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**Guide to Eugene Vocational School / Eugene  
Technical Vocational School Records  
1938 – 1965  
A-031**

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**Collection Number:** A-031

**Creator:** Eugene Vocational School / Eugene Technical-Vocational School

**Title:** Eugene Vocational School / Eugene Technical-Vocational School Records

**Dates:** 1938 – 1965

**Quantity:** 8 document boxes (4.0 cubic feet)

**Summary:** Eugene Vocational School (1938-1959) and Eugene Technical-Vocational School (1959-1965) were the predecessors of Lane Community College. The records include historical narratives, reports, publications, curriculum records, advisory committee records, school catalogs, and photographs.

**Location of Collection:** Lane Community College Archives, Center Building

**Administrative History:**

Eugene Vocational School (EVS), 1938-1959, and Eugene Technical-Vocational School (ETVS), 1959-1965, are the predecessors of Lane Community College.

In response to the high unemployment during the Great Depression, Eugene Vocational School was established in 1938 to provide manual education and training to high school students and unemployed adults. It was a cooperative venture between Eugene School District #4 and the State Department for Vocational Education. The new vocational school held its first classes on February 1, 1938, in the original Geary School at Fourth and Madison in Eugene.

Lillian Van Loan was hired as the first full-time teacher and became the school's first director. In March 1938, over 300 students showed up for the first night-time classes. By fall 1938, 22 full and part-time teachers were on the staff of EVS.

Eugene Vocational School responded to the need for skilled workers during World War II and then made a successful transition to peacetime after 1945. In 1947, the radio station KRVM signed on as the first educational FM station in the northwest. In the 1950s the Licensed Practical Nursing Program, the Electrical Engineering Technician Program, and community-oriented adult education classes were added to the curriculum.

In 1958, the name of the school was changed to Eugene Technical-Vocational School, reflecting the addition of more technologically oriented courses. In 1960, new facilities at 200 North Monroe replaced the old Geary School building.

Local educational leaders recognized the need to expand ETVS into a regional institution that would better serve the diverse needs of the wider community. Following the October 1964 election, Lane Community College was founded and ETVS was folded into the new community college which opened for classes in 1965.

Directors: Lillian Van Loan, 1938-1944; Dale Perry, 1944-1945; LeRoy Erdmann, 1945-1949; W.W. (Bill) Cox, 1949-1964.

**Content Description:**

The Eugene Vocational School / Eugene Technical-Vocational School Records are an incomplete collection of records about the two schools which were the predecessors to Lane Community College.

School catalogs and class schedules exist from only 1961-1964. There is a fairly complete selection of minutes for the EVS and ETVS Advisory Committee, 1951-1964; however, the advisory committees for various vocational programs are incomplete. The Subject Files contain records of KRVM, the educational television station, 1961-1963; and records of the accidental death of Aircraft Mechanics student Bobby Davis in 1954.

The photographs are mainly of the construction of an addition to the school in 1959 and the Aviation Mechanics program. Also included are photographs used to illustrate "Fourth and Madison: A History of the Eugene Vocational School, 1938-1965," a history of the school by David Butler.

In addition to "Fourth and Madison," there are several other manuscripts about the history of EVS and the radio station, KRVM, and plans and studies examining the establishment of a vocational school in 1939.

The records were originally accessioned as 1992-051, 2000-023.

**Related Collection:** The Lane County Historical Museum may have additional records for the EVS and ETVS.

**Arrangement:**

- Series A: History: 1938-1965
- Series B: Publications: 1961-1965
- Series C: Advisory Committee Records: 1951-1964
- Series D: Subject Files: 1938-1965
- Series E: Photographs: undated, circa 1940-1950
- Series F: Scrapbooks: 1943-1958
- Series G: Contact Sheets and Negatives, 1955-1962

**Subjects:**

Davis, Bobby

Eugene Vocational School (Eugene, Or.)  
Eugene Technical-Vocational School (Or.)  
Eugene Technical-Vocational School. Aviation Mechanics  
Eugene Technical-Vocational School. Advisory Committees  
KRVM-FM  
KRVM-TV  
Vocational education. Oregon  
Technical education. Oregon  
Community colleges. Oregon  
Eugene Vocational School, Eugene, Or.  
Eugene Technical-Vocational School, Eugene, Or.

**Alternative Forms Available:**

Repository maintains guide to collection on an in-house database. A guide to the collection is also available on the repository's website.

**Administrative Information:**

**Restrictions on Access:** This collection is open for research.

**Restrictions on Use:** None

**Preferred Citation:** Eugene Vocational School / Eugene Technical Vocational School Records, 1938-1965 (A-031), Lane Community College Archives, Eugene, Oregon

**Custodial History:** Administrative transfer.

**Processing Note:** Inventoried by Michael Ridderbush, 1992; arrangement and description completed by Elizabeth Uhlig, 2000.

**CONTAINER LIST****Series A: History: 1938-1965**

This series contains records that document the history of the Eugene Technical-Vocational School, including plans and studies for its establishment.

