

Swimming with Dolphins (From Front)

"The college will see some reductions in anticipated revenue," said Santiago. "These cuts spread to all institutions. We must bear the burden of these cuts."

Though a seemingly astronomical figure, VP Santiago seemed optimistic that CSI could endure the cuts and assured that the college wouldn't have to cut student services.

"The cuts won't affect the college's core mission," said Public Relations and Marketing Director, Ken Bach.

VP Santiago said that CUNY is prepared to take the burden of the cuts and will make up for \$32 million in lost revenue. The remaining \$18 million will be spread among the colleges, although it is uncertain what determines how it will be divided up.

That leaves CSI facing a shortfall of 3.2 million in revenue, according to VP Santiago. He stressed that it will affect new initiatives, as outlined in the CUNY Compact, not services. Real cuts, he said, would amount to 1.7 million dollars. His office will help decide what areas of the budget need trimming in the coming months.

"It's just like families who can't go out to dinner," he said.

After CUNY raised the technology fee this summer, a move that drove up student tuitions, Santiago said that students remain safe from further fee hikes.

"I don't foresee any other fees," said Santiago. "We should be able to weather the year."

Most of the decision-making power of tuition increases lies in the hands of legislators. His office, he described, plays a much humbler role.

"We just implement, collect, and deal with the headaches," he said with a chuckle.

VP Santiago said he finds solace like this in a Spanish saying: "Everything depends on the color of the looking glass."

While here, Santiago said he hopes to bring renovations to building 6S and mend the ailing gym floor and "not just the floor but the problems that are causing it."

The gym floor has been in disrepair since before VP Santiago joined CSI in May.

Three days after the formal investi-

ture of Dr. Tomas D. Morales as the school's president at May's commencement, the college announced the appointment of Vice President Milton Santiago on its web site.

Santiago replaces the departing Angelo Aponte. Former Vice President Aponte announced his resignation in the last spring semester. The Vice President for Finance and Administration Search Committee selected Milton Santiago to serve the position.

At Bunker Hill Community College, VP Santiago served the strikingly similar post VP for Administration and Finance. He has also proved that he can work with legislators to raise capital for a CUNY institution.

While serving at Lehman College, Milton Santiago worked with state lawmakers to bring \$30 million worth of improvements to the college's labs, library, and performing arts center.

The Vice President's work though, doesn't end in the vast spreadsheets of the CSI budget and payroll.

VP Santiago describes much of his job as being an "administrative police officer." Much of his activity involves making sure that the college meets the many regulations imposed upon it by the external community.

"[Universities] are the most over-regulated of all enterprises," he said. "Everyone is your boss."