

CONVERSATIONS UNLIMITED - Tuesday, Dec. 30, 1986

INTRO UP AND UNDER

Hi, everybody. As one year ends and a new one starts up, it is traditional to assess the events of the past and to take a look into the future. We'll be doing that today, on Conversations Unlimited, with two scholars at the State University of New York at Stony Brook whose field of study is women. We'll be talking about the progress society is making towards establishing equality for women.

Dr. Ruth Cowan is an historian who is director of the women's studies program at Stony Brook. Dr. Cowan is author of the book, More Work for Mother. Dr. Patricia Roos is a sociologist and she

*to Cowan* is deep into a two-year study of the changes in many occupational fields as women become more dominant in ~~those~~ <sup>equal</sup> fields than men. *the author of Cowan*

Perhaps, Dr. Cowan, we should start by answering the question I suggested in the introduction: Is society making progress towards full equality for women? (Ask same of Dr. Roos.)

INTERVIEW DR. COWAN AND DR. ROOS

-- Brief review of Cowan's book and its conclusions

- \* "Revolution" in labor-saving devices
- \* Are men taking over more of home chores?
- \* Advertising's impact: women at washers, sinks

-- Brief review of Roos' study and its findings

- \* Women's rise in typesetting, insurance adjusting
- \* Men's continued dominance in dentistry
- \* Pay equality

-- Historical background on gender discrimination

- \* Note Cowan's citation on work distribution
- \* Note Roos' citation on typesetting changes

-- Cite some other current research

- \* by Cowan
- \* by Roos
- \* by others

-- Look ahead: major progress already over?

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We'll take a short break now. When we return, I'll be talking with Patricia Roos and Ruth Cowan about feminism and chauvinism, and we'll talk a bit perhaps about Gloria Steinem and Marilyn Monroe. We'll be right back. Please stay tuned.

BRIDGE MUSIC UP AND UNDER

Hi, everybody. I'm Al Oickle. I'm talking with two scholars whose studies cover women, and feminism, and I guess it would be hard for them to avoid chauvinism. They are Dr. Ruth Cowan, an historian, and Dr. Patricia Roos, a sociologist, both at the State University of New York at Stony Brook. Let's talk a bit about those words I just used. It's not unusual that words become overworked, and their meanings are strained. Dr. Cowan, what is a feminist? (Ditto Dr. Roos.)

INTERVIEW COWAN AND ROOS

-- Define:

- \* Chauvinism
- \* Equality
- \* Women's movement

-- The pioneers:

- \* Betty Frieden
- \* Gloria Steinem (note her new book on Monroe)

-- Pendulum effects:

- \* CHE "new girls network" vs "old boys network"
- \* Male discrimination on job

-- Is true equality possible?

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PROMO - For use no later than 5:55 p.m. Dec. 30, 1986

Hi, everybody. This is Al Oickle. I'm on Conversations Unlimited every Tuesday at 6 p.m. here on WUSB. This week's subject is women, and the progress society is making -- if any -- towards providing equality for women. I'll be talking with two scholars who have been studying conditions, and changes, that affect the way women live in the world. I hope you'll join us. Conversations Unlimited, Tuesday evening at 6, WUSB 90.1 FM.