

Coffin and Keys



The Spring 2004 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.



Lilley to Trump... "YOU'RE FIRED"

"I asked for the best ideas of faculty, staff, students, and friends, ideas that would drive...I applaud those of you who read [the strategic framework document] and proposed exciting and sometimes controversial ideas," President Lilley stated in his State of the University Address (2003). In response to your eloquently spoken words, the Men of Coffin and Keys collectively see aspects of weak leadership, in which your objectivity is sometimes blinded by the tunnel YOUR goals create. And although you treat our university like a corporation, Dr. Lilley, it simply is not.

What President Lilley lacks is an understanding of the historical and cultural roots of the University of Nevada. Changing our name from UNR to U of N does not credit Dr. Lilley with an understanding of its past. The perseverance of our school through its early years and the success it seeks today is ultimately attributed to what the Mackay family contributed. Additionally, what our commander and chief does not realize is that this tradition and culture provide the backbone for our university. The Mackay School of Mines is a landmark college, and when entities of foundation are changed, we are forced to

question where best interests reside. Coffin and Keys believe in change, however it must be in light of democracy. Dean Jane Long stood up and voiced her opinion against the new assimilation of colleges, and PRESIDENT LILLEY fired her. In addition, Regent Howard Rosenberg and Provost John Frederick would lead you to believe that this was Dean Long's onus for not accepting "certain constraints". However, the fundamental argument is not this at all, but Dr. Lilley's inability to ascertain a vantage point of objectivity.

Another issue we are forced to raise is Lilley's distance from the university's most prominent and important faction, its students. The "Pizza with the President" is as much of a show as Houdini performed for his audiences. This poor effort allows our president to simply check the "PR" box, and continue the façade of seeking out the next topic of importance, nothing more. Smoke and mirrors Mr. President...smoke and mirrors. President Lilley is as unreceptive to the students at this event as he is to the students who lead this campus. For our readers to understand this comment, we must reveal some inside information. President Lilley, if you are reading, this might spark a memory. In an IFC meeting Lilley demonstrated his aptitude by initially not knowing, and then misusing the names of both the ASUN president, Chul Yim, and IFC president at the time, Danny Nguyen. Repeatedly he incorrectly addressed President Yim and President Nguyen, confusing one for the other. Dr. Lilley, yes these two students are both Asian, but we would venture to say distinguishable.

A third qualm Coffin and Keys cannot let go of is President Lilley's trickling of Corporate America into the stream we know as the University of Nevada. The term "President" is used in connection with a university instead of "Chief Executive Officer" for a reason. A CEO will only contaminate our waters, while a president will help us grow into a river. President Lilley is too concerned with the bottom line, and because of this has lost sight of a genuine goal. It is a fact that consistently raising tuition has increased our university's revenue, however one thing is missing. With the raise in cost to the students, there has been nothing done to increase the quality of education. We have not recruited more fresh, intuitive, creative, and motivated professors, nor raised salaries of current professors who are far exceeding expectations. If tuition continues to increase as it has in the past four years, we will soon be priced competitively amongst other prestigious institutions. However graduates of Nevada will regretfully lack the level of higher learning that should coincide with the premium they have paid.

“As we seek new friends and partners, we of course, continue to be grateful for Nevada’s loyal friends who have done so much for the university in the past and whose continued support we need,” stated President Lilley. The Men of Coffin and Keys lend our support as a fair representation of the various factions that reside at this university. We all have a vested interest in this university and therefore challenge Dr. Lilley to take a step back. Step down from his aristocratic high horse and be receptive to what the university community wants. We urge President Lilley to realize that “his way” is not always appropriate, and that sometimes other avenues must be taken for the advancement of our university.

In regards to a student holding a protest sign reading ‘Down With Lilley’, President Lilley stated, “...I did think, however, that it went a bit over the edge...but my children loved it”. Accept constructive criticism, implement students and faculty into the “Master Plan”, and oh yea...please do not fire us!

P.S. Dr. Lilley tell your kids that they can expect an invitation to join the merits of Coffin and Keys in the near future.



Well, allow us to retort...

