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Celebrating the founding of  
Pittsburg State University

Apple Day 2001

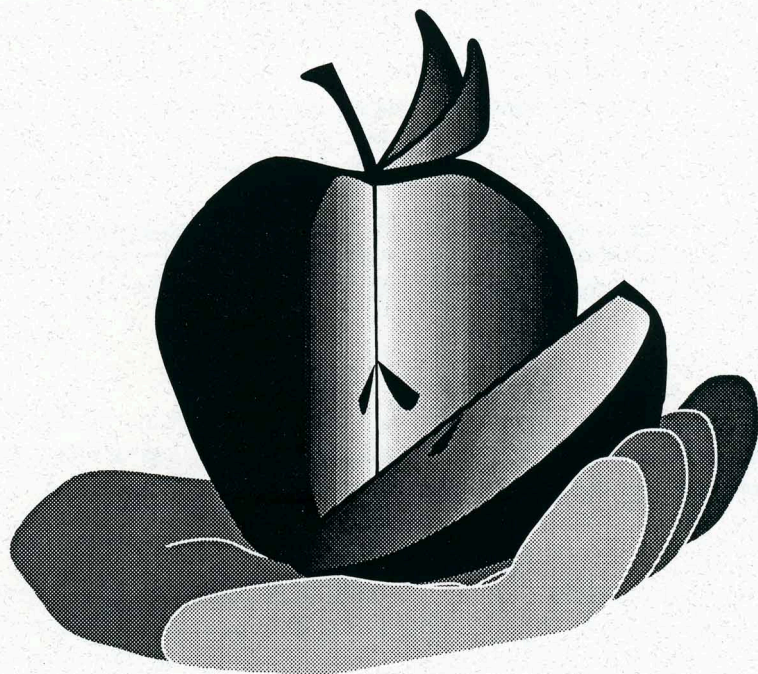
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# CONVOCATION

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## THE PSU EXPERIENCE

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Thursday, March 1, 2001



McCray Auditorium



12:00 Noon



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### ***Annie Bradbury***

Annie, an elementary education major from Uniontown, Kansas, is the daughter of Toni and Myrna Bradbury. As a high school senior, Annie was speaker at the Kansas Teacher of the Year Awards, presented at the Milken National Educators Conference in Los Angeles and was a member of the National Honor Society. At PSU, Annie is a member of and treasurer for the Honors College. She is a member of the Student Foundation Board and the Student Alumni Association, is ritual co-chairperson for Lambda Sigma and is an RA in Dellinger Hall.

### ***Jeremy Swift***

Jeremy, from Overland Park, Kansas, is majoring in Political Science, Spanish and International Studies with a minor in Auto Tech. While at PSU he has traveled to China, studied in Guatemala and spent last year studying at the University of Salamanca in Spain. Jeremy served as the vice president of the Student Government Association in 1998-1999, and is a member of University Student Ambassadors, and Sigma Phi Epsilon.

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## **2001 Outstanding Faculty Award Recipients**

### ***Dr. Nancy Durbin***

“Dr. Durbin has always been available anytime I was having problems, whether with French or anything else that might be on my mind...[she] is truly a great source of inspiration and encouragement for a lot of people.”

### ***Dr. Craig Fuchs***

“We base this nomination on Dr. Fuchs’ outstanding work with the department and dedication to his students...He is always giving his students a chance to learn on their own, but always there for support and advice. He has a caring nature and shows his students compassion and concern.”

### ***Gary Wilson***

“[He] made us think and rethink our thoughts, actions and words. There are certain things you’re ‘not supposed to talk about’ but those are the things that affect peoples’ lives the most and they are so much a part of everyday life, and he helped to show us that. He helped us to see and understand why things happen and how not to let society mold you, like it has done to so many people. He helped the students learn and showed them how to continue to learn, even after the semester’s class was over.”

## **Other Nominations**

Dr. Kathleen DeGrave  
Dr. Christine Fogliasso  
Cathy Coomer

Ken Gordon  
Tysha Potter Van Becelaere  
Dr. Ramon Figueroa



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# Distinguished Service Award Winners 2001

## *Pete Holman*

Pete Holman, '63 B.S. in Business Administration. Pete Holman has given major contributions of his time, influence and talents to the College of Technology and Pittsburg State University. A native of Greenfield, MO, Holman is an executive with Caterpillar's Corporate Mining Group International, a company he has served for 35 years. Holman has served on PSU's Automotive Technology Advisory Committee since 1992, and because of his influence, four executives and managers from Caterpillar visited Pittsburg State for a fact-finding tour in 1999. Holman is a tireless advocate for PSU within his company, and Caterpillar has hired many PSU graduates over the past decade. Holman has also been instrumental in Caterpillar's providing internship opportunities for PSU students, in the company's sponsorship of students at annual national mining forums, and a key person in securing numerous training aids for the diesel and heavy equipment laboratory.

