

## Biaggi: Use Willowbrook as classroom

Appalled by conditions he witnessed during a recent visit to Willowbrook State School, Congressman Mario Biaggi of the Bronx today requested that college and university departments of sociology and psychology require students majoring in those fields to complete a certain number of hours as volunteers in state mental institutions.

Because of its proximity to Willowbrook, Biaggi suggested that students at Wagner College serve as volunteers there.

In letters sent to a number of leading educators, Biaggi said his plan would involve students enrolled in colleges and universities throughout the state.

"It's impossible," said Biaggi, "to fully understand the problems of the profoundly retarded without actually participating and being involved with such problems."

Biaggi has sent letters to Ewald B. Nyquist, commissioner of the State Education Department; Chancellor Ernest Boyer of the State University of New York; Edward T. Hollander, State deputy commissioner for higher education; Robert J. Kibbee, chancellor of the City University of New York; Louis Quero Chiesa, chairman of the city Board of Higher Education, and John W. Chandler, chairman of the Commission of Independent Colleges and Universities and president of Hamilton College.

In describing conditions he witnessed at Willowbrook Biaggi said, "What is needed here is proper care, and this cannot be given when one attendant must care for 50 retarded children.

The stench the filth, the lack of training, education and humane care are indicative of a profound and desperate need for proper manpower.