

College moves on building plan

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groundbreaking ceremony on Sept. 21. "It will be an exciting event and one that we've been waiting a long time for," said Volpe.

Construction should begin by November, with the first phase of the campus opening by the end of 1992.

Five of the 10 academic buildings will be completed by then.

In addition, the new library building, student center and part of the science building and research labs, as well as two administration buildings and most of the performing and creative arts center, will be done.

Sports complex

Also to be built are a sports complex that will include ballfields, a football practice field, a track and baseball diamond.

Parking will accommodate 2,000 cars.

When completed, the college should be "one of the most exciting and attractive campuses in the area," Volpe said. "It is truly a student campus. The students will have their own central walk to take them from building to building. Traffic will be on the periphery of the campus."

There will also be many new and innovative programs offered at the campus to attract students from other boroughs.

70% from Staten Island

At present, 70% of the student population comes from Staten Island and the rest primarily from Brooklyn.

When the St. George and Sunnyside campus close, the rental or sale of those properties will be handled by the New York State Dormitory Authority.

It is no secret that Staten Island's court system is looking at the St. George facility for office space. Officials say court space is needed badly.



LOOKING OVER plans for new campus are (l.-r.) Yolanda Rudich, Jill Bauch and Rachel Lavan.