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Collection Summary

Collection Title: Maryjean Suelzle collection of National Organization for Women, Berkeley Chapter files
Date (inclusive): 1966-1974
Collection Number: BANC MSS 85/39 c
Creators: Maryjean Suelzle
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Linear feet: 3.95
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Abstract: Maryjean Suelzle's Collection of National Organization for Women (NOW), Berkeley Chapter Files contains correspondence, bylaws, organization information, meeting materials, conference and workshop materials, speeches, papers, notes, newsletters, brochures, flyers, posters, articles, and newscippings. The collection includes conference papers from "Women: Breaking the Shackles" compiled by Suelzle in preparation for publication.

Languages Represented: Collection materials are in English

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Associations, institutions, etc.--California--Berkeley--History--Sources
Women's rights--United States
Feminism--United States
Women--California--Societies and clubs
Suelzle, Maryjean
National Organization for Women. Berkeley Chapter
California National Organization for Women
National Organization for Women

Acquisition Information
The Maryjean Suelzle Collection of National Organization for Women, Berkeley Chapter Files was given to The Bancroft Library by Schlesinger Library (Radcliffe College) on October 4, 1984.

Accruals
No additions are expected.

Processing Information
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Maryjean Suelzle
Maryjean Suelzle was a founding member and first President of National Organization for Women, Berkeley Chapter from November 1969 to January 1971 and also served as National Board Member in 1972. She gave presentations and speeches on women's rights, participated in related professional activities, and wrote articles for the Berkeley NOW newsletter. Suelzle attended the University of California, Berkeley as a candidate in the Department of Sociology. She was also known as Marijean Suelzle.

National Organization for Women
The National Organization for Women (NOW) is the largest organization of feminist activists in the United States. NOW has 500,000 contributing members and 550 chapters in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

Since its founding in 1966, NOW's goal has been to take action to bring about equality for all women. NOW works to eliminate discrimination and harassment in the workplace, schools, the justice system, and all other sectors of society; secure abortion, birth control and reproductive rights for all women; end all forms of violence against women; eradicate racism, sexism and homophobia; and promote equality and justice in our society.

From NOW website:
http://www.now.org/organization/info.html

Scope and Content of Collection
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Series 1 NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN, BERKELEY CHAPTER 1967-1974

Physical Description: Carton 1, Folders 1-44, Oversize Folder 1A
Arrangement
Arranged hierarchically.
Scope and Content Note
Contains correspondence, bylaws, organization information, meeting minutes, President's remarks, activities, flyers, press releases, materials related to women's rights issues, newsletters, newsclippings, ephemera, and miscellany.

Correspondence
With Maryjean Suelzle Feb 1970 - Sep 1972
General Jan 1970 - Aug 1972

Bylaws undated

Organization information
Goals, literature packet, miscellany 1969-1970

Brochure layout undated
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NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN, BERKELEY CHAPTER 1967-1974

Carton 1, Folder 7 Membership 1970, 1972
Carton 1, Folder 8-11 Meetings Feb 1970 - May 1972
Carton 1, Folder 12 Outgoing President's remark undated

Activities
Women's Coalition meetings; San Francisco, California
Glide Church Sep 27, 1969
South Center Library Jan 10, 1970
Grace Cathedral Feb 7, 1970
Wonder Fair; Oakland, California Apr 7 - May 3, 1970
Council on Foundations, Inc. 21st Annual Conference May 19, 1970
August 26 Aug 1970
Candidate's Night, "Women's Legislative Goals for the 70s" Sep 30, 1970
Socialist Workers California Campaign Committee Sep-Nov 1970
Wright Institute Field Studies Program Sep 1970
Job Discrimination Coalition meeting Oct 17, 1970
Child Care March; University of California, Berkeley Nov 4, 1970
Flyers 1970-1971
Press releases and media contact 1970, undated

Women's rights materials
Affirmative action undated
Equal Rights Amendment 1970, 1972
Legislation 1970-1972
Hotel Leamington "gentlemen only" policy Apr 1970

