

## **Brianna Perry interviewing Linda Sheridan-Perkins clip 1**

### **Topic: Faculty**

**Interviewer:** I would like to ask you about Richard Wilson. He was such a large and important man to, I mean everybody on campus. I read a documentary that his daughter wrote about him and it was absolutely gorgeous. What was he like?

**Linda Sheridan-Perkins:** Yes. Very nice, polite, committed to African American education uh, and our general welfare at the University of Delaware. I mean, he was just phenomenal and I remember, remember I told you that we could not have males in the dorm our first two years and the gals in my dorm, all of us we decided we were bored, meaning we didn't have enough going on at the University of Delaware. We didn't have enough fun. I mean we did stuff in the dorm but we wanted something more exciting. So, we went to Mr. Wilson and said we want to rent a car and get off campus, and go somewhere, and he, he made it possible. He made it possible. There was a man on campus called Colonel Allen. He was either the head of financial aid or had a very important role in financial aid. I believe Mr. Wilson talked to him and told him that you know we wanted some kind of uh, uh, different kind of fund for a little bit and the next thing we knew, we were able to rent a car at the University's expense and we went to uh we went to another campus that had a predominantly male campus. So, uh, we had some fun and then we came on back home. But that's the kind of man he was, he, you know, whatever we needed, he was there.