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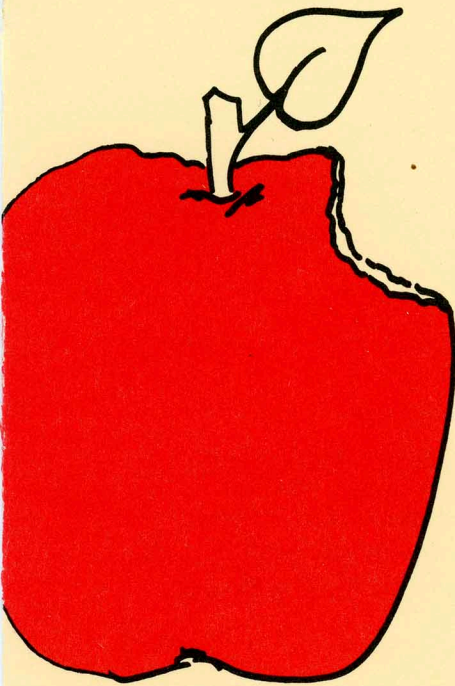
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# Apple Day

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.

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### Woodwinds

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

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

### Director

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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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