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Topic: Delta Sigma Theta

Interviewer: What was it like with the sorority that you were in, like what were some experiences with that, and you were the President right?

Esther Hayman Welch: Yes, I was the first President of new my sorority under Delta Sigma Theta sorority incorporated and uh we were chartered some 46 years ago, um and we spent 10 months of our lives learning Delta and, uh, walking the ways of Delta and also meeting the requirements that were necessary to establish a sorority at the University of Delaware. Um, uh, becoming President was the honor of my lifetime, I never knew it was going to be like that after 10 months of all walking along with some very talented women, but I was very proud of the, um, of our accomplishments. We were women that hit 3.5-grade point averages or above, there were 11 of us, we were individual in a lot of different disciplines, mainly, most of us were in education but I went into criminal justice, and there were some others that went into some other fields. But out of that group, we got, uh, I became the first female, African American female deputy inspector in my agency for over 147 years, so uh, I became a deputy inspector in law enforcement. But we also have doctors on our line, two or three of them and, um, other very accomplished women in their various fields, so we have authors and some other women that were on that, that line of women that dedicate themselves to establishing the first female African American, you know, line of sorority. And you know, as President, not only the honor of being the initial President, but I was, I was really dedicated to making sure that we established it and we established it well and that we dug deep roots, so that those that came after us would have a very you know good, strong, healthy tree to be a branch from. So, there was a lot of writing...