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An Interview with Carol Plodzien

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**Biographical Information Overview of Interview:** Carol Plodzien was born on October 7th, 1948 in Chicago, IL. She graduated from Arlington High School in Arlington Heights, Illinois in 1966. Plodzien was active in sports through the Chicago Park District and through the Girls' Athletic Association (G.A.A.). She earned a bachelor's degree from Northern Illinois University in physical education. While earning her degree at Northern, she played basketball. Plodzien also earned two master's degrees; one is in biological science from George Williams College and the other in Education Administration from Roosevelt University in Chicago, Illinois.

She began teaching at Fremd High School in Palatine, Illinois in 1971. Plodzien was the first head girls' basketball coach at Fremd High School. Prior to the establishment of interscholastic girls' sports at Fremd, she was the Girls' Athletic Union coordinator and later the Athletic Coordinator for the school. Plodzien has had many successful teams at Fremd, including her 1977 team, which played in the first Illinois state girls' basketball tournament. She has been an incredible supporter of girls' athletics in Illinois.

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