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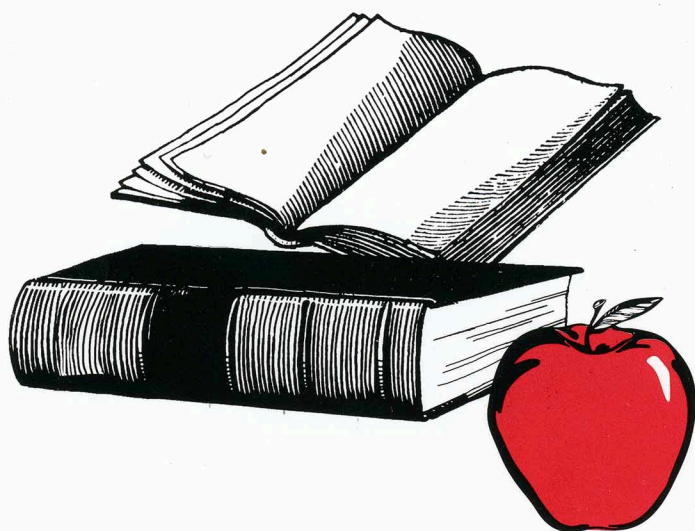
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Celebrating the founding
of Pittsburg State University

Apple Day



“Making a World
of Difference”

Convocation

Thursday, March 2, 1995 • 10 a.m.

Weede Physical Education Building

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. The Superintendent of the Pittsburg schools, Russell Station Russ, was elected Principal of the new Normal School which he helped to found. The School opened Tuesday, September 8, 1903, in temporary quarters with 54 students and five faculty members .

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 noted on the Pitt State campus. Annually, the 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.



1995 Distinguished Service Award Recipient

Dorothy G. Johnson

Presented by the PSU Alumni Association, the Distinguished Service Award recognizes those volunteers who have given generously of their time and talents. Dorothy G. Johnson is presented the Distinguished Service Award for her years of volunteer work with international students and their families. Since the early 1970s, Mrs. Johnson has been actively involved with the International Friends of Pittsburg, a host family program for PSU's international students. She has served as Chair or Co-Chair of the organization from 1975 until 1991. In 1985, she was also involved in establishing a program for International Wives. To assist international women in learning about the American culture, the program was later changed to include both single and married women students. She served as Chairperson of that organization until 1989. Since becoming involved with the International Friends Program, she and her husband, Dr. Chris Johnson, Professor Emeritus in Biology at Pittsburg State University, have served as a host family to international students from South America, the Far East, Venezuela and Argentina.

Convocation Program

Welcome

Ms. Lori Cox, *President, Student Government Association*

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From the Pages of History

Mr. Gene DeGruson, *Special Collections Librarian, Pittsburg State University*

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Introductions

Dr. Donald Wilson, *President, Pittsburg State University*

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Commemoration Day Address

• The Honorable Bill Graves, *Governor of Kansas*

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Musical Selections

The University Choir, Dr. Susan Marchant, *Director*
Ms. Joyce Brown, *accompanist*

“Barbara Allen”, English folksong, *arrangement*: John Rutter
Soloist: Mr. Isaac Brewer

“Kalinka”, Russian folksong, *arrangement*: Stan Engebretson
Soloist: Ms. Heather Swartz

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Presentation of 1995 Outstanding Faculty Awards

Ms. Amanda Entz, *Academic Affairs Commissioner,*
Student Government Association

Mr. Ronnie Beach, *President, PSU Alumni Association*

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Distinguished Service Award

Dr. Donald Wilson, *President, Pittsburg State University*

Mrs. Dorothy G. Johnson, *Recipient*

Mr. Ronnie Beach, *President, PSU Alumni Association*

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Closing

Ms. Lori Cox, *President, Student Government Association*

Acknowledgements

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

The University Choir

Micki Bachand, Sioux Falls, S.D.
Penny Baird, LaCygne, Kan.
Ekaterina Bakulina, Moscow, Russia
Jon Bartlow, Raytown, Mo.
James Beltz, Fort Scott, Kan.
Kristina Benson, Bonner Springs, Kan.
Lori Bolton, Fort Scott, Kan.
Isaac Brewer, Parsons, Kan.
Joyce Brown, Parsons, Kan.
Denise Burns, Leavenworth, Kan.
Ty Buset, Frontenac, Kan.
Sara Cartright, Joplin, Mo.
Chong-Ja Cho, Osaka, Japan
Chu, Hung-Li, Taipei, Taiwan, ROC
Misty Comer, Columbus, Kan.
Kimberly Correll, Chanute, Kan.
Shannan Cox, Springfield, Mo.
Stacy Davidson, Liberal, Mo.
Josh Dempster, Chanute, Kan.
Melanie Diskin, St. Paul, Kan.
Joni Flummerfelt, Pratt, Kan.
Lisa Frayer, Pittsburg, Kan.
Bryan Ganer, Fort Scott, Kan.
Louise Glen, Lincoln, Kan.
Stoney Glenn, Golden, Mo.
Kelly Grayum, Caney, Kan.
Christopher Harry, Fort Scott, Kan.
Marci Hart, Fort Scott, Kan.
Alice Hilt, Pittsburg, Kan.
Alison Hockett, Chanute, Kan.
Angela Hubbard, Riverton, Kan.
Terra Hulett, Merriam, Kan.
Matthew Jackson, Fullerton, Calif.
Kara Jones, Fort Scott, Kan.
Michael Jones, Independence, Kan.
Kan, Pei-Hua, Kaohsiung, Taiwan, ROC
Jennifer Knapp, Chanute, Kan.
Rick Krapes, Shawnee, Kan.
Sarah Light, Osawatomie, Kan.
Liu, Yi-Heng, Beijing, China
Atsuko Matsuyama, Obu, Japan
Shayne Meyer, Highland, Kan.
Tiffany Mills, Clearwater, Kan.
Yuko Nakahara, Kagoshima, Japan
Keith Niemann, Goddard, Kan.
Jim O'Shields, Independence, Kan.
Brenna Osterdyk, Nashville, Mo.
Lori Patnaude, Haysville, Kan.
Stuart Perez, Jr., Parsons, Kan.
Carlee Pickell, Pittsburg, Kan.
Jenna Potter, Garnett, Kan.
Jennifer Quinn, Wichita, Kan.
Brian Riley, Garnett, Kan.
Tracy Roten, Topeka, Kan.
Jeff Russell, LaCygne, Kan.
Roger Scantlin, Commerce, Okla.
Stacie Scholl, Goddard, Kan.
Sara Schroeder, Lewis, Kan.
Laura Snyder, Burr Oak, Kan.
Christine Spence, Parsons, Kan.
April Stites, Paola, Kan.
Heather Swartz, Leavenworth, Kan.
Kimberlie Talley, Fort Scott, Kan.
Jeanette Thomas, Wichita, Kan.
Sean Trumbly, Paola, Kan.
Anthnoy Turner, Chanute, Kan.
Scott Van Arsdale, Macksville, Kan.
Joann Warford, Oakley, Kan.
Lisa Wedgeworth, Kansas City, Kan.
Nathan Young, Osawatomie, Kan.