

Senior Class Memorial Gifts, 1906-1998

1906 Statue: *Winged Victory*.¹

1907 Statue: *Apollo*.²

1908 Statue: *Minerva*.³

1909 Oil portrait: *E. F. Porter* by George T. Stone.⁴

1910 \$500 to launch the *Manual Normal Light* [later the *Manualite* (1919-1923) and the *Collegio* (1923-)].⁵

1911 Oil painting: *R. S. Russ*.⁶

1912 Oil painting: *Evolution of a Book*.⁷

1913 Fountain east of Russ Hall.⁸

1914 Oil painting: *W A. Brandenburg*.⁹

1915 Statue: *Mercury*.¹⁰

1916-1917 Not known.

1918 (1) Walnut trophy case for Russ Hall; (2) American linden tree near the southwest corner of Russ Hall, at the base of which was placed a marble block engraved: "Dedicated to the Soldier Boys of S.M.T.N., by the Class of 1918."¹¹

1919 Grandfather clock.¹²

1920 Grandfather clock.¹³

¹ Full-sized reproduction from the original in the Louvre, cast in chalk with marble finish by Caproni & Bros. , Boston. This firm also supplied the castings for the gifts of 1907, 1908, 1915, and 1927. Destroyed in 1914 Russ Hall fire. "Senior Class Gifts in History of the College Add Much to Beauty and Usefulness--Some Are Lost in Fire," *Collegio*, June 27, 1930, p. 1, col. 4.

² Ibid.

³ Ibid.

⁴ Ibid. Now in Alumni Center on indefinite loan from Special Collections.

⁵ Ibid. Full set in PSU Archives. Microfilmed through 1958.

⁶ Ibid. Location unknown.

⁷ Ibid. Destroyed in 1914 Russ Hall fire.

⁸ Ibid., cols. 3-4.

⁹ Ibid., col. 3. Location unknown.

¹⁰ Ibid. Location unknown.

¹¹ Ibid. The tree was hit by lightning in the 1960's and removed. Until 1991 the stone was on the southwest side of the Oval. Present location unknown.

¹² Ibid. Now in Alumni Center.

¹³ Ibid. Now in Alumni Center. See also "Class Gift of 1920," *Pittsburg State University Magazine* 6.2 (Fall 1995): back cover.

1921 Urn in front of Carney Hall.¹⁴
1922 Oil painting: *Spring* by Jones H. Bolton.¹⁵
1923 Bible and mahogany pulpit with matching flower stands and brass bowls for Carney Hall Auditorium.¹⁶ The senior class of College High School presented bronze-finished busts of Theodore Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson to be placed in the niches in the second floor of Russ Hall.¹⁷
1924 Marble architectural decorations for Brandenburg Field entrance.¹⁸
1925 Mahogany grandmother clock.¹⁹
1926 Cornerstone for Porter Library.²⁰
1927 Statue: *Horace Mann*.²¹
1928 Equinoxal sundial of Vermont marble. In front of Porter Library [now Porter Hall].²²
1929 Oil painting: *The Beeches* by E. R. Sitzman. In 1930 in Library.²³
1930 Walnut trophy case, lined with velvet, electrified.²⁴
1931 Two trophy cases for Library.²⁵
1932 Five white limestone benches for Oval.²⁶
1933 Purple velvet draperies for Carney Hall Auditorium windows.²⁷

¹⁴ Ibid. Destroyed (carted off after the demolition of Carney Hall). Photograph may be seen in *Collegio*, July 26, 1967, p. 4, col. 1.

¹⁵ "Seniors Purchase Oil Painting," *Collegio*, May 22, 1923, p. 1, col. 3. Location unknown.

¹⁶ "Presents Mahogany Pulpit,," *Collegio*, May 22, 1923, p. 1, col. 4. Locations unknown.

¹⁷ "Presents Bronze Busts," *Collegio*, June 29, 1923, p. 1, col. 5. The class paid \$30 each for the busts. Locations unknown.

¹⁸ "Senior Class Gifts," *Collegio*, June 27, 1930, p. 1, col. 2. Still above the main entrance to Brandenburg Stadium: bas reliefs of a football player and discus thrower, the words "Brandenburg Stadium," and the year "1924."

¹⁹ "Seniors, Attention," *Collegio*, May 8, 1925, p. 1, col. 6; "Senior Orators Speak," *Collegio*, May 29, 1925, p. 1, col. 3. In Axe Library.

²⁰ "Cornerstone of Library Placed," *Collegio*, March 19, 1926, p. 1, col. 2; "Senior Class Gifts," *Collegio*, June 27, 1930, p. 1, col. 2. On southeast corner of Porter Hall.

²¹ Ibid. Removed from Porter Library and stored under the stadium, this larger-than-life-sized statue became the victim of rain and vandals.

