

CONVERSATIONS UNLIMITED - MONDAY, Nov. 18, 1985

INTRO UP AND UNDER

Hi, everybody. We're fast approaching the holiday season -- Thanksgiving this month, and then Christmas, Channukah and New Year's Eve. For many of us, that means having a celebration -- drinking alcoholic beverages. Throughout the nation recently, we observed Alcohol Awareness Week. While one week out of the 52 is chosen to make us all especially aware of the effects alcohol can have on our lives, we must not forget the lessons during the other 51 weeks. In New York State, a new law will take effect in a few weeks, raising the legal drinking age to 21 years of age. That will change the holiday season for many people.

Today we'll be talking with Kayla Mendelsohn, who is director of student activities at the State University of New York at Stony Brook. Ms. Mendelsohn headed up the campus-wide observance of Alcohol Awareness Week at Stony Brook. Make no mistake, however. What we will be talking about affects every single person in our listening audience every day of the year. Ms. Mendelsohn, alcohol is a factor, according to figures I've seen, in a majority of suicides, murders, drownings, rapes and such crimes as robberies and assaults. Are those figures accurate?

INTERVIEW KAYLA MENDELSON:

- Review figures for various categories; discuss
- Relate this to campuses: historical perspective
- Statewide, what are campuses doing about Dec. 6 change in law raising legal drinking age?

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We'll take a short break now, then return to talk some more about alcohol awareness with Kayla Mendelsohn.

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Hi. I'm Al Oickle. I'm with Kayla Mendelsohn at the State University of New York at Stony Brook. She is director of student activities and recently headed up the Alcohol Awareness Week program there. Give us a summary, Ms. Mendelsohn, of the Stony Brook Awareness Week program:

INTERVIEW KAYLA MENDELSON:

-- Week's activities:

- Role of Student Activities and students themselves
- Role of Residence Life
- Role of Department of Public Safety

-- Stony Brook's preparations for Dec. ●

- Campus pubs
- Public events rules
- Educational programs

-- Students' attitudes about law change

-- Outlook for changes in campus life

29:00

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