

# Women's Issues Discussed at NYPIRG Forum

By Matthew Lebowitz and Robert Lieberman

The New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG) sponsored a forum called "Days of Women" last week that dealt with issues such as women in politics, abortion, women in the job market and rape prevention.

The forum consisted of seven workshops ranging from "Women in Politics" to "The Discussion and Demonstration of a Gynecological Exam" and included former New York State Senator Karen Burstein among the speakers.

Burstein lectured on "Women in Politics" and the workshop discussed the subordinate position women in America have been forced to assume. In her

closing statement Burstein expressed the hope that someday soon we will not have to talk about women in politics, but, instead, people in politics. "Days of Women" was an attempt to elevate the social consciousness of women's issues," said NYPIRG's Stony Brook Chairman Blair Horner, "when the very nature of the women's movement is in a state of flux."

Judy Wishnia, associate professor of Psychology, gave the workshop entitled "Ghettoization of Women in the Job Market," and said that women's salaries as compared with men's actually differ more today than in the 1930's. According to Wishnia, women now make only 57 cents per men's dollar as compared to the 1930's when women made 62 cents per men's dollar.

Phyllis Graham of the Long Island Commission for Life was verbally accosted by members of the campus Womyn's Center and other womens groups from the area when speaking against abortion. The pro-choice advocates came carrying signs ranging from "Pro-lifers can afford children," to "Pro-life=Moral Majority=Racism=Sexism=The Klan=Nazis=Oppression" and "My body is not State Property."

Graham spoke against abortion and said that an unborn child is a human being and spoke about dangers of various methods of abortion, as well as legal implications of abortions and murder.

One member of the Womyn's Center said "For every statistic she [Graham] notes in her manipulative speech, another



KAREN BURSTEIN

could be found refuting what she said. It's a split issue, people just choose which statistics they prefer."

## Mount College Rings Wedding Bells

By Lisa Castignoli

Mount College presented its mock wedding on Saturday. The pregnant bride, Lisa Simkin, and the groom, Patrick Fratellone, pledged their own special wedding vows to each other in the presence of Mount residents and friends. The service was performed by a priest with a broken Italian Brooklyn accent and a rabbi

who seemed to have stepped out of the movie "Fiddler on the Roof."

The roles of the priest and the rabbi were splendidly acted out by Mount resident Glen Held. The Italian and Jewish stereotypes were played to the hilt, causing the room to fill with laughter. The mother of the bride was atypical, lamenting the loss of her daughter. The

exchanging of rings was accompanied by the usual chaos, with the best man misplacing the ring and frantically searching for it. After recovering the wedding band, Fratellone, the stereotypically nervous groom, slipped it on the wrong finger. Once again, laughter rang out from the wedding party and spectators.

After the service, the happy

couple stepped into Fratellone's sun-roofed car in which the couple sped around campus, escorted by the Department of Public Safety; toilet paper trailing in the wind along with an "Almost Just Married" sign.

The reception was held in the Roth Dining Hall which had been transformed into a wedding hall with the use of bright crepe paper, flowers, butterflies and other decorations that exemplified spring. Invitations were sent to friends from other buildings, requesting the honor of their presence provided that they brought food enough to feed themselves.

Lisa's song to her father, "Sunrise, Sunset" was mysteriously changed to "I'm a Big Girl Now" which had a disco

beat, causing the couple to create a new disco-box dance step. The way the bride and the father tried to compensate for the change in themes made the situation even more humorous. Cases of champagne and soda, kegs of beer and Sangria were also provided.

Mount College used the money the legislature had allotted to their building for activities to pay for the expense of this wedding. Nothing was missing from this gala event. There were flowers, wedding bands, invitations, a bachelor party, and a bachelorette party, complete with a sensual male stripper.

Mount College provided two days of entertainment for all those who attended.



SPRING FEST, lasting two full days and nights: a big success.

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## CRIME ROUND-UP

### Foul-Ups at the Fest

An eight foot by 10 foot window was broken on the west side of Tabler Cafeteria at about 1 AM Saturday after Springfest.

While no one was arrested, a six foot white male was seen fleeing the area by Campus Security officers James Farrell and Winston Kerr.

According to Farrell, "The man pointed at Detective Kerr and accused him of breaking the window." Nearby students then proceeded to apprehend

Kerr, added Farrell. Consequently the suspect was not captured.

Although no one actually saw the man break the window he is the prime suspect in the case.

Farrell said that he has no animosity toward the student who mistakenly apprehended Kerr because "they were only trying to capture the person they thought committed the crime."

#### Non-Students Arrested

Two male non-students were arrested in Tabler parking lot and charged with possession of

burglars tools, attempted petit larceny and loitering, Saturday at 2 AM after Springfest.

Thomas Golden and Steven Rand were apprehended while in the act of breaking into a GM Firebird. The perpetrators had in their possession a wire hanger fashioned to break into a car, screwdrivers, and wrenches. In addition, Golden was armed with a knife.

The two were previously arrested for siphoning gas on campus about a year ago.

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