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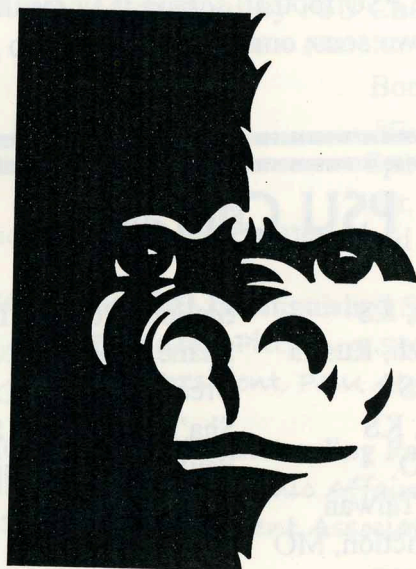
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Celebrating the Founding of Pittsburg State University

# Apple Day 2003

## The Year of the Gorilla



Convocation  
Thursday, March 6, 2003  
12:00 Noon  
McCray Recital Hall

# Harlan Hess

Harlan Hess graduated from Pittsburg State University in 1963 with a Bachelor of Science in Education degree and in 1968 with a Master of Science degree. He is a member of Phi Sigma Epsilon fraternity, was selected to Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities and was a four-year letter winner in football. He was a member of the 1961 NAIA National Championship team and was named All-American defensive tackle that year. In 1991, he was inducted into the PSU Athletic Hall of Fame. He is a charter member and past president of the Kansas City Gorilla Club. Harlan is a Life Member of the PSU Alumni Association. Harlan and his wife, Carol (BSEd '64), reside in Austin, Texas, except during the PSU football season they reside in Pittsburg. Harlan and Carol have two sons, one daughter, and two granddaughters.

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## PSU Chorale

Kimberly Abels, Lenexa, KS  
Vera Kononova, Voronezh, Russia  
Casey Brown, Girard, KS  
Danielle Leivian, Derby, KS  
Aline Carnes, Joplin, MO  
Lu, Wen-Hsuan, Taipei, Taiwan  
Candice Coffey, Carl Junction, MO  
Jeffrey Luton, Riverton, KS  
Andrew Conard, Hutchinson, KS  
Corrie Madill, Lawrence, KS  
Paul Cope, LaCygne, KS  
Jerod Martin, Pittsburg, KS  
Tammy Crepinsek, Arma, KS  
Amy Mason, Pittsburg, KS  
Jessica Dold, Kansas City, KS  
Andrew Pierce, Topeka, KS  
Bryan Ganer, Fort Scott, KS  
Markel Porter, Cherokee, KS  
Lisa Gerstenkorn, Olathe, KS

Stefanie Powers, Douglass, KS  
Shane Gibson, Riverton, KS  
Breana Sheffler, Lenexa, KS  
Sha'laun Graves, Shawnee, KS  
Paul Spivey, Lansing, KS  
Jessica Hanzlicek, Potwin, KS  
Scott Sternberger, Coldwater, KS  
Brian Hargrave, Pittsburg, KS  
Krystal Stuhlsatz,  
Garden Plain, KS  
Timothy Henderson,  
Independence, KS  
Jessica Tucker, Kansas City, KS  
Erin Jackson, Overland Park, KS  
William Vance, Pittsburg, KS  
Josh Jacobs, Medicine Lodge, KS  
Casiee Wolfe, Iola, KS  
Derrick Johnson, Fort Scott, KS  
Crystal Woydziak, Hoisington, KS



