

# Volpe pushes for vet school; eyes Willowbrook site for CSI



Dr. Edmond Volpe

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If the city university starts a school for animal doctors, it should be based at the College of Staten Island (CSI), Dr. Edmond Volpe, president of the college, said yesterday.

Volpe said he hopes a doctoral program in veterinary medicine could be launched at a new, consolidated CSI campus. Officials are still looking for a site for the new campus, and Volpe has said he prefers to use the grounds of the Staten Island Developmental Center (SIDC) in Willowbrook, which is scheduled to close.

The appeal for a new graduate school was part of the president's annual "state-of-the-college" address before an audience

of about 200 at one of CSI's two locations, its Sunnyside campus.

"We should not and must not continue to accept delay after delay, year after year, in unifying CSI on a single campus," Volpe declared at one point in his hourlong address.

Volpe said the Island is the only borough where city university construction is not under way. Applause met his remark that "it's our fault because we've not been hollering and shouting enough."

In his speech, Volpe also attacked what he described as unfairly low levels of state funding for CSI. Today, he was to travel to Albany for talks with Henrik

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