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An Interview with Holly Warlick

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Holly Warlick, the basketball coach at the University of Tennessee and long-time assistant for the legendary Pat Summitt, 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.

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**Biographical Information Overview of Interview:** Holly Warlick was born on June 11th, 1958 in Knoxville, Tennessee. She graduated from Bearden High School in Knoxville, Tennessee in 1976. During high school, Warlick played basketball, and after graduating she went on to play college ball at the University of Tennessee. Warlick graduated in 1980 with a bachelor's degree in business marketing.

Warlick was selected to the 1980 U.S. Women's Olympic Basketball team coached by her mentor Pat Head. The U.S. boycott that summer of the Russian hosted Olympics meant she would never play for her country. That same year, after graduation, Warlick was signed to play a year of basketball for the Women's Basketball League. Warlick played for the Nebraska Wranglers and her team won the World Championship in 1981. One of her teammates was Peoria, Illinois native and 1976 Olympic Silver medalist Charlotte Lewis. After the year was up, Warlick went to Virginia Tech where she coached women's basketball and earned a master's degree in athletic administration. She stayed at Virginia Tech until 1983 and then left to coach for two years at the University of Nebraska. From 1985 to 2012 she was an assistant coach for the legendary Pat (Head) Summitt at her alma mater, the University of Tennessee. At the end of the 2012 season Summitt, her life-long mentor and friend, retired as the head coach at UT due to the effects of early onset Alzheimer's. Shortly after Coach Summitt's retirement, Holly Warlick took over as head coach, a position she'd been groomed for over the years.

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