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**Abstract**

Hope College class of 1924; Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1974. Correspondence, addresses, outlines, policy statements, and other materials relating to Van Eenenaam’s tenure as Dean of Women (1963-1968). Photographs include governors of Michigan addressed to her husband, State Senator Gordon Van Eenenaam and include Wilber M. Brucker (1931-1932), William A. Comstock (1933-1934), Frank Fitzgerald (1935-1936, 1939), Fred W. Green (1927-1930), Murray Van Wagoner (1941-1942), and G. Mennen Williams (1949-1960).

**Accession No:** H88-1019  
**Provenance:** Isla (Pruim) Van Eenenaam  
**Donor:** Isla (Pruim) Van Eenenaam  
**Photographs:** 7 images in box and oversize  
**Processed by:** Larry J. Wagenaar, 1990  
Geoffrey D. Reynolds, August 1998

**Biography**

Born Isla Gladys Pruim on November 17, 1902, in Zeeland, Michigan, to Evert J. Pruim and Alyda Everhard Pruim. She attended Zeeland Public Schools and graduated from there in 1920. She later graduated from Hope College with an A. B. degree in 1924 and later attended graduate courses at Kalamazoo Normal College (Western Michigan University). After graduation, she became an instructor of music and art at Zeeland Public Schools from 1924 until 1928. In August 1928, she married Gordon Van Eenenaam, who served as a State Senator (1929-1937) and worked as a lawyer in Muskegon, Michigan. In 1960, after Gordon’s death, she returned to her alma mater and assumed the position of House Director of Voorhees Hall at Hope College until 1963. At that time, she became the Dean of Women in the fall of 1963 and held this position until her retirement in 1968. In 1974, she received the Distinguished Alumnus Award for her dedication to and love for Hope College.

Isla Van Eenenaam passed away on August 1, 2009, in Holland, Michigan.

**Scope and Content**

Collection contains correspondence, addresses, outlines, policy statements, and other materials relating to Van Eenenaam’s tenure as Dean of Women (1963-1968). These papers cover issues relating to the change in social attitudes at Hope including restrictions on women students, smoking, alcohol, and dress regulations. The collection is arranged alphabetically by topic.

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