

# CSI braces for 2nd decade

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In its second decade, the College of Staten Island must reach for its goal of "becoming the jewel of the City University system," said President Edmond L. Volpe during his annual state of the college address yesterday.

During its first 10 years, sometimes simply surviving was difficult, he said, noting that the city's fiscal crisis was responsible for a reduction of 40 percent of the school's full-time staff.

But now, the school has stabilized and is healthy, its staff has increased and it has become "incumbent upon us to head toward that bright star," Volpe said, during the school's next 10 years.

Volpe's address contained news and recapped information about new programs, new faculty, the recent administration reorganization and the new campus to be built in Willowbrook, all of which supported his statements about the school's rapid growth.

Volpe highlighted:

- The school's new graduate programs, including new doctoral programs in neuroscience and psychology offered in cooperation with the Institute of Basic Research and a master's of business administration offered in cooperation with Baruch College.

- CUNY's new institute for the study of migration, immigration

and population to be established at CSI. (The institute will have ties with the Center for Migration Studies.)

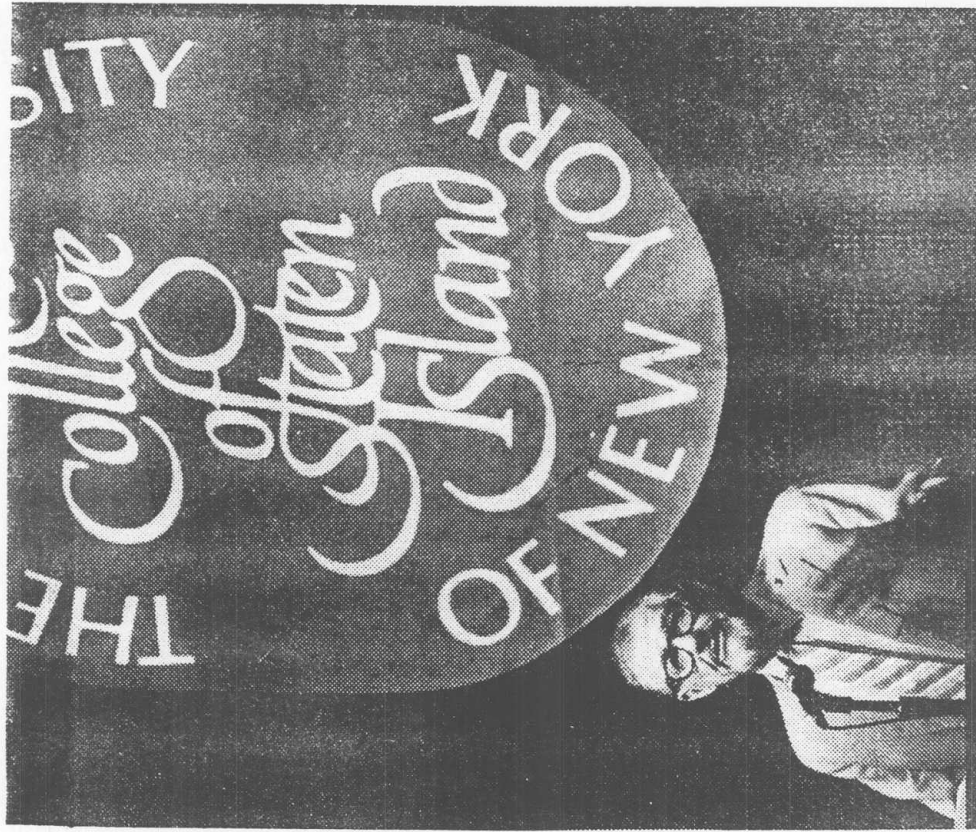
- A proposed Center for Environmental Studies, a research facility where the environment of Staten Island can be monitored for the protection of the community.

- The school's consolidation on the grounds of the Staten Island Development Center in five years. Construction could begin next fall on the \$220 million project.

- CSI's growing faculty exchange programs around the world, including in China, Italy, France and Korea. CSI is a well-known school in one province of China, "probably better known there than it is in Manhattan," Volpe said.

Volpe did speak about one "serious problem," student apathy. He said only 279 students of 10,600 students voted in last spring's elections. He acknowledged that many CSI students have responsibilities outside of school — many have families to support — but he said the number of students participating in extracurricular activities was still low.

"We are not touching the number we could be touching, and I seek your help," Volpe told the audience comprised of mostly faculty and administration.



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CSI President Edmond Volpe delivers his annual state of the college address.