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An Interview with Cindy Adams Butkovich

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Biographical Information Overview of Interview: Cindy Adams (later Butkovich) was born November 28th, 1945 in Peoria, Illinois. She graduated from Peoria Richwoods High School in 1963. Because Richwoods did not offer any interscholastic sports for girls at the time, Adams participated in Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) basketball and softball outside of school. Her athletic skills earned her a position on basketball and softball teams at Illinois State University (ISU). Adams earned her bachelor's degree from ISU in physical education in 1967 and her master's degree from ISU in sports administration in 1970.

From 1967 to 1975 Butkovich taught physical education at her alma mater, Richwoods High School. During her last two years there, Butkovich started the first interscholastic teams for girls in basketball and softball with the help and support of the school's athletic director. In 1975, Butkovich began working for the Illinois High School Association (IHSA), making her the second woman to work for the IHSA at the time. Butkovich's title was the Assistant Executive Secretary. In that capacity she was in charge of designing and implementing state tournaments for a number of different sports. One of these tournaments was the first Illinois state girls' basketball tournament in 1977. Butkovich sought to give young girls the opportunity to play interscholastic sports that she did not have.

Subject Headings/Key Words: Illinois High School Association (IHSA); Girls' Athletic Association (GAA); Amateur Athletic Union (AAU); Title IX; girls' basketball in Illinois; Richwoods High School; Illinois State University

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