

gested Richard D. Irwin, president of the Chamber of Commerce. Students tend to be on campus only a few days of the week and eat lunch either in the cafeteria or bring lunch from home. Employees would provide businesses with a steady five-day-a-week clientele.

"It should be no problem" to fill the buildings "once we get down to the date of when CSI will move out," Irwin said.

What happens to CSI's 43-acre

Sunnyside campus, however, will probably be more controversial. That campus sits in the middle of several exclusive residential areas and includes athletic fields and six acres of unspoiled woodland.

The draft environmental impact statement (EIS) recently submitted to the state Dormitory Authority concerning CSI's move to Willowbrook says developing the

Sunnyside campus as a residential community would "be compatible with the existing residential land use pattern."

Assemblyman Robert Stranieri, R-Dongan Hills, and Borough President Lamberti, both vehemently oppose private development and want the land preserved for the public's use.

"I am concerned that efforts will be made to balance the city budget on the backs of Staten Island. That's how Staten Island's vacant land all got sold off in the early 1960s," Stranieri said. "I think it's important that we begin to plan for that site and get community-based organizations" interested in moving there, he said.

So far, Stranieri is supporting the Staten Island Council on the Arts' bid for the Williamson Theater and wants the gymnasium and sports fields to become the city parks department's property. Stranieri also has suggested the

formation of a community task force, with representatives from the community, city and the state, to look into possible uses for the campus.

Like Stranieri, Lamberti wants the six-acre strip of woodland preserved and the remaining facilities and buildings reserved for the public, Robert Huber said.

Next week, Lamberti will announce specific suggestions for the Sunnyside land, Huber said. Although he would not say what

the proposal was, Huber said Lamberti was "moving in the direction of adapted reuse of the site."

A third suggestion came from Irwin. "It would be a super office park," he said. "I know a lot of people have talked about it for recreational purposes or a court complex," he said, but "that would be a lovely business park ... it's excellent office space, beautifully located."