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An Interview with Linda Geibel Gollan

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Biographical Information Overview of Interview: Linda Geibel Gollan was born on September 3, 1946 in Butler, Pennsylvania. She graduated from Butler High School in 1964, and received her bachelor's degree in physical education from Slippery Rock University in 1968.

Gollan began teaching and coaching at the relatively new Hinsdale South High School in Darien, Illinois in 1969, and she remained there for six years. She coached girls' tennis all six years and coached girls' basketball for the last two. Gollan helped get the school's first girls' basketball team off the ground in 1974, even though the school administration and athletic director lacked enthusiasm about girls' sports. However, she received overwhelming support from her players and their parents. Gollan left Hinsdale South before the team made it to the first Illinois state girls' basketball tournament in 1977, but she enjoyed watching the game on television. She knew that the state tournament was a significant step forward for all girls who coached or played basketball in Illinois.

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