

City Hopes to Hire 100 Urban Corps Students

Atlanta city government hopes to have an Urban Corps of up to 100 college interns working for and with it by the spring semester.

Dan Sweat, governmental liaison director at City Hall, said Friday that the city is seeking to employ 100 under the federal College Work Study Program, and already is negotiating with college officials.

Sam Williams, president of the Georgia Tech student body last year, brought the attention of Sweat and Mayor Ivan Allen Jr. to the success of the New York intern program last spring.

Williams and other college leaders have followed up this fall. The delay was due to the time needed to begin and carry out the city's massive summer program, Sweat explained.

Sweat met with the students last Monday and has another session set for next Thursday. The students have been asked to select a spokesman, who will be sent to New York to confer with the director of the program there, Michael Gildstein.

The Ford Foundation gave New York funds to provide free technical assistance to other cities interested in establishing an Urban Corps.

Sweat said that the City Personnel department has established two classifications for the college interns. John Cox, executive director of the Atlanta Children and Youth Services Commission also has cooperated.

Sweat hopes that the college students can provide general administration and supervision for the program. The program will hit its peak during the summer



PLANS FOR SPRING
Dan Sweat

Frank McGaughey and Eugene McLemore last summer reinforced the intent of the city to establish a larger program.

"We must use the talents of the young men and women," Sweat said. "We've found they can carry a larger role than we normally would think. We must use their creative abilities in our government."

months Sweat said, but could have about 50 working for the city in all departments during the spring months. New York City has about 3,000 in its program.

Georgia Tech students spearheaded the drive to establish an Urban Corps here, Sweat said, and Emory University and the Atlanta University Center have also been interested. In fact, Sweat added, he hopes all 33 colleges in the metropolitan area will eventually take part.

Sweat said the outstanding performance of city interns