A Tragedy Sparks a Summerful of Caring

A gunshot blast in the face seemed to end a Polish national's hopes of bringing his crippled son to America. But a new life has opened up for them through University Hospital.

By MAXINE SIMSON

The first wave of information about the hospitalized crime victim created a startling profile—male, age 38, citizen of Poland, wounded while working at a Calverton gas station; jaw shattered; 57 gunshot fragments in face, left eye, jaw, neck, chest, and possibly in the heart.

And here, in University Hospital's Emergency Department, was Witold Wroblewski drawing pictures for doctors, nurses, and police. He could not speak English, and by drawing he had begun already to build bridges to the caregivers he would come to know so well over the next weeks.

The response from the hospital staff was quick and caring. The trauma team worked efficiently to remove the pellets and to begin the process of reconstructing the jaw. After surgery, Donald Pisani, the social worker assigned to this patient, arranged for a steady stream of language translators to help Wroblewski with virtually every aspect of a life that at first seemed, like his jaw, shattered.

Speaking slowly, and painfully, through the plastic brace that held his jaw in place, his story unfolded. He had come to the United States seven months earlier, leaving his wife and two children in Bialystok, Poland. He had a single goal. He would work hard, live frugally, and save enough money to help younger generations.

But a new life had opened up for them through University Hospital. He and his Polish-born wife, Maria, helped as translators. Others translated hours of conversations, and became a part of Wroblewski's life. They included Jodi Strelczewy, assistant, radiation safety office; Wojciech Strus, Microbiology; and a handful of Stony Brook students.

Discussions with doctors and staff centered around the patient's convalescence, which was called "a model recovery" by David Kreis, M.D., chief of trauma. Staffers agreed that having Dorota Wroblewski, Witold's wife, and their son at his side would aid Wroblewski's well-being. And the doctors agreed that if mother and son could be brought from Poland, a complete medical diagnosis and evaluation would be provided for the boy.

Edward Czerwinski, professor of Germanic and Slavic languages, played a key role in gathering the son's medical records while vacationing in Poland this summer. He brought them to the U.S. embassy in Warsaw. With help from Stony Brook's public affairs office and the assistance of U.S. Rep. George Hoeffel, the boy's medical records were brought to Stony Brook.

The Polish embassy in Manhattan was pressed into service, to take the actions that would prompt Polish officials to issue travel documents for the family abroad. Throughout this activity, the world's attention was drawn to University Hospital's best-known patient through the mass media. Every development made news: his rapid recovery; his gratitude and wonder at the kindness and generosity of virtual strangers; his marvel at the medical complex that provided the care he needed; and the arrival of Wojtek's medical records. All generated interest, sympathy—and money.

Hundreds of letters with donations, and prayers, poured in to University Hospital from across the country. Other help came in person. A group in a roving ministry from Seattle, for example, parked their bus on hospital grounds to bring cassettes of Polish music and prayer to Wroblewski. A young Town Council member from Riverhead, Robert Pike, volunteered his legal services. Pan American World Airways donated air passage for Dorota and Wojtek.

The first funds came from the Suffolk County Police Department Robbery Squad detectives, who had apprehended two suspects in the shooting within two weeks. The detectives began an account at the Riverhead Savings Bank. The time of Riverhead's annual Polish Town Festival in August, bank officials presented the Wroblewski's a check for $100,000—and the fund is still growing.

When Witold Wroblewski left the hospital, more than a month after the gas station shooting, volunteers presented him with a thick scrapbook filled with hundreds of get-well cards and letters. And they gave him a going-away present. The nurses who had cared for him were happy that he was able to leave, but they expressed sorrow at "losing" a patient who had been so active regarding his own care and recovery.

Today, Witold and Wojtek Wroblewski are outpatients at University Hospital. Doctors have been evaluating the boy, and they have confirmed that he has cerebral palsy. John Parrot, professor and chair of the Department of Pediatrics, says that the young Wojtek's life can be made easier with enhanced bracing on his legs, and surgery to make his muscles stronger.

A temporary home was found for the Wroblewski family in the nearby Chapin Apartments for their first month together. They have since settled into more permanent quarters. They are hoping that their daughter Monica can come for a visit at Christmas time.

Now the family waits. Both Witold and Wojtek require further care. The doctors say at least a year will be needed in order to complete reconstructive surgery on Witold's jaw.

