

Not many attend session on CSI move

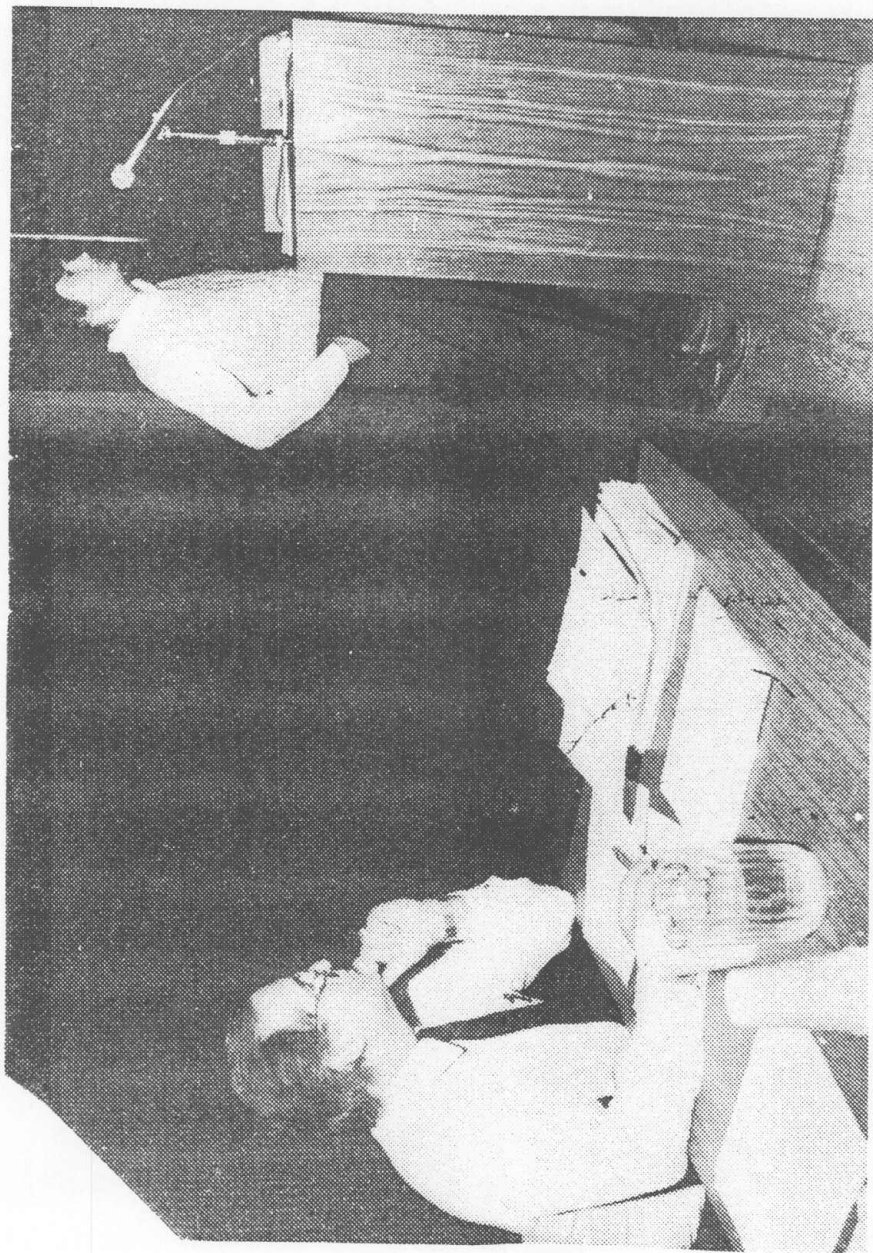
Aide says BP office never notified

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State officials waited four hours for people to attend their public hearing on the proposed College of Staten Island Willowbrook campus yesterday. In the end, however, state and college officials outnumbered the speakers.

The hearing focused on the draft of an environmental impact statement concerning CSI's plan to consolidate on the grounds of the soon-to-be-closed Staten Island Developmental Center (SIDC).

About 10 people attended the hearing in addition to the dozen or so people connected to the project in an official capacity. All the speakers supported the project, although Richard Buegler of the Protectors of the Pine Oak Woods



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College faculty member Gladys C. Meyer speaks while Ronald L. Lane of the State Dormitory Authority listens at the College of Staten Island public hearing.

said he was concerned about one aspect of the proposed construction because it involves the destruction of a small woodland area.

Most, however, had only praise for the proposed consolidation.

The Willowbrook land "provides an ideal setting for a college campus," said Louis Cenci, trustee with the City University of New York, to which CSI belongs. It will give CSI the space it needs for its more than 10,000 students who now crowd the Sunnyside and St. George campuses, he said.

Unifying the campus will allow students to select courses with more ease, improve their access to the school's programs and facilities, provide students with the most up-to-date facilities and give Islanders a college in a more