

CONVERSATIONS UNLIMITED - Monday, Dec. 24, 1984

INTRO UP AND UNDER

Hi, everybody. We're at the end of another year and the beginning of a new 12-month calendar. That means it's time to look back and to see what we did in 1984. Following a tradition built up in Conversations Unlimited over the past three years, we are going to tackle the question, "Did Civilization Advance in 1984?" With me to consider all things little and big, good and bad, are two faculty members at the State University of New York at Stony Brook who also have become part of the tradition. This is their third annual year-end program. Dr. Judith Wishnia is assistant professor in social sciences and active in Stony Brook's Woman's Studies Program. Dr. Bruce Hare is assistant professor of sociology at Stony Brook.

Also with us is Geoffrey Reiss, a senior at Stony Brook. Geoff participated last year also. He is former editorial page editor of the campus newspaper and is majoring in political science.

Looking back at a full year and trying to find a single word to describe it may be the toughest assignment I'll give our panel. Dr. Wishnia, what word would you choose? Dr. Hare? Geoff Reiss?

INTERVIEW: -- Presidential elections
 -- Social heroes (Trudeau, Jackson, Boy George)
 -- Trends: Jail pop up 41%
 Throwaway children
 Cable TV (porn)

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14:00 BRIDGE MUSIC UP AND UNDER

AFO: We're going to take a short break and return in a moment.

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AFO: Hi. I'm Al Oickle. I'm here at Stony Brook with three observant members of the campus community and we're reviewing 1984 by trying to answer the question, "Did Civilization Advance in 1984?" With me are Professor Bruce Hare, a sociologist; Professor Judith Wishnia, a social scientist; and Geoffrey Reiss, an undergraduate student majoring in political science. We've been talking about trends. What about the growth of the computer, especially the home computer, in 1984?

INTERVIEW: -- Trends - Trivia games

Cabbage Patch kids

Freedom and the law: Generals suing news media

New York State seat belt law

29:00 For those of you who tune us in every week, we'll conclude this discussion next week. Meantime, you might want to consider the question yourself: "Did Civilization Advance in 1984?"

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