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1804	First Ohio University Trustees named		of Women—to be chaired by Eleanor Roosevelt		the EEOC about inequities, and eventually receive salary adjustments
1809	First class—3 males—enters Ohio University	1962	OU positions of Dean of Women and Dean of Men are dissolved	1978	There are 275+ Women's Studies programs in the US
1833	Oberlin College becomes first coeducational college in US	1963	Betty Friedan's <i>The Feminine Mystique</i> is published	1978	There are 10 women's varsity sports at OU
1848	Seneca Falls NY women's convention	1963	Equal Pay Act	1979	Athens' first Take Back the Night March
1850	Women's rights convention in Salem, Ohio	1964	Civil Rights Act	1979	Wendy Weeden Devine ('74) is 1st female inducted into OU Athletic Hall of Fame
1851	Sojourner Truth gives her famous speech at Akron women's rights convention	1967	Women are eliminated from the OU Marching Band	1979	Athens Women's Collective protests at OU Founder's Day
1863	Emancipation Proclamation	1968	\$8 million Convocation Center is built with no facilities for female athletes	1979	Hilda Richards becomes OU's 1st female academic dean
1868	Margaret Boyd becomes OU's 1st female student	1969	Dozens of OU women stay out past curfew in protest of women's hours	1979	Women Studies Program begins at OU in a tiny office in Wilson Hall, budget of \$8,500, and Nancy Bain as director
1872	Ohioan Victoria Woodhull becomes the 1st woman candidate for US President	1969	Alicia Woodson is 1st black woman elected student body president	1979	OU begins remodeling Convo to accommodate female athletes
1873	Women's Temperance Crusade, Hillsboro, OH	1969	OU's African American Studies Dept. is established	1979	President Reagan proclaims National Women's History Week, to include International Women's Day on March 8
1875	There are 14 females enrolled at OU	1970	<i>Our Bodies, Ourselves</i> is published	1981	OU women begin to compete in the MAC
1878	Susan B. Anthony speaks in Athens	1971	Shirley Wimmer becomes OU's 1st female University Professor	1981	US Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor becomes the first woman on the Court
1883	Cynthia Weld becomes OU's 1st female professor	1971	Three women coaches of OU's women's teams protest their \$1,000 budget	1982	Equal Rights Amendment fails; Athens women stage a peaceful demonstration at the Athens County Courthouse
1889	Pi Beta Phi	1971	Athens mothers stage a "baby-in" to call attention to the need for child-care	1983	Women's Studies Program moves to Scott Quad
1896	Ohio University branch of YWCA formed	1972	OU's 1st daycare center opens with Julia Nehls ('50) as director	1985	OU's Graduate Women's Studies Certificate Program is approved
1899	90 women and 159 men enrolled at OU	1972	<i>MS. Magazine</i> begins publication	1986	Gladys Bailin becomes OU's 1st female Distinguished Professor
1907	Boyd Hall (Old) is built—OU's 1st building named for a woman	1972	End of OU women's curfews	1987	Women's History Week is expanded; March is Women's History Month
1911	US adopts International Women's Day—March 8	1972	<i>Report on the Status of Women at Ohio University</i> by Beverly J. Price ("Price Report") is issued	1988	Sara Hendricker becomes Athens' first female mayor
1913	Irma Voigt arrives in Athens on 31st birthday to begin as Dean of Women	1972	Higher Education Amendments including Title IX	1990	OU publishes the <i>Report on the Status of Women Survey</i> , compiled at OU women's request 15 years after the "Price Report"
1914	Margaret Sanger introduces the term "birth control"	1972	Some OU women march through the men's locker room—the only route to OU's only sauna	1992	There are 670+ Women's Studies programs in the US
1916	Martha Jane Hunley (Blackburn) becomes OU's first Black female graduate	1973	1st OU Women's Center opens in McGuffey Hall	1993	Ruth Bader Ginsburg becomes the second woman on the US Supreme Court
1919	18th Amendment—Prohibition	1973	There are eight women's varsity sports at OU	1993	Family and Medical Leave Act
1920	19th Amendment—Women Suffrage	1973	OU women's sauna opens	1994	University and community women lobby OU to honor Susan B. Anthony's 1878 visit to Athens by erecting a plaque on Memorial Auditorium
1920	Women's Bureau formed in the US Department of Labor	1973	All-male US Supreme Court makes <i>Roe v. Wade</i> decision	1995	Equity in Athletics Disclosure Act (EADA) requires some schools to report sports participation, funding, etc. by sex
1921	Women's Athletic Association (WAA) founded	1973	First athletic scholarships awarded to OU women	1995	Plaque commemorating Susan B. Anthony's visit is installed on Memorial Auditorium in time for the 75th anniversary of the 19th Amendment
1925	Anne Keating becomes 1st female director of OU Library	1974	Ohio passes Equal Rights Amendment	1996	Sharon Brehm becomes OU's 1st female provost
1927	Athens Branch of American Association of University Women is formed by 14 charter members including Voigt	1974	Women's Educational Equity Act is passed by Congress	1998	There are eleven women's varsity sports at OU
1932	Eleanor Hazeltine becomes editor of <i>Green Goat</i>	1975	Women are back in the OU Marching Band	1999	OU remodels Memorial Auditorium and renames it to honor OU's first African American graduates—Templeton and Blackburn
1933	Prohibition repealed	1975	Athens Area National Organization for Women (NOW) founded at UCM	2005	OU offers Women's Studies as a major
1933	Frances Perkins named US Secretary of Labor, 1st woman in the Cabinet	1975	Ohio native Gloria Steinem speaks in Athens for 1st time	2006	Janet Carleton begins AWE Listserv for Athens-area women
1941	Mary Elizabeth Lasher becomes the 1st female editor of the <i>Post</i>	1975	OU Women's Center moves to (old) Baker Center	2006	Beatrice Selotlegeng named interim director of new OU Women's Center
1944	WAA becomes Women's Recreation Association (WRA)	1976	OU Women's Center closes	2006	Provost Kathy Krendl establishes OU Commission for Women
1944	Dorothy Fisher is OU's 1st female commencement speaker	1976	Dr. Jimmy Tong begins his Women in Science & Engineering (WISE) program to encourage young women in science	2007	Women's Center opens in the new Baker University Center
1949	Irma Voigt retires	1976	National Women's Studies Association founded	2007	Susanne Dietzel named director of Women's Center
1950	Evelyn Coulter Luchs ('27) becomes 1st woman named to the Board of Trustees	1977	My Sister's Place opens in Athens		
1950	Leona Wise Felsted becomes Dean of Women	1977	OU Women's Advisory Committee demonstrates outside Cutler Hall against unequal opportunities for women		
1951	Janice Battin Bixler becomes Dean of Women	1977	Joy Huntley, Patricia Richard, and Barbara Daniel make a formal proposal for a Women's Studies Program at OU		
1953	Margaret Deppen becomes Dean of Women	1978	Prof. Francine Childs organizes a "Community Pray-In" over concerns about racial injustices in Athens		
1953	Janice Battin Bixler becomes first director of (old) Baker Center	1978	Polly Gagliano and 5 other women in School of Music file a complaint with		
1954	Eleanor Roosevelt visits Athens				
1956	Voigt Hall is named for Irma Voigt				
1960	Birth control pill is approved				
1961	President John F. Kennedy creates the President's Commission on the Status				