

HERE AT STONY BROOK - Monday, Oct. 31, 1983

THEME UP AND OUT

Hi, everybddy. As we enter that period between Halloween and Thanksgiving each year, we inevitably get caught up in the routine decisions that make a democracy function. Some of those decisions involve voting. New Yorkers will go to the polls on November 8 ---or will they? Well, two out of three will stay home. Why is that? We'll be talking about ~~that~~ ^{voting AND NON-VOTING} in a moment with a political scientist. We'll talk later about another momentous decision [?] for high school seniors and their parents---the decision of where to go to college next year.

Howard Scarrow is a professor of political science at the State University of New York at Stony Brook ~~and~~ much of his research is done on New York State elections. I stopped by his office the other day to talk about the elections ~~coming~~ ^{1983.} up on ~~Monday~~ [?] Tuesday, Nov. 8. I was looking for a cheerful, optimistic report on what New Yorkers will do on that ~~is~~ ^{is} important election day. Dr. Scarrow was not very encouraging. Here's the way the conversation went:

TAPE - Oickle interviews Scarrow 8:45

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Over the next few months, all of us will be reminded, over and over, that 1984 is coming. That's the year 1984. And with the reminders often will come something in the nature of a warning---the warning that the evil 1984 depicted by journalist and novelist George Orwell is coming. Some people, indeed, believe Big Brother is ~~is~~ [?] with us now, watching our every move, modifying our behavior, changing our very lives. Over the next ~~next~~ few weeks, I'll be bringing you the views of a group of scholars. We'll begin our 1984 Series today with what amounts to an introduction ~~by~~ to the entire subject of 1984 by Lewis Coser. ~~Dr. Coser is~~

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Dr. Coser is distinguished professor of sociology at the State University of New York at Stony Brook. Earlier this year he served as the moderator for a panel discussing the subject. ~~We~~ We're going to hear some of what he said, including ~~the~~ a kind of straightening out. Dr. Coser will make the point that writer George Orwell was not forecasting a world under ~~the~~ tight control of Big Brother in the year 1984. Rather, Dr. Coser asserts, he was placing on the human agenda the possibility of such "a frightening prospect," as Professor Coser puts it. Here, then, is Lewis Coser introducing the subject of 1984:

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TAPE - Coser 3:45

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High school seniors, and even some juniors, are wrestling right now with the decision of where to go to college. For various reasons, some will choose the institution nearest their home. But many will shop around, as it were. When high schoolers and their parents visit a university or college campus, inevitably they head into the admissions office. Admissions is the one place on campus best prepared to answer the questions. Michael McHale is associate director of admissions at the State University of New York at Stony Brook and he has been helping to answer these questions for ~~many~~ years. Mr. McHale, what is the most frequently asked question?

INTERVIEW Michael McHale: -Least asked question
-What should applicants ask? Tours? Sample classes?
-Commerciality..."truth" from other students

28:30
Next week, we'll hear from a lawyer-philosopher about the dilemma of doctors, and parents, relatives and patients in dealing with certain death...cases like the current Baby Doe on Long Island and

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the celebrated right-to-die cases involving a New York brother and
a New Jersey young woman. And we will talk with a professor who has
been ~~xxxxx~~ teaching at West Point, ^{the place} ~~what~~ he calls "A School for Soldiers,"
and learn why he believes the attempts to both train soldiers and educate
young people do not always achieve the intended goals at West Point.
Until then, this is Al Oickle. So long, everybody.

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Thanks Up to Oickle