

# Title Page & Abstract

An Interview with Jill Hutchinson

Part of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library  
*Women's Basketball in IL* Oral History project  
Interview # DGB-V-D-2004-006

Jill Hutchinson, a former head women's basketball coach for Illinois State University, was interviewed on the date listed below as part of Ellyn Bartges' Masters Capstone project for Western Illinois University entitled *What about the character of the girls?: Girls and Women's Basketball in Illinois 1968-1977*, and donated to the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library.

Interview dates & location:

Date: Nov 22, 2004 Location: Conference Room, Western Illinois University

Date: Feb 3, 2010 Location: Phone Interview from St. Cloud, Minnesota

Interview Format: Digital audio

Interviewer: Ellyn L. Bartges, Masters Capstone project at Western Illinois University<sup>1</sup>  
and Ph. D. Dissertation at University of Illinois Urbana Champaign<sup>2</sup>

Technical Support (cameraman, etc): Ellyn L. Bartges

Transcription by: Nina Weldon, professional transcriber, Boston, Virginia

Edited by: Dr. Jill Hutchison

Total Pages: 96, 78 Total Time: 1:02 + 1:10 / 2.19 hrs.

Session 1: Hutchinson's early life & career as a coach at Illinois State U.

Session 2: Discussion about Hutchinson's professional relationship with Charlotte West and more detail about Charlotte Lewis a former player.

Accessioned into the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Archives on July 30, 2012.

The interview is archived at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library in Springfield, Illinois.

© 2010 Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library

---

<sup>1</sup> 2005

<sup>2</sup> 2013

# Abstract

Jill Hutchinson, *Women's Basketball in IL*, DGB-V-D-2004-006

**Biographical Information Overview of Interview:** Jill Hutchinson was born on March 8, 1945 in the Bronx, New York. She graduated from Highland High School in Albuquerque, New Mexico in 1963. Afterwards, she attended the University of New Mexico and graduated in 1967 with a bachelor's degree. During this time, Hutchinson played Amateur Athletic Union basketball. In 1969, she earned a master's degree at Illinois State University, and in 1976 she earned a doctorate at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. She is one of only a handful of coaches/players inducted into both the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame (2009) and the James Naismith Hall of Fame (2009) and is a member of the IBCA Hall of Fame. She also served three separate terms as the President of the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (1982 as the first person in the position, 1985 and an unprecedented third time in 1992).

In 1968 Hutchinson began coaching at the Illinois State University (ISU). While at ISU, Hutchison coached Charlotte Lewis, who became arguably one of the nation's premier players over time and one of only three basketball players at ISU to have their jersey retired. Lewis played on the 1976 United States Olympic Women's Basketball Team and went on to have an extensive basketball career overseas. Hutchinson helped to make all of this possible for Lewis by being her mentor as well as her coach. Hutchinson helped prepare Lewis to play on the Olympic team, and helped motivate her to earn her college degree.

In 2010<sup>1</sup>, Hutchinson was interviewed about her experiences with Charlotte Lewis, who passed away of a heart attack in September 2007.

**Subject Headings/Key Words:** 1976 Olympics; Illinois State University (ISU); Title IX; Lewis, Charlotte; Pan Am Team; Moore, Billie; Homes, Taft; Carver Center; Women's Professional Basketball League (WBL); Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA); Amateur Athletic Union (AAU); ABAUSA; Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (AIAW); women's basketball; coaching; Highland High School; University of North Carolina at Greensboro

**Note to the Reader:** Readers of the oral history memoir should bear in mind that this is a transcript of the spoken word, and that the interviewer, interviewee and editor sought to preserve the informal, conversational style that is inherent in such historical sources. The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library is not responsible for the factual accuracy of the memoir, nor for the views expressed therein. We leave these for the reader to judge.

## COPYRIGHT

**The following material can be used for educational and other non-commercial purposes without the written permission of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library. "Fair use" criteria of Section 107 of the Copyright Act of 1976 must be followed. These materials are not to be deposited in other repositories, nor used for resale or commercial purposes without the authorization from the Audio-Visual Curator at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library, 112 N. 6th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701. Telephone (217) 785-7955**

---

<sup>1</sup> (2/3/10, 78 pgs)