

Guide to the Cave Nightclub Records

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Summary Information

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| Repository: | University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives. |
| Contributor: | Uehling, Ed |
| Creator: | Cave Nightclub (Las Vegas, Nev.) |
| Contributor: | Tinana, Marlon |
| Title: | Cave Nightclub Records |
| ID: | MS-00519 |
| Date [inclusive]: | 1992-1994 |
| Physical Description: | 1 Linear Feet (1 box) |
| Language of the Material: | English |
| Abstract: | The Cave Nightclub Records (1992-1994) are comprised of materials generated during the planning and construction of the Cave Nightclub in Las Vegas, Nevada. It opened in 1992 as a straight nightclub. It changed ownership in 1993, and reopened on September 3, 1993 as a gay nightclub and closed early in 1995. The collection contains policy documents, building plans, and promotional and publicity materials, as well as artifacts, including waiter uniforms from the nightclub. |

Preferred Citation

Cave Nightclub Records, 1992-1994. MS-00519. Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Historical Background

The Cave Nightclub opened as a straight club at 5740 West Charelston in Las Vegas, Nevada in July 1992. The club had a caveman theme with novelty cocktails and an interior that resembled a cave. The club closed in 1993.

In 1993, Jim Long and Carl Fenske, the new owners of the club, hired Ed Uehling and Marlon Tinana as managers to transform The Cave into a gay nightclub. Tinana and Uehling had experience in managing Gipsy, a popular gay nightclub in Las Vegas, and also owned a gay bookstore, Get Booked.

The new club opened the weekend of September 3-5, 1993 and became popular. Despite early success the club had financial, personnel, and other problems. Marlon Tinana left The Cave on January 1, 1994. The club closed early in 1995.

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Scope and Contents Note

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Arrangement

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Administrative Information

Access Note

Collection is open for research.

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 2006 by Dennis McBride; accession number 2006-22.

Processing Note

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Revision Description

The finding aid was revised and enhanced by Angela Moor to bring it into compliance with current professional standards. June 2015

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Related Materials

Related Collections

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

Uehling, Ed. Interview, 2000 March 14. OH-01855. Oral History Research Center, Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Names and Subjects

- Gay businessmen
- Gay clubs -- Nevada -- Las Vegas -- 20th century

Collection Inventory

| Title/Description | Containers |
|--|------------|
| Coupons, fliers, business cards, menu cards, 1992-1993 | box 01 |
| Inspections, 1992 | box 01 |
| Lease, 1992 | box 01 |
| Facility plans by Lee Linton, architect, 1992 | box 01 |
| Cash register programming instructions, undated | box 01 |
| List of newspaper mentions, 1993-1994 | box 01 |

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| Advertising cards, coupons, undated | box 01 |
| Membership cards, membership information, undated | box 01 |
| Advertising designs and proofs, undated | box 01 |
| Advertising poster, undated | box 01 |
| Advertising proposals, undated | box 01 |
| Advertising and mentions in publications, 1993-1994 | box 01 |
| Entertainment, undated | box 01 |
| Entertainment: DJ, Gerald "Jerry" Somma, receipts, set lists, time sheets, 1993 | box 01 |
| Entertainment: contract with Pussy Tourette for performances, 1993 | box 01 |
| Fliers, event calendars, ephemera, undated | box 01 |
| Party stickers, undated | box 01 |
| Facility: drawings and plans, undated | box 01 |
| Facility: bids and inspections, 1993 | box 01 |
| Electrical system, 1993 | box 01 |
| Lighting, undated | box 01 |
| Drawing of electrical system, 1993 | box 01 |
| Menu plans, undated | box 01 |
| Sound system, undated | box 01 |
| Receipts, statements, 1993-1994 | box 01 |
| Marketing plans, 1993 | box 01 |
| Contacts, undated | box 01 |
| Restricted employee files, 1993-1994 | box 01 |
| Restricted: Folder is restricted to protect personally identifiable information. | |
| Operation forms, floppy disk, undated | box 01 |
| Physical Description: 1 Floppy Disks | |
| Nevada Gaming Commission hearing transcript, 1993 January 18 | box 01 |
| Grand opening materials, 1993 | box 01 |
| Liquor orders, 1993 | box 01 |
| Policies and procedures, undated | box 01 |
| Security issues, 1993 | box 01 |
| Waiter uniforms, undated | box 01 |
| Pussy Tourette, Hi-Fi, audiocassette, 1993 | box 01 |

Physical Description: 1 Audio Cassettes

Pussy Tourette, French Bitch, videocassette, 1993

box 01

Physical Description: 1 VHS Tapes

Souvenir keychain from grand opening, 1993

box 01

The Cave Spec Spot, advertisement, audiocassette, undated

box 01

Physical Description: 1 Audio Cassettes