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**INDIANA NOW
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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 18 manuscript boxes, 1 oversize box, and 11 audio tapes

COLLECTION DATES: Inclusive, 1960; Bulk, 1972-1986

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OTHER FINDING AIDS: None

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HQ 1101 .I6 --Indiana NOW News; Indiana NOW Reports (folio); Indiana N.O.W.
HQ 1101 .N38 --NOW Newsletter; NOW Knews

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NOTES: This is an open collection to which periodic additions are made. SC 2033 was incorporated into M 0583.

HISTORICAL SKETCH

The National Organization for Women (NOW) was founded in 1966 in an effort to combat discrimination against and to promote equality for women in all aspects of American society. Composed of both men and women, NOW took active stands on legislation prohibiting gender-based discrimination in politics and the work place, promoting child-care centers and reproductive freedom. NOW unsuccessfully fought for the ratification of the equal rights amendment and supported the 1973 Supreme Court decision on Roe v. Wade, legalizing abortion. The Indianapolis NOW chapter was formed in 1972, and in conjunction with the national organization, fought for these issues at the state level as well.

Sources:

Encyclopedia Americana (1980 International Edition), p. 765.

Information obtained from materials in the collection.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Indiana NOW is an open collection and has been processed in artificial series to accommodate continuing additions. Series I includes four groups of material accessioned between 1987 and 1995. Series II contains material accessioned and added to the collection in 1995. There may be some overlapping between information in the different series.

Series I, 1960-1993, is arranged chronologically and contained in fifteen manuscript boxes. Among the items are correspondence between members and other groups, state conference minutes and budget materials, and state and national legislative contacts. Also contained are NOW By-Laws and membership lists, specific campaign information, news releases and publicity, mobilization meetings and marches, and special events. Also included are newspaper clippings, articles, brochures, correspondence, and miscellaneous materials regarding ERA, abortion, child care, women and health, poverty, family life and education, women and the judicial system, women in the military, and women in the legislative process. Many Indianapolis NOW publications which came with the collection are catalogued with Printed Collections and the collection's photographs are stored in Visual Collections. There are two audio tapes from the 1982 NOW National Convention.

The bulk of the material contained in Series II deals with the ERA and what NOW did to support it. There is also information dealing with NOW's Political Action Committee (PAC) and other issues such as abortion and employment. Information on national conferences, eight audio tapes of various events including radio talk shows, political debates, and the 1992 National NOW convention, and artifacts are also included in the collection.

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- 10: Phone Log--December, 1981-1982
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7: "A Proposal to Establish Connorsville, Indiana as a Historical Journalism Site", Nancy Hale; "Constitution of the State of Indiana" article

8: Abortion Rights Speak-Out, 1985

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10: Leslie Wolfe--Civil Rights Restoration Act 1985

11: National Action, 1985

12: Eleanor Smeal Letters and Addresses, 1985

13: Original Typed Copies, 1985

14: Abortion--January 22, 1985

15: Roe v. Wade, Thirteenth Anniversary, 1985

16: Rehnquist Nomination, 1986

17: Kentucky Commission on Women, 1986

18: Sue Errington Campaign, 1986

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- 20: Legal Rights Guide (National)
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- 4: Correspondence and Membership, n.d.
- 5: National NOW Conference Booklets, 1982
- 6: NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund Annual Report, 1975, 1981
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- 3: Pro-Choice March 19 November 1989
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- 9: PAC Reports, 1976-1977
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5: Letter writing information, 1976-1977, n.d.

6: Phone Bank, 1979-1980

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10: House and Senate Members, 1983

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16: Ronald Reagan, 1983-1984

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18: Elections Committee, 1984

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21: Legislative Newsletters

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24: (CT) Audio Cassettes, 1982-1992

Paul Harvey on ERA, 30 April 1982, CT 0775

Ferraro-Bush debate, 1984, CT 0776

The Long Hot Summer: Contragate and Bork, Ellie Smeal, 1987, CT 0777

Indiana State Conference; Ellie Smeal on Running Women; Bork Roast, Moderator: L. Maghern, 1987, CT 0778

Pat Schroeder, Plenary Session, Indianapolis, 31 July 1987, CT 0779

NOW-1992 Conference, Health Issues Under Government Attack, Linda Joplin, CT 080

NOW-51 Plenary III; Robin Morgan, Keynote; Molly Yard, President, n.d. (2 tapes), CT 0781-0782

25 Artifacts, 1977-1983

2 identification tags for the 1983 National NOW Conference belonging to Mary L. Till

1 orange t-shirt, "Indiana Rally for ERA, January 9th, 1977

2 balloons (green and white) "The Last Walk"

1 gold colored "ERA" pin

1 "ERA YES" green sticker

1 "ERA YES" green button

1 identification pin "Mary Till, Indiana NOW, Associate Coordinator";

1 nickel and silver "ERA" bracelet, engraved "Indiana 1-18-77";

1 "ERA YES" paper flag

1 green sash with an "ERA YES" sticker on it

1 yellow sash "Equality for Women, Indiana, 1-18-77"

3 white sashes "March for Women's Lives"

2 gold sashes "ERA Countdown Campaign"

3 gold sashes "National ERA March '80"

1 yellow sash "National ERA March '78"

1 purple sash "lcw '82 'may the task force be with you'"

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