

FEBRUARY

HERE AT STONY BROOK - Monday, Feb. 6, 1984

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Hi, everybody.

February is being observed throughout the United States as Black History Month. It's a period set aside for all Americans to consider the contributions that black Americans have made to this nation. This period is to blacks what St. Patrick's Day is to the Irish, what Columbus Day is to many Italians...and February is much more in so many ways.

Later in the program, we will talk with a political scientist about Ronald Reagan and his decision to run for reelection as President of the United States.

Carolyn Brown is on the faculty of the Africana Studies Program at the State University of New York at Stony Brook. She teaches ~~black history~~ ^{African + Caribbean politics,} and, in no small way, she lives black history. Before most of us ever knew of the tiny island of Grenada, Professor Brown was involved in an internship program for Stony Brook students in Grenada. let me ask you an impertinent question, if I may: Professor Brown, if the Irish have only one day for their celebration, and the Italians only one day, why is an entire month being given over to black history?

INTERVIEW CAROLYN BROWN:

- How far back does black history go?
- Early blacks in America: cowboys etc.
- Columbus and slavery
- Black figures in history: Douglass,
- Present contributions Black history month
- Future

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American voters are still months away from deciding who will be inaugurated as President of the United States early in 1985. The Democrats have ~~six~~^{eight} strong candidates heading into the major primary at New Hampshire on February 28 and into ~~super~~^{super} super-Tuesday two weeks later in ~~a~~^{nearly} dozen states. Meantime, there's Ronald Reagan, the incumbent president. He has no fear that the Republicans will not nominate him. He went on national television the other night to tell us why he wants another term. Our recording is only fair, but let's listen to what he said:

- TAPE: 000 - "America is back...
 004 - "...and the ~~nourishment~~^{nourish}ment of human freedom."
 043 - "We have made a new beginning...
 048 - "...and will seek reelection to the office I presently hold."

That was Ronald Reagan announcing for reelection. With us today is Dr. Alan Abramowitz, associate professor of political science at the State University of New York at Stony Brook. Dr. Abramowitz has devoted much of his career to studying the presidency, the voters and trends in politics. Dr. Abramowitz, was Mr. Reagan's reelection run predictable?

- INTERVIEW DR. ABRAMOWITZ: --- Trends indicate who his D opponet² will be?
 --- Prediction on who will win in November?
 --- How has Reagan differed from predecessors?
 In economics; social services;
 efforts at equal opportunity?
 --- How do voter moods change? Why?
 --- Over by April 3 primary vote in NY?
 --- His democracy alive and well?

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I hope you enjoyed our conversations today. We'll be back in the weeks ahead with many more. Next week, we will talk about a school for government, and how successful it has been for women; and we'll talk also with a young jazz musician who has written a symphony. I hope you'll join us next week at this time. Until then, this is Al Oickle. So long, everybody.

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