

RASMUSSEN APPOINTED NEW SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

Governor-Elect Sproul Selects Penn State Professor to Head State Agricultural Dept.

HAS BEEN IN CHARGE OF DAIRY HUSBANDRY HERE

A telegram was received last Thursday at the office of the head of the Dairy Husbandry Department of this college to the effect that Professor Fred Rasmussen, at present head of that department, had been appointed State Secretary of Agriculture by Governor-elect Sproul.

Although the loss of Professor Rasmussen from the faculty will leave a vacancy hard to fill, his appointment should mean much to Penn State. This is the first time since 1903, when Professor John Hamilton held this position, that a man from the agricultural college of Pennsylvania has been put at the head of the State Department of Agriculture.

By his wide experience in agricultural work and his intimate acquaintance with the prominent farmers and business men of Pennsylvania Mr. Rasmussen is peculiarly well fitted for his new position. His great popularity among agricultural men is sure to help him as Secretary of Agriculture.

Professor Rasmussen is an expert dairyman of national reputation. His services are always in great demand for advice on the dairy business and since the outbreak of the war he has spent much of his time in the dairy department. A large part of the time since last year he has been busy with work for the United States Food Administration of Pennsylvania, having charge of the division dealing with feed regulations. Recently he was asked by the American Red Cross to go on a committee to Europe to establish dairies at the base hospitals of the American Expeditionary Forces. He has also been asked by the National War Council of the Y. M. C. A. to outline and supervise courses in dairying to be taught to our soldiers in France under the supervision of the Education Commission.

Came to Penn State in 1916 Professor Rasmussen entered upon his work at this college in September, 1916, coming here from the Dairy Department of New Hampshire College. Since he was put at the head of the Dairy Department here he has done very much to raise the standing of this institution among American agricultural colleges. He is an expert in dairying, having had a very valuable asset to this college and Penn State's dairy herd is making a name for itself.

Mr. Rasmussen was born on a dairy farm in Denmark and came to the United States in the fall of 1899. He first worked for the Chicago and North-western Railroad as a bridge carpenter. After a year of railroad experience he turned his efforts to farming which had always been his occupation before he came to America. He worked on a farm for one year, taking care of twenty cows and running a milk route. For two winters he attended country school.

Entered Iowa State In the winter of 1902, Mr. Rasmussen entered the four-year course in agriculture at the Iowa State College. After graduating, he accepted a position at Purdue University, having charge for one year of the University Creamery, and acting as instructor in dairying. In the fall of 1906, Mr. Rasmussen joined the teaching staff of the Iowa State College, and was for one year professor of Dairying at that institution. In the fall of 1907, he accepted the position of Professor of Dairying at New Hampshire College. After nine years of service at the New Hampshire College, Mr. Rasmussen, in the fall of 1916, came to Penn State, where he was named as Professor of Dairy Husbandry at the Pennsylvania State College.

Mr. Rasmussen has had a varied and extensive experience in dairy work. Born and raised on a three hundred acre dairy farm in Denmark, he brought with him to this country an advanced idea of dairy development and a vision of what the great dairy industry of the United States will mean to its agriculture and people. His experience in dairying at that institution. In the fall of 1907, he accepted the position of Professor of Dairying at New Hampshire College. After nine years of service at the New Hampshire College, Mr. Rasmussen, in the fall of 1916, came to Penn State, where he was named as Professor of Dairy Husbandry at the Pennsylvania State College.

DUAL MEETS PLANNED FOR STATE DEBATERS

The candidates for this year's debating team met for the first time, Monday evening, in the foyer of the auditorium. About thirty candidates, among whom were several women students, met Prof. Marshman and discussed debating for the coming season. Most of those present were Freshmen, but as several men of last year's team are competing in the second semester the prospects are that the team will not be entirely new. Prof. Marshman said dual debates would probably be arranged with Swarthmore, Lafayette and Juniata to take place some time in April, while a girls' debate with Pittsburgh is also being planned. Prof. Marshman brought forward several resolutions which proposed respectively, the establishment of a national budget system, state insurance, and federal control railroads for five years. All candidates for debating who were unable to attend the meeting Monday night are requested to be present on Saturday afternoon at 1:30 P. M.

FORMER WRESTLING STARS TO RETURN

More Material Needed To Assure A Successful Season—Interclass Wrestling To Be Featured

Preliminary wrestling practice which began last week is being held regularly, but the squad is greatly handicapped by lack of men. Usually in preceding years wrestling has been one of the most popular winter sports at Penn State and without exception large numbers of candidates have reported, making the competition for the various positions very keen. For some reason, however, this has not been the case this year and as a result the work has not been progressing as it might.