Sandy, we tried this once, now let’s have another go at it. Where do we begin? We heard you called us out at Senate, so here is our reply. Your *McCarthyism* will not force a campus wide witch-hunt for members of Coffin and Keys. As a question to you, where do you get off spending the students money on events that have nothing to do with us? To enlighten the students Sandy Rodriguez (Director of ASUN) sponsored a youth soccer league to play a tournament on the student purchased, brand new intramural fields. Now this doesn’t sound like such a bad thing as long as the fields aren’t being used, but that same weekend the UNR Rugby team had their regional playoffs and they were bumped from the fields. We would hope since the students paid for the majority of the fields a club sport would get priority. The rugby team had a regional tournament where Chico State, BYU, and Oregon St., were in attendance and this would have been an opportune time to show these universities the facilities we have. Not only did these children get to use the fields, but they treated it with much disrespect by discarding food and gum onto the 2.7 million dollar fields. Also, Sandy using Philip Morris tactics by giving 4-13 year olds Flipside sponsored bottle openers does not send the best message. You and the rest of the faculty are worried about college student drinking, but your passing out bottle openers to children. THINK!!! Well if that’s not bad enough she forced Inkblot Promotions (ASUN’s publicity department) to buy jerseys for all of the kids. They had to buy the jerseys out of their operating budget, which does not have the money for this purpose. Sandy, remember you’re spending our money. THINK!!! Lastly, you put such an emphasis on following policy and procedure, to then bypass it to buy a loud-speaker out of your office budget. You knew something like this would need to go through the fiscal board to receive approval. THINK!!! Now we would like to offer the numbers on the misappropriated funds that Sandy has spent.

SANDY'S MISAPPROPRIATED FUNDS

Youth league soccer jersey's	\$2500
Loud-Speaker	\$2000
<u>Damage to intramural fields</u>	<u>\$1000</u>
Total	\$5500

To conclude, we respect the job that you do and we think that you are putting our student government on the right path, but we do not see promise in some of the decisions that you make. As the Director of the ASUN you are faced with a lot of ethical decisions and we write this article in hopes that you will do a better job in prioritizing. Remember your wages are paid by the students and you do not have the right to spend our money in such ways that are not beneficial to the students. This is not an attack on you but is meant as constructive criticism on the way you are performing your duties. THINK!!!



Biochemistry, Top of its class...

Professor Welch, Condit, Reitz, Blomquist, and Schooley among others have managed to establish and maintain a nationally recognized Biochemistry program. Statistically speaking they have managed to place on average 92% of students who have matriculated from their program into medical schools, graduate programs, and other positions that utilize the education that was given to them. A job well done, and the students you have educated are grateful. However you guys are getting old, (don’t worry it will happen to all of us) and the Men of Coffin and Keys challenge you to imbue upon the incoming faculty to maintain the academic standard and integrity that has benefited the students of old, and built the reputable program of today.



Your team gets Riccomini!

What does an inept faculty member like Steve Riccomini do? We know that he’s not running the intramural program at Lombardi. With the title of Coordinator of Campus Recreation and Wellness, one would think that this person would be pretty important. Hopefully, it would also be safe to assume that the person in this position would be qualified as well. Well, Steve Riccomini is neither important, nor is he qualified in any way, shape, or form. Maybe on his application he listed P.E. kickball and tetherball. What’s even worse is that he probably was picked last for both of these. Intramurals are supposed to be fun, friendly competition. The majority of the time, this holds true. But, on many occasions no one (especially Steve and his staff) has a clue what’s going on. The rules for most sports are unclear, and the referees are absolutely horrendous! They even go as far as hiring refs for basketball who look like they were picked up off of 4th street, given a hot meal, and thrown into a striped shirt. If these basketball referees are really getting paid, it’s obviously not enough incentive because they still think that they are refs for 5th grade Y-league. How about scheduling? What about students who want to play more than one sport? Having multiple sports running during the

same relative time is an example of poor planning. How about this Steve, you give us your schedule of sports before we register, and then we'll schedule our classes around them. After all, we're all here for intramural sports because education is way overrated. How about scheduling an indoor soccer tournament the same day that you're replacing the lights in the gym? That's the true mark of a professional. Way to shit the bed on that one. How do you still retain your job as "coordinator"? Is there really someone higher up that thinks you are doing a good job? Probably not, but yet, you remain. Steve Riccomini, our nomination for faculty tool shed of the year.



