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Abstract

Hope College class of 1918; professor of chemistry at Hope College, 1923-1964. Personnel file (**RESTRICTED**), photographs, glass slides, lecture notes, speeches, research proposals, recommendations (**RESTRICTED**), and journal articles.

Accession No.: H88-0183
Provenance: Gerrit Van Zyl
Donor: Information Unavailable
Photographs: 276 images (98 photos, 86 negatives and 92 slides in Boxes 3-5)
Processed by: Rebecca A. O'Shesky, February 1992

Biography

Gerrit Van Zyl received his A.B. from Hope College in 1918, and his M.S. (1921) and his Ph.D. (1924) from the University of Michigan. In 1952, he received an honorary Sc.D. from Hamlin University. Van Zyl joined the faculty of Hope College in 1923 as a professor of chemistry. He was an active member in the American Chemical Society, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the Society of Sigma Xi (National Honorary), Phi Lambda Upsilon (National Chemical), and Gamma Alpha (University of Michigan Chapter). In 1955, Van Zyl received the Scientific Apparatus Makers Award in Chemical Education. In 1957, he was elected to a Fellowship in the New York Academy of Science, and in 1962 he was named one of the six outstanding college chemistry teachers in the U.S. He retired from Hope College in 1964. In 1967, Gerrit Van Zyl passed away, leaving a wife and four children.

Scope and Content

The Gerrit Van Zyl Papers include materials from his tenure as a chemistry professor at Hope College. The collection is arranged alphabetically by topical heading with the exception of the photographs, which are located at the end. Please note that Van Zyl's personnel file is **RESTRICTED**. Of special interest is a proposal for a three-year institutional grant to improve quality of instruction in the physics and chemistry departments at Hope College. A large part of the collection consists of photographs of chemistry majors, which are arranged by year. The articles are arranged alphabetically by the title and reflect his areas of research.

Container List

Box 1

Articles, 1924-1966
Correspondence, 1947-1962
Hope College

Science Graduates, 1938-1963
Hope's Record in the Sciences, n.d., 1946-1955
Lecture Notes
Amino Acids, n.d. (3 folders)

Box 2

Lecture Notes (cont.)
Antibiotics, n.d. (2 folders)
Epoxies, n.d.
Recent Advances, n.d.
Unidentified, n.d.
Lecture Note Cards, n.d.
News Clippings and News Releases, 1952-1967
Personnel File, 1923-1968 (**RESTRICTED**)
Proposal, Grant for the Physicist and Chemical Department, 1962
Recommendations, 1955-1959 (**RESTRICTED**)
Speeches, n.d., 1951
Professional Club, 1951
Tribute to Van Zyl, n.d.

Box 3

Photographs
Van Zyl, Gerrit, n.d. (11 images)
Chemistry Majors
1942 (1 image)
Richard Edward Van Strein
1948 (5 images)
Owen Koeppe
Unidentified
1949 (2 images)
Hinkamp
Bob Vander Laan
1951 (7 images)
Harold Bylsma
E. Reinold Fett
Paul Holkboer
Earl Huyser
Edward Koile
Eldon Richardson
Gordon Sterken
1952 (2 images)
Gordon Sterken
Eugene Jekel
1953 (4 images)

Robert Burrows
Robert Moolenaar
Hans Veenning
John Zack

n.d. (9 images)

Donald Brunstetter
David Crichton
Bill De Meester
Estella Mae Kamps
Russell J. Kraay
Paul R. Kromann
Carl Schooftener
Clayton Van Heel
Bernie Yurash

Unidentified (23 images)

Chemists' Teacher Award, n.d. (3 images, including photograph with Calvin
Vander Werf)

Groups

Identified, 1947, 1954 (4 images)

Science Faculty, 1947 (1 image)

Van Zyl, Robert Schut, Robert Langenburg, 1954 (1 image)

Van Zyl, Robert Schut, John Zack, Henry Tan, and Robert Langenburg,
n.d. (1 image)

Unidentified, n.d. (12 images)

Laboratories, n.d. (6 images)

Students in Laboratories, n.d. (6 images)

Wyoming Lectures, n.d. (86 negatives)

Box 4

Glass Slides (39 images)

Box 5

Glass Slides (cont.) (21 large images, 22 small images)

Printing Blocks of Chemical Bonds (10 images)

Oversized (see oversized cabinet)

State of Michigan Resolution, Michigan Senate, Senate Resolution No. 100, Resolution
of Commendation to Doctor Gerrit Van Zyl of Hope College, 1964