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An Interview with Jean Pankonin

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Session 1: Career as a professor and coach at Illinois State University and reflections on status of girls' sports in Illinois and the Midwest

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Biographical Information Overview of Interview: Jean Pankonin was born on October 1, 1939 in Oak Park, Illinois. She attended both Foreman High School and Elmwood Park High School in Chicago, Illinois and graduated in 1957. During her high school years, she was active in the Girls Athletic Association in many different sports. Pankonin earned her bachelor's degree from Northern Illinois University (NIU) in physical education and her master's degree from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro in physical education. She was active in sports while earning a bachelor's degree at NIU (Extramurals and Sports Days), participating in basketball, badminton, volleyball, softball, field hockey, and tennis.

After graduating, Pankonin taught and coached at two different Chicago area high schools from 1961 to 1965. She then made a move to teaching and coaching at Illinois State University. Pankonin was a physical education faculty member as well as a badminton and tennis coach. One of Pankonin's main contributions to women's basketball in Illinois was being a nationally rated women's official. She was a member of the Central Illinois Board of Women Officials for fifteen years. She loved many sports and was excited about women competing on an interscholastic level. Pankonin was inducted into NIU's Athletic Hall of Fame in 1986.

Subject Headings/Key Words: Girls' Athletic Association (GAA); Postal Tournament; Central Illinois Board of Women Officials; Title IX; girls' basketball; women's basketball; coaching; Foreman High School; Elmwood High School; Northern Illinois University; University of North Carolina Greensboro; Illinois State University

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