Regarding the schedule, nothing further has been decided. Negotiations are still pending with the University of Pennsylvania and Cornell, and the probabilities are that one of these teams will appear on the Army floor on Saturday, February 22. Cornell is not yet sure about the matter, but it is expected that this year, and so there is much uncertainty all around. In case a meet is arranged for Washington's birthday, it will probably be held in the afternoon, with this with the basketball game with the University of Pittsburgh five in the evening will constitute one of the most interesting athletic programs Penn State has had in a number of years. In the past, Penn and Cornell have each put out excellent wrestling teams, and Cornell being the intercollegiate champion before the Blue and White took that honor from her last March. Concerning the basketball game with Pitt, little need be said as the Blue and White is always full of fight, and the final outcome is always in doubt.

Nothing further has been heard from the teams which make up the Intercollegiate Wrestling League. So far the various members have failed to definitely decide about the matter, and the probabilities are, as stated last week, that they will not be held until 1920. Due to the unsettled conditions in all colleges represented in the league, such has been the case in arranging for the 1919-20 season. In large measure accounts for the indecision about the championship meet. However, two months still remain before the intercollegiate are scheduled to take place, and possibly before that time, each college will take account of its material, and definitely decide to enter the meet.

During the past week, wrestling prospects have perceptibly brightened. Spangler, who was possibly before the class for the Sophomores last year, is planning to re-enter college at the beginning of the second semester. Mills, a 135-pound man, who wrestled on one of the "varsity" teams is also coming back. At first it was thought that the effect that Detar, captain-elect of the team, who was at an officers' training school in Georgia, was going to return, but this report upon investigation was without foundation. Fuierer, a 125-pound wrestler who was transferred to Detar in the trials for the Sophomore meet last year, is also planning to come back.

Coch Yezzer, who with his first attempt at coaching last year, developed a team upon which was won the intercollegiate championship, will again be in charge of the team. He has been working diligently with the men who have already reported, getting them into shape and down to weight.

Class Wrestling

In order to stimulate greater interest in wrestling, and to develop more material for the "varsity" team, a sort of mass wrestling between the four classes will be instituted. This is very similar to the mass wrestling which was held during the fall, but instead of having individuals competing, the various classes will be the contestants. An inter-class schedule is being arranged and will be completed in the near future. It is planned to have about two bouts a week, one on Tuesday and the other on Thursday, the schedule being so arranged that it will not conflict with the inter-fraternity basketball games. The first meet will be held on January 27, when the Seniors and Juniors will clash. The various class managers are active and it is expected that a good number of candidates will report for each team.

LAST CHANCE TO SAVE

Today is the last chance for subscribers to pay off their first-up slight decrease in student enrollment. All unpaid sign-ups will be for \$1.25. This is your opportunity to save a quarter.

LIBERAL ARTS LECTURE COURSE

The Liberal Arts Lecture Course which has been conducted by the Liberal Arts School for the past two years will not be held this year. Tuesday evening is the only evening in the week available for a series of lectures and since the Y. M. C. A. is holding four movies on every Tuesday and Thursday night, it was decided by the committee from the Liberal Arts Faculty that the course would not be held this year.

DEPARTMENTAL NOTES WILL BE PUBLISHED

The COLLEGIAN is planning to cover a wider field of student and faculty activities this year than ever before and one of the main plans is to specialize on departmental news items. It is believed that the various heads of departments often have news in their departments which would be of interest to the student and to all our readers. Since our staff is greatly reduced this year, it is impossible to cover these various departments each week and thus many stories may be missed. However, we wish to urge that each department turn in to our office before Saturday evening of each week all such items as they desire to have published. The office is in the Nittany Printing Company's building on W. College Avenue.

CAPTAIN WALKER NOW ON WAY HOME

Former Faculty Member to Return to Penn State After Eighteen Months' Service

Captain Elton D. Walker, who has been in charge of Company A, Fifteenth Engineers, American Expeditionary Force, is now on his way home from France and will be back at the college in time for the opening of the second semester. Captain Walker, before enlisting a little over a year ago, was professor of civil engineering and it is to this position that he will return.

Professor Walker came to Penn State in 1900, succeeding Professor Pass, who resigned to go Cooper Institute, New York. He had been in the position of Assistant Professor of Engineering in the Quartermaster's Department at Fort Sheridan, Illinois, receiving his first



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taste of army life there. He retired from this position in 1914 in order to serve on the faculty of Union College, where he remained until called to Penn State.