# Convocation Program

## Welcome

Janelle Huppe, President, Student Government Association

## Remarks & Introductions

Dr. Tom Bryant, President, Pittsburg State University

## The History of "Gus"

Randy Roberts, Special Collections Librarian

## Commemoration Day Address

Harlan Hess

## Musical Selections by PSU Chorale

Directed by Susan Marchant

*MLK*

Bono, U2

arr. by Bob Chilcott

*Ezekiel Saw the Wheel*

Spiritual

arr. by Stephen Hatfield

Soloists: Jessica Dold, Breana Sheffler, Jerod Martin, Paul Cope

## Presentation of the 2003 Distinguished Service Award

Dr. Tom Bryant, President, Pittsburg State University

Rick Van Pelt, National President, PSU Alumni Association

## Presentation of the 2003 Outstanding Faculty Awards

Brandon Schartz, Academic Affairs Director,

Student Government Association

## Golden Gorilla Student Leadership Awards

Dr. Tom Bryant, President, Pittsburg State University

## Centennial Announcement

Bret Bozich & Corrie Madill, Student Representatives,

Centennial 2003 Committee

## Alma Mater

## Apple Distribution

Faculty Association

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

# 2003 Distinguished Service Award Recipients

## Charles R. Thomison

Charles R. Thomison received a bachelor of business administration degree from PSU in 1961. He served for nine years on the PSU Alumni Association board of directors, including a term as president in 1997-98. During his tenure, he restructured the standing committees and was co-negotiator in obtaining a very favorable credit card contract for the association.

As a student, Thomison served as president of the Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity. His leadership as a Sig Tau alumnus includes being president of the Epsilon Chapter advisory board and president of the Epsilon Housing Corp. He was chairman of the 75th Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity celebration. He is currently president of the Prof. O. F. Grubbs Foundation, which grants scholarship monies to PSU students annually.

Thomison was elected as a member of the PSU trustees in 1998 and he has hosted the Springfield area PSU Foundation Phonathon at his business many times. Thomison has helped promote the PSU Veterans Memorial Amphitheater project in Springfield and among PSU Sigma Tau Gamma alumni.

Thomison is vice president and director of insurance for the Empire Insurance Agency in Springfield, Mo.

## Donald R. Wilson

Donald R. Wilson received a bachelor of science of science degree in education from PSU in 1962 and a master of science degree in education from California State University - Long Beach. Wilson has distinguished himself by his untiring efforts in support of PSU through the Greater Kansas City Gorilla Club. Wilson has devoted countless hours to support the club's goal of promoting PSU and raise funds for the KC Gorilla Club Endowment at PSU.

Wilson is the primary coordinator for the club's annual picnic and auction held each August. Wilson plans and organizes the club's spring awards banquet, which honors senior athletes from the greater Kansas City area. He is also instrumental in the conduct of the club's tailgate parties held prior to each home football game and at this past year's game at Arrowhead Stadium.

Wilson has served on the Greater Kansas City Gorilla Club executive board for many years and, as the current membership chairman, maintains membership records for the club and does other membership duties. Wilson directs a year-round program to recruit new members to the KC Gorilla Club and to support PSU activities. In addition, he coordinates the club's annual football season ticket sales and the club's donations program to the athletic fund. Wilson has been responsible for helping to raise thousands of dollars for the endowment and for promoting university programs.

Wilson is the publisher and a writer for the School Administrators' Publishing Co. in Olathe, Kan.



# Congratulations to the 2003 Golden Gorilla Recipients!!!

Jon Anderson  
Lauren Avis  
Abbey Block  
Brooke Boaz  
Kellie Borders  
Meegan Gatewood  
Heather Henderson  
Janae Jarred  
Younghun Jung  
Danielle Leivian  
Fawn Mace



Elizabeth Nicholson  
Jordan Niegsch  
Brian O'Neill  
Jandee Post  
Brandon Schartz  
Nathan Smith  
Kate Voth  
Codi Whaley  
Dustin Widner  
Lisa Winter

# 2003 Outstanding Faculty Award Recipients

**Dr. Kevin Bracker**  
Associate Professor  
Economics, Finance & Banking  
Nominated by: MBA Association

*"While there is a natural barrier between students and instructors, anything that helps relax that barrier makes it easier for students to get the help they need to understand course material."*

**Dr. Mark Peterson**  
Assistant Professor  
Social Sciences  
Nominated by: Student Government Association

*"Two goals have always motivated me to teach: first, to enable students to grow intellectually and stretch their understanding of their capabilities, and second, to learn, and to devise ways to convey knowledge and concepts to students."*

Dr. Peterson previously received this award in 1997 and 1999.