Then, Wroblewski would like to return to Poland. He maintains a high regard for the United States. "What I got from America," he says, "is beyond comprehension." Indeed, he would like eventually to return to America some day—this time as a tourist.
Asian Internships
For Young Leaders

Faculty and staff aged 29 or younger are invited to apply for 10-month internships in an Eastern or Southeastern Asian country, sponsored by the Luce Scholars Program. The program selects 15 young Americans each year with leadership potential and a record of high academic achievement. SUNY is one of 60 institutions in the nation that have been invited to submit two nominations for the 1987-88 competition; each SUNY campus may submit two nominations to the Chancellor. To be eligible for the Luce Scholarship Program, candidates must be American citizens who have earned at least a bachelor's degree before taking part in the program. They must be in good health and no more than 20 years of age on September 1, 1988. People who have already had a significant exposure to Asian culture or who have a specific career interest in Asia are not eligible. Further information and application forms are available from Rhoda Selvin, vice provost for undergraduate studies, 632-7800. The deadlines for completed applications and letters of recommendation is October 13, 1987.

Scholarships for Four

Four students at Stony Brook are among 50 statewide recipients of Regents Health Care Scholarships in a year for up to four years of approved study. The program, administered by the State Education Department and the State University of New York, has two major aims: to expand educational opportunities for under-represented minority and economically disadvantaged students, and to improve the state's health care. Each recipient is guaranteed scholarships to practice in under-served areas after completing their professional studies.

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CAMPUS CURRENTS welcomes letters for publication as well as news about faculty and staff at Stony Brook.

ASIAN-AMERICAN TASK FORCE has submitted proposals to improve campus life for Stony Brook's fastest growing minority. Aldona Jonaitis, vice provost for undergraduate studies, who established the group, hopes to implement some improvements as early as this fall. In photo, left to right: standing, Frank Shik, Fran Zak, Jonaitis, and Chen Ming Wai; seated, Joan Kenny, Dennis Clark, JoAnn Moore, Shi Ming Hu, and Matti Mocco. Shik and Hu co-chaired the group. Not present for the photo were Lucia Rasty, Susan Anzera, and Gerald Shepherd.

Appointments

Robert F. Schneider, acting vice provost for computing and communications, and George B. Pilots, Jr., of Harriman School for Managed Care Policy, have been appointed to the administrative support team named by the Long Island Forum for Technology to assist LIFT's newest project, called TECHCAP. Its job is to develop a technical capabilities data base for the region.

Life after Stony Brook

Mary Ann Clawson, who earned the doctorate in sociology at Stony Brook in 1980, has been appointed to associate professor with tenure at Wesleyan University. Her book, Constructing Brotherhood: Ritual, Class, and Gender in the Evolution of a Social Form, is being published by Princeton University Press.

Frank J. Kearse Jr., who earned the bachelor's degree in biology in 1980, has been chosen Internist of the Year by the Veterinary Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. He began his practice this summer in Bucks County, Pa.

Steven Rosenfeld, who earned the doctor of musical arts degree in piano performance in 1985, has been appointed to chair the piano department at the University of Michigan and to serve in Creative Studies in Detroit, beginning this fall. While at the preparatory school, he will be performing throughout the Detroit metropolitan area.

Christie E. Claar-Hackett, former critical care nurse in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Hospital, has been promoted from clinical coordinator to evening supervisor at the New York University Medical Center in Manhattan.

Bruce R. Buchner, who completed his radiology internship at the School of Medicine, has joined the radiology department at the Hospital and the Hospital Radiology PC.

News from Allied Health

Jacob S. Schleichkorn retired as chair of the Department of Physical Therapy on Sept. 1. Clifton Mereday, associate professor, will serve as acting chair.

Promotions in the Department of Allied Health Resources: Robert O. Hawkins, Jr., to professor; and Alan M. Leiken, to associate professor, with tenure; both effective July 1.

New faculty and staff: Robert Karant, assistant to the dean for student affairs, is the new director of the National Library and lecturer at Stony Brook 1962-63, died Aug. 13 from cancer. He was 75 years old.

