THE BATTALION College Station, Texas Thursday, August 31, 1967 OhioProf Earth, Mars Plant Life Similar Zwolinski To Tour Moves In Europe On Grant

dynamics Research Center, has been awarded a National Science Foundation grant to lecture and conduct seminars in Poland Sept.

As a guest of the Polish Academy of Sciences, Dr. Zwolinski will lecture on energy-structure relations for organic substances, theory of kinetics and standard reference data in chemistry at universities and research institutes in Warsaw, Posen and

Officials noted Zwolinski is the first physical chemist from the United States chosen as a visiting professor to Poland under the new scientific academic exchange program initiated by Poland and the US State Department under direction of the US Academy of Sciences.

Earlier in September, Zwolinski will present a paper, "Enthalpies of Formation of Gaseous Radical Fragments" to the IU-

Dr. Bruno J. Zwolinski, direc- PAC International Symposium on sity of Heidelberg, Germany.

The A&M professor also will visit laboratories in England, Belgium, Germany, Czechoslovakia and Austria



DR. B. J. ZWOLINSKI

Appointment of Dr. Donald L. Clark from Ohio State as associtor of A&M University's Thermo- Thermodynamics at the Univer- ate professor in the Industrial Education Department at Texas A&M has been announced by Dr. Everett Glazener, head.

> Clark, whose appointment is effective Sept. 1, will have responsibility in undergraduate industrial education courses and assisting in graduate and research areas.

At Ohio State, the new professor was teaching and research associate and worked in a special US Office of Education industrial arts curriculum project.

Clark, 35, also taught at Stout State, Menomonie, Wis., and in Janesville, Wis., public schools.

The Colorado native received bachelor and master degrees at Stout State. The Ph.D. was recently awarded at Ohio State.

Clark is an active church and scouting leader and a member of the Wisconsin National Guard. He is married and has two sons

Life on earth probably has the potential for adapting to more extreme or exotic environments similar to those which may exist on Mars or Jupiter, a plant physiologist told the American Institute of Biological Sciences here Wednesday.

"Ordinary green plants and fungi possess far more tolerance toward extreme or exotic environments than has been hitherto suspected," noted Sanford M. Siegel of the University of Hawaii.

Speaking in a "Plants in Space Symposium" at A&M, Siegel described experiments with garden beans and cucumbers grown readily from seed in only five per cent oxygen and even in as little as one per cent oxygen atmos-

To A&M Staff

Dr. James R. Dixon, formerly

curator of herpetology at the Los

Angeles Museum of Natural His-

tory, will join A&M's Wildlife

department head, said the ap-

pointmentis effective Sept. 1.

Dr. Richard J. Baldauf, acting

The new associate professor is

no stranger to A&M. He earned

the Ph.D. in zoology and the

master's degree in wildlife science

at A&M after receiving the bache-

lor's degree in biology from How-

Dixon also conducted research

in A&M's College of Veterinary

Concurrently with his work at the Museum of Natural History

at Los Angeles, Dr. Dixon served

as associate professor of biology

at the University of Southern

California. He also has taught

at Stephen F. Austin State Col-

lege and New Mexico State Uni-

Medicine from 1956 to 1961.

ard Payne.

Science faculty this fall.

Graduate Deans Curator Added To Assume Duties

"Not only is there tolerance to

reduce oxygen, but also in some

cases, onion and garlic seed, for

example, germination takes place

in atmospheres containing 50 per

cent or more of ammonia gas.

(Atmospheres of planets like

Jupiter are thought to contain

Siegel said many plants such

show increased cold-hardiness

when exposed to nearly oxygen-

"Frost damage, even at tem-

peratures of -20 to -30 degrees

Centigrade, is greatly reduced

when oxygen levels are reduced

ammonia.)

free atmospheres.

Dr. George W. Kunze and Dr. Leo Berner Jr. assume their new positions Friday as associate and assistant deans, respectively, of the Graduate College.

Graduate Dean Wayne C. Hall, who previously announced the appointments, said Kunze succeeds Dr. Robert W. Barzak who has requested a return to full-time teaching in English. Berner replaces Dr. James G. Potter who has accepted a position as head of the Physics Department at Florida Institute of Technology.

Dr. Kunze, currently professor of soil and crop sciences, won the Texas A&M Former Student Association's Distinguished Achievement Award for Research in 1966. A native of La Grange, he holds B.S. and M.S. degrees from A&M and the Ph.D. from Pennsylvania State University.

Dr. Berner, associate professor of oceanography, is a native of Pasadena, Calif. He earned his B.A. from Pomona College, M.S. from the University of California at Los Angeles and Ph.D. from Schipps Institute of Oceanogra-

"For example, winter rye germinated under pure nitrogen or argon atmospheres could return to air readily, but rye germinated under helium gas failed to survive the transfer back to air."

"The ability to live in low-oxygen atmospheres is also reflected in the ability to grow not only in air but under fresh or salt water as well," Dr. Siegel said.

as boxwood, palm and cucumber, He added that as environmental stresses become more severe, the complex green plant often fails but ordinary fungi continue to grow with little or no oxygen under ammonia, with 16 hours out of each 24 at -30 degrees Centigrade, in desert atmospheres or saturated salt solutions.

Siegel concluded: "These ex-

Rudder Gets Belgian Medal

It's not too often a foreign government decorates a person twice with the same medal, but such was the case for A&M President Earl Rudder Tuesday night in Houston.

The Belgian government first honored Rudder as an Officer in the Order of Leopold in 1947 for his key role in the Battle of the Bulge, a major factor in the World War II liberation of Bel-

The original medal was destroyed in a 1963 fire at the President's home on the A&M campus, so the award was presented again Tuesday night by Belgian Consul General Herman Matsaert at a reception attended by 100

Rudder, who recently retired from the Army Reserve with the rank of major general, was a colonel in command of the 109th Infantry Regiment in the 1944 Battle of the Bulge when Belgium was liberated.

periments, and many ones with invertebrate an indicate that ordinary terres life as it now exists has ada potentials that often exceed planetary confines of the l and may sometimes overlap or environmental condition

Mars or Jupiter." The scientist is the disco of a tiny umbrella-shaped on ism which is able to live ammonia atmosphere and re bles a recently discovered m

fossil which may have live earth two billion years ago Another scientist on the A program revealed that p grown in a rotating device a "clinostat" which sim weightlessness, react by util food materials, growing and forming other necessary

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processes at greater rates. The reason, said Richard dolph of Argonne National oratory, seems to be that l and small bodies within the pl cells interact more readily in environment.

"These findings suggest mechanical manipulation plants resulting in a more form distribution of gravicipitable particles will resul more rapid plant growth,

The plants in Space symposi and the appearance of Agric ture Secretary Orville Freen were highlights of the Wedn day sessions of the 18th ann meetings of the AIBS at A&M

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