

HERE AT STONY BROOK - Monday, February 28, 1983

THEME UP AND OUT

AFO LIVE: So far as we know, humans have always been bothered by ~~g~~ insects. From the inconsequential, occasional mosquito on a humid summer's evening to an invasion of one's home by thousands of termites, the events have been known to drive people...well, buggy.

Hi, everybody. This is Al Oickle. I'm with the Office of University News Services at the State University of New York at Stony Brook. The name of this program is "Here at Stony Brook." And, as you should have guessed, we will be talking today about insects. Our expert is Glenn D. Prestwich, associate professor of chemistry at the State University, here at Stony Brook. Later in this program, you will hear from the noted author, Alex Haley, revealing how the television mini-series was invented---by accident---with the presentation of his famous novel, "Roots."

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If humankind has been bothered by insects for all these generations, humankind has also been doing its best to bother the bugs. Bringing insects under control is the aim of farmers, gardeners, householders, industrialists and just ordinary ~~h~~ folks sitting around the backyard. Glenn D. Prestwich has become an expert in ^{the} research of insects. Recently, he sat down with David Woods of the University News Services, here at Stony Brook, to talk about his work. Here he explains how he became involved. 2:00

TAPE PRESTWICH: 000 - "The story is..."

054 - "...sick and die" 4:50

AFO LIVE: Dr. Prestwich went on to explain the principle involved in his methods of termite control. By the way, he likes music in his office and
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you may detect the sounds of his stereo as he talks.

TAPE PRESTWICH: 062 - "...the principle involved..."
093 - "...so rapidly degraded" ----- quick cut needed here
6:45

AFO LIVE: Dr. Prestwich went on to explain that the poison does not repel the insects, which is the common method of treatment for house termites today. This is the first product that attempts "remedial treatment," he explained. In fact, he said, this new system enlists the termites to feed the poison to other termites.

TAPE PRESTWICH: 134 - "Now the other ^{method} alternative..."
168 - "Oh, at least." 9:00

AFO LIVE: Why, Dr. Prestwich was asked, is it important to study termites and other insects?

TAPE PRESTWICH: 217 - "Well, since their metabolism..."
231 - "...releases a poison in the process." 9:45
termites,

AFO LIVE: By studying ^{insects?} ~~insects~~ are researchers learning more about the metabolism of ~~human beings~~ ^{all insects?} Dr. Prestwich was asked.

TAPE PRESTWICH: 234: - "Well, not quite..."
248 - "...to compare ...with any other insects." 10:30

AFO LIVE: Another question for Professor ^{Glenn} Prestwich about his research when the control substance is installed in the home, how long will it remain effective? How fast, in other words, can the homeowner expect to get rid of the termites? ~~expect to get rid of the termites?~~
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TAPE PRESTWICH: 250 - "This is ^{to be} not yet proved but..."
272 - "...before they get...side of your house."
~~268 "to track a house, something like that"~~ 12:00

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AFO LIVE: Glenn Prestw~~ich~~ is a scientist...but he is very much a person of the world. At 34, he is a husband and parent, and he ~~goes~~ ^{has seen} sci-fi ~~to~~ the/movies about the bugs^{2/} that conquer the world. He was asked, ~~xx~~ perhaps with tongue only slightly in cheek, if humans are having a war with ~~the~~ insects?

TAPE PRESTWICH;

419 - ~~"We're not having a war..."~~ ^{It's just evolution...}

429 - "...from 50 millions years ago."

AFO LIVE: Well, there's the good news and the bad news. We are learning how to control termites. But a few million years ~~a~~ from now, ~~they~~ ^{insects} may be in charge while humans have gone the way of the dinosaur. ^{This has been} A fascinating visit with Glenn Prestwich, a Dreyfus Teacher Scholar and associate professor of chemistry at the State University of New York, ~~there at~~ ^{SB. xi#100} 14:00

THEME UP AND OUT

AFO LIVE

Alex Haley is one of America's celebrities.

He wrote the book "Roots." But he is much more than an author. The book spawned almost overnight an incredible interest in genealogy...finding one's roots. Alex Haley was at the State University of New York, here at Stony Brook, to open the spring lineup of the University Distinguished Lecture Series. ~~More~~ than 1,100 heard him in the Fine Arts Center. Before that apperance, he sat with news reporters to talk about his work, past and present. Here, he reveals a little known ~~xxxx~~ story about "Roots" and about its contribution to what is now a standard television format, the mini-series.

TAPE HALEY:

000 - ~~"TixTixxxx"~~ You see, "Roots" was originally..."

026 - "...to come up with a couple of others."

17:00

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AFO LIVE: Alex Haley has not been resting on his laurels. He revealed in his news conference, here at Stony Brook, that he has been working with producer Norman Lear to develop a two-hour TV movie.

TAPE Haley: 028 - "I've got a ^{couple of thumbs...} very exciting movie..."
068 - "...going to do that as a two-hour movie." 21:00

AFO LIVE: During his stay, here at Stony Brook, Alex Haley conducted a seminar and addressed a large audience on the subject, "The Future of the American Family." At the news briefing, he had this to say, ^{About the Family!}

TAPE HALEY: 072 - ~~it~~ "I feel this part of it..."
087 - "family taking a new form." 23:00

AFO LIVE: Perhaps ~~095~~ ^{exit} was suggested to Alex Haley, people are less serious about marriage today.

TAPE HALEY: 095 - "I would find it difficult to..."
108 - "again, the evolving society." 24:00

AFO LIVE: Alex Haley's book, "Roots," was ² the result of his seeking to learn about his own family background. It touched off a phenomenal interest. Why? he was asked.

TAPE HALEY: 109 - "There's something about..."
125 - "That can't but help, I think." 26:00

~~XXXXXX~~ AFO LIVE: Alex Haley was the first of seven guests to visit, here at Stony Brook, this spring, as part of the University Distinguished Lecture Series. The next lecture will be given at 4 p.m, on Tuesday, March 8, by Donald McHenry, the former United States ambassador to the United Nations. Ambassador McHenry will speak at the Main Stage Auditorium at the Fine Arts Center, here at Stony Brook. The public is invited and all seats are free. Four other lectures are coming up in this series this spring: March 17, Dr. Kingsley Davis, speaking on Third World economics; April 6, Dr. Douglas Hofstadter, a professor of computer science, speaking on "The Joy of Fugue"; April 18,

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Dr. Vartan Gregorian, speaking on education and literacy; and May 4, Dr. Mary L. Good, whose topic is "The Social Value of Technology Development in the United States." All of these lectures are open to the public without charge. For a brochure giving all the details, you may telephone 246-5930.

And, one other point about these lectures. They are being broadcast by WUSB-FM...on the second Thursday of each month at 9 p.m. The hour-long program on Alex Haley may be heard on March 10th.

THEME UP AND UNDER

That's another in our radio programs, "Here at Stony Brook." I will return next week with two Stony Brook professors who have written a book about the Watergate incidents. They are Professors Kurt Lang and Gladys Engel Lang, both of the Department of Sociology, here at Stony Brook. We will be talking about the role of the mass media in the ~~incident~~^{events} that led to the resignation of Richard Nixon as President of the United States. Until next week, then, this is Al Oickle. So long, everybody.

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