Rose Walton, clinical associate professor of health sciences and chair, Department of Allied Health Resources, is recipient of an award from the AIDS Action Council "in admiration and respect for your distinguished service and commitment as a member of the Board of Directors." She was the June subject of "Women with Clout," a monthly feature of the Long Island newspaper, The Women's Record.

On the Road

Bruce R. Hare, associate professor of sociology, has addressed two national organizations' annual conferences this summer. He spoke to the National Association for Advancement of Colored People in Manhattan and to the National Urban League in Texas. Hare, a social psychologist, spoke on educational policy, a field in which he has been conducting longitudinal studies for more than a decade.

In the News

Charles Rosen, distinguished professor of music, was featured in a lengthy profile by Mark Swed, music critic, in the Los Angeles Herald Examiner. The noted musicologist and concert pianist was in California for a series of concerts exploring the vocal style of Chopin's piano writing. Swed reviewed Rosen's latest album for Nonesuch ("illuminating and exciting") and characterized him as "a pianist with ideas. Indeed, Rosen, a formidably scholarly and the author of some of the most highly praised books on music in recent times, may be nearly as famous for his ideas as he is for his playing."

Estelle Argie, whose job as chief health specialist is one of the newest at the Hospital, was the subject of a feature story in The Village Times. On duty since March, she is the young patients' advocate. She told the reporter: "Kids meet at least 57 faces when they first come into the hospital. Imagine how overwhelming that is."

Obituaries

Alexander A. Castaldi, laboratory equipment designer, died Aug. 7 of heart failure. He was 56 years old. Castaldi had worked in the Social Sciences Technical Support Facility the past 17 years. He was a former professor of CSEA on campus and had served his community of Bethpage as fire commissioner.

Arthur Z. Schwartzschul, nuclear physicist by profession, died Aug. 1 of cancer. He had been a visiting professor at the University of California and had served his community of Bethpage as fire commissioner.

George B. Pidot, Jr., a social worker by profession, died Aug. 1 of cancer. He had been a visiting professor at the University of California and had served his community of Bethpage as fire commissioner.

Dr. Bernard Tunik, biologist, has been chosen to chair the department. His specialties and the equipment for the biology building which is under construction at SUNY.

The university facility here has gone into its third name change. The latest official title is State University of New York at Stony Brook. When first set up, it was known as State University College on Long Island, which was later changed to Stony Brook College. — Three Village Herald

Sept. 14, 1962

A reception welcoming some 350 freshmen students will be the opening event of the State University of New York at Stony Brook this Sunday, Sept. 16, in Residence Hall. A breakdown in the enrollment reveals that for the first time since the establishment of the college at Oyster Bay the liberal arts section will constitute the largest single area with 30 percent. Science follows with 29 percent, mathematics 24 percent, and engineering 17 percent. Twenty-nine graduate students are enrolled for the coming year in chemistry, physics, thermal sciences, and fluid mechanics. Students reporting to classes at Stony Brook next week will find three of the buildings on the 480-acre campus ready for use. These are the Humanities and Chemistry buildings and a dormitory and dining hall to accommodate 600 students. The cost of these buildings, including the service building and heating plant, is nearly $7 million. — Three Village Herald

No Currents Sept. 21

The office of Publications is moving to 138 Administration Building. In order to make the move, it is necessary to cancel the Campus Currents issue of Monday, Sept. 21. The issue of Monday, Sept. 28 will carry a calendar covering events from Sept. 14-30. The office will be closed Sept. 14-18.
Rejuvenation at Sunwood

How Does Our Garden Grow?

It used to be beach parties and picnics, chamber music and potluck gourmet suppers that brought people together at Sunwood. When fire in the spring of 1986 destroyed the university's guest house and conference center overlooking Smithtown Bay, the estate's future seemed as dense as the heavy smoke that roared from the late winter blaze. But people are still coming to Sunwood for autumn activities. Daytime visitors employ the estate this summer again were using the beach on Long Island Sound. But by far the most popular activity has been gardening.