Shortly before the United States entered the war, Professor Walker met Lieutenant-Colonel Judyth, who had come to State College, to lecture, and probably through him entered the service. He was sent to Fort Niagara for his preliminary training, then transferred to Colonel Judyth's regiment of engineers, which was recruited at Pittsburgh, and sent overseas in July, 1917.

In his work in France, Captain Walker was assigned to a wide variety of engineering work, including railway work, water supply, and water supply projects for camps and at the cities of Jouehery, H'to Marie, Locanquer and Morbihan. He has not had any front line duty, but was in one of the air line units in Paris.

Very recently he has been transferred to the Section Engineers office at Le Havre, where he is in charge of the water supply and sanitary installations of that district. In a letter to Dr. Spangler, under date of December 12, Captain Walker writes:

"I am no longer a member of the 15th Engineers, having been relieved from assignment, Oct. 25, and ordered to Tours for duty in the Water Supply Section of the Division of Construction and Forestry. After spending about a week there becoming familiar with certain things in headquarters offices, I was sent to Le Havre to take charge under the Water Supply and Sanitary Installations in this section, which includes the French Departments of Calvados, Eure, Seine-Inférieure, Somme, Pas-de-Calais, and Nord. We were planning some important work when the signing of the armistice changed all that and I am now doing a lot of little puttering jobs since then. I am now under orders to return to the States so hope to sail soon. I will probably leave here in a few days to look after certain matters at Augers and then to Bordeaux to look after the water supply. I have been recommended for service on a commission of appraisal over here but received my present orders before the recommendation reached headquarters. I am sure that my services here will be commended and not."

"Yesterday, I took a trip to Rouen and after getting through my business I had a little time to look around. I made a hurried trip through the Cathedral and the Church of St. Ouen, and visited the place where the tower of the Cathedral which are in some cases just as they were in the Middle Ages. The richness and detail that will take me back to the later gothic portions was very interesting. My regret was that I could not stay longer and at least partially satisfy my appetite for more. I would like to stroll around the city for at least a week and I suppose I will still feel the same. Much stained glass has been taken down and put away for safe keeping with other works of art, though some of the things are in place. Now that the censorship has relaxed there is so much to tell that it is hard to know where to start and when to stop. In this case, the stopping takes care of itself as the hour is getting late. I hope soon, however, to see you face to face and will leave the rest till then."

SULLIVAN ELECTED A. A. VICE PRESIDENT

At the Athletic Association elections for vice president, held at the mass meeting last Thursday morning, G. W. Sullivan '19, was elected over G. A. Kummer '19, by a majority of 288 votes. The former received 627 ballots, while 349 were cast for the latter. At the election held shortly before the holidays, no candidate received a majority, thus making another election necessary. Jesse L. Krall '19, who was elected vice president last spring, did not return to college, so that new candidates were nominated and voted upon. At the former election F. S. Ungor '19, was elected president with A. E. Catnach '19, song leader.

JUNIATA TO MEET STATE IN OPENER

State Five To Be Seen in Action For First Time Friday Night—Juniata Has Strong Team

The opening game of the 1919 basketball season will take place on Friday evening at 7:00 o'clock when the Penn State basketball team will meet the strong Juniata College five on the Army floor. This event will open up one of the best schedules that the Blue and White has had for many years and with the five from Juniata College furnishing the competition there is no doubt that a game full of exciting moments will be witnessed.

Juniata College has been the opening opponent of the Blue and White basketball schedule for the past two years and has always put a strong aggregation on the floor. This year will be no exception and the team that will meet State on Friday night will be of the highest caliber. Interest in the great indoor sport at the Juniata school has always run high and their team has always held an enviable position among the colleges of the central part of the state. The team which will come here on Friday night will be one of the best ever seen at State and with two of last year's team as a nucleus, a team has been built up which will undoubtedly furnish some good competition.

Coch Bezek is rapidly rounding a good team into shape from the squad which reported to him before the vacation. Practice is being held every afternoon on the Army floor and some competition has been staged there during the week. The Juniata star on the team is a team two winters ago and acting captain of the year's "varsity," will be seen in his old place at the front. His partner will probably be Ritz, Ritz played for the last winter on the championship Peabody High School team and has shown some real ability in the indoor sport during the past few weeks. He is fast and should develop into a good player for Muller. Wolfe, who has been one of college for the past semester, will be seen at the center position and his return greatly strengthens the Blue and White team. Frank was one of the mainstays of last year's championship team, playing guard but Coch Bezek has made a good center out of him and his playing should be a feature of the game on Friday night. For the guard position the two most likely men for the Friday night contest are Killinger and McMillin. Killinger, who starred last winter on Bill Martin's strong Freshman team, covers a great deal of territory and McMillin, another Sophomore, has shown up well during the preliminary practice. These two men will probably form the quintette to represent State on Friday night.

