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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


RESTRICTIONS: None

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ALTERNATE FORMATS: None

OTHER FINDING AIDS: None

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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SERIES I

BOX 1: Correspondence, Newspaper Clippings, ERA, Abortion, Day-Care Issues, 1960-1976

FOLDER

1: Women Workers, 1960-1970

2: NOW Brochures and Statement of Purpose, 1966


4: Women's Library, 1969

5: Magazine and Newspaper Articles, 1969-1970

6: Angela Davis, 1970

7: Vietnam Materials, 1970

8: Miscellaneous Newspaper Clippings, 1970 (Madison, Wisconsin)

9: Letters Concerning Birth Control and Fertility, Early 1970s


11: Aging, 1971

12: Rape, 1971

13: Miscellaneous, 1971

14: Newspaper Clippings, Magazine Articles, Comics, 1971-1972

15: Divorced Mothers, 1971-1972

16: Correspondence--Indiana Coordinator, 1971-1973

17: Correspondence, 1971-1973

18: Indianapolis Women's Liberation, 1971-1973

19: Day-Care, 1972
20: State Notices--Rona Ginsberg, 1972-1975
21: Miscellaneous, 1972-1976
22: League of Women Voters and Miscellaneous, 1972
23: Slop Art Article, 1972
24: ERA Clippings and Material, 1973
25: 1973 State Conference
26: Correspondence 1973
27: (CT 0784) WICMA: Scott Heide-NOW 27 Mar 1972

BOX 2: Correspondence, Regional Chapters, ERA, Finances, 1973-1981
FOLDER
2: Correspondence, 1973-1974
3: Miscellaneous, 1973-1974
4: Muncie NOW Chapter 1973-1975
5: Regional NOW, 1973, 1976
7: Programs in Adult Education, 1974
8: Convening Materials, 1974-1975
9: Marriage, 1975
10: State Coordinator Correspondence, 1975-1976
11: NOW By-Laws, 1976
12: Correspondence, 1976
13: ERA, 1976
14: ERA Newspaper Clippings, 1976-1977
15: ERA, 1976-1978, Scrapbooks 1976-1977 (see also OMB 0026, folders 1-3)

16: Conference Material, 1976-1978

17: Budget Proposals, 1976-1980


**BOX 3: Lobby Material, Planning Calendar, and Miscellaneous, 1977-1983**

**FOLDER**

1: Planning Calendar, 1977

2: International Women's Year, 1977

3: Dues, Rebates, 1977-1979


5: Area I Program Information, 1978, 1983

6: ERA, 1978

7: Florida Lobby Material--ERA, 1978-1979


9: State House and Senate Background Sheets, 1979

10: Coalition Family Life Education, 1979-1980

11: Constituent Visit Reports, 1979-1981

12: State Legislative Contacts, 1979-1982

13: Literature Lists and Biographies, 1970s

14: ERA Materials, 1970s

**BOX 4: ERA and Miscellaneous Issues, 1970s**

**FOLDER**

1: ERA Publicity, 1970s

2: National Action, 1970s
3: Miscellaneous, 1970s
4: Employment Careers, 1970s
5: National Board, 1970s
6: Miscellaneous, 1970s
7: Workshops, 1970s
8: Newspaper Clippings, 1970s
9: Articles and Clippings, 1970s
10: Indiana Senate and House Bills
11: Socialist Reconstruction
12: Poor Women
13: Women and Health
14: Extended Families
15: General
16: Battle Hymn of Women
17: Anderson NOW Membership
18: Abortion, ERA, 1970s
19: ERA Congressional Campaign, 1970s
20: ERA Material, 1970s

**BOX 5: ERA, Black Women, and By-Laws, 1970s**

**FOLDER**

1: ERA Miscellaneous, 1970s
2: ERA Miscellaneous, 1970s
3: ERA Materials, 1970s
4: ERA Correspondence and Election Results, 1970s
5: ERA, 1970s

6: ERA Campaign Materials and Drawings, 1970s

7: Miscellaneous, 1970s

8: Women's Center, 1970s

9: Black Women, 1970s

10: By-Laws and Miscellaneous, 1970s

**BOX 6: Correspondence, Campaigns, and Miscellaneous Issues, 1970s-1981**

**FOLDER**

1: Articles of Interest, 1970s

2: Jill L. Chambers (personal), 1970s

3: Correspondence and Notes, 1970s

4: Literature on Current Political Trials, 1970s

5: Gay and Lesbian Rights, 1970s

6: Conference Materials, 1970s

7: Sex Discrimination Reports, By-Laws Committee and Conference Objectives, 1970s-1980s

