

# AAHE NEWS

## TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS

Graduate students working on a masters or doctoral degree in some aspect of housing are eligible for three \$75 scholarships to be used to attend the 1975 meeting of the American Association of Housing Educators, Fort Collins, Colorado, October 8-11. Students applying for the scholarships will be required to submit the following:

1. A thesis proposal or paper they have written.
2. A statement expressing why he/she wishes to attend the AAHE meeting.
3. A brief description of past experiences and future plans.
4. A letter of support from an active AAHE member, describing the applicant's potential as a housing educator.

Application forms can be obtained from:

Glenda Humphries  
252 Dawson Hall  
School of Home Economics  
University of Georgia  
Athens, Georgia 30601

## MEMBER AUTHORS BOOK

Mary Wallace Crocker, Chairman of the AAHE Research Committee, is the author of the recently published book, *Historic Architecture in Mississippi*. Currently in its second printing, the book is a handsome compendium of over 300 photographs and related researched information of historic buildings in Mississippi.

Besides its local and regional success, the book has received national critical acclaim, including a review on the NBC *Today Show* and an award of commendation for her "pioneer study" by the National Committee of the Association of State and Local history.

The book may be purchased at most bookstores in Mississippi, or ordered directly from the University and College Press of Mississippi, 3825 Ridgewood, Road, Jackson, Mississippi, 39211. The price is \$12.50.

## FROM THE BOOK REVIEW EDITOR

The as-yet rather informal "procedure" for the HEJ book review is this: the editor will review books as they are received unless other members offer. This assistance may come from any area, but will be especially welcome in the areas of interiors, furnishings, and household equipment. Unsolicited reviews will also be accepted, but members are asked to channel them through this editor to avoid duplication.

We have had an encouraging response from many of the publishers and professional organizations to whom we extended an invitation to share their new releases. Several volumes have arrived for review and we have received an "exchange" membership in the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials so that we will swap publications as they are produced. We are now receiving the weekly *NAHRO Letter*, from which appropriate and timely items will be excerpted.

From the July 21, 1975 issue:

- President Ford has asked mayors to back the extension of general revenue sharing in its present form (the current law will expire in 1976), rather than alter the formula to, for instance, give special aid to the nation's cities.
- A bill to amend the 1965 Older Americans Act and include in it some new assistance programs for the elderly, i.e.; transportation, home health care, legal and counselling services, home repair and housing subsidy programs, is now under consideration by a House-Senate conference committee and expected out at any time.
- HUD has awarded grants to 12 cities and state agencies in California, Ohio, Connecticut, Delaware, Kansas, Montana, New Jersey, and Massachusetts for innovative community development projects, including improving public services productivity, energy conservation, and neighborhood preservation.
- For the second consecutive year, a national land use planning measure has failed to reach the House floor, evidencing a Congressional hesitance to address the issue of growth.

*Betty Jo White*  
*Colorado State University*

#### **NOTES FROM THE RESEARCH COMMITTEE**

Many members of the Research Committee indicated that they thought a list of ongoing research projects would be helpful to them in developing their own plans of work. Therefore, participants at the annual AAHE meeting in New Hampshire were surveyed regarding present and future research projects. In addition, Gertrude Nygren sent abstracts of research projects that are underway or recently completed by persons in the North Central Regional, AES Research.

If a person desires more information about a particular topic included in the following list, the person should write directly to the researcher at the school where the project was undertaken.

“Aesthetic Images—Heuristic Research Relating to Interior Design” Doctoral research by William McLeod. School of Family Resources and Consumer Sciences, University of Wisconsin—Madison. Directed by Agatha Norton.

“Seating Arrangement and Interaction Distance in a Residential Setting” by Laura Vawter Trujillo, M.S. Purdue University. Directed by Dr. Kathleen A. Johnston.

“Housing Environment of the Aged”, Elizabeth Stern Marti, M.S. Purdue University. Directed by Dr. Charles Graff.

“Form of Tenure Related to Selected Factors and Family Financial Problems”, Elizabeth Raedene Combs, M.S. Purdue University, Directed by Kathleen A. Johnston.

“Satisfactions with Family and College Housing of 100 Women College Students”, Lois Elaine Beasley, M.S. Purdue University. Directed by Kathleen A. Johnston.

“Income Procurement and Resource Allocation Variables as Predictors of the Percentage of Income Spent on Housing” by Lois Woltz, M.S. Ohio State. Directed by Dr. Anne Coveney.

“Consumer Decisions Relative to a Universe of the Near Environment”, NCR-54 Committee, School of Human Resources and Family Studies, University of Illinois.

“Smallest Space Analysis of Children's Play in Five Housing Types”, Ruth Stumpe Brent, University of Minnesota.

“Housing Design as it Relates to the Visually Handicapped”, Susan Ann Smith, University of Minnesota.

"A Pilot Investigation of Density Related Factors in the Family Environment and Child Social Development", Gertrude Nygren, Michigan State University.

"Functioning of the Family Ecosystem In a World of Changing Energy Availability", Bonnie M. Morrison, et. al., Michigan State University.

"Evaluation of Improvement of Quality of Housing by Families Moving into Mixed Economic Housing in Massachusetts" Carol Meeks, Cornell University.

"Analysis of Low Income Housing Programs for its Application to Rural Areas", E. Mowery, Michigan State Univ.

"Preparing, Testing and Evaluation of Teaching Material to be used by Managers of Housing Developments with their Incoming Residents", Regina Rector, Cornell University.

"Developing an Interactive Computer Gaming-Simulation for Family Financial Planning", Sherman Hanna, Auburn University.

"An Analysis of Nineteenth Century Design Books to Determine the Influence on Housing Design in Mississippi", Mary Wallace Crocker.

Graduate Student Research at Oklahoma State University, submitted by Kay Stewart:

"Satisfaction with Condominium Living"

"Interest of the Elderly in Living in a Retirement Complex Located within the University Area" (Converted Dormitory)

"Evaluation of Independent Study as the Method for Teaching the Basic Course in Housing and Interior Design"

"Foam Insulation and Landscape Design as Functions of Visual and Acoustical Privacy in a Condominium Community"

"Development of Housing Information Unit to be Used in Extension"

"Evaluation of Mutual Help Indian Housing in Oklahoma"

The research Committee would like to maintain an ongoing list of housing research projects. If the reader is working on a project, please send title, name of researcher and school to Mary Wallace Crocker, College of Home Economics, Department of Housing and Home Management, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas 79409.

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