**Dr. Irene Zegar**  
Instructor  
Chemistry  
Nominated by: Pre-Med Club

*"Students choose a university, not solely based on its ability to passionately dispense academic information, but because many are looking for a nurturing environment that will enhance their potential as well as provide them with a positive outlook on life."*



# 2003 Golden Gorilla Student Leadership Award

The Golden Gorilla Award was established in 1997 to honor students who have made exemplary contributions in community service, academic excellence, and campus involvement. According to tradition, 2003 recipients are introduced at Apple Day and recognized at the Spring Leadership Banquet. Students may receive this honor at any time during their tenure at Pittsburg State University, but are only eligible to receive the award once. A list of this year's recipients will be available in the lobby of McCray as you depart.

Congratulations to this year's recipients and nominees!

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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.



# Centennial Events

- March 7, 2003** - ROTC Military Ball, Student Center
- March 10 - April 9, 2003** - Sculpture and Photography Exhibit, Porter Hall
- March 27, 2003** - Janet Peery Fiction Reading, Overman Student Center
- April 10, 2003** - College of Technology Awards Banquet, Overman Student Center
- April 11 & 12, 2003** - Kansas Academy of Sciences Meeting, Overman Student Center
- April 24, 2003** - Nursing Department Spring Conference, McPherson Nurse Education Building
- April 14, 2003** - Art Exhibit "The Flight Show: Helping to Celebrate 100 Years - PSU and the Wright Brothers," various artists, University Gallery, Porter Hall
- May 16, 2003** - Dedication of the *Galloping Horse of Gansu*, an outdoor bronze sculpture, University Lake
- May 16 & 17, 2003** - Spring Commencement - Weede Physical Education Building
- May 17, 2003** - Gamma Upsilon 25th Induction Ceremony, McPherson Nurse Education Building
- May 17, 2003** - Nursing Department 30th Pinning Ceremony Honoring Cecelia Waggoner, Weede Physical Education Building
- August 21 - September 17, 2003** - Emeritus Installations: Architectural Drawings, Porter Hall
- August 23, 2003** - Centennial Benefit Gala - proceeds to PSU scholarships, Pittsburg Memorial Auditorium
- September 7, 2003** - Centennial Bike Ride, 30, 62 and 100-mile bike rides, Gorilla Village
- September 8, 2003** - "PittNic", a picnic for PSU, the community, alumni and friends celebrating the first day of classes 100 years ago, University Oval
- September 22 - October 17, 2003** - Drawing & Ceramics Receptions & Artist Talks, Porter Hall
- September 25, 2003** - Launch of The Brandenburg Lecture Series
- October 4, 2003** - College of Arts and Sciences Friends and Family Centennial Reunion
- October 18, 2003** - Homecoming - PSU...A Broadway Classic
- October 18, 2003** - Departments of Family and Consumer Sciences and Nursing - Alumni Tours and Reunion
- October 22 - November 18, 2003** - "Plain Art IV" Award Exhibition Reception and Artist Talk, Porter Hall
- November 16 - 22, 2003** - Technology Symposium, Kansas Technology Center
- November 25 - January 28, 2003** - Ceramics & 2-3 Dimensional Reception & Artist's Talk, Porter Hall
- December 7, 2003** - Handel's "Messiah," featuring students, faculty, PSU alumni and the Southeast Kansas symphony, Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church
- December 19, 2003** - Winter Commencement, Weede Physical Education Building
- February 12, 2004** - Faculty & Spouse Social Organization Centennial Dinner/Dance
- March 4, 2004** - Apple Day Convocation and Time Capsule Ceremony, McCray Hall
- April 5-7, 2004** - Innovation-Research Symposium
- May 14&15, 2004** - Spring Commencement, Weede Physical Education Building

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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.

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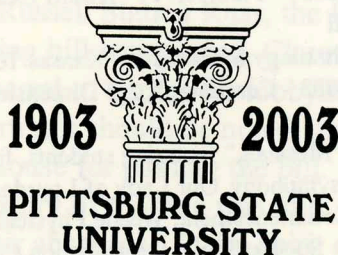
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Alice Sagehorn

Brandon Schartz  
Niki Schiefelbein  
Brooke Stephenson  
Codi Whaley  
Ron Womble



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