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## Guide to the Davis Allen Photographs, 1917-1921

### Title

Davis Allen Photographs (P 261)

### Dates

circa 1917-1921 (inclusive)

### Creator

Allen, Davis John, b. 1898

### Summary

The Davis Allen Photographs consists of photographs taken by Davis Allen while he was a student at Oregon Agricultural College between 1917 and 1921 depicting student activities and college buildings.

### Quantity

0.02 cubic foot, including 28 photographs (1 box)

### Restrictions on Access

Collection is open for research.

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## Biographical Note

Davis John Allen attended Oregon Agricultural College in 1917/1918 and 1918/1919 as a vocational student in agriculture; in 1919/20 as a special student; and in 1920/21 as a freshman. He was awarded a vocational certificate in June 1918. Allen was born in Rickreall, Oregon, on December 11, 1898 and entered OAC from Corvallis High School. As of 1925, he was living in Rickreall.

## Content Description

The Davis Allen Photographs were made by alumnus Davis Allen during his student years at Oregon Agricultural College. The images primarily depict campus views and annual rituals such as the homecoming bonfire, "burning of the green," the bag rush, the rook-sophomore tug-of-war over the millrace, and the queue for fall class registration. Notable campus scene include the Lady of the Fountain, the new Library building (now Kidder Hall), the bandstand in the Library quadrangle, and standing water on lower campus. A few of the images depict off-campus scenes such as the Marys River Dam and a view of the college and surrounding farms from atop a nearby hill.

## Preferred Citation

Davis Allen Photographs (P 261), Oregon State University Archives, Corvallis, Oregon.

## Custodial History

The collection consists of duplicate prints made by the Polk County Historical Society from a photograph album loaned to the Society by Ellen Allen.

## Subjects

This collection is indexed under the following headings in the OSU Libraries Catalog. Researchers desiring materials about related topics, persons, or places should search the catalog (<http://oasis.oregonstate.edu>) using these headings.

## Organizations

Oregon Agricultural College--Students.

## Topics

College buildings--Oregon--Corvallis.

College students--Oregon--Corvallis.

Student activities--Oregon--Corvallis.

## Geographical Names

Corvallis (Or.)

Marys River (Or.)

## Forms of Materials in the Collection

Photographic prints.