

Dr. Berner Named To New Position

Dr. Leo Berner, Jr., associate professor of oceanography at Texas A&M, has been named assistant dean of the Graduate College, effective Sept. 1.

Dr. Wayne C. Hall, A&M's academic vice president and graduate dean, said Dr. Berner replaces Dr. James G. Potter, who will become Physics Department head at the Florida Institute of Technology at Melbourne.

Dr. Hall said Berner will continue teaching and research in oceanography in addition to part-time duties as assistant dean.

Berner joined A&M in 1965 as administrative scientist in the Oceanography and Meteorology Department. He became associate professor of oceanography last year.

Prior to coming to A&M, Berner served four years as associate program director of the National Science Foundation, Washington, D. C.

A native of Pasadena, Calif., Berner earned his Ph.D. at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography. His M.S. is from the University of California at Los An-

geles. He has the B. A. from Pomona College and also attended the A. A. Citrus Junior College.

Berner was acting curator of Marine Invertebrates at Scripps Institution of Oceanography in 1960-61. He also was visiting assistant professor at the University of Oregon's Institute of Marine Biology in 1961.

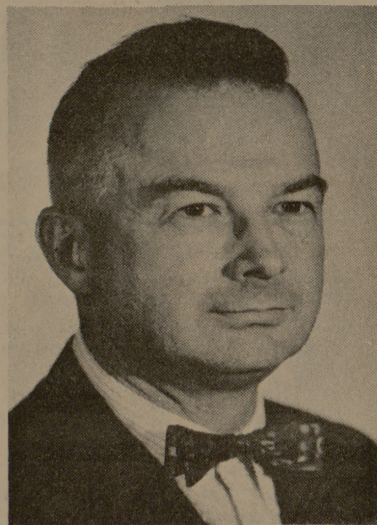
Other assignments included posts as an assistant research biologist and fisheries research biologist at Scripps. He was a biologist for operation shell-back in the eastern tropical pa-

cific in 1952, and biologist for the operation "Wigwam" underwater atomic test in 1955.

A fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science since 1963, Berner is a member of the Society of Sigma Xi, American Society of Limnology and Oceanography, Marine Biological Association of the United Kingdom, Ecological Society of America, and the American Institute of Biological Sciences.

Berner has numerous publications in his special field of research, which involves zooplankton taxonomy and ecology.

A lieutenant commander in the U. S. Naval Reserve, Berner served in the Pacific Theater during World War II.



DR. LEO BERNER, JR.



PH.T.'S AWARDED

Texas A&M's graduation date can't be far off when Aggie wives get their Ph.T. degrees for "putting hubby through." Ruth Ann Clinkscales, wife of a chemical engineering major, and Barbara Knox, whose husband Mike is also graduating, recall the "degree" requirements they had to fulfill.

New Life-Saving Light Post Breaks Away Upon Impact

A new life-saving highway light post which breaks free from its base when struck by a vehicle is now being tested at Texas A&M.

A&M's Texas Transportation

Institute staged the first full-scale test in the project this week by catapulting a sedan into a 38-foot steel post at 40 mph.

The vehicle sustained only minor damage. Although the point

of impact was in the vicinity of the left front fender, the glass on the headlight remained intact.

Dr. Thomas C. Edwards, TTI project supervisor, said there is every reason to believe that a passenger in the test car would have been unharmed.

The A & M highway research organization is conducting the light post project for the Texas Highway Department in cooperation with the U. S. Department of Transportation's Bureau of Public Roads. The program is funded by an \$87,000 one-year contract.

Dr. Edwards said the light post base is similar to the one used in TTI's highly successful break-away highway sign project.

The break-away sign has been adopted by the THD and several other state highway departments. Little damage and no injuries have been reported in the more than 50 known accidents involving these new signs.

Both the signs and light posts rest on bases with slip joints which release when struck by vehicles. While giving way under impact, the posts resist wind just as well as if embedded in the ground, Dr. Edwards noted.

Student Designs Being Presented

Winning student designs of a home caddy, drawing table, playground apparatus and hunting seat were formally presented by Engineering Graphics 106 freshmen at Texas A&M Wednesday, Thursday and today.

Visiting engineers, professors and other students will receive the team reports on design projects initiated at the first of the semester, according to Dr. James H. Earle, department head. Each class of 30 to 36 students was divided equally to work on three projects and assigned problems in February. Practicing engineers from over the state visited classes in March to consult with students on the projects.

The three best three-student team solutions per class will be presented in the three-day period.

"The department is attempting to provide freshmen engineering students with a better understanding of engineering and its application through the cooperation of visiting engineers from various industries," Earle said. The course, in which 550 students are enrolled, is structured to introduce the student to engineering design, problem solving, engineering application and engineering communications.

'Centrex' Utilizes Tunnels For Reliable Phone Service

Engineering a telephone cable across a swampy river bottom or up the side of a mountain is rather routine for telephone engineers, but wandering through the steam tunnels under a university campus is a new experience for them.

In order to provide the new Centrex telephone service throughout the A&M campus, telephone cables between the various buildings will be placed in the steam tunnels. Not only will this help improve the appearance of the campus, but it will also offer more protection for the facilities and improve the reliability of the service.

The new Centrex system scheduled for September 1968, will in effect be a telephone switching center designed exclusively for the campus. Among other improvements it will offer room telephones in the dorms, and will allow callers to dial directly to any telephone on the system without going through a campus operator.

Engineering for this project is underway, and construction is scheduled to start in early 1968. One of the initial construction phases will find work crews following the footsteps of the engineers as they place the new cables through the steam tunnels.

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Final Examination for the Doctoral Degree Name: Lowery, Jr. Lee Leon Degree: Doctor of Philosophy in Civil Engineering

Dissertation: Dynamic Behavior of Piling Time: May 15, 1967 at 8:00 a. m. Place: Conference Room in Architecture Bldg. Wayne C. Hall Dean of Graduate Studies 44711

THE GRADUATE COLLEGE

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Dissertation: A Comparison of Pragmatic and Hypothetical Problems for Developing Creativity in Design Time: May 15, 1967 at 8:00 a. m. Place: Room 107 in M. E. Shops Wayne C. Hall Dean of Graduate Studies 44612

THE GRADUATE COLLEGE

Final Examination for the Doctoral Degree Name: Agarwal, Ram Gopal Degree: Ph.D. in Petroleum Engineering

Dissertation: Unsteady State Performance of Water-Drive Gas Reservoirs Time: May 16, 1967 at 8:00 a. m. Place: Room 201-A in W. T. Doherty Bldg. Wayne C. Hall Dean of Graduate Studies 44612

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Dissertation: An Experimental Comparison of Three Methods for Presenting Selected Concepts of Descriptive Geometry Time: May 16, 1967 at 1:45 p. m. Place: Room 107 in M. E. Shops Wayne C. Hall Dean of Graduate Studies 44612

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Dissertation: "Oxidation of Crude Oil in Porous Media" Time: May 15, 1967 at 1:00 p. m. Place: Room 201-A in W. T. Doherty Bldg. Wayne C. Hall Dean of Graduate Studies 44612

THE GRADUATE COLLEGE

Final Examination for the Doctoral Degree Name: Penberthy, Walter Lauren Jr. Degree: Ph.D. in Petroleum Engineering

Dissertation: An Investigation of the Fundamentals of Combustion Oil Recovery Time: May 16, 1967 at 8:00 a. m. Place: Room 201-A in W. T. Doherty Bldg. Wayne C. Hall Dean of Graduate Studies 44612

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H. L. Heaton, Director of Admissions & Registrar 444110

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