

Davis to hold Goddard Chair

UNIVERSITY PARK — Arthur A. Davis, Pittsburgh, has been selected as the first professor to hold the Maurice K. Goddard Chair in Forestry and Environmental Resource Management at The Pennsylvania State University.

The appointment was announced by Dr. Bryce Jordan, president of the University. Davis is currently director of resource policy at the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy.

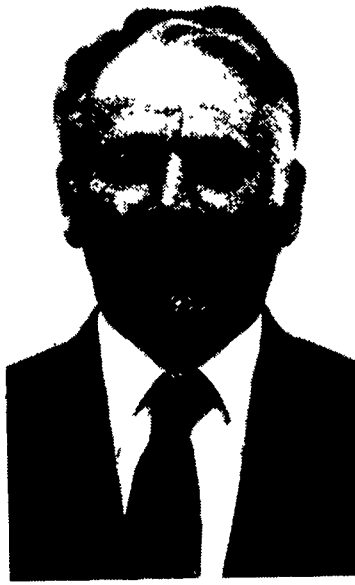
"Mr. Davis is recognized nationally and internationally as an outstanding scholar, conservationist and resource management consultant," Dr. Jordan said. "I am extremely pleased that a person of his calibre and experience has been selected for this position," the Penn State president added.

Davis has accepted an initial three-year appointment, beginning October 1, 1984. He will be eligible for a second three-year term.

The Maurice K. Goddard Chair was established through corporate and personal contributions of more than \$900,000. The Chair will be filled on a rotating basis for a maximum of six years to keep bringing in new ideas.

The Chair honors the career, leadership and accomplishments of Dr. Goddard, who served as Secretary of Forests and Waters and Secretary of the Department of Environmental Resources under five Pennsylvania governors.

The endowed chair, in the Penn State's School of Forest Resources in the College of Agriculture, will generate involvement from many disciplines and professions, ac-



ording to College of Agriculture Dean Samuel H. Smith.

"We are grateful to those who contributed the funding and pleased about the appointment of Art Davis to the Goddard Chair," Dean Smith said. He said the holder of the Chair may assume both graduate and undergraduate teaching responsibilities. Consultation is also anticipated with all levels of government, business, and citizen groups regarding conservation policies and prudent use of Pennsylvania's natural resources, Smith concluded.

Davis received a bachelor of science degree in wildlife conservation from the University of

Maine and a master of forestry from Yale University. His 35-year career includes several high level national policy positions in conservation and resource development offices.

As director of resource policy at

the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy since 1974, Davis is responsible for land use planning. The Conservancy is the largest private nonprofit land conservation organization in Pennsylvania. During its 35-year

history the Conservancy has acquired more than 90,000 acres of recreational and unique natural areas and sold them at cost to federal and state agencies for use as parks, forests, game lands and nature preserves.

York farm leaders to tour Bay

YORK — Twenty-five agricultural leaders and elected officials from York County will journey to the Chesapeake Bay on Sept. 22 to learn more about the water quality problems afflicting the Bay.

According to Keith Eisenhart, Chairman of the York County Conservation District, invitations have been sent to the Board of several local farm organizations including the Conservation District, York County Farmers Association and Farmers Union, Penn State Cooperative Extension Service, and the USDA Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service. Invitations have also been extended to local legislators and the York County Board of Commissioners.

A recent EPA study concluded that non-point source pollution

from agricultural land is the primary pollution problem stemming from Pennsylvania via the Susquehanna River. The Susquehanna provides 50% of the freshwater to the Bay. Nutrients, especially nitrogen and phosphorus, from Pennsylvania farmland are being carried into the Bay in excessive levels. This overenrichment then is believed to be causing eutrophication of the Bay waters. Recent trends of decreased catches of freshwater spawning fish species prompted the EPA's study of the Bay seven years ago. The group of York County farm leaders hopes to learn more about the Bay and how its water quality is being affected by neighboring farmers upstream, and what Pennsylvania farmers might be able to do to prevent valuable soil and fertilizer from

being washed off the farm and into waterways which feed the Chesapeake Bay.

The tour is being coordinated by the York County Conservation District and the Chesapeake Bay Foundation of Annapolis, MD. Farm leaders will tour the Susquehanna Flats area by boat and will have the opportunity to discuss this important issue and how York County will be involved in the Bay "clean-up" efforts.



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