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An Interview with Christine Grant

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Biographical Information Overview of Interview: Christine Grant was born in Bo'ness, Scotland on May 27th 1936. She completed her under graduate work at Dunfermline College of Physical Education in Scotland. After teaching in Scotland for between four and five years, she moved to Vancouver, Canada in 1961. In the summer of 1968, she started graduate school at the University of Iowa, where she received her PhD in 1974.

In 1973 the president of the University of Iowa decided to elevate twelve women's club sports to varsity status and create a position of women's sports athletic director; Grant was hired for this position. She served as the president of the AIAW from 1979 to 1980, the year that it unofficially became part of the NCAA. AIAW officially became a part of the NCAA in 1982.

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