8: Political Flyers, 1970s-1980s

9: Reproductive Rights, 1970s-1980s

10: Virginia Blankenbaker Campaign, 1980

11: 1980 Expenses

12: Fundraiser--Equal Rights of Spring 1980

13: Correspondence, 1980

BOX 7: Correspondence, Rebates, Expenses, Newspaper Clippings and Conferences, 1980-1982
FOLDER

1: Central Collection--Rebates from National, 1980-1982

2: Articles for State Newsletter and Newspaper Clippings, 1980-1982


4: Legislative Coordinator--Expenses, Reimbursements, 1981

5: Clippings--Abortion, ERA, 1981

6: Instructions, 1981

7: Correspondence, 1981

8: Women and Religion, 1981

9: By-Laws and Coordinators, 1981

10: Phone Log--December, 1981-1982

11: Officer Expenses, 1981-1982


13: ERA Expenses, 1982

14: Gender Gap, 1982

15: Legislative Mailings, 1982

16: 1982 Indiana State Election Results

17: Policy Manual--Administration, 1982


19: National Reimbursement, 1982

20: National Rebate, 1982

21: National NOW Conference, 1982
22: Membership, 1982

**BOX 8: Campaigns, Conferences, Leadership, Newspaper Clippings, 1982-1985**

**FOLDER**

1: State Conference, 1982

2: HLA, 1982

3: Congressional District Maps, 1982

4: Democratic and County Chairpersons, 1982-1983

5: Reproductive Rights, 1982-1983

6: Districts by Chapter, 1982-1984

7: State Council Minutes, 1982-1986

8: McCarty Campaign Graphics, 1983

9: Reproductive Rights--Publicity, 1983

10: National Women's Political Caucus, 1983

11: National Rebate and Reimbursement, 1983

12: NARAL Mock Convention, 1983

13: TEFRA, 1983

14: State NOW Business, 1983

15: State Conference Resolutions and Minutes, 1983-1984

16: ERA Material and Miscellaneous, 1983-1985


18: Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence, 1984

19: Regional NOW, 1984

20: Media--Public Relations Workshop, 1984

22: Newspaper Clippings, 1984-1985
23: National Board Minutes, 1984-1985
24: Indiana NOW Leadership, 1984-1985

BOX 9: Correspondence, Conferences, Minutes, Campaigns, 1984-1987

FOLDER

1: News Releases, 1984-1986
2: Newspaper Clippings, 1984-1986
3: Executive Committee Minutes, 1984-1986
4: State NOW Correspondence, 1984-1986
5: State Coordinator Correspondence, 1984-1986
6: Eleanor Smeal Report, 1984-1986
7: "A Proposal to Establish Connersville, Indiana as a Historical Journalism Site", Nancy Hale; "Constitution of the State of Indiana" article
8: Abortion Rights Speak-Out, 1985
9: Calendars, 1985
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
19: Great Lakes Region Conference, 1986
20: Legal Rights Guide (National)
21: Rebate Reimbursement, 1986
22: Legislative Committee and Internships, 1986
23: NOW Membership Application and Information 1986
25: Legislative Alerts, 1987

**BOX 10: Correspondence, Marches, Child-care and Labor Issues, 1988-1990**

**FOLDER**

1: Child-care Issues, 1988
2: Indiana Alliance for Better Child-care, 1988
3: Indiana Family Life Education Coalition, 1988
4: Minutes, etc., 1988-1990
5: Correspondence, 1988-1990
6: Coalition of Gender Based Discrimination, 1988-1990
7: Indianapolis March--November 19, 1989
8: Mobilization Meetings, 1989
9: Women and History
10: Labor, 1980s

**BOX 11: Correspondence, Labor, ERA, Abortion Issues, 1980s**

**FOLDER**

1: Labor, 1980s
2: Women's Farm Press--Joy Blair Correspondence, 1980s
3: NOW Events, 1980s, Resolution 1981 State Convention (see also OMB26, folder 4)
4: Democratic Women, 1980s
5: Abortion Issues, 1980s
6: Lobbying--Legislative Workshop, 1980s
7: Women--Democrat State Committee, 1980s
8: ERA Articles and Miscellaneous Materials, 1980s
9: Miscellaneous, 1980s
10: Correspondence, 1980s


FOLDER
1: Indiana Women's Political Caucus, 1980, part 1
2: Indiana Women's Political Caucus, 1980, part 2
3: Moral Majority and Other Right-Wing Groups, 1980s
4: Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, 1980s
5: Membership Rosters and Surveys, 1980s
6: Abortion Clippings, 1980s
7: Women in the Military, 1980s
8: Working Women, 1980s
9: Marches and Activities, 1980s
10: Miscellaneous, 1980s
11: Leadership Development
12: Ronald Reagan Play
13: Information on Bills and Government Representatives 1980s
14: Women and the Legislative Process--Fifth Annual Conference, 1990

FOLDER

1: "Chapter Action Handbook: Federal Revenue Sharing" Booklet


3: "Volunteerism: What Its All About" Booklet

4: Correspondence and Membership, n.d.