The Slipper Fits...

We know that it has been said many times and in many ways this semester, but we wanted to acknowledge the Wolf Pack Men's Basketball team for a record year. From the start of the season we all expected great things and the Pack did more than deliver. Not only did the team win the WAC and go on to the "Sweet Sixteen," upsetting favorites like Michigan State and Gonzaga, but they also gave a breath of life into what is an apathetic atmosphere of student involvement. The basketball team allowed for students of this University to get together and share a common thread that brought people from all walks of life together, united in praise, respect and admiration for our shared University. Through your effort, we became more than just "that other place in Nevada besides Vegas." After more than dismal participation at events like Homecoming and Mackay Week, we can all see just how large an impact the team had. During a time where the events designed to promote campus involvement and unity are overly cautious and eventually forced into the world of the mundane by the University Administration (thanks again for canceling the regatta in Manzanita), the Pack did exactly what a sports team is supposed to do. It brought students together and gave them a sense of pride in what their University stood for. Not ridiculous alcohol policies, lackluster professors, trumped-up student fees and bumbling administrators. Rather, the underdog college that always knew how great it was, but just waited for the right time to show the world. We cannot wait for next year's season to start. Trent Johnson gives the community as well as the college nothing but confidence in his ability to take talented players to the next level. Trent, ask and you shall receive! If this University ever lets someone with your scope and talents go, it would be a sad day indeed.

With all this being said, we hope that the students all realize that there are many opportunities to support great Wolf Pack Teams that are here right now. The Women's Track Team winning the WAC championship title multiple times is just another example of great Nevada athletics. College is more than class and a 12 pack of Keystone Light. We are all part of a community and the more opportunities that we exercise our right to be involved, the better it will be for all associated.



Lilley: little spoon, Ault: big spoon, lets fork...

Former Athletic Director Chris Ault's 'demotion' to Head Football Coach dialogue with President John Lilley.

Coffin and Keys view on how it went down...

History:

President Lilley has mandated that no other fundraising shall be done until the new Knowledge Center (really, it's just a fancy name for library) receives all the fundraising necessary to complete the \$66 million dollar goal (\$22 million from the state, \$22 million from the students, and \$22 million from private fundraising). The Golden Child Chris Ault disregards this ultimatum and secretly gets \$1 million dollars of private funds to go directly to Varsity Village (bigger and better training complex for athletes). Now we go to the dialogue:

Lilley: I gave you a strict order and you disobeyed me! I said no other fundraising until this library is paid off and what do you do. You go behind my back and get a possible donor for the library to give to athletics.

Ault: I swear. I didn't know this person was going to give to athletics (hehe!).

Lilley: I do not tolerate disloyalty and liars. You will receive a punishment more dreadful than death.

Ault: You can't touch me. I am the Golden Boy! I made this University what it is today. Athletics will rule over all of campus!

Lilley: (Thinking in his head) He's right. I can't fire him because the community supports him. Hmm...I got it! (Back to the dialogue)

Your right, your influence is still needed on this campus. So you will fire Chris Tormey for losing to UNLV fours years in a row and accept the head coach position. You will be paid \$300,000 per year, plus perks. Then, we will document this dialogue in a Silver and Blue Magazine to portray how it went down. Got it?

Ault: Fine.

Lilley: Then it's settled. You have 4 years to prove yourself or your out like a fat kid in dodgeball!

(Thinking in his head again) The best way to crush his ego is to hire a more talented Athletic Director who is a woman to boss him around. Hahaha! I am an evil genius!!!



DJ Ezra drops the beats...

Lauralie Ezra has great aspirations for the Wolfpack Radio (1700 AM), let us list some of her credentials. Appointed by the Senate and not the student body, Lauralie decided not to show up to a crucial Publications Board Meeting to select the Publications Editors. Not only did she not show, she proceeded to sway a consensus amongst the board to skip out on the meeting as well. The ramifications of this are as follows: the radio station will not be able to run over the summer, the staff at the station will be laid off for the entire summer, and the Publications Board has been all but removed from the situation as Ezra has taken everything into her own hands. In the future, follow procedure and submit a formal excuse for missing meetings that decide the future of the student radio station. We hope that the Senate will take it upon themselves to censure Ms. Ezra.

