INDIANA NOW

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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ALTERNATE FORMATS:

RELATED HOLDINGS: Newsletters and other Indiana NOW Publications are catalogued in Printed Collections:
HQ 1101 .I6 --Indiana NOW News; Indiana NOW Reports (folio);
Indiana N.O.W.
HQ 1101 .N38 --NOW Newsletter; NOW Knews


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

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

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

1 gold colored "ERA" pin  
Artifacts

1 "ERA YES" green sticker  
Artifacts

1 "ERA YES" green button  
Artifacts

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

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

1 "ERA YES" paper flag  
Artifacts

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

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

3 white sashes "March for Women's Lives"  
Artifacts

2 gold sashes "ERA Countdown Campaign"  
Artifacts

3 gold sashes "National ERA March '80"  
Artifacts

1 yellow sash "National ERA March '78" 1 purple sash  
Artifacts

"l cw '82 'may the task force be with you"  
Artifacts