5: National NOW Conference Booklets, 1982


7: (PC) Indiana NOW Publications

8: (VC) Photographs of NOW Activities


10: Indiana NOW Newsletters and Publications, 1974-1985


12: Indianapolis Women's Liberation Newsletter, 1972

13: (CT 0773-0774) Audio Tapes of 1982 NOW National Convention


FOLDER

1: Indiana NOW Board Policies

2: Indiana NOW Board Minutes and Chapter Treasurers Report, 1987

3: Minutes/Agendas 1988-1989

4: NOW Indianapolis chapter Board of Directors Notebook, 1990-1992

5: Indiana NOW State Conference 18-20 September 1987
6: Indiana NOW State Conference 1989
7: Indiana NOW State Conference 1991
8: Indiana NOW State Conference 1992
9: Indiana NOW State Conference 1993
10: Great Lakes NOW Regional Conference 15-17 April 1988
11: Great Lakes NOW Regional Conference, 20th Anniversary, 1992
13: Legislative Districts 1989
14: Legislative Issues 1990-1991
15: Women and the Legislative Process Conference 1991
16: Legislative Information 1992
17: Susan B. Anthony Fundraising Dinner 1988
18: Susan B. Anthony Fundraising Dinner 1990


**FOLDER**

2: March for Women's Equality/Women's Lives 9 April 1989
3: Pro-Choice March 19 November 1989
4: Walkathon/PAC 1989
5: Senator Coats Picket/Positions 1989-1990
6: March in Washington D.C. 5 April 1992
7: Rally 26 July 1992
9: Indiana Pro-Choice Action League 1989
10: Program Corporation of America 1988
11: Volunteer Action Center of the United Way 1988
12: Other Women's Groups 1988-1989
13: Revised Membership Brochure 1989
14: Telephone Tree 1989-1990
15: Newsletter 1992
16: Newspaper articles about Abortion Issue and NOW, 1987-1993
17: (VC) Photographs and slides (51) color photographs (16) color slides and (48) color negatives of marches and parades
18: (ART) Political Buttons
20: (VC) 4 color photographs of an Indiana NOW March/Rally in Indianapolis. 1 color photograph of an unidentified NOW Activity

SERIES II


FOLDER CONTENTS

2: Minutes and supporting documentation, 1982-1985
3: Minutes and supporting documentation, 1984-1985
4: Political issue material, ca. 1970-1982
5: National NOW Conference, 1977
6: NOW National Conference, 1982
7: NOW National Conference, 1983
8: National Board, 1983
9: PAC Reports, 1976-1977
10: Guide to Political Action Committees, (PAC), 1982
11: PAC Correspondence, 1982-1983
13: PAC Treasurer's Reports, 1983-1984
14: NOW/PAC and the Mondale Campaign, n.d.


FOLDER

1: PAC Treasurer's Notebook, 1986-1989
2: Abortion Material, ca. 1971-1973
4: Insurance Discrimination, 1973
5: Minority Women's issues, ca. 1973
6: Women's Educational Equity Act, 1974
8: Pamphlets: ERA and other women's issues, ca. 1975-1976
9: ERA: Background Information, 1972-1976
10: ERA: Correspondence, 1971-1979
11: ERA Effort, 1972-1973
12: ERA: Legislative, 1972-1976
13: HERA (Hoosiers for the Equal Rights amendment, 1974 and n.d.)
16: ERA: Caravan, 1976
17: ERA: Caravan, n.d.


FOLDER

1: ERA: Counting Votes, 1977-1978
2: The Complete Text of the Equal Rights Amendment, 1980
3: The Last ERA Walk, 1981
4: Newspaper and magazine articles dealing with ERA and other women's issues, 1970-1977
6: Phone Bank, 1979-1980
7: Maps, 1981-1982
8: Elections, 1982
9: Democratic Women in the Running, 1982-1983
10: House and Senate Members, 1983
11: Membership Processing Manual, 1983
12: Endorsements, 1983
13: District Analysis, 1983
14: State Council meetings supporting documentation and Legislative information, 1983-1984
15: Volunteers and fundraising, 1983-1984
17: Association and Coordination, 1984
18: Elections Committee, 1984
19: Notebook of the Indiana NOW Vice-President, 1984-1985
20: Election and Conference rules, 1987
21: Legislative Newsletters
22: Women's suffrage, n.d.
23: Songs, chants, skits, and stickers
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-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"
CATALOGING INFORMATION

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