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Aggieland Inn files for financial reorganization

By STEVE GRAY

The Aggieland Inn at 1502 Texas Ave. S. in College Station has filed for reorganization under Chapter 11 of the federal bankruptcy laws.

The hotel's owners, Charles Arnold and Adolph Reinhardt of Arlington, filed a petition with Bankruptcy Court Judge John Ford in Dallas on Jan. 5 in an attempt to reorganize the hotel's finances.

The hotel is part of TransAmerica Hospitality Corp., an Arlington-based holding company that operates a chain of about 25 hotels in Texas. Reinhardt is chairman of the board of TransAmerica. The Aggieland Inn began business in June 1974.

Jay W. Ungerman, an attorney with Ungerman, Hill, Ungerman, Angrist, Dolginoff and Teofan, a Dallas-based law firm representing TransAmerica, said the hotel has no intentions of closing.

"The Aggieland Inn is just one of a

number of properties that was being managed by TransAmerica Hospitality which had to file for Chapter 11 due to inability to pay debts as they occurred," Ungerman said. He emphasized that the hotel was not going bankrupt.

"They don't plan to close it down. Actually they filed for the purposes of keeping it open. If we didn't file, we'd close it down."

Ungerman told The Battalion he believed that "the outlook for the hotel is good, but unfortunately the Aggieland (Inn) has been involved with other hotels that aren't in as good an operating condition as the Aggieland."

"In fact, we have already received a number of offers to buy the Aggieland Inn," he said. Ungerman did not specify who the prospective buyers were.

Ungerman said the original petition did not specify the amount of indebtedness of the hotel. Normally, a firm or company filing under Chapter 11 has ten days in

1974.

The spokesman said the city will attempt to collect a five per cent penalty on each quarter's earnings of last year in addition to the delinquent taxes.

The restaurant that is sub-leased by the Aggieland Inn, Chi Chi's Smorgasbord, has been closed since late December. The establishment is part of an entire chain, Chi Chi's of Texas, which was shut down by State Comptroller Bob Bullock in December for failure to pay \$40,800 in delinquent state sales taxes between October 1974 and June 1975. The chain operates nine restaurants in eight cities throughout Texas.

Tom Hibner, an attorney with the legal services division of the state comptroller's office, says the office is in the process of determining the disposition of equipment owned by the chain. The equipment seized by the state will probably be sold to pay off the delinquent tax debt, he said.

which to file a schedule of creditors with the court but Judge Ford last week granted a request for a 30-day extension to allow attorneys to sort out and compile a list of creditors and outstanding debts.

Ungerman said some of the debts include land payments and utility bills. College Station City Manager North Bardell said the city has worked out an agreement with the Aggieland Inn to pay its outstanding utility bills. Bardell, however, said he could not disclose the amount.

A spokesman in the city's tax assessor-collector's office said the Aggieland Inn was delinquent in paying its hotel-motel taxes for all of 1975. The six per cent tax is levied on the income received by area hotels and motels during each yearly quarter. The money is placed in a separate city fund to be used for tourist promotion.

The spokesman said the last tax payment made by the hotel was in March for \$3,431, which covered the quarter ending Dec. 31,

Academic panel hears appeals

There is still another chance for students who feel a grade or suspension was issued to them unfairly.

The University Academic Appeals Panel consists of four faculty members and five students who have the authority to change a grade or readmit a student to school.

Dr. W.P. Fife, head of the Academic Appeals Panel, said the purpose of the panel is to give students who feel that an academic error was made a chance to present their cases to a committee of students and faculty and have the matter considered for corrective procedure.

Over 30 students approached Fife the first week of school wanting to be readmitted or wanting a grade changed.

Fife counseled the students extensively and pointed out to them the many pros and cons in each situation. After being counseled, only nine of the 30 appeared before the panel. Of these nine, five got the appeal they wanted.

Fife said, "Many of the students come to me with an attitude of 'What have I got to lose?'"

However, Fife said it is up to a student to prove to the panel that his reason for wanting an appeal is justified.

For example, one student readmitted to school this semester had a medical excuse from his doctor saying that the student had

been unable to perform his best academically last semester. The doctor said these conditions no longer existed.

"The committee," Fife said, "looks at what causes the student to do poorly and then determines if the causes still exist."

He added, "If the causes are gone, and the student has done well previous semesters, and the committee feels that the student can do the work, then he will be readmitted."

In appealing a grade, the student has to prove that he did not get the grade he deserved. The professor issuing the grade is also given a chance to present his point of view.

In analyzing the many students who come to Fife wanting an appeal, he said many of them are not ready for college.

"Many coming before the panel have not learned to discipline themselves," he said.

Students appealing what they consider an academic error are protected by the Right of Privacy Act. No one other than the committee members is allowed at the trial without the consent of the student appealing. This includes parents as well.

But Fife stressed that the appeal panel is designed to give relief to those who deserve it and that any student feeling he has a legitimate appeal should contact him in the Biology Department.

— Debbie Killough

G approves car rental contract

Last night, the Student Senate approved a revised rental contract, heard the first reading of the rules and regulations changes and passed a new legislative program.

The car rental contract will provide 45 miles at a cost of \$13.95 per day with 50 miles and a 10 cent charge for each mile more than that distance.

The agreement will go into effect when it is approved by John Koldus, vice president of Student Services.

The rules and regulations changes include changes in academic and student life activities.

In extension of the "Q" drop per period, dropping a class without record; pass-fail scheduling in relation to academic progress; and retaking of courses to improve a grade were proposed in the academic regulations.

