

Besides that, it wasn't me that started it. It was the girls; they came to me and asked me to start it. And that's because they thought that I had, I guess, the ability to. And because of them I did do this; so I feel that they should have some congratulatory--

(Were these--were these girls from Northeastern?)

Some of--most of the girls are from Northeastern. Some are from different towns and communities.

(Are they freshmen, sophomores?)

Some are sophomores; some are juniors and some are high school students; and some are junior high school students.

(Oh! So they're just made up of all--)

Yes. The girl that won the All Star nomination was a sixteen year old girl from Hobart. She's a junior in high school.

(What is her name?)

Her name is Verleta Welch. She's a Cherokee student from Hobart. Now see, this girl has never had a chance to do something that she's really wanted to do. When she first started to come play softball, she didn't have any way to get to softball practice. And then once she got a way to softball practice, well, she didn't have a way to get home. So we told these girls whatever you do, you come to play ball with us and we'll take you home. These girls will take you home or something like that. And then they want to play. So we tried to help them out. And they want to help us out, too.

(In other words, she had never been out of Hobart?)

Well, I don't know whether she'd been out of Hobart; but I don't think she's been out of the area.

(Local area--probably--that's probably the farthest away from home she's ever been in her life.)

I think so. I mean I know this is one of the first times that she's ever