



Guide to the Nevada Southern Campus Fund Collection

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Nevada Southern Campus Fund Committee
Title:	Nevada Southern Campus Fund Collection
ID:	UA-00144
Date:	1955
Physical Description:	0.66 Cubic Feet (1 oversized box)
Physical Description:	1.35 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Nevada Southern Campus Fund Collection (1955) consists of the Nevada Southern University Book of Donors. This oversized scrapbook contains the names of local businesses, politicians, and Las Vegans who donated over \$50 to the Nevada Southern Campus Fund in 1955. Nevada Southern University later became the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV). Some names include Elks Lodge, Rotary Club of Las Vegas, and Junior League of Las Vegas.

Preferred Citation

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Historical Background

In spring of 1955, local business and political leaders established the Campus Fund Committee to help raise \$135,000 for the Nevada Southern, later the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) campus. The goal was to collect far and above the \$35,000 required by the state to fund additional supplies and equipment. The committee announced the plans and promised to include the names of anyone who contributed \$50 or more in a special donor book. Some of the earliest names that

appear in the book include the Elks Lodge, Soroptomists, Rotary Club of Las Vegas, Las Vegas Service League, and others.

The committee also tried other ways of fundraising, including a telecast on KLRJ-TV and KLAS-TV on May 24, 1955, door-to-door campaigns, and all-night radio broadcasts, but the committee still fell short of the \$135,000 goal. Eventually, they raised \$50,000 which allowed the purchase of 20 additional acres and guaranteed state funding for the school's first building.

Source:

Moehring, Eugene P. (2007). *The University of Nevada, Las Vegas: a history*. University of Nevada Press.

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Arrangement

Material remains as it was received.

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Administrative Information

Access Note

Collection is open for research.

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Acquisition Note

Materials were periodically collected by the University Libraries Special Collections and Archives; accession number 2023-081.

Processing Note

In 2023, Sarah Jones rehoued the collection and described the collection, entered the data into ArchivesSpace, and wrote the front matter description. Preservation Lab staff created a custom box for the scrapbook.

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Related Materials

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

Nevada Southern University Land Foundation Collection, 1961-1972. UA-00095. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada. <http://n2t.net/ark:/62930/f1s444>

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Names and Subjects

- Fund raising
- College campuses
- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Nevada Southern University
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas -- History

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
Nevada Southern University Book of Donors, 1955	oversized box 01