The changes in regulations dealing with student life include conduct on campus and punishment for misconduct, permission for students to keep pets in University housing, and new rules under which unity organizations will be recognized. Student Body President Jeff Dunn listed projects that the student government executive committee plans to initiate through the new legislative program.

Professor evaluations, organization of honors college, redefinition of honors degrees and greater counseling in academics were proposed by Raj Kent, student vice president of academic affairs. Duane Thompson, student vice presi-

dent of rules and regulations, proposed a two-part amending process of the University rules and regulations handbook.

Jerri Ward, student vice president of external affairs, proposed more student involvement in city elections by encouraging student voter registration. She also recommended a student purchase program, attendance at the National Student Lobby convention, initial involvement in founding a land-grant institution congress and commitment to Texas Student Association activities.

A student health insurance plan, discount movie tickets, a car care center, a day care center, student radio and a standardized campus map were proposed by Troie Pruett, student vice president of student services.

There are vacancies in the Student Senate and in a number of committees.

Applicants are needed for graduate seats in engineering, agriculture, off-campus representative, and liberal arts. Undergraduate vacancies include senior science and off-campus representatives.

The following committees also have vacancies: the traffic appeals panel, the concessions committee, the placement advisory committee and the radio board.

Applications for these vacancies can be made at the Student Government Office.

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THE FORECAST for Thursday and Friday is continued fair and mild with variable winds at 5 mph. The expected high for today is 67; tonight's low 44; Friday's high 69.

From prostitution to babysitting

College students seek exotic jobs

Associated Press

Some college students are working at everything from prostitution to selling term papers as the recession makes straight jobs harder to find and school bills more difficult to pay.

The economy has reduced the number of traditional, part-and full-time jobs for students working their way through college. These jobs — often school sponsored and usually low-paying anyhow — include such tasks as clerical work, waiting on tables, babysitting, tutoring and interning in a profession.

Now a small number of collegians, unable to find such jobs or eager for easier, better-paying work, are turning to such things as striptease dancing, drug selling and starring in blue movies. And, regardless of the morality or legality involved, a random survey shows the response from these students is the same: "I need the money."

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Marc, who asked that his identity not be revealed, is an economics major at a Midwestern college. He said he made over \$5,000 last year by procuring prostitutes for businessmen and tourists. He said he did not use women from the campus, but recruited them from surrounding towns and cities.

"I wasn't really a pimp because I only took a percentage from the girls," he said. "Sometimes the customers would give me pretty nice tips for providing the telephone numbers."

"It was easy work, and I didn't have to

spend too much time at it. Every dime went to school."

There are now about 6.9 million full-time and 4.2 million part-time students in the United States, according to Dr. Vance Grant of the National Center for Educational Statistics.

The most recent figures on the number of students who must work in order to pay for their education are from a 1973 study conducted by the Bureau of Census. This study showed that 40 per cent of 6.1 million full-time students worked that year.

Another 43 per cent paid for their education from personal savings, presumably earned over the summer and other nonschool months, Larry Suter, chief of the educational statistics branch of the Bureau, said.

These percentages are expected to have increased since 1973, Grant said, but figures are not yet available.

This means there is more and more competition for fewer and fewer jobs, college officials and social scientists say.

The nation's current fiscal crisis has also put more parents in a position where they can no longer afford to support their children's college careers.

Students have turned from traditional jobs.

"Students no longer can count on the summer jobs they used to be able to get, and they are not getting as much money at the more traditional ones during the school year," said Dr. Charles E. Oxnard, dean at the University of Chicago.

So some students have turned

elsewhere, performing tasks that are easy and ones for which they have ready talents, said Marvin Bressler, a Princeton University sociologist.

"If you have to survive . . ."

These talents are varied: — In New Haven, Conn., a male graduate student at Yale University earns money as a night club bouncer.

— A Princeton University coed earned money at that Ivy League school by writing pornographic books.

— In California, a male journalism major stars in pornographic movies. He says it's an easy way to earn money.

— A former Harvard Law School student went through six years of college with over \$6,000 he made by allegedly using aliases to obtain student loans from the federal government. He was arrested recently on charges of fraud.

Over 700 students were arrested last year for selling, smuggling and manufacturing drugs, according to the federal Drug Enforcement Agency.

College educators and social scientists say the students who choose illicit and unethical avocation show no guilt or remorse. Instead they justify their actions by saying they want a college education at any cost.

Houston labeled 'scattered city'

The Pulitzer prize-winning architecture critic of The New York Times, speaking at Rice University last night, told her audience that she did not experience culture shock on her first visit to Houston.

Ada Louise Huxtable called the Space City "the scattered city, the mobile city." It is an example of a place where "real estate is destiny," she said.

She rhetorically asked the overflow crowd, "How could man create a city out of a plain?"

The Houston metropolis was created by "laissez-faire business practices that have

left the city a captive of time, shaped by the values of the people who give it birth," Huxtable said.

Cities which have grown up in the 20th century, such as Houston and Los Angeles, are unlike New York and other older cities because "the new world has come on the freeway." A loss of human scale and perspective accompanies such development, the noted critic and author said.

"Excellence has become unaffordable," Huxtable commented.



David McCarroll

More glass

Workers labored Wednesday to install this plate glass window in the south side of the Rudder Theatre Complex. The glass, shipped from Houston, cost about \$300, not counting the installation cost.



Douglas Winship

Photo exhibit

Currently on display in the MSC Gallery is a collection of prints by Richard Eggmeyer. Eggmeyer is a former Environmental Design student at A&M. The Exhibit will continue until Feb. 15.