But what memories will the next generation take with them? The administration has this place locked down tighter than a catholic military school. FlipSide's BBQ's, buses to Wal-Mart, and complimentary bouncy balls are a far cry from being worthy of remembering. We feel sorry for the current freshman and we hope that you will be able to find the memories that our campus is now lacking.

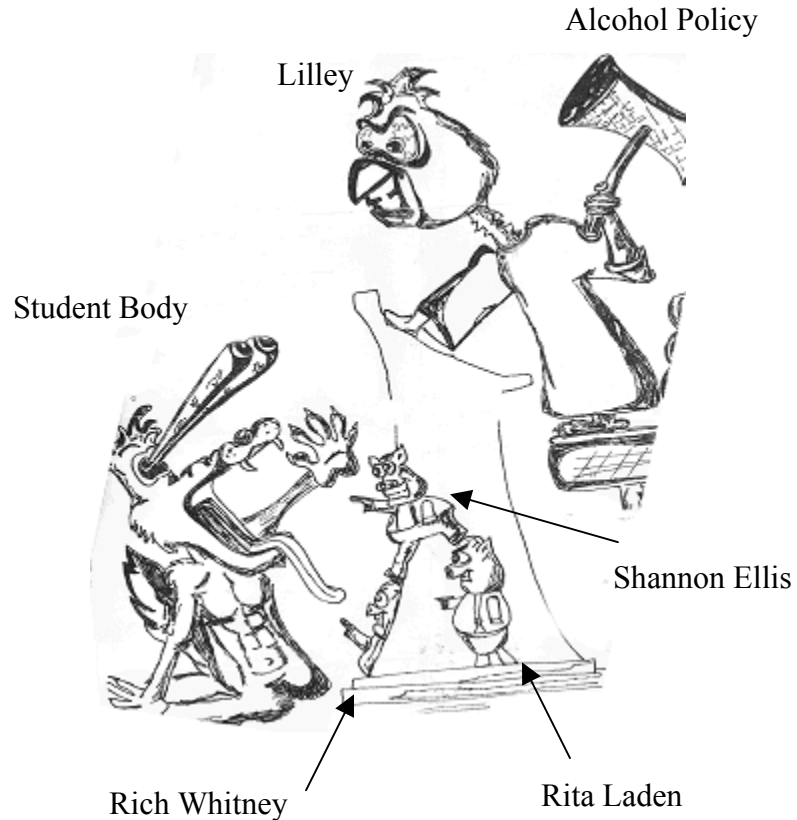


The Good Old Days...

As this year's seniors walk across the stage at graduation they can look back on their years at Nevada and smile. They have worked hard, passed their classes, and are now well prepared for the grind of the working world. But you would have to be stupid to think that this is the sole reason we go to college. When we look back our memories are not going to be of the books that we read in Western Traditions (excuse us....Core Humanities) or the supply/demand curve in Econ. No, our memories are going to be of the Beer Barrel "lock downs", Green Fog, tailgating, Shipwreck Kelly beach party, and boat races on Manzanita. Or maybe that one time when you woke up and couldn't remember the name of the person lying next to you.... It's these memories that will be first in our mind as we think back on our days at the University of Nevada.



Lilley, The Heavy Hitter...



The Coffin and Keys Final Grades



- A The club Movimiento Estudiantil Xicano de Aztlan or MEXA won club and program of year at the end of the year ASUN Clubs & Organizations Banquet. Keep up the good work!
- D -U.I. For UNRPD detective Kevin Youngflesh, who was recently arrested for driving while being twice the legal limit under the influence of alcohol. Way to drop the ball on that one! Did you need a detective to solve this one, Sherlock? Hopefully the new officers follow in the footsteps of the older, wiser officers patrolling our university.
- F Parking Services will charge more to students, faculty, and staff because it's run like a true business. They also will get rid of green, purple, and yellow to change them to silver. This is all done to accommodate the new parking structure behind Lawlor. Beware of the boot!!!
- C The students of 2007 will be getting a new student union when they enter campus. The shitty thing about this project is that it will cost the students \$96 million dollars to pay it off.

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