

CONVERSATIONS UNLIMITED - Tuesday, Dec. 16, 1986

INTRO UP AND UNDER

Hi, everybody. Last week, on Conversations Unlimited, a panel at the State University of New York at Stony Brook began a look back at the events of the preceding 12 months and our annual attempt to evaluate those events. We've been doing that, here on Conversations Unlimited, for five years now. We call this review, "Did Civilization Advance in 1986?" What do you think, listeners?

I'm about to ask that question of the panel. Two of them have participated in this annual adventure over the past five years. Both are faculty members at Stony Brook. Dr. Judith Wishnia is assistant professor of social sciences and women's studies. Dr. Bruce Hare is associate professor of sociology. Our third panelist is Mitchell Horowitz, a junior at Stony Brook from New Hyde Park, N.Y., and editor of the campus newspaper, Statesman. Mitch is here for his second year, so you can see this is a veteran panel. Welcome back for Part 2 of this review, panel.

A week ago, as we began reviewing 1986, I asked you to hold off addressing the question, "Did Civilization Advance in 1986?" But now I'm ready to get your assessment. Let's start with Dr. Wishnia.

INTERVIEW WISHNIA, HARE, HOROWITZ

TRAGEDIES AND OTHER BAD NEWS

- Challenger explosion/Christa McAuliffe
- Deaths: Cary Grant, Dezi Arnaz, Horace Heidt
- Crime: crack; greenmail; 77th precinct NYPD; von Bulow
- Health: AIDS, transplants

PUBLIC INTERESTS

- Cosby Show
- Joan Rivers as emcee
- U.S. Senate on television

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We'll take a short break now. When we return, we'll be talking more about this 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 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. And we've been talking about what I've called wonders. There are a few more to explore.

INTERVIEW HARE, WISHNIA, HOROWITZ

WONDERS AND GOOD NEWS

- Prince Andrew and Sarah Ferguson
- Andrew Wyeth's secret paintings
- Mets, Jets
- VCR, CD
- Halley's comet, Hawaii volcano, Titanic photos
- Statue of Liberty 100; SANE 30; NOW20; Life mag 50

EDUCATION

- Fewer high school students, more in college
- Internships
- Less federal funding
- Sex education in public schools

MANNERS AND MORALS

- Generally better or worse in:
 - * Government
 - * Workplace
 - * Personal relations

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PROMO - For use no later than 5:55 p.m. Dec. 16, 1986

Hi, everybody. This is Al Oickle. I'm on Conversations Unlimited every Tuesday at 6 p.m. here on WUSB. This week's program is the second -- and last -- in which we will be talking about the year 1986. Joining me to review these 12 months will be Professor Judith Wishnia, Professor Bruce Hare and Mitchell Horowitz, editor of Statesman, all here at the State University of New York at Stony Brook. We call this annual look back, "Did Civilization Advance in 1986?" For answers to that question, we hope you'll tune in. That's Conversations Unlimited, Tuesday, at 6 p.m., on WUSB 90.1 FM.