

JANUARY 1984

HERE AT STONY BROOK - Monday, Jan. 30, 1984

THEME UP AND OUT

Hi, everybody.

We'll be talking today with a Latin ~~scholar~~^{teacher} and an anthropologist who is spending his summers digging at the site of a former American Indian settlement.

Sure, you're saying...Latin, a dead language. Indian digs...a dead ~~civilization~~^{society}.

Walt Whitman wrote the line, "I sing of life, yet mind me well of death." Our guests today would turn the phrasing around. They see Latin and archeology as the past alive in the present. They would make Walt Whitman's line read, "I sing of death, yet mind me well of life."

We'll be talking with ~~the~~^{Professor} Aaron W. Godfrey, a Latin teacher, and ~~the~~^{Prof} Kent Lightfoot, an anthropologist who explores Indian sites. Both are on the faculty ~~at~~ the State University of New York at Stony Brook.

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~~the~~ Aaron ~~the~~ Godfrey teaches Latin at ~~the State~~ University of New York at Stony Brook. Now, Latin, as everybody knows, is a "dead" language. It doesn't even have its own ~~academic~~^{academic} department on most campuses, as do French, Italian, Spanish, German and other languages. But Professor Godfrey has never lost faith in Latin. And now, he is surprised and pleased that enrollment in his Latin classes is on the upswing. ~~the~~^{Professor} Godfrey, why are more youngsters taking Latin classes?

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INTERVIEW GODFREY - Reasons for taking Latin: pre-med, pre-law
vocabulary, grammar
language requirement
parents

- Is Latin easy to learn?
- Were ~~the~~ Romans intellectuals?
- Few first names; simple names
- Flip criticism/enduring genius; language

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Kent G. Lightfoot is an anthropologist specializing in archeology...the study of prehistoric matters. Dr. Lightfoot is assistant professor in the Department of Anthropology at the State University of New York at Stony Brook. Stony Brook is on Long Island, that slender finger of land that lies south of Connecticut and east of New York and New Jersey. Indians ~~alone~~ once inhabited the region. Dr. Lightfoot spent last summer with an excavation crew on Shelter Island, an even smaller speck of land that lies in the bay between Long Island's north and south forks. Dr. Lightfoot, what would you expect to ~~learn~~ learn about the native Americans on Shelter Island that you didn't already know from explorations on Long Island itself?

- INTERVIEW LIGHTFOOT:
- Differences in L.I., Arizona, Calif.
 - Note Mormon occupation of region in eastern Ari
 - Importance of museum development (e.g., complex for Arizona State Parks)
 - His studies: ceramic design, food procurement in desert, food redistribution in SW, pithouse villages development and even managerial hierarchies and multisite communities.
 - Application to 1984 life.

28:30

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That's it for today. I hope you've enjoyed our conversations. We'll return next week at this same time. Until then, this is Al Oickle. So long, everybody.

Aaron W. Godfrey

Liturgy, November 1978 - "...Latin, with its rich vowel sounds and liquid consonants, with its bell-like rise and fall of words, is mantric in quality and inclines the mind and soul to prayer. Recall the effects of saying 'sanctus, sanctus, sanctus,' or 'de profundis clamavi ad te Domine' or the 'Te~~x~~ Deum'---all of which have helped to bring out the creativity in mystics and musicians for centuries."