

# Students, poor, compete for Lincoln housing

Poor men with families and elderly men without them have trouble finding suitable housing in Lincoln. They often face high costs, substandard facilities and landlords who hesitate to rent to them.

One of the biggest reasons for their difficulties is University students who must compete for the same housing.

According to Housing Officer Wayne Blue, the University has apartments for about forty married couples on the East campus and another seventeen near the city campus. The city campus units are used mostly by foreign married students. Other married couples must compete for space in the Lincoln community.

The most sought-after housing is that managed by the

Lincoln Housing Authority (LHA). These units are reserved for low-income families. Part of the rent is paid by the federal government. To qualify for LHA housing a family cannot make more than \$3,600 net income per year.

Many student families are in the program. Janice Walden, LHA employee at Lincoln Air Park, said of the 850 units available in Air Park, about 400 are currently filled by students. Doris Kunkle, manager of LHA's downtown office, reported that 415 of the 1075 occupied units in the city are filled by students.

According to Kunkle, the LHA makes no preference to students as long as a family meets the income requirements.

University students have better information, according to Home and Neighborhood Development worker Sue Scott. She believes that students can find housing more easily through the University's Housing Office than the poor man who has no central organization to locate living units.

Lincoln Action Program (LAP) worker Maggie Malloy feels the University should take steps to alleviate the problems of both students and the poor community. If the administration will not move she would "like to see some student actions to confront the University over the issue."

Lana Balka, another LAP

worker, noted that single students also contribute to problems of the poor. Many groups of young people have joined together to rent houses. Since four or five students can afford rents easily by splitting the cost, Balka found landlords raising their prices.

Unfortunately, low-income families cannot divide their rent with anyone. So, Balka finds many who must "double-up" with other poor families to afford the rent.

University officials are aware of the problem. Comptroller Carl R. Yost, noting that some studies have shown Nebraska lowest in the Big Eight in married student housing, said that this is an "area of need". Yost cited costs like high interest rates and construction expenses as the roadblock to housing.

Yost concluded that "the time is not good, although the need is ever present".

## Polish lecturer here Tuesday

Jerzy Hauptmann, a member of the Polish Underground during World War II, will speak on "Eastern Europe after the Brezhnev Doctrine" 2:30 p.m., Tuesday in the Student Union Auditorium.

Hauptmann, a native of

Poland, is now chairman of the Dept. of Political Science at Park College, Parkville, Missouri.

Hauptmann will also discuss conservatism in contemporary America 7 p.m., Tuesday at Centennial College.

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All Sorority Convocation — Nebraska Union.  
Concert: Miss Sophia Noel — 8 p.m. Westbrook Music Bldg.  
1970 Fall Festival of Learning: Environment — 7:30 p.m. Bennett Martin Library, Campaign '70 — 7:30 p.m. South Branch Library.  
Committee on Academic Privilege and Tenure — 7 p.m. Nebraska Union auditorium.

**Tuesday, Oct. 20**  
"Short Suite 1" — 3, 7, 9 p.m. Sheldon Gallery Auditorium.  
Dr. Jerzy Hauptmann: "Eastern Europe after the Brezhnev Doctrine" — 2:30 p.m. Nebraska Union auditorium.  
Faculty Recital: Dennis Schneider, trumpet and Lorraine Gibb, soprano — 8 p.m. Kimball Recital Hall.  
1970 Fall Festival of Learning: "Consumer Protection" — 7:30 p.m. Bennett Martin Library, "Drug Abuse" — 7:30 p.m. Bethany Branch Library.

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