



Guide to the Jon E. Cobain Papers

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Cobain, Jon Eric
Title:	Jon E. Cobain Papers
ID:	MS-01105
Date [inclusive]:	1963 to 2009
Physical Description:	151 Digital Files (0.254 GB) JPG, PDF/A
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Jon E. Cobain Papers (1963-2009) contains material representing Cobain's experience as the first official graduate of Nevada Southern University (later University of Nevada, Las Vegas) in 1964. Materials include photographs of Cobain and his family, a scrapbook from his 1964 graduation day, newsletters, a copy of <i>Beau's Bits Handbook</i> , personal correspondence, and his diploma. This collection is comprised exclusively of digital surrogates.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Jon Eric Cobain is the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV)'s first graduate. As senior class president, he walked across the stage first, thus, becoming the first to receive a degree from UNLV (Nevada Southern University at the time). Cobain grew up in Las Vegas, Nevada where his father, an ironworker, built their home from the ground up. After receiving a business degree from UNLV, Cobain attended Northwestern for graduate studies where he worked in a number of international locations. Particularly, his work in Venezuela proved invaluable for future business connections, skill building, and learning other cultures and the importance of building international relationships. A native Las Vegan, Cobain is dedicated to the success of the city. In

2022, Cobain started a dollar-for-dollar matching program for the Jon Cobain Lee Business School up to \$2.3 million dollars.

Source:

Jon Cobain oral history interview, 2022 March 04. OH-03863. [Cite format consulted: Audio recording or Transcript.] Oral History Research Center, Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada. <http://n2t.net/ark:/62930/f1w76v>

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Arrangement

Materials remain as they were received.

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Administrative Information

Access Note

Collection is open for research.

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Acquisition Note

In 2022, Jon E. Cobain donated digital surrogates, but retained the original items; accession number 2022-069.

Processing Note

In 2022, Aaron Mayes digitized the material as a scan-and-return and created preservation masters and access copies of the digital files. Aaron Mayes wrote the collection inventory description, Sarah Jones entered it into ArchivesSpace and wrote the front matter.

Existence and Location of Originals

This collection is comprised exclusively of digital surrogates. The donor retained the original items.

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Related Materials

Related Collections

The following resource may provide additional information related to the materials in this collection:

Jon Cobain oral history interview, 2022 March 04. OH-03863. [Cite format consulted: Audio recording or Transcript.] Oral History Research Center, Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada. <http://n2t.net/ark:/62930/f1w76v>

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Names and Subjects

- black-and-white photographs
- Diplomas
- Commencement ceremonies
- Nevada Southern University -- History
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas -- History

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
Jon E. Cobain: photographs, proof sheet, and correspondence between Cobain and unknown photographer, 1979 (MS-01105_001) (view online)	digital file 00
Jon E. Cobain headshot photographs, approximately 1970 to 1979 (MS-01105_002) (view online)	digital file 00
Jon E. Cobain Nevada Southern University graduation scrapbook, 1964 June 03 (MS-01105_003) (view online)	digital file 00
"Beau's Bits" Nevada Southern University Student Handbook, approximately 1963 to 1964 (MS-01105_004) (view online)	digital file 00
Nevada Southern University diploma conferred to Jon Eric Cobain (the first graduate of NSU, later UNLV), 1964 June 03 (MS-01105_005) (view online)	digital file 00
Nevada Southern First Annual Commencement program, 1964 June 03 (MS-01105_006) (view online)	digital file 00
UNLV Alumni Association lifetime membership letter, 1995 (MS-01105_007) (view online)	digital file 00
"UNLV to honor 1964 grad" <i>Las Vegas Sun</i> newspaper article, 1997 September 17 (MS-01105_008) (view online)	digital file 00
UNLV Foundation letter and photograph showing Jon Cobain, Bill Paulos, and Bill Wortman holding framed certificates of achievement (identified from left to right), 2009 December 02 (MS-01105_009) (view online)	digital file 00
Invitation to attend UNLV Homecoming football game to Cobain from President Carol C. Harter, 2005 (MS-01105_010) (view online)	digital file 00
Letter from UNLV President Carol C. Harter to Jon and Ruth Cobain, 2005 October 12 (MS-01105_011) (view online)	digital file 00
Letter from UNLV President Carol C. Harter to Jon Cobain, 2006 May 18 (MS-01105_012) (view online)	digital file 00
Handwritten thank you card to Jon Cobain, 2005 September 22 (MS-01105_013) (view online)	digital file 00
Handwritten card to Jon Cobain, approximately 2005 (MS-01105_014) (view online)	digital file 00
Thank you card to Jon Cobain and Judy from his mother, approximately 2005 (MS-01105_015) (view online)	digital file 00
"UNLV launches fundraising campaign" article from the <i>Las Vegas Review-Journal</i> , 2005 September 22 (MS-01105_016) (view online)	digital file 00
John S. Wright Hall rededication: newspaper clipping, approximately 2005 (MS-01105_017) (view online)	digital file 00
"UNLV renews legacy of history teacher Wright": newspaper clipping, 2005 April 22 (MS-01105_018) (view online)	

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UNLV Alumni Journal, volume 11, number 5, 1984 (MS-01105_019) ([view online](#))

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Cobain family photographs, approximately 1963 to 1989 (MS-01105_020) ([view online](#))

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