

**Brianna Perry interviewing Marlene Hurtt-Dunkley clip 1**

**Topic: Racial Climate at the University of Delaware**

**Marlene Hurtt-Dunkley:** For winter session, I had this white person from South Africa move in. She was moving her things in and I was on the other side of the bathroom and I came through because I went and told "Oh I see someone, I'm getting a roommate!" because I hadn't had roommate for like the semester and they were all excited and I went back through the bathroom and I see the girl moving her stuff out after I'd gone in. She was moving her things out, and I said "Hey where are you going?" Naive, stupid me, and she said "We forgot something" and I'm like "You forgot something?" She said "Yeah we forgot something."

Later on, the dorm advisor said to me that the parents didn't want her rooming with anyone black. So, they decided not to move in and they wanted a completely new dorm. And, at least I was, maybe they lied about it, but they did say the dorm director said that they were not going to give her a new room, she either had to live in that room or find another place to live and that made me feel good, but it was a very um, uncomfortable hearing that this person didn't know me and just because she saw me, she moved out. She didn't give me or the situation a chance at all. It wasn't even like a day or a night or two days, it was like moved your stuff in, and half the things were in when I came in, and moved it directly out. So that wasn't a great feeling when I wasn't accustomed to being like, I mean racism was very most times subtle, this was like in your face so to speak.

**Interviewer:** Oh my god.

**Marlene Hurtt-Dunkley:** Yeah so that was probably one of the worst.