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An Interview with Laurie Mabry

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*Women's Basketball in IL* Oral History project

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Laurie Mabry, former women's Athletic Director at Illinois State University and president of the Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women, was interviewed on the date listed below as part of Ellyn Bartges' Masters Capstone project for Western Illinois University entitled *What about the character of the girls?: Girls and Women's Basketball in Illinois 1968-1977*, and donated to the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library.

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<sup>1</sup> 2005

<sup>2</sup> 2013

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**Biographical Information Overview of Interview:** Laurie Mabry was born on August 31, 1929 in Vandalia, Illinois. She graduated from Vandalia High School in 1947. During high school, Mabry participated in the Girls Athletic Association and played golf and softball during the summer. She earned a bachelor's degree in physical education from Northwestern University a master's in physical education from Purdue University, and a doctorate from the University of Iowa.

Mabry taught school at the secondary level for several years before she began working for Illinois State University (ISU). She was the physical education teacher and sponsored the Women's Athletic Association. Within a year of working at ISU Mabry was made the Women's Intercollegiate Director and she eventually became the Women's Athletic Director. During the 1970s, Mabry was also an active member and President of the Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women. Today, Mabry is retired and living in Vandalia, Illinois.

**Subject Headings/Key Words:** Girls Athletic Association (GAA); Title IX; Women's Athletic Association (WAA); Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (AIAW); National College Athletic Association (NCAA); women's basketball; Vandalia High School; Northwestern University; Purdue University, University of Iowa; Illinois State University

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