

Coffin and Keys



The Freshman Orientation 2004 Edition

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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.

A Little More About Us

Undoubtedly, as you are reading this letter there questions that are running through your mind. “What is Coffin and Keys?” “Who is a member?” “How do they get away with doing this?” “Why do they write these newsletters?” While we do not go out of our way to make our intentions and actions well-known, our goal is pertinent to you whether you are a newly arriving freshman or a worldly upper-classman. As a secret-society, we strive to do whatever it takes to make the University of Nevada a better place. Whether this is achieved by motivating students to attend vital University activities, praising a student/professor for a job well-done or exposing an inept University employee or administrator, we exist because of this University and thusly, we exist for this University.

Now, pay little mind to the aforementioned questions and instead think about some of these. “Where is my tuition money going?” “Why am I living in a “substance free” room on the “quiet floor” of some dorm when it is neither substance free nor quiet?” “Am I going to choose to get involved or just sit back and do nothing?” While you’re thinking about these and other important issues always remember that while you can’t see us, we are always watching you.

Get Involved

Alright! Freshman year! College! New girls! New guys! Yeah, freshman year is awesome! There are tons of new people to meet and exciting new things to do. But, how are you going to make sure that you get everything out of your college experience? Now that you are here, become involved and enjoy your independence and newfound freedom. Learn as much as you can about your University, after all it is one of the largest investments you (or your parents) will ever make.

If you came to college looking to party, awesome, we do it all the time. But, partying is just a small part of the overall college experience and if it is the only thing you came to do, then the odds are good that you may not make it to sophomore year. As you go through Orientation, look around you. Many of your fellow new students may not be here at this time next year. What will help you to survive will be learning to balance your academic life with your social life.

Being involved on campus will only help to enhance your college experience. The men of **Coffin & Keys** encourage you to get involved with the University as soon as possible. What is there to do you ask? Being involved can be as simple as joining a club, or just getting 10 of your newfound friends and starting your own. Joining a fraternity or a sorority is another great way to immerse yourself in campus life. Yeah, you’ve heard all of the stereotypes, but have you checked them out for yourself? For those that would like to have a direct hand in your education, you may want to explore student government. A.S.U.N (they put on orientation) is run by the students, and is for the students.

This University exists because of you. Students just like you are the ones who will be the future of the University of Nevada. We strongly urge you to jump in right away and get your feet wet. Question everything. Don’t know where all of your \$\$\$ goes? Find out. Start a club of your own! Maybe one day, after you prove yourself worthy, we may even seek to admit you into our organization. Coffin and Keys exists solely for the betterment of the University. We were all once in your shoes, and we know what it is like. Only you can decide what the next four years of your life are will hold. Do you want to be another nameless R number that slides through or do you want to be remembered as someone that made a difference?