

"Radicalism's rudest mouth"

The magnificent Ms. K. is not for the timid

By IAN MULGREW
Students of York University were given a display of what one writer called "Florynce Kennedy's verbal karate" on Monday. Florynce Kennedy is quite a celebrity. She has co-authored two books, the Abortion Rap and The Pathology of Oppression. She is also founding member of Now (the National Organization of Women), founding member of the Feminist Party, and a founder of Cayote. She is a television personality on

CBC's "Some of my best Friends are Men". She is a black, radical, lawyer and has been billed as "radicalism's rudest mouth". Flo Kennedy is also outrageously funny. Although she was in town for the Morgentaler rally, she did not bring out his case or abortion at the talk. What was discussed was Lawyers and Politics. What happens when you put a controversial, feminist lawyer in with a bunch of budding "Perry Mason's"?

Fireworks! Kennedy arrived with a discreet "Hi y'all" and left in a flurry — "Gotta split".

Dressed in jeans, white fur wrap, "Amnesty for Dr. Morgentaler" T-shirt and a hat, she cut a striking figure for a woman of 59.

Kennedy received little publicity on campus except at Osgoode Hall. Perhaps the talk was for law students only and that was unfortunate, for those that missed her. There were about 175 people jammed into the Osgoode Hall Pub who were enthralled by her. Most enjoyed her and were very receptive to some of the odd proposals that she put forth.

She was impressive. Giving a talk that came complete with an arsenal of foul language and an army of sexual images. She left few of us with "virgin ears".

Her basic premise will soon be available to the public in a collection of essays. Its title is "The Whorehouse Theory of Law".

Kennedy also had some peculiar notions of professor-student relations. It appears that she feels that marks outweigh social decency. "If a professor wants a blowjob, then students would probably line up around the building to oblige him if it meant higher marks."

Is this just a shock tactic or does she really believe this?

Kennedy is full of these comical sayings and witty sexual comments. However, some passed over my head. Perhaps due to my own ignorance of law, but I just do not see how a legal aid lawyer is only "a vaseline dispenser for the public". Another one that caught me was "pentagonorrhea". Is this some new venereal disease or is it some new and more deadly strain of Montezuma's Revenge?



Black, radical, lawyer Florynce Kennedy.

Kennedy is a must for those students who like good, entertaining speakers. Here is a woman who carries around a bucket to throw at anyone who "niggles her".

She is a woman who is very sincere in her fight for the equality of women. But beware! The blows of a "bleck belt" are deadly. She warns her audience, "There are no virgins in a whorehouse!" and Flo Kennedy has picked up many tricks in her travels.

So beware this new generation of lawyers. They will no longer be "apolitical". They will be bucket-toting "whores" out to "screw" the "establishment".

800 rally for Morgentaler

By DEIDRA CLAYTON
"Let's get it up for justice," urged black, feminist lawyer, Florynce Kennedy, at a benefit rally for Dr. Henry Morgentaler at U. of T.'s Convocation Hall, Sunday.

The rally attracted 800 people and raised \$2,500 which will go directly to the Morgentaler Trust Fund.

Morgentaler was jailed late March for performing illegal abortions, although he had been acquitted of the charges by two different juries.

"This country has a preoccupation with balls!" said Kennedy at the rally. "The media is more concerned with the cancellation of game six of the World Series than with the plight of Dr. Morgentaler."

Pierre Berton, master of ceremonies at the rally, told the crowd that Morgentaler was "a victim of a cat-and-mouse game. His assets are frozen; he has no funds of any kind to continue his defence or to send his children to school, no financial future of any kind — that is why we are here

tonight to try and raise more money for Dr. Morgentaler," said Berton.

"It is not a donation or charity, but an investment."

Berton claimed the pass-the-buck routine is in play between the federal and provincial governments.

"Their aim is to bring Dr. Morgentaler to his knees before the world and say, 'I am guilty'. The future of Dr. Morgentaler is the future of all of us," said Berton.

Berton was congratulated by Kennedy for sticking his neck out and coming to the rally. "The Canadian people need people like Pierre Berton in their government instead of Jerome Choquettes," she shouted.

Kennedy criticized Pierre Trudeau, a self-professed long-time friend of Morgentaler, for not doing anything to obtain amnesty for him. She reminded the audience that Morgentaler has spent five years in a Nazi concentration camp and is now "a victim of criminal incarceration, suffering political persecution by fetus fetishists."

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