

Deny S.I. Attendant Clubbed Boy

The chief of services at Willowbrook on Staten Island said today that the charge by an 18-year-old runaway from the institution that he had been clubbed with a baseball bat by an attendant was untrue.

Dr. Stanley A. Slawinski also said the youth had not been denied food, that a fight with another resident had taken place Tuesday, not Wednesday, and that the other resident had not struck him with a lead pipe but with a mop wringer.

Anthony Marino was returned to Willowbrook by police early Thursday after he had run away the preceding day. He told police he had gotten into a fight with another resident who had hit him with a lead pipe, that an attendant had hit him with a baseball bat in breaking up the fight and that school officials had denied him food as punishment.

Marino was brought to the police by his mother. He had a large welt on his right side and a swollen nose.

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Slawinski said the fight between Marino and the other resident had begun with words and ended with Marino throwing chairs at the other man, who responded by hitting him with a wringer.

The unnamed attendant eventually broke up the fight, Slawinski said. He said that there were witnesses and that none said Marino had been struck with a bat.

The attendant, he said, has been at Willowbrook for 14 years and "is a dedicated worker who would never resort to the use of a bat on a resident."

The accusation, Slawinski said, is "totally unwarranted." He said Marino was a chronic disciplinary problem who had run away several times.

Slawinski said Marino had been treated by a Willowbrook doctor following the fight and there had been no indication he had been beaten with a bat or anything resembling a bat.