

# Party hails ends to fun at Stardust

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For the past three and a half years, an informal business and social networking party was held every Tuesday at the Lounge at the Stardust Hotel and Casino. For over one year, producer, promoter and entertainer Smooth C has sponsored it with his Internet SmoothC108.com radio program, which he started when popular V108-FM changed format to alternative music.

For the network party, there was no cover charge, no dues, no fees or cost other than food and drink, with the opportunity to mix and mingle. With the upcoming implosion of the Stardust, the last party there was held this week.

Old and new friends came to say goodbye to their old stomping grounds. Over 200 people were crowded in at 6 p.m. and more spilled out into the nearly deserted casino. Even the few tourists who didn't know what was

going on stopped by to enjoy the music and fun.

The music was like a Motown revival with performances Julius, Sho-Tyme, Bobby Rose, Next Movement, Rhythm Nation, Klass 1, Foxy 4 U, In A Fect, Micki Murphy, Robert Carter, Ané and others.

Marilyn McCoy has been attending for over three years and she said it "was the mix and mingle. You meet everyone, and everything is fun and light and happy. There was no cover charge, and we all made a lot of long-lasting friendships."

McCoy is looking forward to going to the new location. "It is the same crowd, the same venue, and it's old school," she said.

She said that when the Stardust is imploded, "there is a lot of history that is going to be lost."

It was the first time for Phil Flowers, who attended because 30 years ago, he and his father, Phil Flowers Sr.,

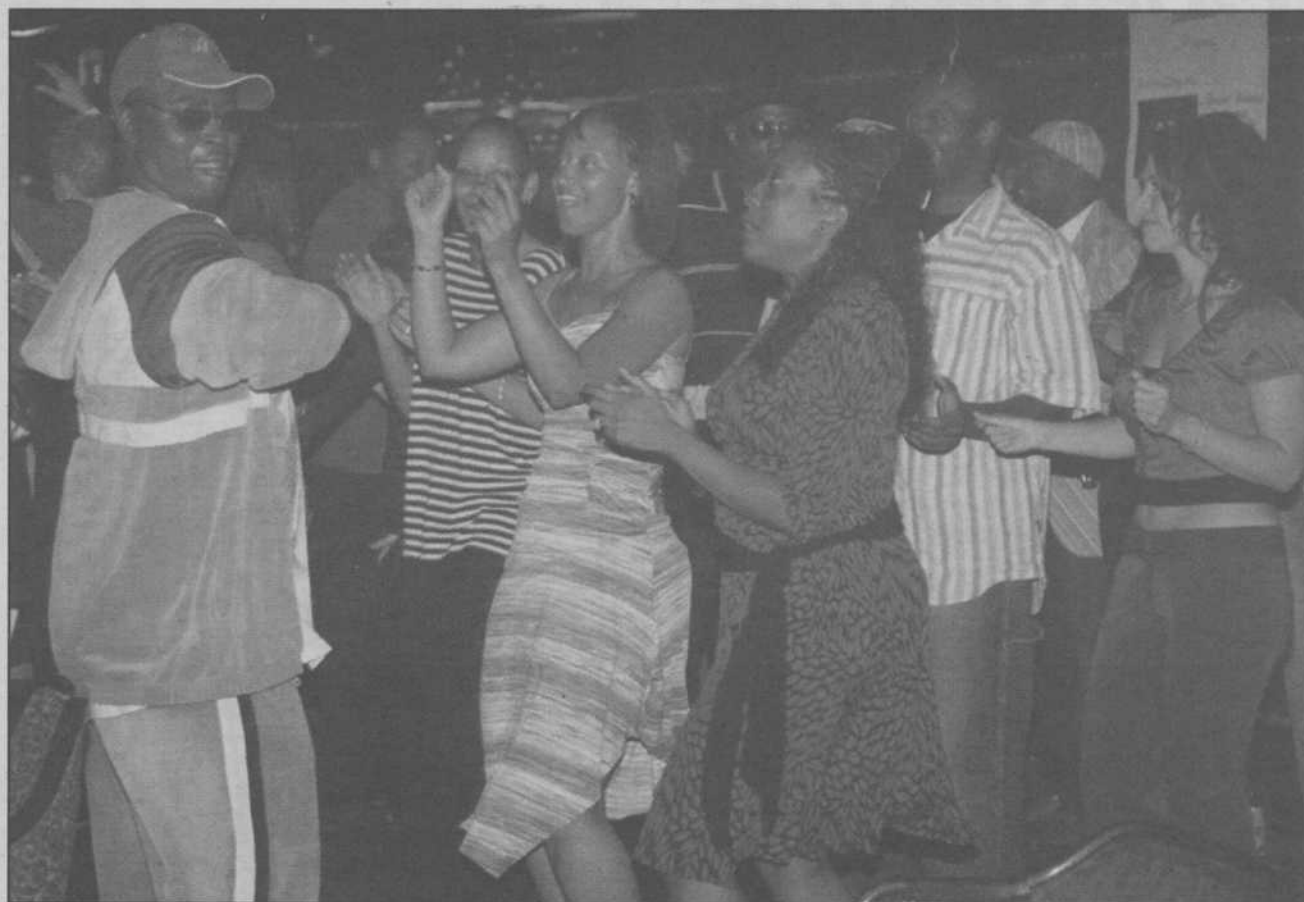


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**Last party: Folks get their boogie on. The Stardust will close on Nov. 1, to be replaced by the \$4 billion Echelon Place.**

performed in Las Vegas. He said, "I couldn't let it close without seeing it, and I want to see more of this."

Another longtime supporter who was there to celebrate the group's last night at the Stardust was Tyna Nelson Miller. She was afraid that she would no longer have anything to do on a Tuesday night and, when told of the new venue, said: "I am thrilled that there is another place we can go to for the same thing. I get relaxation and a lot of connections."

Radio personality Amie Jo, host of "Corner 4 Success," remarked, "I feel like this is an end of an era, and there is some sadness. I know it will continue, and I am seeing so many friends here tonight. It is a very awesome feeling when people are brought together and we can

see all of the faces we know. I can't wait for the resurgence and see everything happen all over again."

Smooth C is moving the party to the University Patio Bar and Grill, 4725 S. Mary-

land Parkway, near the university's main campus, beginning this Tuesday, coinciding with Nevada Day and Halloween. He is part owner of the establishment, and he said he is "looking

forward to continuing the Tuesday night mix and mingle, with rotating bands, food and drink."

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Radio personality Smooth C, left, listens as Stardust vice president of marketing Jim Seagrave addresses the crowd. (Below) Klass 1 performs, along with other entertainers.



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