

Ruining the Program

Gail: Yeah, um, well its sort-of strange because at The University of Illinois our IT professional was Richard Powers who is a noted author. I mean we sort-of went around; initially we had the IT professional set thing but then we worked around them so they really didn't pose that much of a problem, although it happened to me at Purdue, when I went to Purdue...

Kris: Please share (laughs)

Gail: (laughs) I'm sorry, I shouldn't be naming...I guess...um

Kris: (laughs) That large Midwestern institution...

Gail: Yeah, I was assigned to teach in the math computer lab and this was like in 1989 and we had just gotten um oh I don't know...that was when HyperCard was very popular.

Kris: That's right, that's right, I taught HyperCard at Purdue.

Gail: All excited, we had HyperCard on those computers and so forth...okay so the IT guys okay...so they said okay its all set up for your students and my students came in and all we could do was browse...and so I went back and I said we have to be able to do more than browse; you know what's wrong...we need to be able to do things...oh no no, we can't have them going in and ruining the program in some way...and so yeah I had forgotten about that, so you're a good interviewer.