

Final an all-male affair as Bill fires Geraldine

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THE final of *The Apprentice* will be an all Steve affair, with Messrs Rayner and Higgins left to face-off for Bill's attentions after Geraldine O'Callaghan was fired last night.

Instead of the usual team-based tasks, the three remaining hopefuls faced tough individual interviews from a panel made up of psychologist Sheena Clohessy, media mogul Gavin Duffy, and Brightwater's recruitment experts, managing director David Bloch and director Mairead Fleming.



The four grilled the candidates to such a temperature that skeletons began leaping out of the closet.

Geraldine (pictured) scored Breffny. Steve Rayner is a reformed alcoholic and gambler, and Stephen Higgins' ego is in an atmosphere of its own.

But there is only one aspect of each candidate's past that Bill Cullen is really interested in, and that's experience – and sadly for Geraldine, her's was found wanting.

'Geraldine has grown with every single task,' said Ms Fleming. 'She's also extremely hard-working and given a few years corporate experience, would be an excellent apprentice to Bill,' she said, adding, 'she's definitely going to learn from this experience'.