

CONVERSATIONS UNLIMITED - Monday, Dec. 31, 1984

INTRO UP AND UNDER

Hi, everybody. We're beginning a new 12-month calendar. That means it's time to look back and to consider what we all did in 1984. Following a tradition developed 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 good and bad, little and big, 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.

We began our considerations last week, and some of our listeners were with us for that. Now we're going to push on. We'll get into the economy and international affairs later. Let's start with what I call "Language and Literature." Did you all catch the report that the real author of "Alice in Wonderland" was Queen Victoria?

INTERVIEW: -- Language overkill
 -- Economy: bishops' pastoral letter draft
 high pay for entertainers, athletes
 starvation vs expensive mechanical hearts

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14:00 BRIDGE MUSIC UP AND UNDER

AFO: We'll be back for more after this break.

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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 some of the moral issues involved in choosing to spend money for food for thousands or for a mechanical heart for one person.

INTERVIEW: -- International: starvation in Ethiopia

Tutu and South Africa

The Feisty: George Burns

Joan Collins

Kate Hepburn

Review: What kind of year was it?

SUMMARY: We've talked about many things and we have yet to answer directly the question: "Did Civilization Advance in 1984?" We conclude that it wasn't such a bad year after all. And now we'll leave the question for our listeners to ponder.

29:00 That's another program, another year. I'm Al Oickle. All of us at Stony Brook wish all of you a most happy 1985. We hope to be with you throughout the new year.

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