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From the Editor

by Steve Glazner

The APPA staff, the Educational Programs Committee, and the Welcome Committee are making final preparations for the 2005 Educational Facilities Leadership Forum, set for August 4-6 in Orlando, Florida. The Forum will take place at the Walt Disney World Swan & Dolphin Resort, where APPA held its successful 1997 annual conference.

The program of concurrent educational sessions will include areas of concentration such as code advocacy, safety and security, information and technology, utilities, and environmental stewardship. In addition, selected courses will give you the opportunity to obtain continuing education units (CEUs) for certain courses to help you in your professional development.

Also, you will not want to miss our exceptional keynote speakers this year:

- David Pearce Snyder, Life Styles Editor of *The Futurist* magazine, "Trends in Higher Education/State of the Changing Face of Campus Life"
- Brooks H. Baker III, APPA Past President, and Doug Erickson, APPA Board Member-at-Large, "An Update on APPA's Code Advocacy Initiatives"
- Diana Oblinger, Vice President of EDUCAUSE, "Technology, the Millenniums, and You"

In this issue of *Facilities Manager*, we bring you features on geographic information systems, campus sustainability costs, and maintenance management systems. In addition, we

include an update on APPA's Center for Facilities Research and an executive summary of the most recently completed CFaR project.

As always, if you would like to comment on any of our articles, please send your letters to the editor. One appears below.

To the editor:

"The Non-Architect's Guide to the Design Process," [March/April *Facilities Manager*] does not mention a requirement for sustainable expertise and experience. Hiring the right consultant is the single most important project opportunity. Not including sustainability in the criteria may get you a "starchitect," but you will be paying for it for generations. Sustainability is always a criteria in our selection.

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