On the two hottest Saturdays in July, members of the new Sunwood Beach and Gardens Group "made satisfying headway" against gorse and blackberry, reports Carol Marburger, who co-chairs the steering committee with Ben Walcott. The work revealed brickwork and bushes that had almost disappeared. Working, and taking lemonade breaks, were faculty and staff from all parts of the campus, including Diane and Linda Barnes (Physics); Ed Beltrami, Alan and Mandy Tucker, and Barbara Posner (Applied Mathematics and Statistics); Bjørg Egelandsdal (Transportation Center); Jean Eniste (School of Nursing); Homer and Betty Goldberg (English); Paul Grannis (Physics); Joan Kenny (Engineering); Carol Marburger herself (President's Office); and Carroll Neill (office community); Monica Riley (Biochemistry); Rhoda Selvin (Graduate Studies); Eckard and Astrid Wimmer (Microbiology); Walcott (Aristotelian Sciences and Provost's Office), and Adela Whitten (Chemistry).

Another gardening day is scheduled for Oct. 12. And Sunwood will again be the setting for picnics and chamber music Sept. 12 when the Sunwood Beach and Gardens Group members and families there are more than 200 in all — gather for the "first annual meeting and supper celebration." Sunwood will remain open to members on weekends through the month of October.

All members of the university community are welcome to join the group. Barbara E. Scarsdon in the Provost's Office (632-7002) has application forms.

When Life magazine was a weekly pictorial record of the fast-changing period of economic depression and a world at war with itself, a handful of pioneering photojournalists made understandable for millions of readers the immediacy of extraordinary events continents away and the significance of the commonplace in their own backyards. One of the best of this new breed of photographers was Margaret Bourke-White. An exhibit this fall at the Fine Arts Center Gallery reflects this history of extraordinary and adventurous life, including marriage to writer Erskine Caldwell. Barbara Streisand acquired the film rights to Bourke-White's biography and plans to play the lead role in the movie. The exhibit will run Sept. 8- Nov. 14, every Tuesday through Saturday, 12-4 p.m., and some evenings before main stage productions. For information, call the Fine Arts Center Art Gallery, 632-7240.

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WEDNESDAY, Sept. 9
FALL SEMESTER - Last day for students to drop courses without tuition liability.

TUESDAY, Sept. 15
HEALTH SCIENCES - Last day to apply for December graduation through the Health Sciences Center's Office of Student Services.

Wednesday, Sept. 16
FALL SEMESTER - End of late registration period. Last day for undergraduates, CED, and OSAP students to add a course or to drop a course without a W (Withdrawal) grade being recorded. Last day for undergraduate students to change status to or from full-time/part-time.

CONFERENCE

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CHINESE TRADE - "Trade and Investment Opportunities in the People's Republic of China," 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Allen Room (formerly Map Room), Melville Library, first floor; $50 includes coffee, lunch and registration materials; 632-6133.

LECTURES

Monday, Sept. 7
MICROBIOLOGY - "A New Worming Cough Vaccine," Dr. Kate Korenberg, Nymans, National Public Health Institute, Helsinki, Finland; 12 noon; Life Sciences 099; 632-8787.

Tuesday, Sept. 8
VACCINES - "Experimental Approaches to Controllably Engineered Vaccines," Dr. Dino Dusa, director of virology, Chiron Corporation, Part of Distinguished Corporate Scientist Series; 2:30 p.m.; Life Sciences 099; 632-8787.

CHINA AND U.S. - "China-U.S. Relationship," Dr. Albert Hsia, ambassador from the People's Republic of China; Sir Run Run Shaw College Center Oct. 11; call Timothy Mount, director, at 632-8230.

THURSDAY, Sept. 9
FRUIT FARMERS MARKET - Fresh-harvested produce; 4-7 p.m.; Stony Brook Union Ballroom.

EQUIPMENT SALES, FAIRS

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FLA MARKET - Community vendors; 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Stony Brook Union Ballroom.

ART PRINT SALE, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. daily; Stony Brook Union Center Oct. 11; call Delia Gibbs, 632-8230.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

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UNION CAFE - "A New World for Women," Elizabeth W. Brinkman, director; 8-10 p.m.; Allen Room (formerly Map Room), Melville Library, first floor; $50 includes coffee, lunch and registration materials; 632-6133.

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Friday, Sept. 11
PHOTOGRAPHY - "Margaret Bourke-White: The War Photographer,"110 photograph and 250- 1930-54 by famed life photographer Margaret Bourke-White; Thursday-Saturdays, 12-4 p.m., some Sundays, Allen Room; Tuesday, 7-10 p.m.; Paine Library, first floor; fee: $2; 632-6128.