Newsletters
Typescript drafts of articles 1970
Notes undated
Berkeley Chapter, Volume 1-5 1969-1974
Miscellaneous 1970-1973
Breakaway, Women's Studies course brochures 1970-1971

Newsclippings
Articles mentioning Maryjean Suelzle 1970-1971
Related to women's rights issues 1970-1972
Ephemera
- Small signs, tags, and stickers undated
- Bumper stickers

Micellany 1970

Series 2 CALIFORNIA NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN 1972
Physical Description: Carton 1, Folders 45-50
Arrangement
Arranged chronologically.
Scope and Content Note
Contains conference materials; correspondence, minute, rules, proposals, resolutions, reports, legislative information, programs, and directories.

Conferences
Sacramento (May 12-14, 1972)
- Planning information, programs, press releases Apr-May 1972
- Reports 1972
- Resolutions 1971-1972
- Legislative information 1971-1972
- Directories 1972
Fresno (Oct 20-22, 1972) 1972

Series 3 NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN, OTHER CHAPTERS 1970-1973
Physical Description: Carton 2, Folders 1-12; Oversize Folder 1A
Arrangement
Arranged alphabetically by California chapters, then alphabetically by national chapters.
Scope and Content Note
Contains correspondence, meeting minutes, reports, information sheets, press releases, posters, flyers, and newsletters.

California chapters
- Golden Gate undated
- Los Angeles 1970-1971
- Pomona Valley 1973
- San Francisco
  - Meeting minutes, organization information, announcements, flyers 1970-1971
  - Posters undated
- Newsletters 1969-1972
- San Mateo 1973
- South Bay Chapter (with 1 photograph of Wilma Scott Heide, National President, and 1 photograph of Janet Camagna, South Bay Chapter President) May 1972

National chapters
- Baton Rouge, Louisiana 1972
- Chicago, Illinois 1971-1972
- Queens, New York 1971
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Carton 2, Folder
12 Address lists undated

Series 4 NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN, REGIONAL 1970-1972

Physical Description: Carton 2, Folders 13-16
Arrangement
Arranged hierarchically.
Scope and Content Note
Contains correspondence, bylaws and resolutions, and conference materials.

Western Regional conferences
Eastern Regional conference program (Feb 12-13, 1972) 1972
Southern Regional bylaws and resolutions 1971

Series 5 NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN 1966, 1970-1973

Physical Description: Carton 2, Folders 17-40
Arrangement
Arranged hierarchically.
Scope and Content Note
Contains correspondence, statement of purpose, resolutions, organization information, meeting minutes, conference materials, press releases, newsletters, and miscellany.

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Board of Directors meetings
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Arrangement
Arranged hierarchically, then chronologically.

Scope and Content Note
Contains correspondence, writings, handwritten notecards, meeting minutes, organizations' information, articles, notes, announcements, posters, flyers, newsclippings, and miscellany.

**Writings**

- "California Senate Finance Committee Legalizes Male Chauvinism" 1970
- "The Status of Women in American Society" 1970

**Speeches and presentations**

- Alameda Junior College Apr 27, 1970
- Y-Wives (YWCA), Berkeley Apr 30, 1970
- "Beginning a NOW Chapter" May 25, 1970
- "The Oppressed Majority," San Leandro High School May 26, 1970
- "Women: The 51% Minority" Jun 24, 1970
- Introductions for NOW event Jun 24, 1970
- "Sex Roles and Personality," Edmonton, Canada Aug 13, 1970
- "A Women's Liberation Perspective on Women in Education," Delta Kappa Gamma, Beta Phi Chapter; San Mateo Oct 21, 1970
- Anti-War Coalition Rally, San Francisco
  Typescript for newsletter article and rally information Oct 1970
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   Handwritten notecards for speech Nov 21, 1970

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   Typescript and notes for newsletter article and announcements Nov 1970

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