

# Coffin and Keys



*The Spring 2006 "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.



## *A Farewell to Opportunity*

You will most likely be reading this during my last week of finals as an undergraduate here at the University of Nevada. Over the past four years, I have been blessed to experience a great deal on this beautiful campus. I have been a part of what I would like to say are influential decisions and would regard myself as someone who has striven ardently to better our University, as well as myself. However, I find myself nervous for the upcoming years. There is tremendous opportunity in the near future for our campus, and I can only wait to see if there are men and women strong enough to take advantage of it. We are building The Joe Crowley Student Union, Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center, and The Math and Science Education Building, all within the next few years. Our athletic programs are prospering tremendously and receiving respect nationwide. We are fortunate enough to experience the transition of a new President during this crucial chapter in our history, and have the opportunity to make a great deal of difference with his support. Our Graduate programs are receiving more and more funding, and our medical school is expanding comfortably. The Clubs and Organizations on campus have never seen so much support, and the Programming Board so much money. Computer labs and libraries are expanding exponentially, and resources such as the Math Center, the Writing Center and the Thompson Tutoring Center are all ensuring student success. Keeping all of this in mind, I leave you with these simple questions. Next year, when you come back from a long drunken summer, will you better yourself and the campus you visit each day? Will you take advantage of these times, for both your own success and that of our University of Nevada? Run for a position within Student Government, join the Greek system or an Honors society, get involved with a club, go to "campus" bars, attend our sporting events, speak your mind, or just hang out on campus for God's sake. Unique Universities become what they are because of the students they have. Take advantage of this great time of expansion and growth and give our own University a prideful name and distinct reputation.

-Respectfully, XK Oompa



## *Champagne Sucks Less*

In an ASUN executive race that featured as little variety as a whore house in Ely, the President's election proved to be historic. Sadly, there were as many candidates in the primary as there were for the rest of the executive positions, but an incumbent and a judicial decision made the elections more attention-grabbing than DeMarshay Johnson's STD screen. Green's brilliant political maneuver to enter the race and Dirty Naughton's harassment techniques really left this one hanging till the bitter end. Congrats Mr. Champagne, but heed to your criticism this year. Nevada's first two-term President should be positioned to accomplish a lot for the STUDENTS. Here's C&K's to-do list:

- Coddle the new President's jewels: We need Dr. Glick to quickly gain the support of the students and faculty to lead us in this era of growth
- Make Flipside campus-wide: Programming can survive Fruity-face's plague, but it needs the nurturing of all of the ASUN
- Find additional external funds for Safe Ride so drunken assholes will stop driving home
- Follow through: This past year has seen a lot of projects get thrown into the air, let's hope you can accomplish a majority of them.



## *Blank Checks Bounce HARD*

The past year has proved to have a plethora of fuck-ups and failures for the ASUN Programming board. Its claim to cultural enlightenment and appeal to every student has provided us with such stunning events as a root beer tasting and the recent crap rap show in front of the JTSU. Aspiringly, the board planned some significantly large events such as a Fall Out Boy concert and Dane Cook, only to be embarrassingly turned down like a midget on a rollercoaster. Even better, without those events, Flipside managed to squander roughly \$125,000 this past year to hit the red for the last month of school. What a waste of time and money. There are a few things the new Programming Board needs to do. First, budget your money and don't fucking lie to the Senate. Pretending everything is "cool" all year and leaving the next VP in the hole is F-U-C-K, fucked. Not to mention, there was no money left to fully fund the longest standing tradition on this campus, Mackay Week. Second, focus your events. Flipside is not a chance for programmers to grab some money and resources and put together a pocket pool tournament for their close friends. Stop making chocolate pussies and start motivating the students. Stop playing just-the-tip with the politically correct events and start supporting tradition. While Naughton's "one-sy is fun-sy" policy is nice and happy, there are 16,000 students waiting to get involved, one student for one event is not enough. Cut out 100 of your shit-brick little events and make a true Homecoming. Third, stop blubbering and lying to Senate and the students about your events and shortcomings. If 22 of the students' representatives believe what your doing is not in the best interest of the campus, chances are they're on to something. So don't show up with a sob story about how much time you put into it or how much fun its going to be, just find out what students want and DO IT. This year's board has their work cut out for them. We hope the next estrogen filled VP is better than the last (she can at least truthfully fall back on that).



## *A Far Cry From Athens*

The UNR Greek system has always had critics. Many lost faith in the Greeks after the 2002 Pike incident at Manzanita Lake. Many others lost faith when a member of Sigma Nu produced hundreds of fake IDs to distribute to the under-age population. It has been a long time since publicity was actually in favor of the Greeks.

