

Housing Seminar--

Designed for Housing Management

RurAL CAP Program Specialist Conrad Baines attended a housing management training seminar which was held at Marjorie Webster College, Washington, D. C. from January 31 to March 24.

The curriculum was planned by nationally recognized housing managers and designed to cover both business and social skills, with principles applicable to the management of all types of federally assisted multi-family housing, public housing, nonprofit housing, private housing for low- and moderate-income families.

The eight-week course was formulated to provide participants with a working knowledge of housing management as mid-level lower income housing management specialists.

All phases of housing were considered, including the federal role; management administration; Indian housing; fiscal matters such as budget preparation, collection, accounting and disbursement; safety and security; and insurance.

Also, special responsibilities such as maintenance, social management, elderly, handicapped and nursing home management; and housing code enforcement.

Practical application of the information presented was observed in the field at housing projects. Community development included urban renewal, model cities, revenue sharing; the relocation process roles and responsibilities of local agencies and a visit to the Department of Housing and Urban Development were also on the agenda.

The seminar was attended by people from local housing authorities, housing development corporations, community action agencies and model cities programs. The training sessions were organized and sponsored by the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials.

Baines reported that the organization plans to join with the Bureau of Indian Affairs in setting up a training program for Indian housing.