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puts from all diverse elements moving the of 65 feet of their district," she empha-

Dr. Unruh is the next president has a place for everyone in a of the Association for Supervi-community if they will pay the sion and Curriculum Developof the Association for Supervi- said. ment. She serves as University

City, Mo., schools assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction. The veteran educator said

in a defined structure through which people can make known ideas about school programs.

"People want to take part," she them to it."

But they too have responsibilities in the cooperative decision making process, theme of the 48th School Administrators and Supervisors Conference at TAMU.

"The boundary between reschool administrators have the sponsible and irresponsible beresponsibility to keep routes open havior of students is not clearcut," Dr. Unruh suggested. "Their complaining is not irresponsible. I think we've driven

Teachers are irresponsible if they don't instruct students on hair and dress desires and teachtheir part in decision making," she added.

"School officials are the ones who can ge the process going, or keep it going," Dr. Unruh said. Besides providing vision and statesmanship, they must see that the cooperative process doesn't mix people's personal concerns with official district functions.

She classified under personal concerns such things as students' ers' interest in fringe benefits,

sick leave and class loads. Dr. Unruh suggested that formal surveys are the only sure means of identifying needs and concerns of the major portion of a school district's population.

"The 'squeaking wheels' will be heard," she assured. "But the listening can't be directed solely

at them."

School administrators must be prepared to combat several barriers in utilizing the cooperative decision making process, Dr. Unruh continued.

"Few people have much experience in making cooperative decisions. The tendency is to follow the bureaucratic method, and take whatever directions are handed from the board to the superintendent to the principal

and teacher," she commented.

The process involves lengthy discussion and debate, for which the public has reluctance to take the time.

"Feelings get heated. Accusations are thrown that an official is blocking or delaying action that someone feels is justified. Petitioners will feel the process is too slow, and try to go around it," she went on.

Other barriers might be internal or communication problems.

The system has its faults, she admitted. But students, who feel no government is best, decided that the direct representative system is best if one is needed.

The three-day conference ends Wednesday with an address by Dr. L. D. Haskew, UT-Austin educational administration professor. Texas status of education reports will be given by Dr. J. W. Edgar, state commissioner of education, and L. P. Sturgeon, **Texas State Teachers Association** executive secretary.

Vet Students Are Honored

honored by the Upjohn Company for excellence in clinical proficiency.

The awards, given at the an-nual Upjohn dinner Wednesday night, recognized graduating stu-dents excelling in large and small

Thomas F. Buchanan, Dallas, was named for the small animal clinic award. He is a 1962 grad-uate of Bryan Adams High School in Dallas. He attended Lon Mor-ris College, North Texas State University and the University of Texas at Arlington, where he received his B.S. degree.

He was admitted to the professional veterinary medical cur-riculum at TAMU in 1970. He is a distinguished student in the College of Veterinary Medicine, and expects to receive the Dector of Veterinary Medicine degree in

Dan Lee Hawkins, San Antonio, received the large animal clinic award. He is a 1963 grad-uate of Highlands High School in San Antonio. He attended Texas Tech, Stanford and Oregon State. He received the B.S. degree from Texas Tech and the M.S. degree

Hawkins, a distinguished stu-dent in the College of Veterinary Medicine, is a member of the honor societies Phi Kappa Phi, Phi Zeta and Gamma Sigma



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