

AAHE NEWS

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Colorado State University
Ft. Collins, Colorado
October 8, 1975 - Meeting of Executive Board
October 9-11, 1975 - Annual Meeting

CALL FOR RESEARCH PAPERS

The Research Committee of the American Association of Housing Educators is considering research papers for possible delivery at the October, 1975 AAHE meeting at Fort Collins, Colorado. If you have a paper to submit, please send a one page, double-spaced abstract no later than August 15, 1975 to:

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Need a copy of v. 1, n. 1 (May 1974) *Housing Educators Journal*? Since there are no extra copies of the first issue, the editors are exploring the possibility of printing some extra copies, if a sufficient number of requests are received. If you are interested in purchasing this back issue, send your name and address to Sherman Hanna, School of Home Economics, Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama 36830. (Do NOT send money.)

HOUSING MANAGEMENT CURRICULUM CONFERENCE

On October 16-17, 1974, I joined approximately thirty representatives from colleges, universities, and community colleges who met in Washington, D.C. to confer on curriculum development for the training and education of persons employed in housing management. The conference, a part of a HUD grant and sponsored by the National Center for Housing Management (NCHM), drew representatives from HUD, National Association of Home Builders (NAHB), and educators and administrators from the fields of housing, household equipment, environmental design, family and consumer studies, restaurant, hotel and institutional management, urban affairs, planning and community development, public and community service, social welfare, political science, government services, business and public administration, adult and continuing education, social and behavioral sciences, and gerontology. A number of the participants are involved in on-going housing management training institutes and projects at levels ranging from entry-level resident managers or maintenance personnel to professional project managers responsible for hundreds of units in several developments.

Samual J. Simmons, President of the NCHM, and members of his staff, led by Mary Lela Sherburne, Director of College and Curriculum Programs, presented the Center's current efforts. Included was the report of an initial sixteen week training program (now condensed to two week sessions) for managers of housing for the elderly. The program will be held in various parts of the country by June, 1975. Also presented were competency-based programmed instructional modules under preparation, a description of professional organizations, training programs and professional certified designations now available, a state licensing study, a method of setting performance standards through Functional Job Analysis, and the content of the management curriculum designed by the Center for HUD.

Considerable debate centered on the definition of housing management, and the merits of housing management as a profession requiring a college degree versus a certificate training program. Further discussion concerned the necessity of curriculum variations

for persons planning careers in property management for a profit versus managers of government and non-profit projects, and whether the same training would serve for prospective managers of subsidized low-income housing developments and luxury high-rises. The debate was stimulating and no conclusions were reached, but the ground work was laid for several people to go home and begin to develop new programs or arrange ways of incorporating housing management into existing majors.

Some of the other AAHE members also present included Trudy Fish, Marge Inman, Norma Newmark, Larry Olivia, Mary Pickett, and Helen Van Zante. A little recruiting for AAHE was conducted on the side.

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