Finding Aid for the Gertrude's Silver Eighth Note Cafe records
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Abstract: In the fall of 1975, a group of women opened Gertrude's Silver Eighth Note Cafe in Eugene, Oregon with the idea of supporting a Women's Center. The restaurant functioned as a collective without designating a manager or hierarchical structure and food was purposely priced inexpensively. This collection contains correspondence, publicity materials, notebooks, and other materials related to the general history, operation, finances, and eventual dissolution of Gertrude's Silver Eighth Note Cafe.
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Processing History
Sponsor
The June L. Mazer Lesbian Archive at UCLA is an outreach and collection-building partnership between the June L. Mazer Lesbian Archives, the UCLA Center for the Study of Women (CSW), and the UCLA Library. These collections expand the pool of primary source materials available to researchers and to the community at large. This partnership was initiated by CSW and is funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) to inventory, organize, preserve, and digitize more than eighty Mazer collections pertaining to lesbian and feminist activism and writings.
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Biography/History
In the fall of 1975, a group of women opened Gertrude's Silver Eighth Note Cafe in Eugene, Oregon with the idea of supporting a Women's Center. The restaurant functioned as a collective without designating a manager or boss and food was purposely priced inexpensively. Gertrude's Cafe often offered activities in the visual and performing arts, including music performances, poetry readings, and art exhibitions. In 1976, a radical left group was invited to buy the building where Gertrude's rented, but the two groups never reached a lease agreement and Gertrude's was evicted. Approximately a year later, a group containing original supporters and new supporters opened a second restaurant. It did not survive financially and a year later was sold, becoming The Wild Iris Cafe (also defunct).
Scope and Content
This collection contains correspondence, publicity materials, notebooks, and other materials related to the general history, operation, finances, and eventual dissolution of Gertrude's Silver Eighth Note Cafe.
Organization and Arrangement
Folders arranged by type and approximate chronological order.

**Subjects and Indexing Terms**
Gertrude's Silver Eighth Note Cafe. -- Archives
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Restaurants--Oregon--Eugene--Archives.
Women-owned business enterprises--Oregon--Eugene--Archives.

Box 1, Folder 1  General history circa 1975-1984
Scope and Contents note
Contains volunteer lists, news clippings about Gertrude's cafe, information sheets.

Box 1, Folder 2  Fundraising and financial information 1975 September - 1978 February
Scope and Contents note
Contains financial proposals, balance statements and grant work.

Box 1, Folder 3  Publicity materials 1975 December - 1977 December
Scope and Contents note
Contains flyers, posters, press releases and calendars of events.

Box 1, Folder 4  Communications notebook 1 1975 October-December
Scope and Contents note
Contains notebook pages logging events, concerns, plans, announcements and other related information specific to Gertrude's Cafe.

Box 1, Folder 5  Communications notebook 2 1975 February - 1978 January
Box 1, Folder 6  Communications notebook 3 1976
Box 1, Folder 7  Communications notebook 4 1977
Box 1, Folder 8  Communications notebook 5 1977
Box 1, Folder 9  Communications notebook 6 1977
Box 1, Folder 10  Communications notebook 7 1977
Box 1, Folder 11  Communications notebook 8 1978
Box 1, Folder 12  Communications notebook 9 1978-1979
Box 1, Folder 13  Communications notebook 10 undated
Box 1, Folder 14  Eugene Women's Building 1976
Scope and Contents note
Contains a Eugene Women's Building contact list, Women's Building meeting minutes, proposed bylaws and correspondences.

Box 1, Folder 15  Eviction documents 1975-1976
Scope and Contents note
Contains information related to Gertrude Cafe's eviction, including community letters of support and news clippings.

Box 1, Folder 16  "Rima Oddessa: A Story from the Seventies" 1979
Scope and Contents note
Contains "Rima Oddessa: A Story From The Seventies," by Tymess Seagull dedicated to Adrienne Lauby, one of the founders of Gertrude's Silver Eighth Note Cafe.
Box 1, Folder 17 Closure materials 1979-1980
Scope and Contents note
Contains materials related to Gertrude's Cafe closure, including dissolution documents and legal correspondence.