

Maryanne West

In 1971 Maryanne West, of Gower Point, near Gibson's Landing in British Columbia, decided to talk back to her radio.

Gower Point had neither TV or FM radio. The CBC AM network was its only electronic link with the outside world, and CBC had announced a new policy called Radio One/Radio Two. AM broadcasts would be limited to pop programs, news and ads. More demanding programs would be heard only on FM.

Ms. West wrote a protest brief, signed it, collected two hundred additional signatures, and took it to CBC. CBC was polite, but no plans were changed. So she sent a brief to the Canadian Radio-Television Commission, which was holding hearings on the proposal. CRTC reacted strongly; it ruled that the plan "showed too much concern about ratings and not enough to CBC radio's original function of reflecting to a national audience this total range of our living culture." Ms. West had found a career. She is now the leading spokesperson for the Friends of the CBC and a director of the Canadian Broadcasting League.

Pauline Jewett is Canada's first woman university president.



"It's a national pastime to take swipes at the CBC, and God knows they have plenty of faults," she recently told a reporter, "but they'll only live up to their best selves when they know there are plenty of people around who realize their importance. We really are the Friends of the CBC."

Jeanne Sauvé



Jeanne Sauvé, Minister of the Environment, spoke to the Canadian Conference on Women and the Law in February. These are excerpts from that address.

"We in Canada are very much a part of a world-wide catching-up process. . . . The place to begin . . . is in the statute books. . . .

"Under the Election Act, women have been treated differently in subtle but important ways, (being) required to (supply) information which is no business of the state's. The changes we are considering for the Act will alter this. The information required about female voters will cover no more and no less territory than that covering men. . . .

"In law, as in life, some of the unfair limits placed on women, some of the putdowns, look at first glance like privileges. . . . What about . . . the Criminal Code? . . . If a man and his accomplice are being pursued by the police and the

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