

Banks of future on show

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Imagine going to a floating bank with an adjoining yacht club, strolling through a mall of shops for various financial services, or living in a condominium with your own bank and offices next door. This is only a sample of the wide variety of "Bank of the Future," research projects designed by Environmental Design 403 students.

"There is a possibility that some of the design concepts will be used, but I'm not sure if any would be adopted in whole," finance professor Peter S. Rose said.

The College of Business Administration and the College of Architecture and Environmental Design pooled their resources this semester for the project that was assigned to 18 seniors in Pro-

fessor George J. Mann's environmental design class. The two colleges teamed up to look at banking issues and banking of the future, Mann says.

The idea for a banking project developed from the conversation of two friends, Mann and marketing professor Leonard L. Berry. Mann supplied architectural expertise, Berry contributed his marketing skills and Rose his expertise in finance.

Rose and Berry supplied information to the students about the banking industry; where it's going in the future, marketing trends and financial outlooks.

The project was assigned in September. The students set up their finished projects Tuesday at the art gallery in Langford Architecture Center.

The three professors agree

that the students put a tremendous amount of effort into their projects.

"I have never had a class that put out as much as they did," Mann said.

The students were allowed to choose any type of bank for the project.

"They picked a place in the United States and designed a bank for whatever fit their fancy," Mann said.

To these students, fancy means futuristic banks in all parts of the country, from New York City to San Francisco; small community banks to large skyscrapers; facilities ranging from educating the public on financial matters to home banking, gold backed banks and mall-like multipurpose complexes.

Students did their own research on the project to fit the location and ambiance of the area's residents, Mann said.

Rose, Berry, and Mann met several times to review and make suggestions to the students to help them with the project. The class also heard a local Bryan-College Station banker and made a visit to Republic Bank in College Station.

Student Mike Borg, 20, said Rose and Barry were very helpful to the class.

"Usually a project program is handed out to you, but we had nothing to start with, we knew absolutely nothing about banks just that this would be a bank of the future," he said.

Reports, drawings and models of the student's designs will be displayed at the Langford Architecture Center second floor art gallery today from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Beached pygmy killer whale recovering, say scientists

United Press International
PORT ARANSAS — A team of scientists and volunteers trying to save the life of "Sugar," the 7-foot pygmy killer whale that beached last week, put up screens and plastic sheeting Tuesday to protect her from a norther that dropped the air temperature from 80 to 40 degrees.

"Sugar is still showing signs of improvement," said Tony Amos, an oceanographer at the University of Texas Marine Science Institute.

Amos said heaters also were being used to keep the water temperature in a holding pool at 72 degrees, because the rare whale's natural habitat is deep tropical oceans.

The female whale is the only survivor of three pygmy killer

whales found beached near Port Aransas last Thursday.

The other two whales, both smaller males, died last weekend despite the around-the-clock care being afforded by UT scientists joined by Texas A&M veterinarians and more recently by high school student volunteers. Their bodies were frozen and taken to Texas A&M for further study.

Gunboat chases shrimp boats for trespassing

United Press International
BROWNSVILLE — The gunboat Chihuahua, which captured two Texas shrimp boats for allegedly fishing in Mexican waters, was a "full-fledged destroyer" that could have blown the two trawlers out of the water if it had aimed at them, Mexican Consul General Enrique Hubbard Urrea said Tuesday.

Hubbard said it is normal practice for Mexican Navy gunboats to fire shots over fleeing shrimp boats to warn them to stop and that he has no doubt that is what the Chihuahua did in capturing the Santa Monica and Miss Charmaine, both out of Brownsville.

"They usually warn the fleeing vessels with a shot over the boat," Hubbard said. "That's done only when the other boat refuses to stop. I assure you if a destroyer hits the boat (with a shot), the boat would not be on course."

Hubbard said he had not received an official report on the incident early Monday inside the American fishing zone about 10 miles off Brownsville, but that the Chihuahua obviously was in "hot pursuit" of the two Texas vessels.

He said the Texas boats acknowledged the Mexican gun-

boat was pursuing them, and he considered that to be "an explicit confession that they were fishing south of the border."

The owner of the Santa Monica, William Zimmerman, denied that the trawler had fished inside Mexico's 200-mile zone and charged the Mexican Navy illegally boarded his boat 20 miles inside the 200-mile U.S. fishing zone.

However, U.S. Coast Guard officials in Corpus Christi backed the Mexican Navy, saying the gunboat had a right to chase the two boats. They said the boarding took place 30 miles off the coast and outside the 12-mile U.S. jurisdiction.

Hubbard also said Texas shrimpers have been escaping the Chihuahua, a destroyer larger than most gunboats patrolling Mexico's fishing grounds, by fleeing into shallow water where the Mexican vessel could not pursue.

"The American shrimpers know when they see it coming to get closer to shore in shallow waters, hug the coast and travel north practically laughing in their (Chihuahua sailors') faces," he said. "Usually all it is able to do is report their name and that they were fishing in Mexican waters."

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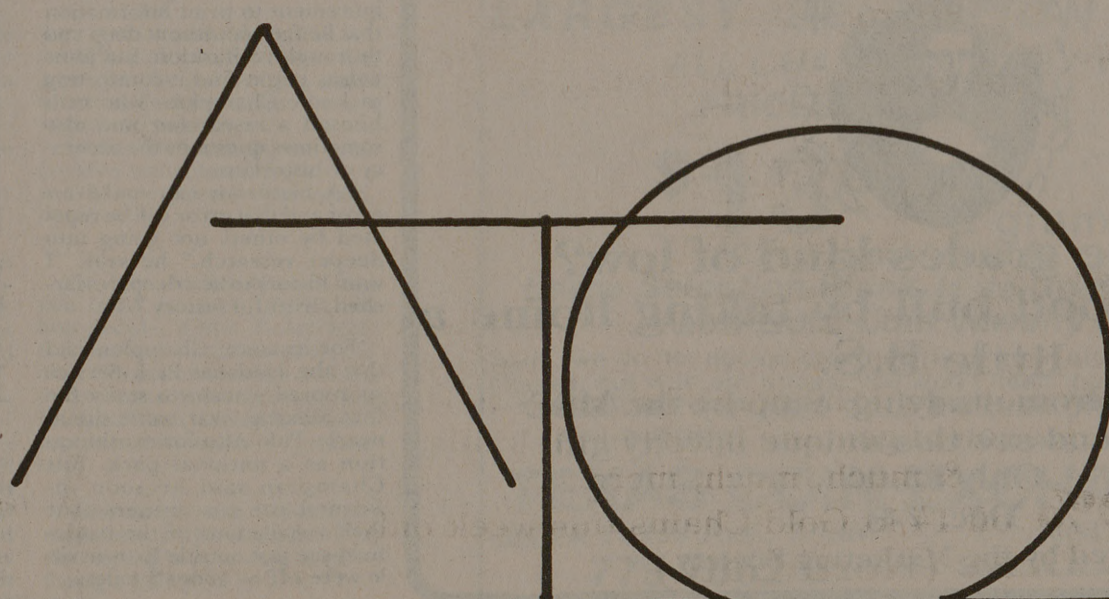
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