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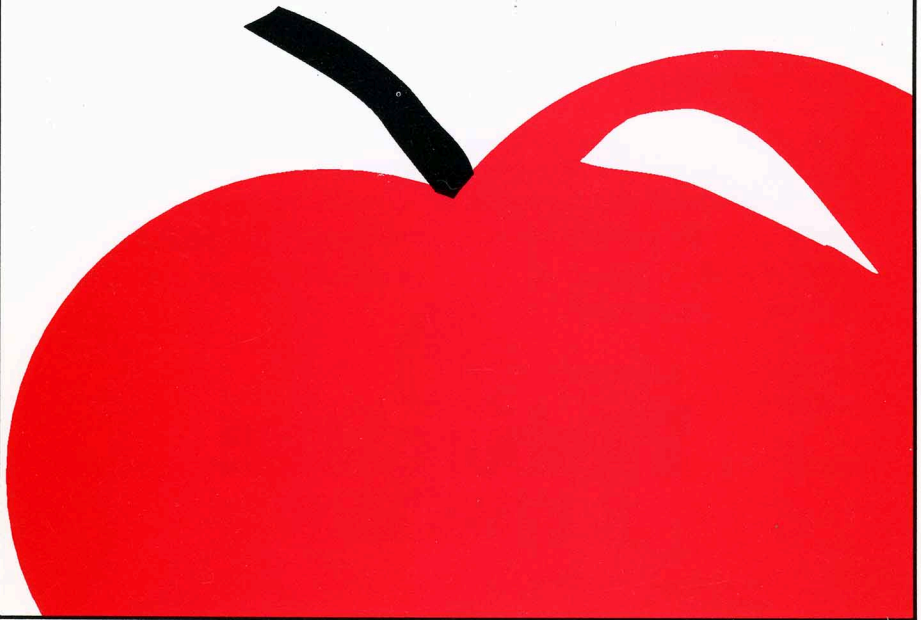
Apple Day Convocation

Thursday, March 7, 1991

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. 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 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 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.



Program

- Welcome and Introductions Dr. Donald Wilson, President
Pittsburg State University
- Musical Selections University Choir
"Thou, O Jehovah, Abideth Forever" by Aaron Copland
"Deep River" arranged by Brian Trant
"Down by the Riverside" arranged by John Rutter
- From the Pages of History Mr. Gene DeGruson
Special Collections Librarian
Pittsburg State University
- Commemoration Day Addresses Mr. Robert Caldwell
Kansas Board of Regents

The Honorable Joan Finney
Governor of Kansas
- Presentation of 1991
Outstanding Faculty Awards Mr. Mark Stewart
Academic Affairs Commissioner
Student Government Association

Mr. George Zugmier, President
PSU Alumni Association
- Distinguished Service Award
Dr. Ralf J. Thomas, Recipient Dr. Donald Wilson, President
Pittsburg State University

Mr. George Zugmier, President
PSU Alumni Association
- "Piano Rags" by Scott Joplin Susan Laushman, Pianist

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