



THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE ARCHIVES

NAME OF COLLECTION	Australian Union Of Students - Women's Department
ACCESSION NO	100/155; VWLLFA No.14
CATEGORY	Community and Political, organisations
ACTIVITY	Feminist collectives
DATE RANGE	1973-1984
SIZE OF COLLECTION	0.16 m (1 Archives box; posters)
HISTORICAL NOTE	<p>The proposal for a separate women's organisation within Australian Union of Students (AUS), including a salary for a full-time organiser plus campaign money, was ratified at a national meeting of the Women in Tertiary Education held in Canberra in November 1974. In January 1975 the AUS Women's Department was established to provide information, support and advocacy for women tertiary students and to address the oppression and liberation of women generally. The AUS Women's Department publication, <i>Women's News Service</i>, facilitated communication and provided a forum for discussion and dissemination of information and ideas on issues that affected both women students and women in the community. <i>WNS</i> content included articles based on AUS National Women's Conference papers, a bibliography of women's films, listings of publications available from the AUS Women's Department, short stories etcetera. Headed by prominent radical feminists, the AUS Women's Department was an effective and pro-active part of the WLM, particularly during the 1970s.</p> <p>This collection is No. 14 of the Victorian Women's Liberation and Lesbian Feminist Archive.</p>
DATE OF TRANSFER	12 October 2000
ACCESS CONDITIONS	Open

DESCRIPTION	Legislation; monographs; articles; leaflets; media releases; publications including 'Hecate', 'Feminist Therapists' Newsletter', 'Panacea: Journal of the Australian Medical Students' Association', 'Reproductive Rights Newsletter', 'WOONAC Newsletter', 'Refractory Girl', 'Rouge', 'Womanspeak', 'Working Papers', 'National U: Gay Lib Issue', 'Lesbian Oppression and Liberation', 'Women's Liberation Halfway House Collective: Aims, Structure and Policies'.
NOTE ON COLLECTION	Posters from this collection have been removed to separate storage and are detailed on a master list attached to the Victorian Women's Liberation and Lesbian Feminist Archive catalogue Registration Number 2010.0011. Please search this number for full details.
NOTE ON LISTING	Data converted from a FilemakerPro Database in 2008. Series and Item numbers follow the original numbering system established for the VWLLFA. For boxes, the Collection Number precedes the box number. For item identifiers, the Collection Number precedes a classification number and an item number.
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DATE	2008 and 2010

Box No	Series No	Description	Date
		Australian Union of Students - Women's Department	
1		Monographs Note: Biography at the front of the box	
	14/01	Legislation: AUS Women's Department, "United Nations Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women"	1979
	14/02	Newspaper Clippings: AUS Women's Department	1979
	14/03a/01	Publication: monograph, AUS Women's Department, <i>Faggots and Marxists</i> , The Arts Society, Sydney, New South Wales	1975
	14/03a/02	Publication: monograph, AUS Women's Department, <i>A Gay Bibliography</i> , Melbourne Gay Teachers Group, Melbourne, Victoria	1976
	14/03a/03	Publication: monograph, AUS Women's Department, <i>Women and Family Law</i> , New South Wales Women's Advisory Council, Sydney, New South Wales	1979
	14/03a/04	Publication: monograph, AUS Women's Department, <i>An Equal Voice</i> , National Women's Advisory Council, Canberra, Australian Capital Territory	1980
	14/03a/05	Publication: monograph, AUS Women's Department, <i>Women's Working Group Report</i> , University of Melbourne University Assembly, Melbourne, Victoria	1975
	14/03a/06	Publication: monograph, AUS Women's Department, <i>Equal Opportunity Forum</i> , Victorian Equal Opportunity Board and the Commissioner for Equal Opportunity, Melbourne, Victoria	1980-1982
		Periodicals	
	14/03b/01	Publication: periodical, AUS Women's Department, <i>Everything: Anarchist Feminist Magazine</i> , Sydney, New South Wales	1979
	14/03b/02	Publication: periodical, AUS Women's Department, <i>Hecate</i> , Brisbane, Queensland	1975-1978
	14/03b/03	Publication: periodical, medical, AUS Women's Department, <i>Feminist Therapists' Newsletter</i> , Adelaide, South Australia	1983
	14/03b/04	Publication: periodical, medical, AUS Women's Department, <i>Panacea: Journal of the Australian Medical Students' Association</i>	1981
	14/03b/05	Publication: periodical, medical, AUS Women's Department, <i>Reproductive Rights Newsletter</i> , Reproductive Rights Regional Network, Chicago, Illinois	1980
	14/03b/06	Publication: periodical, medical, AUS Women's Department, <i>WOONAC Newsletter</i> , Women's National Abortion Action Campaign, Wellington, New Zealand	1979
1	14/03b/07	Publication: periodical, miscellaneous, AUS Women's Department, <i>Ms Muffet</i> , Joint TTAV, VSTA & VTU Counter Sexism Project, Melbourne, Victoria	1979, 1980

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1	14/03b/08	Publication: periodical, miscellaneous, AUS Women's Department, <i>Perth Free Press: Feminist Issue</i> , Perth, Western Australia	1976
	14/03b/09	Publication: periodical, miscellaneous, AUS Women's Department, <i>Vashti</i> , Melbourne, Victoria	1978
	14/03b/10	Publication: periodical, AUS Women's Department, <i>Refractory Girl</i> , Sydney, New South Wales	1976, 1977
	14/03b/11	Publication: periodical, AUS Women's Department, <i>Rouge</i>	1979
	14/03b/12	Publication: periodical, AUS Women's Department, <i>Womanspeak</i> , Sydney, New South Wales	1979-1981
	14/03b/13	Publication: periodical, AUS Women's Department, <i>Working Papers in Sex, Science & Culture</i> , Sydney, New South Wales	1976
	14/03b/14	Publication: periodical, AUS Women's Department, <i>Working Papers</i> , Sydney, New South Wales	1977
	14/04	Posters: AUS Women's Department	
	14/05	Gay, Homosexual: articles pamphlets leaflets media release periodical, AUS Women's Department, <i>National U: Gay Lib Issue</i> , Australian Union of Students	1974-1979
	14/06/01	Lesbian: articles leaflets, National Homosexual Conference 1975 AUS Women's Department, 'Why Should We Work With You?', Laurie and Margaret	1975
	14/06/02	Lesbian: articles leaflets, AUS Women's Department, 'Lesbian Oppression and Liberation', Bebbington, Laurie and Clarke, Jocelyn, Melbourne, Victoria	Unknown
	14/06/03	Lesbian: articles leaflets, AUS Women's Department, 'Lesbian State', Johnston, Jill	Unknown
	14/06/04	Lesbian: articles leaflets, AUS Women's Department, 'Loving Another Woman', Anna Koedt	Unknown
	14/07	National Homosexual Conference: conference papers, AUS Women's Department, Melbourne, Victoria	1983
	14/08	Refuges: monograph, AUS Women's Department, 'Women's Liberation Halfway House Collective: Aims, Structure, and Policies', Melbourne, Victoria	1975
1	14/09	Women, miscellaneous: leaflets, graphics, articles, report, pamphlet, AUS Women's Department	1973-1978

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