

CONVERSATIONS UNLIMITED - Monday, March 31, 1986

INTRO UP AND UNDER

Hi, everybody. Sometimes, as I read newspapers and listen to the news reports, I get the impression that society may not be doing very much to help young people survive until they get out on their own. We all know that isn't true, of course. It's just that the stories about hard luck, accidents and poor judgment frequently attract more attention than all the good news. Well, I'm here today to help you see some of the bright side of this bad news.

With me are two people who work at problem solving with young people. They are staff professionals at the State University of New York at Stony Brook, a campus with about 16,000 students, many of them still in their teen years. Gary Mis is assistant to the vice president for student affairs. His special role is as hearings officer. He is what we might call a judge in helping to settle problems that develop among the student population. Also with us is Audrey Wolf, a ~~clerk~~ social worker in the student health service at Stony Brook. She counsels young people who need help.

Gary Mis, what would be a typical kind of case that would come before you?

Audrey Wolf, give us an idea of the kind of case you most frequently experience.

INTERVIEW MR. MIS AND MS. WOLF:

What kinds of problems do youngsters experience?

What is the role of a university in helping solve them?

What is the role of parents, society in general?

Should there be different values (rewards, punishments) for students than for others off the campuses?

What changes have taken place in the past generation

to provide more professional campus services in U.S.?

Who pays for this: federal, state, students?

What more needs to be done?

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We'll take a break now, then return with Gary Mis and Audrey Wolf to talk about what's happening to help young people prepare for adulthood. Please stay with us.

BRIDGE MUSIC UP AND UNDER

Hi. I'm Al Oickle, and I'm at the State University of New York at Stony Brook with two professionals in providing services to students. Gary Mis, as hearings officer I expect you must often have to decide between two different stories. How tough are you in deciding: do you tell one youngster you don't believe the story being told?

Audrey Wolf, you counsel as a ~~psychiatric~~ <sup>counsel</sup> social worker young people with big problems. Working with them, are you looking for solutions or simply the right path to head out to?

INTERVIEW MS. WOLF AND MR. MIS:

What does Stony Brook have available in services?

What efforts are made to inform students? Faculty?

Staff? Parents?

What interaction exists between campus and community services like, for example, area churches and synagogues?

Discuss status of in loco parentus roles

Does peer counseling work?

Where can people go for help at Stony Brook?

Where can suggestions for more help be offered?

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