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An Interview with Ann Penstone

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Biographical Information Overview of Interview: Ann Penstone was born on September 29, 1952 in Pittsfield, Illinois. She graduated from Cambridge High School in Cambridge, Illinois in 1970. Penstone grew up playing basketball through the Girls Athletic Association (G.A.A.), and went on to play basketball at the collegiate level (albeit not in the context or format available to girls and women today). She played ball at the University of Illinois where she earned her bachelor's degree in physical education in 1974. Even after graduation, Penstone continued playing basketball for many years through the Amateur Athletic Union. During this time, she also went back to school, earning her master's degree in recreational administration from Purdue University.

Penstone started teaching and coaching secondary school in the fall of 1974 at Buffalo Grove High School in Buffalo Grove, Illinois, where she was the head coach of girls' basketball, golf, and track. Penstone was also the head girls' basketball coach at John Hersey High School in Arlington Heights, Illinois. Ms. Penstone had a long career in officiating and commentating for girls' high school sports in Illinois including color commentary at the IHSA State Girls Basketball Tournament for decades. Penstone wanted girls to have the chance she never had to play interscholastic sports and she saw no reason why girls could not participate in the same activities as boys.

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