

## Daley College Is Site For NASA's PREP Class

A large group of Chicago area middle school and high school students are expected to enroll in the National Aeronautic and Space Administration's Pre-freshman Engineering Proyecto Access (PREP) program when classes are held this summer at Daley College, 7500 S. Pulaski Road.

Daley College is one of nine sites in the nation where the program will be offered, according to the City College system.

"Through Chicago PREP we hope to increase the number of Chicago students who succeed academically and professionally in math, science and engineering by reaching them in their early years," said Dr. Mark Warden, interim president at Daley College.

Designed to improve abstract reasoning and problem-solving skills, PREP is a math-based curriculum. Classes will meet from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday for most of the summer term. Twenty staff people will be working with the students.

Students must have a "B" average or better, and provide recommendations. Residency within the college's commuting area is advised, and preference is given to students from low-income families.

No tuition is charged for PREP, which receives its funds from several sources.

Some funding has been underwritten by NASA and the University of Texas at San Antonio. Funds are also provided

by the Chicago Community Trust, which will allow PREP to expand the Junior Mentor Internship Program this year.

PREP also receives funds from Daley College, private companies, the Mayor's Office of Workforce Development Summer Youth Program, the U.S. Department of Agriculture Summer Food Service Program, and other public and private agencies.

More information may be obtained by calling Daley College, (773) 838-7632, and asking for M. Vali Siadat, Ph.D, of the Department of Mathematics.