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HOUSING EXPANSION PROPOSED

Proposals for providing campus housing for 40 per cent of the Humboldt State College student body are being developed for submission to the California State Colleges' Chancellor's Office. Based on fulfilling the needs of the 5,500 student enrollment provided for in the HSC Master Plan, the proposals will envision doubling the percentage of student living quarters now available on campus.

President Cornelius H. Siemens revealed that the College will submit its recommendations in the next three months, seeking construction for campus housing for 750 additional students in the next few years. He stressed that the availability of loan funds will influence the construction timetable.

Existing residence halls, including the Jolly Giant complex completed last fall, Redwood Hall, Sunset Hall, and Humboldt Village, house about 900 students, or approximately 20 per cent of the present enrollment of 4,400 students.

The first part of a "package" plan, he said, would entail addition of at least three residence halls for fifty students each in the canyon to the east of the Jolly Giant Complex. If a fourth building is feasible, the total of the addition would be 200 accommodations. Apartment-type structures for married students are being considered.

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A second part of the package would be construction of a cluster of residence halls accommodating from 450 to 600 students on the state-acquired land in the vicinity of 14th and Union Streets and adjacent to the existing campus.

Further additions on yet undetermined sites would eventually bring campus housing to 2,000 accommodations, or 40 per cent of the Master Plan enrollment.

The President declared that funds for all new residence halls would be supplied totally by loans from either the Federal Government or private sources and not from State funds. Loans and financing costs would be repaid 100 per cent by room and board fees charged to residents.

Pointing to an expected enrollment of 5,100 next fall, he said about 3,500 of that number will be coming from outside the local area and will need housing on or near the campus. Since only about 900 can be served by existing residence halls, about 2,600 students will be turning to the community for assistance in securing housing.