Tickets for the game will sell for thirty-five cents and will be on sale starting Wednesday. They may be purchased from any of the second assistant managers before Friday night or at the gate at that time. The game will start promptly at 7:00 o'clock and all should be on hand at that time.

Interfraternity League

The interfraternity basketball league which Coach Bezek is planning is rapidly assuming form and within the next week the work of organizing should be complete. Teams representing thirty-two national and local fraternities have been formed and these teams have been divided into two divisions. However this takes in approximately six hundred members of the student body and in order to give more men the exercise and increase the enthusiasm, Coach Bezek has decided to make a third division of teams representing organized boarding and rooming houses. Representatives of these houses met on Monday afternoon and plans were drawn up at that time.

SLIGHT DECREASE IN STUDENT ENROLLMENT

Before the Christmas holidays, many rumors were prevalent in regard to the number of men who would leave college after the demobilization of the Student Army Training Corps. Now that college work has once again been removed, some statistics from the Registrar's Office are available on this subject. The number of students who withdrew from college both on account of the disbanding of the S. A. T. C. and to go to other colleges is 247. On the basis of the attendance during the fall months, this number represents about twelve per cent of the student body and is much lower than was expected. In many institutions of the state, as high as forty and fifty per cent of the student bodies withdrew from college with the breaking up of the S. A. T. C. The small number to withdraw from Penn State speaks well for the students who are in attendance before and on whom they hold their Alma Mater.

NOTICES

One of the aims of the COLLEGIAN is to give full publicity to all student notices and announcements, including meetings of county clubs and the like. They will be accepted for publication if turned in before noon on the Monday preceding the day of going to press. They should be written clearly and legibly on one side of a sheet of white paper.

VARSITY DANCE

The annual Varsity Football Dance is scheduled to be held in the Army on Saturday evening, February 15th. No invitations will be sent out except to the invitees, but all letter men, all members of the "varsity" football squad, "varsity" managers and first assistant football managers, and members of this year's "varsity" basketball and wrestling teams are eligible to attend.

FRESHMEN REPORT

All Freshmen and Sophomores who are trying out for the editorial staff of the COLLEGIAN will meet in room 5504 Main at 6:45 tomorrow, Thursday, evening.

MAJOR DIEMER ENDS ARMY WORK

Returns To Penn State After Over A Year's Absence in Government Service

Major Hugo Diemer, head of the Department of Industrial Engineering, has returned to Penn State, as announced in the last issue of the COLLEGIAN, and will resume his duties at once. He was absent from the college for about a year and five months, having been granted a leave of absence in July, 1917 to enter the service of the government, in the Ordnance Department, and his loss has been sorely felt, especially by the engineering seniors. Major Diemer has stated that he will conduct both his first and second semester classes during the coming semester, and a large number of students, who otherwise might not have returned this year, are expected to be back.

Major Diemer was called into the service in July, 1917, and was commissioned a Major in the Ordnance Department of the Army, his first assignment being to the Frankford Arsenal, Philadelphia. After a stay of two months, during which time he familiarized himself with the various operations involved in cartridge making, he was selected to represent the Ordnance Department at Lowell, Massachusetts. On September first of the same year, he was placed in full charge of all work at the United States Cartridge Company at that place, and was assigned to Lowell, Massachusetts. A good shooting marksmen, he was soon promoted to the position of superintendent of production, in order to triple the output of the U. S. Cartridge Company, which was making small arms ammunition, and upon which the government depended for a reliable output. This work was accomplished. The organization which was quickly brought together under the guidance of the Major soon began to gain a reputation for marked accuracy and the most effective staffs in the whole Ordnance Department.

Active in Other Fields Major Diemer's activities, however, were not confined wholly to the munition plants whose work he directed. He was made an honorary member of the Lowell Board of Trade for the interest which he manifested in the citizens and the municipality. He was also invited to the membership privileges of the York Club of Lowell, the Masonic Club, and the Long Meadow Golf Club.

In addition to his many duties at Lowell, other assignments were soon added. Frequently he was called upon to report on conditions and to make recommendations on outlying plants which needed a rejuvenation. In this work his travels carried him to Lawrence, Newburyport, Hanover, Haverhill, and Winton, Massachusetts, and Swanton, Vermont.

Shortly after his arrival in New England, the Norton Company at Worcester, Massachusetts, manufacturers of carburetor emery wheels and grinding machines, invited the Major to meet and conduct a class in Factory Organization and Management.