*Title, date, box/folder*

History of Eugene Vocational School, 1938-1960, 1/1

History of Radio Station KRVM, 1953, 1/2

History and Budget, miscellaneous, 1/3

Plan for the Eugene Vocational School, 1938, 1/4

Study of the Eugene, Oregon Area to Determine the Advisability of Establishing a Vocational School, 1939, 1/5

"Fourth and Madison: A History of the Eugene Vocational School, 1938-1965" by David Butler, 1976, 1/6

**Series B: Publications: 1961-1965**

This series contains catalogs and class schedules for the Eugene Technical-Vocational School.

ETVS - Catalog - Occupational Preparatory Curriculums, 1962, 1/7-9  
ETVS - Catalog - Draft, 1962-1963, 1/10-11  
ETVS - Catalog, 1962-1963, 1/12  
ETVS - Catalog, 1963-1964, 1/13  
ETVS - Catalog, 1964-1965, 1/14  
ETVS - Class Schedule, 1961-1962, 1/15  
ETVS - Class Schedule, 1962-1963, 2/1-3  
ETVS - Class Schedule/Instructors' Schedules, 1963-1964, 2/4-5

### **Series C: Advisory Committee Records: 1951-1964**

This series contains the correspondence, agendas and minutes of the EVS and ETVS advisory committees and the advisory committees for various programs.

EVS - Advisory Committee, Agendas & Minutes, 1951-1955, 2/6  
EVS - Advisory Committee, Agendas & Minutes, 1956-1958, 2/7  
ETVS - Advisory Committee, Agendas & Minutes, 1959-1962, 2/8  
ETVS - Advisory Committee, Agendas & Minutes, 1963, 2/9  
ETVS - Advisory Committee, Agendas & Minutes, 1964, 2/10  
Automotive/Mechanics Advisory Committee, 1958-1963, 3/1  
Carpentry & Cabinet Making Advisory Committee, 1963, 3/2  
Dental Assistant Advisory Committee, 1963-1964, 3/3  
Electronic Technician Advisory Committee, 1959-1960, 3/4  
Forestry Aid Advisory Committee, 1963-1964, 3/5  
Industrial Electronics Advisory Committee, 1961, 3/6  
Practical Nurses Advisory Committee, 1957-1960, 3/7  
Practical Nurses Advisory Committee, 1957-1961, 3/8  
Radio Trade Advisory Committee, 1955, 3/9  
Supervisory Training Advisory Committee, 1960-1962, 3/10  
Tire Vulcanizers and Retreaders Program, 1957, 3/11

### **Series D: Subject Files: 1938-1965**

This series contains files for KRVM, the educational television station, placement reports, and the student handbook.

Airframe & Powerplant Department - Bobby Davis Accident, 1954, 3/12  
Associated Students, Minutes, 1962-1965, 3/13  
Commencement, 1965; Nursing Capping Ceremony, 1962-1963, 3/14  
KRVM, Educational Television, Correspondence & Minutes, 1961- 1962, 3/15  
KRVM, Educational Television, Budget, 1962-1963, 3/16  
KRVM, 1961-1963, 3/17  
KRVM, Permit Application, 1961, 3/18  
Placement Reports, A-B, 1948-1958, 3/19

Placement Reports, C-P, 1948-1958, 3/20  
Placement Reports, R, 1948-1958, 4/1  
Placement Reports, R-W, 1948-1958, 4/2  
Placement Reports, 1959-1965, 4/3  
Programs & Brochures, 1939-1940, 4/4  
Departmental Annual Reports, 1962, 4/5  
Student Handbook, c.1938-1939, 4/6

### **Series E: Photographs: undated, circa 1940-1950**

This series contains photographs depicting the Aviation Mechanics department, photographs used in the publication, "Fourth and Madison," and staff photos.

Aviation Mechanics – Aircraft, 4/7  
Aviation Mechanics - Class Portraits, 4/8  
Aviation Mechanics – Shop, 4/9-12  
Aviation Mechanics - Miscellaneous Negatives, 4/13  
Construction, 1959, 4/14  
ETVS - "Fourth and Madison", 4/15  
ETVS - Staff, 1940s, 4/16

### **Series F: Scrapbooks: 1943-1958**

This series contains two scrapbooks containing newspaper clippings.

EVS - Scrapbooks of News Clippings, 1943-1956, 1946-1958, Box 5

### **Series G: Negatives and Contact Sheets: 1954–1962**

This series contains negatives and contact sheets depicting classes and activities of the Eugene Vocational School and Eugene Technical-Vocational School.

Contact Sheets, Box 6

Negatives, Box 7  
EVS, General  
ETVS, New Building  
EVS, Administration, Family, Faculty  
EVS, Catalog, Promotion, Registration  
EVS, Graduation  
EVS, Creative Design  
EVS, Dressmaking  
EVS, Domestic Science  
EVS, Electronics  
EVS, Miscellaneous, Programs, Classes

Negatives, Box 8  
EVS, Photography  
EVS, Radio Operations  
EVS, Radio Services  
EVS, Welding  
EVS, Woodworking  
EVS, Miscellaneous