

CONVERSATIONS UNLIMITED - MONDAY, Dec. 30, 1985

INTRO UP AND UNDER

Hi, everybody. Welcome to our fifth annual review of the year just ending. Like the others, we have changed only the identification of the year, and so we call this attempt to review the year's happenings, "Did Civilization Advance in 1985?" This is a sometimes serious, sometimes light-hearted review. We make no claims to having all the considered judgment in the world. Indeed, our listeners may be better qualified than we are to say what is important and what is not in the grand scheme of life. Knowing that won't stop us, however. We intend to consider the events of 1985, big ~~and~~ and little, and try to bring them into a perspective that makes some sense.

With me for the fourth year in a row are two faculty members at the State University of New York at Stony Brook. Dr. Bruce Hare is assistant professor of sociology whose research interests cover education. Dr. Judith Wishnia is assistant professor in social sciences, an historian and active in Stony Brook's Women's Studies Program.

Joining this panel is Mitchell Horowitz, managing editor of the campus newspaper at Stony Brook, called Statesman. Mitch is a ~~sophomore~~ ^{junior} English major from New Hyde Park, N.Y.

Following a tradition we've developed here at Conversations Unlimited, I'm going to start off by asking you a hard question. What single word most accurately describes the year 1985?

Dr. Hare? Dr. Wishnia? Mitch Horowitz?

INTERVIEW: -- Health

AIDS

Tobacco

Cancer

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-- Education

The history gap

Islip's "community service plan"

Languages

14:00

We'll take a short break now. When we return, we'll be talking about what I call "Manners and Morals" - which for 1985 includes comic strips and growing beards. Stay with us, please.

BRIDGE MUSIC UP AND UNDER

Hi. I'm Al Oickle, and I'm at the State University of New York at Stony Brook, where we are conducting our annual review of world events for 1985. With me are Professors Judith Wishnia and Bruce Hare and a student newspaper editor, Mitchell Horowitz. We're going to turn our attention now to what I call "Manners and Morals." We'll talk during this quarter-hour about such important matters as whether Superman should be returned to his old Krypton-vulnerability and such trivia as whether Alexander Haig and young Joe Kennedy can change politics in 1986. Let's start with the politics, panel.

INTERVIEW:

- Presidential races firing up
- Roman Catholic Synod
- Superman - Comics and hunger
- Shaving - Bike riding in Manhattan
- Censorship in Washington and Rhode Island
- New fringe benefits

28:30

Well, 1985 has been a long year so we're going to need more time to review it properly. We'll be back with you next week at the same time to conclude this roundup. I hope you'll join us. Until then, this is Al Oickle.

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