The first thing to point out is the lack of accountability coming from the Greek presidents. Internally, Matt Johnson may be doing a decent job within the walls of SAE. Two years ago they were one of the strongest houses on campus, but today, they are absent at Greek events and lack any credible voice in IFC. Coffin and Keys wants you to succeed, to show up and prove you give a damn about the Greek system as a whole. As for TKE, holding up the rear every semester academically doesn't cut it. Between chucking bottles into the street and torching the ozone layer with your sofa-smoke signals, find some time to hit the books. Their far-too-quiet neighbor Lambda Chi has made strides to help the University by promoting the SafeRide program. Nothing like disguising that rapist wit with some community service, huh boys? The petty alley war still rages between Sigma Nu and Sig Ep, but recently more and more of their members have been seen kissing and making up. Pi Kappa Phi looks to make a great contribution as a formally recognized fraternity next year, and we wish them the best in not becoming wallflowers like Phi Delt and Delta Chi.

Many people speculate that the Greeks are being phased out by the UNR administration and most do not care what happens; however, the longest traditions at UNR originated from Greek houses. In recent UNR elections we have seen most ASUN officers come from Greek organizations. We have seen them raise tens of thousands of dollars for charities in the name of this University. In the past, there have been problems with finding both a solid Greek advisor and an administration that establishes any interest in the system. The current Greek advisor, Cairn Lindloff, has undoubtedly been an answer to many chapters' prayers. Some may argue that she is evil and part of the plan to get rid of the Fraternities and Sororities at UNR. We see it differently. Cairn has done an outstanding job to bridge the gap between administration and individual houses. There are many chapters on probation because of last year's Rush Parties (see Spring newsletter article *Peeping Sally Morgan*), but Cairn has done what she can to ensure these houses are not removed (with past advisors, the probations may have been overlooked and the houses would be wiped out at UNR). The Greek leadership seems to be strong, with people who care about Greeks sticking around. Cairn Lindloff is one of these people.

The solution is as easy as the complacency presidents seem to live by. Good luck to you Greeks, you may be leading the campus as figureheads, but your drunken debauchery is only matched by your disrespect for your positions...but you're still leading!



## *Lex knows sex, she's fucked more guys than you can fit in a Rolodex?*

According to the CDC, premarital sex declined by 35 percent this past semester, which was directly proportional to the number of times Alexis Gray's sex column appeared in the Sagebrush. Lex knows sex? Nope, 'cause Lex never has sex. Her columns make abstinence seem cooler than one dollar coronas at the Break. Even hormone enraged freshmen stopped masturbating.

After criticizing other sex columns in her first article for their inability

*Goofy, Oompa, Wormser, The Apprentice, J. Sherman, Lamar, Queso, RIV, Sleeping Beauty, WWJCD, Quail Boy, Moose, ALF, Flamenco, Nibbs Picard, Patroclus, Premie.com*

to provide information, she goes on to write that "chocolate is an aphrodisiac," and "girls love flowers." In other breaking news, girls love puppies and money too. Even middle school virgins know more than that about sex. She spends one week summing up historical seductresses in what looks like her Core Humanities homework and another week talking about something called "foreplay." Too bad the one topic that some students at this school would have read, a "how-to" on giving head, was near the end of April, and was written like a true porn star - after everyone had already quit reading her column. At least last year, we learned a new vocabulary word each week.

Our advice to the undergrads is to listen to Loveline when you are getting ready to go to Rumbullion's on Tuesday nights. Maybe next year we'll have a better sex columnist; Kehoe from Reno might learn how to write by then. Alexis, hopefully the undergraduates have enough experience to know how ridiculous your advice has been. And, if nothing else, we have learned one thing: If you can actually get some play, then there is hope for every undergrad on campus.



## *In memory of a great man*

On April 11th, the University of Nevada lost a great educator. On a campus where the core curriculum is loathed by many, those who took Geography 103 from Dr. Christopher Exline were fortunate enough to experience one of the least painful University core classes Nevada had to offer.

Dr. Exline cared. In a day when tenured professors do little more than lecture in monotone, Dr. Exline found a way to make one of the most boring subjects on the south end of campus amusing. He also had a great love for the campus on the hill and expressed it through his works. His 25 years of service as a faculty member were well spent with 16 years as a department head, and 20 years as the Faculty Athletics Representative to the NCAA. He advised students beyond the classroom because he believed in a sound education. The men of Coffin and Keys would like to thank Dr. Christopher Exline for his service to the University of Nevada and commission faculty to have the same passion for their jobs. Your spirit is irreplaceable, Dr. Exline.



## *Grades*

A+ University Honor Roll congratulations to Sarah Ragsdale and Carly Sweder for your contributions to the University of Nevada

A+ To Duke Lacrosse for making the UNR football team look like parolees

A/D To Nick Fazekas you've done a great job at our University, but you might want to eat an Awful Awful...or TEN THOUSAND of them before going to the NBA!

A To David Shacter and Thomas Gennaro for having two more national titles than the Nevada basketball team.

B+ To the return of the Greek Times, it was ok, but good luck trying to match our endless knowledge, tremendous wit, and all-knowing intellect!

D For STDs because Goofy has more than James Bond

A+ To Building and Grounds for being all-around good guys!

C For the Hale-Bopp Jesus freaks, for making our University look like a Scientologist recruiting party gone wild! Go drink your Kool-aid somewhere else!

C- To XK Noah for letting all those poor sheep die in the great flood of 2006, where was your ark for that one, dipshit

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