

## Bonnie Jo Who?

The news that Bonnie Jo Bilyeu, former managing editor of San Diego State College's newspaper, was sentenced to six years in federal prison for smuggling marijuana came as no surprise.

The 21-year-old girl pleaded guilty. She was arrested in January at the Mexican border, trying to bring 44 pounds of marijuana into the United States.

Miss Bilyeu was sentenced by U. S. District Judge James Carter despite a parole board's recommendation for parole.

What surprises us is the reason Carter gave for handing out such a heavy sentence.

The judge said her case and sentence might deter other college students from using marijuana.

This type of justice and using someone as an example for others went out with Judge Roy Bean and his "Law West of the Pecos."

We'd be willing to bet college students using marijuana won't be affected by Miss Bilyeu's sentence at all. They probably never heard of her.

## Prof Ends Study Of USOE Aims

A year of observation in the U. S. Office of Education has convinced a Texas A&M professor the federal government is not trying to control education.

"It was evidenced over and over," declared Dr. Roger L. Harrell, Education and Psychology Department professor who was in Washington, D.C., on a work-study program supported by the National Institute of Public Affairs.

His opinion contradicts a general feeling among educators that federal support to education is designed to enable the U. S. government to take over educational reins.

"The states are too powerful for one thing," Harrell said. "USOE has no desire in this direction. Its programs are structured along Congressional lines to help states focus on situations that need attention."

HE SAID national priorities are aimed at helping solve big city problems and introducing innovations in rural areas, at individual school district request.

Dr. Harrell was one of 34 selected educators for the year-long USOE assignment. Work-study requirements included seminars by such speakers as (Whizzer) White; Dr. Douglas Cater, presidential assistant for educational affairs, and the

heads of the Atomic Energy Commission, National Science Foundation, civil service and other governmental agencies.

"They described their operations and how they relate to the total education program," Harrell said.

EACH OF THE 34 national scholars worked in various USOE sections. Harrell served in a leadership - lecturer capacity in the Division of Plans and Supplementary Centers, Bureau of Elementary and Secondary Education, and as special consultant to the chief, Innovative Centers Branch.

The Title III specialist indicated Texas is one of three leading states pioneering in development of regional service centers.

"TEXAS" organization and 20 statute-supported media centers exemplify the state level of planning intended by the Congressional act," he said.

The Eastern New Mexico and University of New Mexico graduate said Title III's aim is to seek, develop and evaluate "way-out, high risk innovative education ideas."

"Some programs are expected to fail because they are way out and include an element of doubt," Harrell went on.

"But if it works, our youth will benefit."

## CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle



"Remember that 'next year' we used to talk about?"

## CE Profs Herbich, Lowery Attend San Francisco Meet

Two Civil Engineering Department faculty members at Texas A&M are attending a specialty conference, "Civil Engineering in the Oceans," this week in San Francisco.

Dr. John B. Herbich, head of hydraulic engineering and fluid mechanics and coastal engineering divisions, and Dr. Lee Lowery, assistant professor of civil engineering, said the conference is the first of its type sponsored by the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Program topics include waves and response, coastal engineering structures and foundations, concepts and construction in coastal and ocean engineering, and undersea operations.

Dr. Herbich also will present a paper during the 12th Congress of International Associations for Hydraulic Research Sept. 11-14 at Colorado State University at Fort Collins.

The paper, "Prevention of Scour at Bridge Abutments," deals with mechanics of scour around highway and railroad

bridge abutments and measures to be taken to prevent bridge failures during floods.

## Graves Publishes Research On Texas Elementary Schools

An elementary principal's guide on non-graded schools to be distributed across Texas in September is the result of research conducted by Dr. William H. Graves of Texas A&M.

The 34-page booklet covers preparatory and organizational procedures, how to involve staff, working with parents, pupil characteristics and reasons for the nongraded system.

"A nongraded school helps children who need longer to learn fundamentals. It does not penalize with the stigma of failure the child who starts off on unequal footing," noted Graves, Education and Psychology Department professor.

"At the same time, the teacher is given more leeway with the gifted student. His instruction may be enriched without having to cross grade line," he continued.

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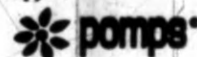
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