FILMS, VIDEOTAPE

Wednesday, Sept. 9
MARK BROO - 'Their film classic, "Casino."' Free: 4-6 p.m.; Stony Brook Union Auditorium.

GENERAL INFORMATION

ROMAN CATHOLIC STOPHER - Mass schedule for full semester is Monday and Wednesday, 5 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, noon; 157 Humanities. Also Sunday at 11 a.m., 5 p.m., and 7 p.m.; Paine and Disinamront Student Center, Old Chemistry.

For more information, call Rev. Vincent Rush at 2-6562.

INFORMATION TELEPHONE - Stony Brook Union and Activities telephone hotline, 632-6321, updated daily with campus events.

MEETINGS

Monday, Sept. 14
UNIVERSITY SENATE - First meeting; 3:30 p.m.; Javits Lecture Center 109.

Monday-AL-ANON - Adult Children of Alcoholics; Mon- 7:30-10 p.m.; Stony Brook Union 223; 654-2827.

Wednesday
N.O.W. - National Organization for Women, Wed- shortened to Thursday, 11:30-1 p.m.; Social and Behavioral Sciences 521; 632-7080, 444-1452.

PERFORMANCES

Tuesday, Sept. 8
AUDITIONS - Stony Brook Chorus, Chamber Singers, and Concerto Singers open to faculty and staff; registration: 7:30 p.m.; Fine Arts Center 0113; call Timothy Mount, director, at 632-7292; or leave a message at 632-7330.

Tuesday-Wednesday, Sept. 8-9
AUDITIONS - University Theatre, production of Moliere's "Tartuffe". Thursday, Sept. 10, 7 p.m.; Theatre L; scripts available at Department of Theatre Arts Office; 632-7296, 632-7300.

Saturday, Sept. 12
CONCERT - Force MD's and Touch; sponsored by Student Activities Board and Minority Planning Board, Gym; 632-6321.

SALES, FAIRS

Tuesday-Thursdays throughout semester
FARMERS MARKET - Fresh-harvested produce; 4-7 p.m.; Stony Brook Union Ballroom.

FRIDAYS - "Land Regulation and Development Trends," B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation and the Hillel Student Center Club; 632-6565.

THURSDAY-FRIDAYS throughout semester
PLANTS POTTERY SALE, unison from Union Cafe; 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Stony Brook Union. Free.

Auditions for University Theatre, "Postmodernism"; 12-4 p.m.; Academic Mall; 632-6492, 632-6128.

WEDNESDAY-FRIDAYS throughout semester
FLA MARKET - Community vendors; 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Stony Brook Union Ballroom.

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Saturday, Sept. 10
EAST RADIO OPERATORS - Opening session in Amateur radio operators course; $40 fee; 7:30-10 p.m.; Light Engineering 55; in-class registration accepted through Sept. 16; fee: 632-7070-7070, 584-5256 evenings.

PROGRAM NOTES

Wait Till Next Year
The Fine Arts Center is participating with many other Long Island cultural organizations in staffing a committee planning Long Island Arts '88, a major festival of the arts on Long Island in 1988. Newsday is sponsoring the project. The festival will run from Memorial Day through Labor Day weekend in '88. Participants will be chosen by the festival committee after reviewing their applications.

Museum Needs Volunteers
Volunteer instructors are needed to teach three hours a week for the Museum of Long Island Natural Sciences, located in the Earth and Space Sciences Building. The museum seeks volunteers for its elementary school program on Native Americans. No formal background is required but prospective instructors should have a desire to learn about the history of Native Americans on Long Island and be willing to share that interest with children. Training sessions will be started in late September. For information, call Della Gibbs, 632-8230.

We Hear You
The Fine Arts Center listens when students speak up. Responding to audience input, the center has moved the Chamber Music subscription series for the 1987-88 year to Wednesday at 8 p.m. and has strengthened the programming to provide a true chamber series.

Teaching Performers
Joining the Department of Music as artists in residence for the academic year are Elaine Boznovski, mezzo-soprano, who will perform in concert at the Fine Arts Center Oct. 28, and Charles Niedich, clarinetist.

JAZZ ARTISTS
Marian McPartland and George Shearing will bring their piano stylings to the first performance of the 1987-88 jazz subscription series sponsored on campus by the International Art of Jazz. The concert is scheduled for Nov. 18.