

Jerry Hall: A pregnant pause.

Wanda Pilsudski (below), as she talked about her hero father.



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Frank: I'll be in Hoboken!

Frank Sinatra has no intention of allowing a group of students to keep him away from the Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken, N.J., on May 23 to receive an honorary degree in engineering at the school's annual commencement ceremonies. "I am going to fulfill my commitment to Stevens," Sinatra told us yesterday. "When Dr. Kenneth Rogers (the college president) called me to say that Stevens wanted to confer this degree, I was deeply honored. So, I'm going to be there on the 23d. There's no stopping me." When we broke the story that Stevens was going to honor Sinatra in his hometown, a group of students protested the move and said they intended to demonstrate against him "These things happen," said Sinatra. "But it was always my dream and that of my parents, Dolly and Martin, that I receive a degree from Stevens. And I'm going to honor that memory." Sinatra, a high school dropout, will speak on the "value of higher education."

Here and there . . .

- That hot bio on Bruce Springsteen is by Perigee Books and in the book stores. Love the old pix of The Boss when he never shaved.

- Sportscasters Don Dunphy, Vince Scully and Don Drysdale will call on President Reagan Monday to add the support of the American Sportscasters Association to the campaign providing summer jobs for the nation's youth. Reagan is an old sportscaster.

- It's definitely over between Lorenzo Lamas and

- Jennifer O'Neill. Lamas cut it off. Jennifer was upset but her good buddy and agent, Larry Thompson, helped her get over it.

- Sly Stallone is staying at home in Los Angeles to fully recover from a nasty flu bug and a severe pummeling he took while filming the fight sequences for "Rocky 4." Stallone, you'll recall, had to be hospitalized late last week but was able to go home over the weekend. He may go back to work on Monday.

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'My father was first to warn world about Hitler'

London psychiatrist Wanda Pilsudski says her father, Marshal Jozef Pilsudski, asked England and France to launch a "preventive war" against Nazi Germany in 1933 to stop Adolf Hitler from his plans to exterminate Jews and take over Europe.

Pilsudski was a bitter foe of Hitler and Jozef Stalin. Dr. Pilsudski, who was 17 when her father died in 1935, is starting a tour of the U.S. and Canada.

She arrived here yesterday from London where she has lived since Hitler invaded Poland in 1939.

She blamed the Communist government of Poland for refusing to recognize her father's heroism because he formed and led the Polish army that defeated the Russians when they invaded Poland in 1920.

"But I know from the people of Solidarity that

there is a Pilsudski cult in Poland, and very much involved in Solidarity, that is now conducting illegal meetings and movements in Poland to continue fighting for my father's ideals and policy for a free and independent Poland," said Pilsudski.

Now 68, the same age her father was when he died from cancer, she will begin a speaking tour of New York, Chicago, Montreal, Toronto, Ottawa and other cities to help commemorate the 50th anniversary of Pilsudski's death.

"He was a hero but has not properly been given the recognition he deserves," she said.

Pilsudski was the last military leader of a free Poland and, she said, had sent many messages to

leaders of the U.S., England and France warning about the military plans of Hitler and Communist Russia.

Because Poland had little contact with the Western world, she recalled, Pilsudski appointed Ignacy Jan Paderewski, the famed pianist, as his foreign minister.

Paderewski spoke several languages and tried to warn leaders of the rest of the world about Hitler and Russia.

"My father knew what Hitler was planning and had rejected many invitations from Hitler's emissaries to join an alliance with the Nazis," said Dr. Pilsudski.

"Unfortunately, no one listened. But if they did, the Holocaust would never have happened."