

First lady of FPC found little discrimination

by Suzanne Lundrigan

At 5 o'clock on Sunday, 5:30 pm in Newfoundland, Canadians across the country tune in to Front Page Challenge. Many of them do so because they want to see that "nice Betty Kennedy".

Being the first lady of Front Page Challenge is only one of Kennedy's many accomplishments.

Author, broadcaster, and print journalist, Kennedy entered journalism at the age of sixteen. Tired of school, she dropped out, and walked down to the Ottawa Citizen where she was hired as a cub news reporter.

"In those days there were already three women news reporters... it wasn't the novelty people think it was. What didn't exist in those days was the opportunity for women to move up that exists today," explains Kennedy.

Kennedy, who hosts a public affairs program on Ottawa's CFRB radio station, experienced little discrimination in the world



Kennedy: still has fun doing the challenge

"People were enormously helpful when I started out. I can't say that I encountered any problems because I was a woman. Besides, I never believed that there was anything I couldn't do because I was a woman."

At times, Kennedy suggests, women's attitudes were bigger stumbling blocks than men's.

"It wasn't only men's image of women which hampered women. Often women's concept of a wom-

an's 'role' was a great impediment," suggests Kennedy.

Kennedy, who set out to work in print journalism, fell into radio by accident.

"To me radio was something you did if you couldn't write. One year in Ottawa we had a printers strike. A lot of papers booked time on local radio stations so they could get the news out. I came into work one morning and was told that I was scheduled to do a fifteen minute broadcast. I tried to write fifteen minutes worth of copy but gave up and did the show off the top of my head."

That first broadcast led to others becoming the jumping off point for a career in broadcast journalism for Kennedy.

A couple of years later, Kennedy approached a local radio station with a program idea. The station manager shelved the idea but decided to keep Kennedy.

"They offered me a daily news program. I was given free reign over the program content... it was

an enormous opportunity."

Hence, "The Betty Kennedy Show" came into being. It is a compilation of interviews and background stories to compliment the news of the day.

"Because of the nature of the show we tend to work right up to the wire. The other day, we had everything set to go early and we were congratulating ourselves for being so organized when the call came through about Chretien's resignation. We ended up scrambling as usual," chuckles Kennedy.

Kennedy's schedule is hectic. She flew in from Ottawa for the taping of Front Page Challenge and she's headed home at 1:00 am so that she'll be available for her radio

show.

Of Front Page Challenge she says, "It's like playing a sophisticated parlour game. The producers really do go to great lengths to keep the guests identity a secret. All the panelists change in the same room and there is a security guard backstage. Often before the show we'll speculate on who will be brought in keeping in mind things like the city we are in and what news has been happening there."

Kennedy, tired after a twelve hour plus day smiles, "Is there anything else?"

Yes, after all the years she has put in on Front Page Challenge does she still have fun.

Kennedy smiles. "Yes."

LHSA elections threatened

by K. Graham Bowers

Controversy erupted during the recent Lister Hall Students' Association (LHSA) elections.

A rumour spread that an assistant dean in one of the buildings had intended to retroactively veto an election if a particular candidate had won.

According to the LHSA Constitution, all candidates must be approved by the assistant dean of their building. The LHSA executive also has the power to appoint defeated candidates to positions that are not filled by election.

In the LHSA, there is one president for the entire complex, one

vice-president for each of the three buildings in the complex, and a coordinator on each floor.

Doug Boivin, who ran unsuccessfully for LHSA vice-president for Kelsey Hall, claims that assistant dean John Little intended to retroactively veto his candidacy if he had won the election. According to Boivin, Little felt that Boivin was too lax in disciplining offenders of LHSA regulations. Little was unavailable for comment.

Boivin lost the Mar. 7 election to Judy Springings by a margin of 48 to 42 in what LHSA treasurer Trent Tucker called "the closest election I've ever seen here."

Some of Boivin's supporters felt that the controversy itself may have hurt Boivin's campaign and voter turn-out. Kelsey Hall had the lowest voter turn-out of the three buildings.

In MacKenzie Hall, Don Krouse was defeated by Murray Seilski, 94-45.

Cliff Sutherland beat Chris Schneider by a tally of 122-63 in the race to succeed Dave Tuckey as VP Henday.

Tuckey out-pollled Janet Cummings 355-133 in the presidential election on Feb. 28. Cummings is currently serving as the Floor Coordinator for 6th MacKenzie.

AOC

FINANCING ALBERTA BUSINESS

The Alberta Opportunity Company provides financial and counselling assistance to small business enterprises.

Bridging Troubled Waters!

When the City of Edmonton put out a tender for applications to run the paddle boat franchise at Rundle and Hawrelak Parks, Paul Lufkin jumped in feet first.

Paul, a full time Commerce student at The University of Alberta at the time, found conventional lenders unwilling to finance his seasonal venture.

When he approached AOC, Paul was introduced to a special program for student loans. His business proposal was reviewed, and a loan approved to provide a workable cash flow to offset operating expenses.



Profits and staff have increased by 100% since City Recreational Services bought the franchise, and new additions such as the 'aquatrike' are proving very successful.

If you're a student with a sound business idea, call or visit your nearest AOC office and ask for our brochure, *Financing Alberta Student Business*.



AOC has offices in Brooks, Calgary, Edmonton, Edson, Grande Prairie, Lethbridge, Lloydminster, Medicine Hat, Peace River, Red Deer, St. Paul, and its head office is located in Ponoka.

sub theatre CINEMA

\$1.00 for U of A Students

\$3.50 for non-students

Doors open 1/2 hour prior to showtime

Door Sales Only

Free popcorn with Donation for the Food Bank. Circle K



GHOSTBUSTERS

SUNDAY, MARCH 16 8:00 pm
GHOSTBUSTERS P.G.

Violence in Sports

Featuring explosive film footage of brutal scenes from professional sports!



with Attorney RICHARD HORROW
Chairman of The American Bar Association Task Force on Sports Violence.

Thursday, March 20 — 7:30 pm

SUB THEATRE

Free Of Charge — Open To The Public
presented by the U of A Students' Union