



## Guide to the Las Vegas Astronomical Society Records

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
<b>Creator:</b>	Las Vegas Astronomical Society
<b>Contributor:</b>	Fletcher, David
<b>Title:</b>	Las Vegas Astronomical Society Records
<b>ID:</b>	MS-00480
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1981-2003
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.23 Cubic Feet (1 box)
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.21 Linear Feet
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	The Las Vegas Astronomical Society Records (1981-2003) focus on the early history of the Society. The collection contains membership information, descriptions of the organization's founding by both its first director and first president, a copy of the Society's newsletter from 2003, and color slides from 1981 and 1982 that document the Society's early activities.

### Preferred Citation

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## Historical Background

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The Las Vegas Astronomical Society (LVAS) began at the suggestion of University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) professor Dr. Ed Grayzeck in 1980. Dr. Grayzeck had organized several community-based events for the UNLV Astronomy Department and wanted to see them continue. UNLV students David Fletcher and Sharon Parker organized this amateur astronomy club and became its first President and Vice-President, respectively. As of 2015 the LVAS has continued to grow and operate.

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## Scope and Content Note

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## Arrangement

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## Administrative Information

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### Access Note

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### Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 2004 by David Fletcher in two separate donations; accession numbers 2004-08 and 2004-82.

### Processing Information

Materials were processed by Special Collections Staff in 2004. In 2015, as part of a legacy finding aid conversion project, Franklin Howard revised and enhanced the collection description to

bring it into compliance with current professional standards. In 2017 Joyce Moore edited the content and uploaded it to ArchivesSpace.

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## Names and Subjects

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- photographs
- Community organization -- Nevada -- 20th century
- Amateur astronomy

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## Collection Inventory

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Title/Description	Containers
Contact list of UNLV faculty and students involved in creating the Las Vegas Astronomical Society, 2003 December	box 01
Letter from Dr. Ed Grayzeck that briefly details the formation of the Las Vegas Astronomical Society, 1994 August 24	box 01
Essay: "Forming the Las Vegas Astronomical Society" by David Fletcher, undated	box 01
Las Vegas Astronomical Society newsletter, 2003 December	box 01
Color slides of early Las Vegas Astronomical Society activities, 1981-1982 Physical Description: 52 Photographic Slides	box 01