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SUNY SIDE UP - Sept. 9, 1981 - with Ruth Cowan

This is the weekly program, ~~XXXX~~ SUNY Side Up.

Hi, evrybody. This is Al Oickle at the State University of New York <sup>1981</sup>  
at Stony Brook. Today we will be talking with Professor Ruth Schwartz Cowan. Dr.  
Cowan is taking on another new challenge this semester. That's nothing new for the  
popular professor of history. ~~and~~ Her ~~itf~~ career has ~~xxxx~~ been marked by honors,  
recognition and...challenging changes. The latest honor ~~xxxxx~~ places her among  
13 Phi Beta Kapp ~~xxxx~~ visitor ~~xxxx~~ scholars for this academic year. ~~xxxx~~ Throughout the  
year she will be visiting campuses from Florida to Massachusetts, talking with  
students and faculty about the subject that has occupied her academic time and  
interests for the past decade...and that is the history of technology and women.

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Ruth Cowan lives in Glen Cove with her husband, Neil, and their  
three young daughters. Recently, I visited Dr. Cowan there. We sat ~~in~~ out on  
the patio. ~~xxxxxx~~ We talked over the shreiks of approaching Long Island Rail Road trains,  
and the roar of airplanes headed for the John F. Kennedy International Airport.  
we began by discussing her ~~xxxxx~~ studies on household technology and its impact on  
~~thex~~ women.

TAPE/AFO plowing new ground....

Through 463 - How the baby is.

AFO: And so I sat on the patio alone for a few minutes as Ruth Cowan went into the  
house to check on her sleeping 16-month old baby. <sup>(Ruth)</sup> It's a pleasant place for the  
~~SUNY Side Up~~ <sup>Stony Brook</sup> program to be recorded. It was a warm summer <sup>15</sup> day as I talked with  
history professor Ruth Cowan at her Glen Cove home. The home building itself attracted  
my attention ~~xxxxxxx~~ during that interlude. And then Dr. Cowan returned.

tTAPE/COWMAN: How old is the house?

That's the end of our visit with Prof. Ruth Cowan, feminist, scholar,  
parent and, as I hope you have concluded, excellent conversationalist. <sup>P</sup> I will be  
back next week for another visit with someone at the State University of New York <sup>1981</sup>  
at Stony Brook. Until then, this is Al Oickle. So long, evrybody.