

**Roger Horowitz interviewing James Newton clip 3**  
**Topic: Racial Climate at the University of Delaware**

[Dr. James Newton describing an incident where Black students were wrongly accused of causing a disturbance on campus.]

**James Newton:** Now Black students at the University of Delaware, and I'll tell you some heart-breaking stories. A young white male, very bright, comes to me, the Black students got blamed for creating some disturbance. It was a big, big thing on this campus. And so, after class the white student came to me and said "Professor Newton, I'm going to tell you something." So what he said, this was a white student! He said that, he said "I was there." He said, "It wasn't the Black students that started it," he said, "it was the white student." I said "Well, why don't you go and tell the committee that?" He said he was in a fraternity, that he couldn't say that because he would be blackballed. Does everybody understand me? That he said, he said "But I wanted to tell you because the Black students are being blamed for something they didn't do." So I asked him, what did he want me to do? He said he would tell me, he's telling me this, but he does not want his name used. Everybody understand what I mean? He doesn't want his name used. And so I promised I wouldn't mention his name. So I went to the committee and told them that I would not sign my name to this committee until they changed the report.