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# APPLE DAY

# CONVOCATION

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## Pittsburg State University

10:30 a.m. -- WEEDE GYMNASIUM

MARCH 7, 1985

Welcome.....Kathy Scott-Dawdy,  
PSU Student Senate  
Academic Affairs Commissioner

Remarks and Introduction.....Dr. James Gilbert,  
Vice President, Academic Affairs

Commemoration Day Address                      Dr. Mariano Fiallos,

Presentation of Gift.....David Ramsey,  
PSU Student Senate  
President

Closing Comments.....Kathy Scott-Dawdy

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## THE APPLE DAY TRADITION

Pittsburg State University is the youngest of the state institutions of higher learning in Kansas. Founded in 1903, Pitt State opened as an Auxiliary Manual Training Normal School. Russell Station Russ, then the superintendent of the Pittsburg Schools, was elected to be principal of the new normal school which he helped to found. The school opened September 8, 1903 with 54 students and 5 faculty members in temporary quarters.

Mr. Russ spent considerable time in the state legislature of 1907 during the debate for an appropriation for the first school building. As the issue was drawing to a close, the legislators lightheartedly reviewed the problem of nonmembers of the house appearing on the floor, and the motion was made that the next offender be fined a barrel of apples. Shortly after, Russ appeared to inquire about the progress of the bill and was duly fined a barrel of apples.

The incident was reported in Pittsburg, and Russ, discussing this with the students, suggested that they fine the faculty a barrel of apples. The motion passed unanimously, and a bewildered faculty paid the fine. Since that first observance on March 8, 1907, Apple Day or Commemoration Day has become a festivity to be noted on the Pitt State campus. Annually this tradition fine is assessed by the student body, and the apples furnished by the faculty are passed out to all those present at the Apple Day Convocation.

A reception for Dr. Fiallos will be held in the Heritage room at 3:30. Also in the Student Center, Dr. Fiallos will address the political issues of Nicaragua to the Consul of World Affairs at 7:30.

VOTE

Be sure to vote  
in the Student Senate elections

VOTE

10:00 - 12:00 Student Center, Weede Gymnasium