Center for Science and Technology  
1928 – 1987

Location: Cabinet L, Shelf 3

Quantity: 1 cubic foot

Access: Open for research

Date Processed: August 2014

Arrangement: The CST collection is arranged chronologically.

Historical Note: The building that houses SCCC’s Center for Science and Technology (CST), located at 60 Washington Avenue, was given to the college by General Electric in 1986. The building used to house the one of the world’s first television stations, WRGB Schenectady, from 1928 until the early 1980s. WRGB broadcast the first live drama on television, *The Queen’s Messenger*, on September 11, 1928. The building also was home to the Edison Club, which was a social club for some of the Schenectady area’s most talented engineers and scientists.

Scope and Content Note: The collection contains news stories relating to the first television broadcasts from local and national newspapers, and published materials pertaining to the history of WRGB in the area. It contains photographs of WRGB’s programming from the 1940s and copies of television manuals written by General Electric. There are also copies of materials which relate to the history of the Edison Club. In regards to SCCC’s acquisition of the property, there are photographs of the construction which converted the building into classroom space, as well as local news reporting on the opening of the new Center for Science and Technology. Also included are programs and a speech from the ribbon cutting ceremony in 1987, and materials from a library display relating to the CST from that same year.

Box and Folder List:

Box 1:
- Folder 1: “Television at WRGB, General Electric Company” N.D. *copy of original
- Folder 2: “General Electric Visual Education Operation” N.D. *copy of original
- Folder 3: WRGB Timeline N.D.
- Folder 4: History of WRGB 1928-1999
- Folder 5: WRGB Photos 1928, 1944-1945
- Folder 6: Edison Club Photos 1914-1987 *copies of original materials; date range from originals
- Folder 7: Public Relations Dept. Science and Technology Center File 1986-1987
- Folder 8: CST in the News 1986-87
- Folder 10: Press Releases 1987
- Folder 11: CST Ribbon Cutting Ceremony 1987
- Folder 12: CST Display Materials 1987