

CONVERSATIONS UNLIMITED - Tuesday, Dec. 9, 1986

INTRO UP AND UNDER

Hi, everybody. We've reached that time of year when it is customary to take a look back at the events of the preceding 12 months and to try to evaluate those events. We've been doing that, here on Conversations Unlimited, for five years now. You're invited to share that with us during today's program and again next week. We have a question name for this annual adventure in assessment: "Did Civilization Advance in 1986?" Sometimes we agree, yes or no. Usually we don't.

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Sharing this review with me the past five years ~~are two~~ faculty members ~~at~~ the State University of New York at Stony Brook. And they are ~~with us again for 1986~~. They are Dr. Bruce Hare, associate professor of sociology, and Dr. Judith Wishnia, assistant professor in social sciences and in women's studies. We have a third panelist from Stony Brook. He is Mitchell Horowitz, a junior from New Hyde Park, N.Y., and editor of the campus newspaper, Statesman. Welcome, panel. Good to have you here again.

Dr. Hare will join us next week

Because we will be reviewing 1986 over the next two weeks' programs, I'd like to hold off until next week in addressing the question, "Did Civilization Advance in 1986?" Let's start off by seeing if we can agree on what was the most important news story of 1986.

INTERVIEW ~~HARE~~, WISHNIA, HOROWITZ

NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL

- Iranian arms
- Contras aid
- US-USSR summit/pre-summit
- Philippine power change
- Chernobyl

Libya Hostages Terrorism

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U.S. ELECTIONS

- November - Democrats control both houses in '87
- Presidential lineup: Bush, Dole, Cuomo - not Ted K.

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THE ECONOMY

- Dow Jones near 2,000 in early December
- Inflation rate under 4%
- Unemployment around 7%

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We'll take a short break now. When we return, we'll be talking more about that year 1986. How good was it? There's more to come. Stay with us, please.

BRIDGE MUSIC UP AND UNDER

Hi, everybody. I'm Al Oickle. I'm talking with ^{two}~~three~~ old friends today about the year 1986. I'm at the State University of New York at Stony Brook with Dr. Judith Wishnia, ~~Dr. Bruce Hare~~ and Mitchell Horowitz, editor of the student newspaper, Statesman. We've covered some of the news of the past year, especially international and national subjects. It seems to me that ~~crime~~ ^{the economy} was much in the news also.

INTERVIEW WISHNIA, ~~HARE~~ HOROWITZ

CRIME

- Insiders/greenmail
- 77th precinct police scandal
- Donald Mannes, Jeffrey Lindenauer et al
- Claus von Bulow
- Crackdown on crack

SOME GOOD NEWS

- Statue of Liberty's 100th party, OpSail
- Life magazine's 50th
- VCR, home computers

HEALTH

- AIDS
- Transplants

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OUTRO

NOW

30th SAME

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PROMO - For use no later than 5:55 p.m. Dec. 9, 1986

Hi, everybody. This is Al Oickle. I'm on Conversations Unlimited every Tuesday at 6 p.m. here on WUSB. This week I'll be talking about the year 1986 -- what kind of a year was it, anyway? Helping me review these 12 months will be Professor ~~Bruce Hare~~, Professor Judith Wishnia and Mitchell Horowitz, a student editor. We call this annual look back, "Did Civilization Advance in 1986?" For our answer to that question, we hope you'll tune in. That's Conversations Unlimited, Tuesday, at 6 p.m., on WUSB 90.1 FM.