

Willowbrook resident is missing

Officials at Willowbrook Developmental Center yesterday appealed for assistance in the search for a 28-year-old resident who disappeared Saturday afternoon after a concert in Manhattan.

A spokesman for the center said the resident, Marguerite Sass, disappeared about 3 p.m. Saturday after a concert in Carnegie Hall.

Officials said she is severely retarded but does talk and responds to her name. They added that she is friendly and outgoing and will seek to grab hands and arms.

The woman was with a group of about 35 residents, officials continued, who went to the concert. After it was noticed that she was missing, four staff members and the hall security force searched the building.

The group remained at the hall as the four also searched the area in a squad car in an attempt to locate the resident.

Police have been contacted and the Missing Persons Bureau and Bellevue Hospital have both been alerted. Three staff members returned to the hall yesterday to continue the search.

Officials described the woman as 5 feet 5 inches tall, about 120 pounds, with brown eyes and hair, a shaven head and scratches on her face.

She was last seen Saturday wearing a red coat with a hood, a brown dress, brown shoes and a red scarf, officials added.

Officials asked that anyone seeing the woman contact the police.