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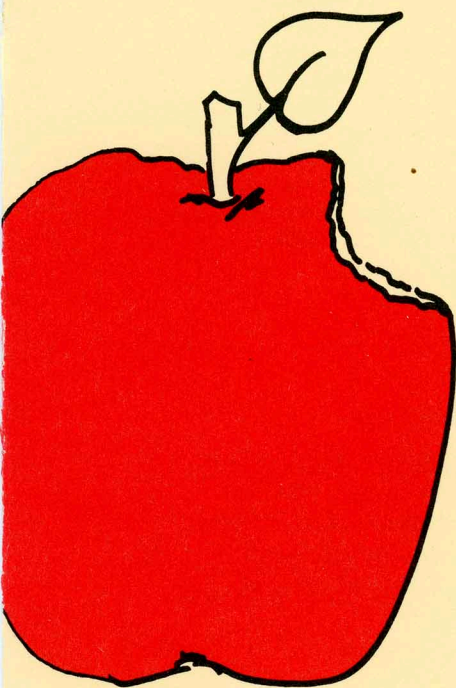
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Apple Day

Convocation



**Commemoration Day
Thursday, March 5, 1987
10:30 a.m.—McCray Recital Hall
Pittsburg State University**

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 the Auxiliary Manual Training Normal School. Russell Station Russ, then Superintendent of the Pittsburg schools, was elected Principal of the new Normal School which he helped to found. The School opened Tuesday, September 8, 1903 with 54 students and five 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 non-members 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 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 an event to be noted on the Pitt State campus. Annually, this traditional 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.

JAZZ ENSEMBLE PERSONNEL

Woodwinds

Tomoko Aoyama, Shizuoka,
Japan
Barry Dean, Pittsburg
Paul McGinty, Wichita
Alan McKenzie, Independence
Tony Jameson, Strafford, MO

Trumpets

Rob Rowland, Shawnee
Jeff Brown, Pittsburg
Ronda Vickers, Pittsburg
Cliff Nelson, Derby
Chuck Parsons, Pittsburg

Director

Mr. Robert Kehle, PSU

Trombones

Monty Amick, Pittsburg
Jaye George, Shawnee
Thomas Mahan, Pittsburg
John Oberley, Webb City, MO
Bill Thomas, Dearing

Keyboard

Kevin Derrick, Strafford, MO

Bass

Cecily Noel, Joplin, MO

Percussion

Rick Duling, Girard

Welcome Ms. Lori Mays
President
PSU Student Government Association

“Malaguena”
arr. by Bill Holman PSU Jazz Ensemble

From the Pages of History Mr. Gene DeGruson
PSU Special Collections Librarian

Introductions Dr. Donald Wilson
President
Pittsburg State University

Greetings Dr. Stanley Koplik
Executive Director
Kansas Board of Regents

Commemoration Day Address The Honorable Mike Hayden
Governor of Kansas

Presentation of 1987
Outstanding Faculty Awards Ms. Archana Gupta
Academic Affairs Commissioner
PSU Student Government Association

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