

Todd Appointed Assistant Dean For Research

UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre) — Dr. Robert L. Todd has been appointed professor of agronomy, assistant dean for research and assistant director of the Agricultural Experiment Station for Penn State's College of Agriculture, effective March 1.

As assistant dean, he will work with the associate dean for research and the faculty in all college academic units to help establish research priorities and initiate research proposals that further college research. The College Office for Research supports approximately 250 College of Agriculture faculty who are involved in disciplinary and interdisciplinary research at the University Park campus and three field research laboratories.

"We are fortunate to have someone of Dr. Todd's stature to help further our research prog-



Dr. Robert L. Todd

ram," says dean of the College of Agriculture Lamartine F. Hood. "He comes at a time when we are

embarking on a series of much needed research initiatives in a number of critical areas, such as water quality management, pesticide safety and rural economic development. We are asking our agricultural community and the state legislature to support these research programs, and Dr. Todd will be part of the team that puts those initiatives into action."

As former professor and head of the Department of Microbiology for the College of Agriculture and Biological Sciences at South Dakota State University, Todd joins the Penn State faculty with a strong background in research. He has served as special assistant to the president of South Dakota State, coordinating a university-wide program to prepare grants that aid industrial development in the state. Projects from this

assignment include developing oats for human consumption, preparing water additives for livestock and plant production and designing an electronic marking system that tracks animals from production through slaughter and marketing.

He also served as coordinator of sponsored research grants and contracts for the College of Agriculture and Biological Sciences. He was responsible for identifying funding opportunities and helping faculty prepare grants.

Head of the department since 1982, Todd initiated a number of changes including expanding instruction and research in biotechnology, developing an industrial economic program to support the state's agricultural industry, initiating joint research projects with other departments in

plant, animal and veterinary sciences and creating a departmental Ph.D. program to be operational in 1990.

At South Dakota State, Todd served on a number of university committees such as the Academic Senate and was chair in 1987-1988. He was selected as alumnus of the year in 1987 by the faculty, students and alumni of his department. He has lectured and published numerous articles on nutrient cycling and soil microbiology.

Before going to South Dakota State, Todd was in the Department of Agronomy at the University of Georgia. His research was focused on nutrient cycling in agricultural systems. He was honored as a Research Scientist of the Year in 1979, 1980 and 1981 by the College of Agriculture.

Pennsylvania To Auction Off Used State Vehicles

HARRISBURG — Secretary of General Services David L. Jannetta today announced that an auction of 220 used state vehicles will be held Thursday, March 16 at 10 a.m. in the Commonwealth Garage at 2221 Forster Street, Harrisburg.

The Department of General Services will offer passenger cars, trucks and other vehicles on a "where is, as is" basis. The auction is open to the general public, dealers and state employees, except General Services employees or their agents.

Prospective bidders may inspect the vehicles outside the Commonwealth Garage or at various locations around the state now through March 13. Bidders must register and receive a number on the day of the sale to bid on vehicles.

Thirty-six of the vehicles are housed at various locations out-

side Harrisburg, such as Mifflintown, Mercer and Clarks Summit.

Complete rules and instructions and a listing of the vehicles to be sold are available from the Department of General Services Bureau of Vehicle Management, 2221 Forster Street, P.O. Box 1365, Harrisburg, PA 17105. For more information, please call 717 783-3132.

Those attending the vehicle auction also are invited to stop in at the State Surplus Property Warehouse located on the lower level of the 22nd & Forster Street Building. The State Surplus Property Program offers excellent bargains on a wide variety of hundreds of items for sale to the general public such as typewriters, file cabinets, desks and chairs. The warehouse is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. For more information on the State Surplus Property Program, call (717) 787-9062.

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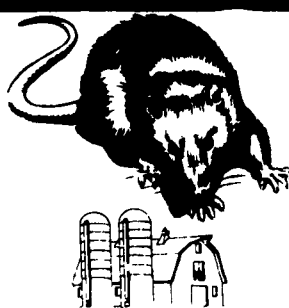
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