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"Twenty Years of Working for Women's Rights" is the theme of a celebration being held by the Toledo Chapter of the National Organization for Women on Friday, Oct. 3, 6:30- 10 in the T section of the Student Union of the University of Toledo.

In October 1966 in Washington, the first N.O.W. conference was held to form its philosophy which included equal rights for women in the Constitution, maternity leave rights, a ban of sex discrimination in employment, reproductive freedom and child care centers. In the years that followed, N.O.W.'s successes have included both political and legal victories and an increased public education and awareness of women's issues.

"Over the past two decades N.O.W. members have worked on a national level to bring the concerns of women and the injustice of discrimination to the public's awareness," states Joyce Arend, local N.O.W. president. "The Toledo chapter, the oldest continuing chapter in Ohio, is very active and growing, especially around issues of sex discrimination in the workplace and reproductive freedom. After twenty years our commitment to N.O.W.'s original purpose remains the same and that is 'to bring women into full participation in the mainstream of American society'", she added.

The 20th anniversary celebration will include dancing, music by the women's group Spectrum (8:00) and remarks by longtime activists and a display of N.O.W. memorabilia.