## *Richard Cooper*

Richard Cooper, '48 B.S. in Technology; '55 M.S. in Technology Education. Richard Cooper a long-time manager of the Columbus, KS, Telephone Company and an active PSU alumnus, will be honored with the Distinguished Service Award posthumously. Cooper served as national president of the PSU Alumni Association in 1987-1988. During his tenure, he made the commitment to travel to all of the PSU alumni chapter meetings to report on the organization, and the Alumni Association negotiated and implemented its first credit card program. Cooper was active in PSU's Columbus-Cherokee County Alumni Chapter, serving two terms as its president. Cooper was also well known as a supporter of PSU's athletic teams and a regular caller during the PSU Phonathon. Accepting for Cooper will be his wife, Verda.



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## **The Story of Apple Day**

On February 21, 1903, Governor William J. Bailey signed the bill creating the Kansas State Manual Training Normal School Auxiliary, the first name of what is today Pittsburg State University. Classes began the following September in the city-owned Central School building at the northwest corner of Fifth and Walnut. Very soon the growing enrollment created a need for a larger facility. Senator Ebenezer F. Porter of Pittsburg led a successful fight for a building appropriation with the assistance of Principal Russell Station Russ, the faculty, and community leaders. After the funding bill was passed, Clarence Price, then mayor of Pittsburg, was fined a barrel of apples for lobbying on the floor of the legislature. Senator Porter, it should be noted, graciously donated two boxes of cigars to the House for passing the bill. Upon their triumphal return to Pittsburg, the story of the fine was told. In those days, students were disciplined for their absences. In the spirit of the celebration, Principal Russ and members of his faculty were fined a barrel of apples by the students because they had been gone to Topeka to help lobby. Thus, with the funding of the building we now call Russ Hall by the Kansas Legislature, the tradition of Apple Day was established in 1907.

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## **Golden Gorilla Student Leadership Award Recipients**

Mark Birmingham	Linda Jones	Tandi Selzer
Sarah Bloesser	Sang Hee Kim	Carrie Shire
Sapana Chandra	Marci Klotz	Jennifer Simpson
Matt Crotts	Alicia Lanier	Rachel Stevens
Brooke Davidson	Clint Lemasters	Amy Trowbridge
Diane Hess	Johnna Pesavento	Stephanie Wagner
Malcolm Ingram	Timothy Puetz	Stacy Williams



# **Convocation Program**

## **Welcome**

Matt Cox, president, Student Government Association

## **Remarks & Introductions**

Dr. Tom Bryant, president, Pittsburg State University

## **From the Pages of History**

Randy Roberts, Special Collections Librarian

## **Commemoration Day Address**

Annie Bradbury

Jeremy Swift

Pete Holman

## **Musical Selections by the PSU Jazz Choir**

“I Wish You Love” Charles Trenet

arr. Anita Kerr

“In the Mood” Joe Garland

arr. Peter Gritton

Marci Klotz, soloist

Susan Marchant, piano

## **Presentation of the 2001 Distinguished Service Awards**

Barry Williamson, national vice president of the PSU Alumni Association

## **Presentation of the 2001 Outstanding Faculty Awards**

Matt Cox, Student Government Association

## **Golden Gorilla Student Leadership Awards**

Dr. Tom Bryant, Pittsburg State University

## **Alma Mater**

Candace Coffey

## **Apple Distribution**

Faculty Association

*Apples are compliments of Faculty Association and Marrone's*

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## PSU Alma Mater

On the plains of Southeast Kansas,  
'Neath an ever cloudless sky,  
Far away from surging ocean,  
And the storm-bird's plaintive cry;  
With her prairies rolling Westward,  
Where the buffalo once were great,  
With her ensign proudly waiving,  
Stands our own Pittsburg State.

### Refrain

Let us greet the Gold and Crimson  
With a strong and cordial cheer,  
Let our hearts be ever loyal  
To our Alma Mater dear.

Let her worthy sons and daughters  
For "Our Pitt State" proudly stand,  
Shielding zealously her honor  
In one brave, unbroken band;  
Let them hold aloft her banner  
With a stout and steady arm;  
Rallying her children 'round it,  
From the city, town and farm.

### Refrain

Let us greet the Gold and Crimson  
With a strong and cordial cheer,  
Let our hearts be ever loyal  
To our Alma Mater dear.

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## PSU Jazz Choir

Jeremy Albright  
Christina Bartlow  
Laurie Bell-Adams  
Sarah Bloesser  
Jason Burkhart  
Candice Coffey  
John Cook

Matt Cox  
Nichole Cusick  
Laura Fry  
Jessica Hanzlicek  
Timothy Henderson  
Derrick Johnson  
Joseph Jordan

Marci Klotz  
Corrie Madill  
Jerod Martin  
Shawna Tullis  
Donna Zogg

Dr. Susan Marchant, director  
John Cook, graduate assistant

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Joan Cleland  
Maeve Cummings  
Laura Stumpe

Eric Nead  
Matt Cox  
Circle K

*Following the Convocation, Award Recipients will proceed to the Centennial  
Bell Tower to announce their achievements by ringing the bell.*

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