interns.
- C To BVC** – You receive a C for the excellent work you’ve done over the summer
...or should we give you a D?
- A+ KRZQ Survival Kit Commercial** – KRZQ gets an A+ for the bull dog and mayonnaise commercial.
- A+ Buildings & Grounds** – For keeping our campus in pristine condition all year long. You truly do take pride in making our campus beautiful.

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

*Elk, Noah, Ace, Wormser, Seabiscuit, Oompa, Goofy, WWJCD, Sleeping Beauty,
Lamar, Queso, J. Sherman, The Apprentice, and RIV*

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