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An Interview with Nancy Stiff

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Biographical Information Overview of Interview: Nancy Stiff was born circa 1949, and graduated from Oakland High School in Oakland, Illinois in 1967. In high school, Stiff participated in sports through the Girls' Athletic Association (G.A.A.) and she played two years of collegiate basketball while attending Eastern Illinois University. Stiff later earned her bachelor's degree in physical education and health from EIU.

She has been the girls' head basketball coach at Arcola High School in Arcola, Illinois since the 1973-1974 school year, the first year for interscholastic competition. Throughout her career, Stiff has been a supporter and promoter of girls' sports in Illinois. She was excited to be a part of girls' basketball when it was just beginning, and remembers it as being a very exciting time. She retired in 2005.

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