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TASK FORCE ON STUDENT HOUSING

A task force of state and local government representatives will meet at Humboldt State College in about three weeks to explore solutions to the displacement of student-occupied housing by the Arcata Freeway Project, it was revealed by Donald F. Strahan, Vice President for Administrative Affairs.

Strahan said the panel will be the result of a request by HSC administrators that the Division of Highways use its resources and ingenuity to assist in acquiring land so that the College could develop replacement housing.

Under a proper evolving plan, Strahan explained, the College could purchase property, with construction of residence halls to be financed by the regular means of selling revenue bonds to be paid through rental fees charged students. It is not the practice of the state colleges, Strahan noted, to use funds from student sources for purchase of land.

Howard Ullrich, Chief Deputy Director of the State Department of Public Works and Jack Peddy, Deputy Highway Engineer, both of Sacramento, were on campus February 23 to confer with HSC and local government officials. The pair was briefed on the impact of the freeway project on the Arcata area and on the working relationships between the College, the Division of Highways, and local government.

The task force, under appointment by James A. Moe, Director of the Department of Public Works, will consist of spokesmen from the Department of Public Works, the State Colleges Chancellor's Office, the Division of Highways, the College, the State Department of Housing and Community Development, and the City of Arcata. The City of Eureka and Humboldt County will be invited to send observers.