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CONVERSATIONS UNLIMITED - Tuesday, March 17, 1987

INTRO UP AND UNDER

Hi, everybody. When is the last time you were inside a classroom as a student? Perhaps half our audience can answer with "today," or some recent time. But half, perhaps more, is made up people who have not been in a classroom as learners in years. There's a whole segment of education devoted to those people. It's called continuing education. The name means that education never really ends -- it is a continuing process. And it also suggests that you need not be a teen-ager to be attending college and university classes. Today I'll be talking with an educator who is devoting his career to continuing education. He is Dr. Paul Edelson, dean of continuing education at the State University of New York at Stony Brook. It's my impression that more older students are on campuses today than ever before. Is that accurate, Dr. Edelson?

INTERVIEW DEAN EDELSON:

- Trace roots of continuing ed from days of Extension Service, cake decorating, carpentry etc.
- Roles today:
 - In teacher education
 - For advanced degrees in other fields
 - For fun
- Experiences around the country:
 - Examples of fast and heavy growth
 - What about 2-year schools? High schools?
- Examples of enticements:
 - Low or free tuition
 - Senior citizens
 - Social, recreational spinoff benefits
- Briefly: what lies ahead

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We'll take a short break now. When we return, I'll be talking with Dean Edelson about the continuing education program at Stony Brook. The university has a national reputation for science and health programs. We'll talk about their contributions to continuing education, as well as other academic programs. Please stay tuned.

BRIDGE MUSIC UP AND UNDER

Hi, everybody. I'm Al Oickle. I'm talking with Paul Edelson. He's dean of the Center for Continuing Education at the State University of New York at Stony Brook. We've defined co U

education, Dr. Edelson. Let's talk some numbers at Stony Brook. How many students are enrolled in how many courses?

INTERVIEW DEAN EDELSON:

- Review kinds of students
 - Mid-life, seniors, career changes, career supplements
 - Where do they come from?
- Kinds of teachers
- Some of the courses
- Off-campus courses
- Radio, television
- What lies ahead: computers? (Cite Bob Byrnes' "school")

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PROMO - For use no later than 5:55 p.m. March 17, 1987

Hi, everybody. This is Al Oickle. You can hear me on my program, Conversations Unlimited, every Tuesday at 6 p.m. My guest this week will be Paul Edelson and the subject will be continuing education. Dr. Edelson's interested in convincing dozens, scores, hundreds of people of all ages to get into classrooms. Learning can enrich a person, make that person more qualified for better work and better pay. And learning can be done simply for the fun of it. Let Paul Edelson tell you about it. That's Tuesday at 6 p.m. on Conversations Unlimited. WUSB - FM 90.1.