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Some unique solutions to issues facing growing Galveston and surrounding bay area cities have been proposed by Aggie fourth-year architecture students.

Their proposals, for instance, include a monorail to link the resort-shipping centered city to Houston's international airport and downtown business district.

Another transportation problem, the students feel, can be solved with a causeway to tie the northern tip to Pelican Island, a 4,000-acre residential area, to Texas City. Such a facility would provide a concrete loop around the entire bay region.

The ferry from Port Bolivar to Galveston will be replaced with an underwater tunnel to handle traffic and not interfere with shipping.

Plans for "Galveston — 2,000 A. D." were presented last week during sessions that lasted almost 30 hours. Thirty-three fourth-year architecture students brought 40 different projects involving the Galveston community into an arena of critics, including professors and Galveston businessmen and city officials.

For the most part, their presentation drew nods of approval from both city officials and the more critical professors of arch-

itecture. Both groups, along with the students, noted areas that need further study, however.

Aerial photographs, at the outset, were used to plot existing buildings on a 32-foot long scale model of the Galveston area. The exhibit, incidentally, will be shipped to the coastal city for display purposes later on.

An earlier visit also permitted the students to get first-hand information on historic sites that attract visitors as well as social, economic and cultural problems facing Galveston.

"It has been the largest project a fourth-year class has ever undertaken," Cecil Steward, assistant professor of architecture, commented.

One by one, the students paraded their finished models, blueprints and other architectural aids before the critics. Their projects included such facilities as hotels, convention centers, beach front services, a community college, etc.

The students also were divided into seven teams to study more extensive subjects such as the central business district, Pelican Island development, recreation, housing, etc.

One group discussed traffic congestion in downtown areas and recommended changes in the traffic flow patterns, and another team suggested use of computers for a clearer picture of traffic flow and vehicle storage needs along the wharves.

Other students said streets in the central business district can

be closed, without interfering with traffic, and provide 25 percent better use of existing space.

They also recommended that lower building floors be reserved for service and custom uses to cut excessive cost due to unexpected flood waters.

Other students felt the community college could provide vital services to industry such as the

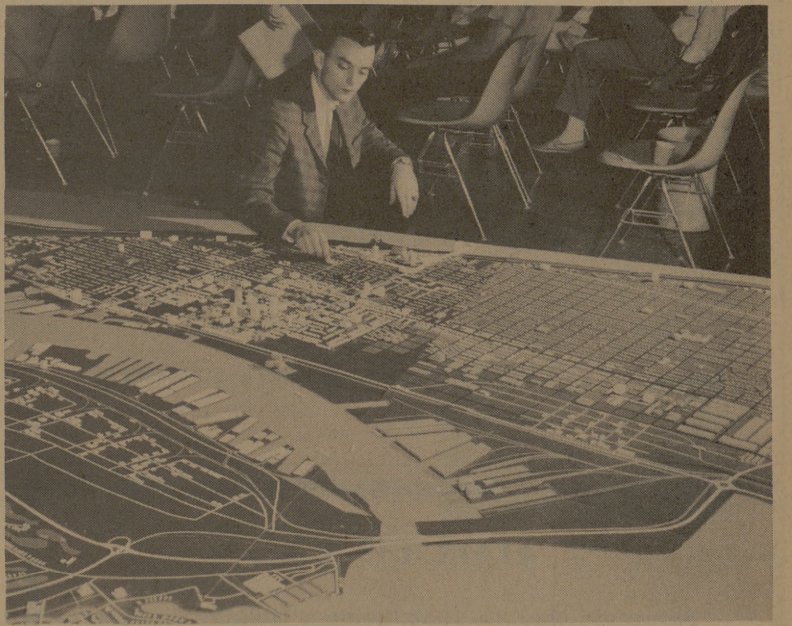
Manned Spacecraft Center. One of its strong features would include modern teaching aids.

More detailed studies are needed, the architecture professors agree, but the students were commented on their semester-long project.

One student, perhaps, best echoed the sentiments of the class with, "Whew! I'm glad it's over."



SPASH DAY CITY OF FUTURE?  
... William Wagner, left, and Cecil Steward view model.



GALVESTON IN YEAR 2000  
... Mike McChesney checks business district.

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His lecture on "Recent Research in Low Temperature Physics" is scheduled at 8 p.m. in Room 113, Biological Sciences Building.

Squire, author of three books and review articles dealing with low temperature physics, joined A&M's faculty in 1962 as professor of physics and associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

He earned his doctorate at Johns Hopkins University in 1937 and has taught at the University of Pennsylvania, MIT and Rice University. In 1952 he was visiting professor at the University of Paris.

Findings from A&M engineering research studies will aid in the rebuilding of the fishing village of Victoria in Grenada, one of the windward islands of the Caribbean.

Bob M. Galloway, who heads materials research in A&M's Texas Transportation Institute, said Dr. Murray Maxwell, former army officer from New York City, will use soil-block building techniques developed by the Institute in restoring and adding homes for the natives. He also will use information on natural ventilation and lighting, sanitation, water purification, tropical construction and nutrition that has been developed in other A&M engineering research endeavors.

"Many problems Dr. Maxwell has visualized in advance have been solved for him in correspondence with A&M," Galloway says. "Among these is that of making the houses look colorful. This was solved by the suggested addition of a coloring agent such as iron

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