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Topic: Racial Climate at the University of Delaware

[Thelma Hinds speaking about her first impressions as a freshman on campus.]

Thelma Hinds: My first experience at University of Delaware was Harrington Quad. And, to give you a background, so I come from Jamaica where a majority of the people look like me. Our national heroes look like me, you know, but we are of mixed culture. We are called "Out of many one people," so I have people in my direct family that are Caucasian, Indian, East Indian not American Indian, and Asian. So, I come to the UD and the first negative experience I had was October during Halloween. I grew up in Jamaica and that's not a holiday that we celebrate, that I wasn't privy to, and we had gone out that evening. You know, we went to the dining hall and had dinner and were going to then do some things and we were coming back. Came back, someone had hung an effigy hanging off of one of the buildings with a note that had said 'Niggers go home.'