

Aggie Hall offers rooms to sports fans

Those students still sleeping in parking lots and bathing in fountains may be interested in finding a legitimate dorm room located near the Texas A&M campus. Aggie Hall, formerly the Aggie Inn, still has vacant rooms.

The 175-room hotel is less than half full, said Gary Heiner, manager of the privately owned dorm. He expressed hope that the 350 possible accommodations will be filled by the beginning of the spring semester in January. Aggie Hall is owned by Mrs. Wilma J. Anderson of Bryan—College Station, and Thomas Novak of Dallas.

Heiner said he believes the coed dorm is not full, as was predicted for this semester because it opened at a bad time. He said the closing of contracts and more agreements for the conversion from hotel to dorm pushed leasing dates back from four to six weeks. Heiner speculated that many of the students had already signed apartment leases or University housing agreements by late spring when leases were first offered for Aggie Hall rooms.

Other plan changes since last spring include continuing hotel service, an optional board plan, room options, and a limited maid service. Since the dorm is not full, Heiner said, rooms are being rented on a limited service basis for football weekends only. Limited service



These four girls are studying in what appears to be any dorm room that one may find on any campus, but the room is actually a converted hotel.

means no television, no phone, and no maid service. Linens are provided but the beds must be made by the occupants. The price is \$42.40 for two nights for a room with two double beds. Heiner stressed that as many people as possible can sleep in each room.

Aggie Hall now offers residents an optional board plan, since no cooking is allowed in the rooms. Family style meals are offered on a five day a week basis, with breakfast and an evening meal served. Both dorm residents and non-residents may purchase the board plan for \$400 per semester.

Rooms at the new dormitory range from \$600 per semester for two double beds and double occupancy to \$580 for two twin beds. Heiner said a few students have opted for more quiet and privacy and

are paying \$1200 a semester for a private room.

The rooms haven't been changed much from their former hotel days. Additional closet space is planned, but not completed. All televisions have been removed from the rooms and are being sold to the public along with extra lamps and chairs. Aggie Hall provides cable for televisions and stereos but occupants must purchase their own phones. All of the rooms offer piped-in music. Maids vacuum the carpet once a week, but do not clean the bathrooms.

Rooms at Aggie Hall are coed on a room to room basis, with only the first two floors occupied. Heiner said the coed aspect of the dorm has caused no problems. He explained that skeptical parents feel better when they realize a male is just a door away in case any woman feels endangered. A security guard is on

duty at night and a student resident advisor lives in the dorm.

Heiner said the spirit and morale of the new dorm are superb.

"This has worked twice as good as any hall I've ever managed before," he said. Heiner has managed dorms at Brigham Young University, the University of Wisconsin, and Memphis State University.

Heiner attributes much of the dorm's success to the excellent relations between men and women living there. Sixty per cent of the dorm residents are men. The residents gather for private yell practices, parties and meetings. They went en masse to the Texas A&M yell practice Monday night. Many of them have purchased T-shirts sporting the dorm's new emblem, the Loony Tune crow, and printed with the dorm's new slogan, "Aggie Hall—Crow Eds".

'Rally' didn't happen

Stock market is 'dull'

By JOHN CUNIFF

Associated Press
NEW YORK — Perhaps it is unfair, but it's amusing and informative, a lesson to be appreciated, when you contrast the excited, lively stock market forecasts of a few months ago with the deadly dull market that ensued.

The summer rally, the promises of a market rising on an ever-strengthening economy, the return of investor confidence and all the other ingredients of those forecasts now look as weary and seedy as the lawns that were planted at the same time.

It wasn't an exciting summer at all, and at least one large firm concedes this. Argus Research Corp. observes that "the past six months have been a boring period...."

Most analysts, however, have their sights, astigmatic as they might be, set on the future, and they see nothing but excitement ahead. Rested and eager for action, they feel the whole country feels the same way.

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The presidential election will be a spur to activity, they say. The market has established a base and now is ready to move—upward, of course. We're getting inflation under control. Personal income will rise. Confidence has returned.

Yes sir, the very same observations revealed by a quick survey of the summer's forecasts prior to their being dumped. Why, nothing has changed in those letters, nothing at all, except they seem more excited.

Will the market ascend on their outpouring of air and ink? Or will it continue to squirm about in the upper 900s of the Dow Jones industrial average? Nobody knows for certain, and only a few have a very good idea, and they usually keep their own counsel.

Some institutional investors, for instance, have a fairly good idea of what the price of particular stocks is

likely to be because they do so much of the trading in those stocks.


A study made for the House Committee on Banking, Currency, and Housing, for example, maintains that in 1975 the trust and investment division of Morgan Guaranty Trust bought 31 per cent of all International Nickel shares traded.

Prof. Roy A. Schotland of Georgetown University Law School, who wrote the paper said this wasn't usual. Morgan's net purchases of Kaiser Aluminum amounted to 38.5 per cent of all trading, and 28.6 per cent of trading in Manufacturers Hanover.

Nothing wrong about this, says Schotland, but he does suggest we must reflect on the impact that one firm can have on pricing. Morgan's integrity, however, is unsurpassed, he declares.

Still, you can't help but recognize the rather puny character of the efforts made by many of the regular market commentators if the institutions aren't listening to them. And they probably aren't.

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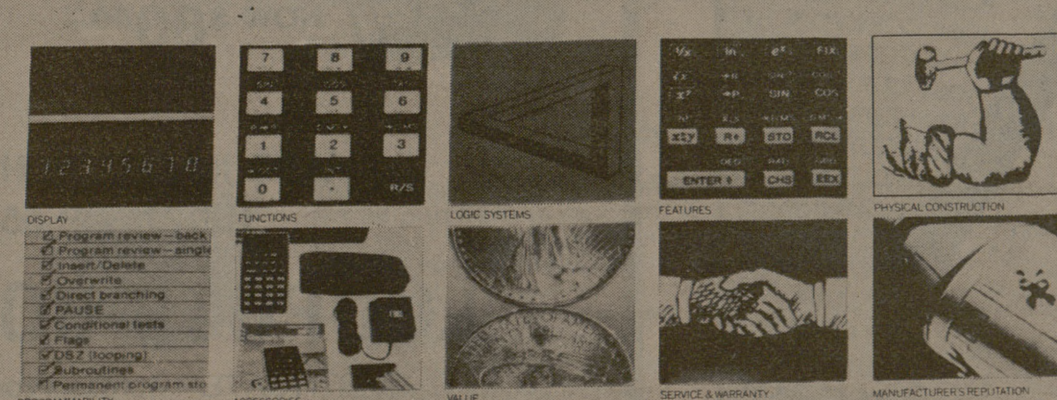
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