Work Interrupted

This class, as well as the many other activities in which Major Diemer was engaged at the time, were interrupted by a sudden and severe infection from a small cut, incurred during his work. He was confined to a hospital for six weeks, as a result, in the fall of 1918. The loyalty and esteem which he had won, was evidenced by the constant interest and attentions shown him during his confinement at the hospital by men ranging from the Mayor of the city to the leading clergymen and business men, and even to the rank and file of the people who worked in the shops.

By August, 1918, the output of the Lowell plants had reached about 30 per cent of their class production for overseas shipment. The results had been noted and commented upon by Major Durban, of the Central Division, formerly president of the Erie Club Iron Works, on whose suggestion Major Diemer was transferred to the staff of General Dickson in charge of all army work at Bethlehem, Pa. At the latter place, Major Diemer was engaged in the status of an organizing engineer.

After the news of the signing of the armistice was received, Major Diemer applied for and was granted a discharge from the service and returned to Penn State during the latter part of December.

Green Hat Cords For Freshmen

No longer will there be any difficulty in distinguishing between Freshmen and Sophomores when in uniform, for at its meeting on Wednesday night, Student Council passed a resolution that no Freshman shall wear "dinks" when in civilian clothes and green hat cords when in army uniform. Major Baylies gave his consent to the measure and the Tribunal will see that it is strictly enforced. This action came up for discussion last year, but no action was taken before the close of the year. This year, the same problem arose and some with liberties under the protection of their uniforms. Now it is easy to identify them and it is to the interest of the Sophomores to get themselves red, white and blue hat cords as a mark of distinction. Barrack caps and cadet caps may not be worn by Freshmen.

STUDENT REGIMENT TO BE FORMED SOON

With the passing of the Student Army Training Corps it has been decided that a unit of the U. S. T. C. will be continued here as was the case before the military authorities assumed control of the college. Dr. Sparks is in Baltimore during the last week where he was in attendance at a meeting upon the nature of the contemplated R. O. T. C. was being discussed. It has now been decided by the college authorities whether the unit at State will be devoted entirely to infantry training or whether training will also be given in signal work, engineering work, and other technical subjects. The proposed plan includes several new features which the unit did not have heretofore. All Freshmen and Sophomores of the college will be required to join and this work will take the place of the military drill of former years. Juniors and Seniors may become voluntary members and will receive a certain sum of money per day, the exact amount of which has not yet been determined. All members of the unit will receive uniforms from the government and will identify themselves with the corps will probably be commissioned officers as it is not expected that more than this number will express their desire to become members.

DR. SPARKS RUSY

Dr. Sparks is at Baltimore, Md., last week attending a meeting of the State College President's Association, and left last Monday for Philadelphia to be present at a meeting of the State Chamber of Commerce. Next week he will be at Harrisburg attending meetings of the Board of Trustees and the State Board of Agriculture.

CADETS TO MARCH AT INAUGURATION

Band and Battalion of Three Hundred Men To Participate in Governor's Inauguration

Penn State will have a large representation at Harrisburg, Tuesday, January 21 on the occasion of the inauguration into office of Governor-elect Sproul. An entire battalion of 300 men, consisting of four companies of seventy-five men each, together with a band of one hundred pieces will be sent to the State Capitol to participate in the ceremonies. A special train will be provided, leaving some time in the morning, and returning about midnight on the above date. All expenses will be borne by the state, including transportation and subsistence. Fully definite plans have not been decided upon as yet, but the plan as roughly outlined is to arrive in Harrisburg about 12 o'clock noon on the 21st. Shortly after arrival the entire unit will be formed in the parade, which is expected to take about two hours. After the parade, the band will give a concert in the rotunda of the capitol. The special will probably leave about five, and is expected to reach State College about midnight.

The method of selecting the men from the many who have applied to Major Baylies for permission to be members of the unit has not been decided, but it is probable that the upperclassmen will be given first preference. The prime requisite for any man to be considered is, naturally, that he be the possessor of a uniform, which will practically exclude navy men, unless they can borrow an army uniform. The military department will be in charge of the trip, and military discipline will prevail, at least during the parade. The dollar allowance per man for meals will be turned over to the commissary department, which will provide a lunch or also train both going and coming.

This is a considerably larger number than was sent down on the occasion of the inauguration of Governor Brumbaugh at which time only the band and glee clubs were sent, comprising about one hundred men. A good showing should be made this year, as practically all the men have government issued uniforms, and this occasion will seem to bring Penn State and her deeds before the legislators in concrete form.

Student Regiment To Be Formed Soon

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