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Abstract

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Collector

Loudoun County Historical Society

Physical Characteristics

Less than 0.33 cubic feet.

Repository

Thomas Balch Library

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions

Collection open for research.

Use Restrictions

No physical characteristics affect use of this material.

Acquisition Information

Loudoun County Historical Society

Processing Information

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Other Finding Aid

None

Technical Requirements

None

Historical Information

Loudoun Community College was founded in 1949 by the Reverend Monroe Bush, Jr. (1933-2008) a former minister at Leesburg Presbyterian Church. Bush, who felt that the county needed a junior college, served as the College's first President from 1950 - 1952. The first classes were held at 101 West Market Street in Leesburg. The college focused on serving adult students and offered courses in merchandising, agriculture,

banking, literature, science, politics, pedagogy, music, and painting. Teacher education classes were also offered with course credit offered through a partnership with George Washington University. The college also received University of Virginia accreditation after 1954. Along with offering classes, the college was also noted for art exhibitions included an exhibition of works of American Art on loan from the Corcoran Art Gallery and regular shows exposing county residents to contemporary artists such as Douglas Brown (1899-1952) and Ben L. "Joe" Summerford (1924- 2008).

Throughout its existence, the college struggled to attract students and stay financially viable. On July 2, 1956, Edward E. Nichols, Jr. (1920-2007), chairman of the Board of Trustees, announced suspension of all activity, effectively closing the college. The Board gave the imminent establishment of a branch of the University of Virginia in the area as a reason for their action.

Scope and Content

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Arrangement

Folder: Item

Contents List

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Folder 2: Art Exhibitions and Artists

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Folder 3: vc_0076_001 Photograph, Loudoun Community College building, January 1956