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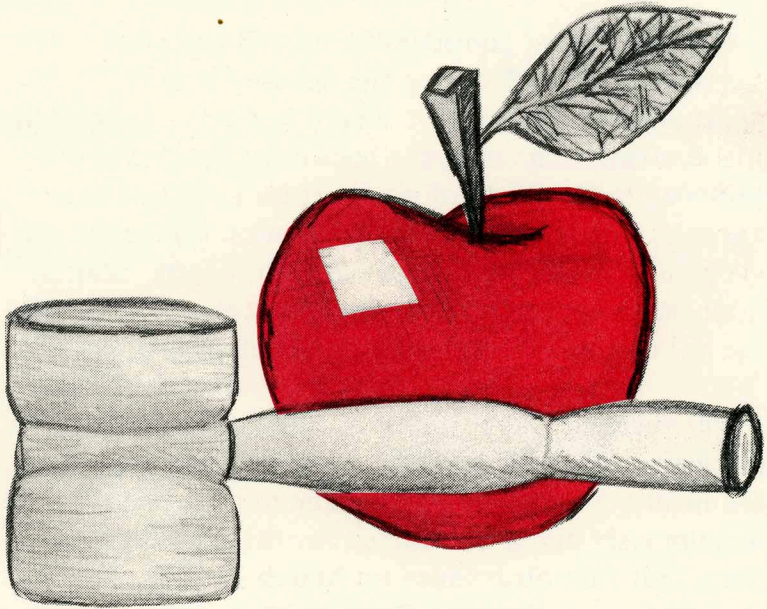
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MARGIN OF EXCELLENCE

# Apple Day

## Convocation



Commemoration Day  
Thursday, March 2, 1989  
10:30-11:30 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. Russel 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 Association are passed out to all those present at the Apple Day Convocation.

## Schedule of Events

Welcome and Introductions . . . . . Dr. Donald Wilson, President  
Pittsburg State University

Sonata for Violin, Cello, Piano . . . . . Pittsburg State University Trio  
by Jean-Battiste Loeillet  
I. Largo

Trio for Violin, Cello & Piano  
Opus 11 by Ludwig Van Beethoven  
II. Adagio

From the Pages of History . . . . . Mr. Gene DeGruson  
Special Collections Librarian  
Pittsburg State University

Commemoration Day Address . . . . . Mr. Norman Jeter  
Member, Bd. of Regents, Hays

Presentation of 1989  
Outstanding Faculty Awards . . . . . Lori Schmitt  
Academic Affairs Commissioner  
Student Government Association

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PSU Trio  
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### PSU Trio

Yeh Wang ..... Violin  
Li-Chun Ruo ..... Cello  
Bih-Yuh Chen ..... Piano