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An Interview with Gretchen Doss Sauer

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Biographical Information Overview of Interview: Gretchen Sauer was born in June, 1947 in Mount Vernon, New York. She graduated from Downers North High School in Downers Grove, Illinois in 1965. During high school, Sauer participated in sports that were offered by the Girls' Athletic Association. She earned a bachelor's degree in physical education and a master's in educational administration from Northern Illinois University (NIU). As an undergrad at NIU, Sauer took part in many sports, including volleyball, hockey, basketball, and softball.

Sauer began teaching at Downers South High School in 1969 and began coaching the first girls' basketball team at Downers South in 1973-74. This was a position she held for only three or four years. She went on to be the head girls' softball coach at Downers South for twenty years. Sauer considered herself to be an advocate for girls' sports during this time. She saw that girls enjoyed high school athletics and she wanted to help support them.

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