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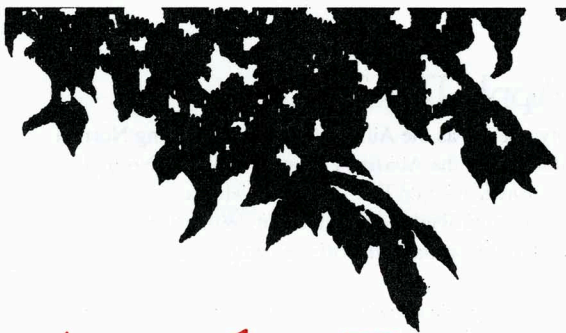
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# Apple Day

Commemorating the founding of Pittsburg State University

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Thursday, March 4, 1993

Convocation

10:30 a.m.

McCray Hall



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1903 • 90<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY • 1993

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PITTSBURG STATE UNIVERSITY

Celebrating a Tradition of Excellence

# The Apple Day Tradition

Pittsburg State University opened as the Auxiliary Manual Training Normal School in 1903. The bill establishing the Auxiliary Manual Training Normal School was passed by the Kansas Senate on Feb. 11, by the House of Representatives on Feb. 20, was approved by the governor, Willis J. Bailey, on Feb. 21, and became law upon publication in the official state paper, "The Topeka Capital," on Feb. 26, 1903.

The first day of classes, with 54 students and five faculty members, was held Tuesday, Sept. 8, 1903. The Central School Building, at 5th and Walnut Streets in Pittsburg, served as temporary quarters for the new school. Russell Station Russ, then Superintendent of the Pittsburg schools, was elected Principal of the Normal School which he helped to found.

In 1907, Russ spent considerable time in the State Legislature during the debate for an appropriation for the school's first building. As the debate 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 the 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 Pittsburg State campus. Annually, this traditional fine is assessed by the student body, and the apples furnished by the Faculty Association are distributed to all those present at the Apple Day Convocation.

## The Campaign for Pittsburg State University: Centennial 2003 Fund

In conjunction with Apple Day and the 90th anniversary celebration, Pittsburg State University is launching a \$100 million capital campaign. "The Campaign for Pittsburg State University: Centennial 2003 Fund" will enable the University to carry forward its tradition of excellence into the 21st Century. The campaign completion is scheduled to coincide with the University's centennial celebration in 2003.

# Convocation Program

Welcome ..... Jim Allen  
*President, Pittsburg State University Student Government Association*

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

Distinguished Service Awards

The Campaign for Pittsburg State University:

The Centennial 2003 Fund ..... Donald Wilson  
*President, Pittsburg State University*

## A Tradition of Excellence

College of Arts & Sciences

Ted Watts

*Sports Artist*

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Gladys A. Kelce School of Business

Frank Dunnick

*Kansas Bank Commissioner*

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School of Education

Shirley Palmer

*Chair, Kansas Board of Regents*

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School of Technology and Applied Science

Richard Chitty

*Corporate Manager, Lexus Division/Toyota USA*

Presentation of 1993 Outstanding Faculty Awards ..... Clayton Tatro  
*Academic Affairs Commissioner, Student Government Association*

Carl Daugherty  
*President, Pittsburg State University Alumni Association*

Closing ..... Jim Allen

## Acknowledgements

Appreciation is extended to all those whose help and cooperation made today's program possible.

### Student Apple Day Committee

Lourdes Bernardes   Cedric Daniels  
Aaron Newell   Betsy Snodgrass   Matt Vogel  
Dianne Stang, Chair

Joy Khoo, Pianist

## Pittsburg State University

### 1993 Distinguished Service Award Recipients

For more than 50 years, **Helen Kriegsmann** has been associated with Pittsburg State University as a student, faculty member, administrator and volunteer. In 1944, she earned a bachelor's degree and in 1947 a master's degree, both from Pittsburg State. Her employment at PSU has included serving as the Mathematics Supervisor of College High Laboratory School, and a faculty member in the PSU Department of Mathematics from 1956 until she was named Chair of the Department in 1967. She served as Chair until her retirement in 1989, but then began her volunteer work for the University as the Coordinator of Scholarship Programs. She continues in that role today serving as a vital link between the University and its many scholarship donors.

**Wayne P. Allai** is the founder and driving force behind the Pittsburg State University Endowment for Excellence in Athletics Fund. He initiated the fund in 1987 with his own contribution. Since then, he has personally conducted an ongoing campaign among alumni and friends of the University to raise funds for the endowment. That endowment now comprises more than half of the overall athletic endowment fund of nearly \$500,000. He has also been an active participant and leader for many years in the annual athletic fund drive. A retired Pittsburg businessman, he is a 1949 business graduate of Pittsburg State University.