²² "Senior Class Gift Here," *Collegio*, May 18, 1928, p. 1, col. 5. Location unknown.

²³ "Senior Class Gifts," *Collegio*, June 27, 1930, p. 1, col. 2. Location unknown.

²⁴ Ibid. Location unknown.

²⁵ "New Trophy Exhibit Attracts Attention," *Collegio*, July 17, 1931, p. 1, col. 6. Now at Crawford County Historical Society Museum on north Highway 69 Bypass.

²⁶ "Seniors Give Memorial," *Collegio*, May 20, 1932, p. 1, col. 6. Four of the five are still on the Oval; someone has added a couple of concrete urns on each side of one.

²⁷ "1933 Senior Class Leaves Memorial," *Collegio*, June 22, 1933, p. 4, col. 5; "Complete Senior Plaque," *Collegio*, August 4, 1933, p. 1, col. 3. Lost with the demolition of Carney Hall.

1934 Set of gray curtains for Carney Hall stage.²⁸
1935 (1) Oil portrait: *W A. Brandenburg* by Charles A. Chase;²⁹ (2) Oil portrait: *Garfield Weede*. 25th anniversary gift, 1960.³⁰
1936 (1) Bronze seal;³¹ (2) In cooperation with the classes of 1937, 1938, and 1940: an entrance Memorial Arch west of Russ Hall (designed by O. A. Hankammer, chair, Industrial Arts Department), with landscaping. In 1937, a portion of the monies collected for this project was deposited in a student union building account.³²
1937 \$500.00. See 1936.
1938 \$500.00. See 1936.
1939 Electric scoreboard for gymnasium.³³
1940 \$500.00. See 1936.
1941 Oil portrait: *W A. Brandenburg* by William Bowen.³⁴
1942 Not known.
1943 Contribution to student union building account.³⁵
1944 Not known.
1945 Outdoor fireplace for College Lake picnic grounds.³⁶
1946-1948 Not known
1949 Oil portrait: *O. F. Grubbs* by William Bowen.³⁷
1950-1953 Not known.
1954 Mural by David Overmeyer for Student Union.³⁸
1955 Funding for student loans.³⁹
1956 Oil portrait: *Rees H. Hughes* by Lewis Freund.⁴⁰

²⁸ "Seniors Leave Useful Gift," *Collegio*, June 8, 1934, p. 2, col. 5. Lost with the demolition of Carney Hall.

²⁹ "Portrait Is Finished," *Collegio*, August 1, 1935, p. 1, col. 7. Location unknown.

³⁰ *Alumnian*, 20.5 (Fall 1960): [22]. Now in Weede Gymnasium.

³¹ Now in Student Center.

³² "Memorial Arch Nears Completion," *Collegio*, July 25, 1941, p. 1, col. 4; "New Memorial Entrance Is Gift of Four Classes," *Collegio*, September 19, 1941, p. 1, col. 3 (remodeled in 1967). "Class of 37 Donates to Fund," *Collegio*, March 25, 1938, p. 1, cols. 6-7.

³³ "Seniors to Give New Scoreboard," *Collegio*, May 26, 1939, p. 1, col. 6. Lost in demolition of Gymnasium.

³⁴ "Oil Portrait of Late Prexy Gift of '41 Class," *Collegio*, June 20, 1941, p. 2, col. 4. Now in Alumni Center.

³⁵ "Union Building Fund Established by Senior Class," *Collegio*, June 23, 1943, p. 1, col. 4.

³⁶ "Seniors Complete Year-End Plans," *Collegio*, May 16, 1945, p. 1, col. 6. Still standing, but plaque has been removed.

³⁷ "Grubbs, Bowen Combine Talents to Produce Superb Portrait," *Collegio*, July 20, 1949, p. 1, cols. 6-7. Now in Grubbs Hall.

³⁸ "Begins Work on Mural," *Collegio*, June 17, 1954, p. 2, cols. 3-6. Lost.

³⁹ Connie Pelton Kays, "Senior Gifts at Pittsburg State University," November 30, 1992, p. 1. Ms. Kays notes, "Funding for student loans is still being used by the University to fund short term loans to students," p. 2.

1957-1959 Not known.
1960 Signs identifying Kansas State College. ⁴¹
1961 Fountain [now a planter] in front of Hughes Hall. ⁴²
1962 Funding for student loans. ⁴³
1963 Not known.
1964 School seal placed in sidewalk. ⁴⁴
1965 Statue: *Gus Gorilla* by Lawrence Wooster. ⁴⁵ Cast in bronze by Alumni Association, 1994.
1966 Fountain in front of Carney Hall. ⁴⁶
1967 (1) Fund for relandscaping area in front of Russ Hall; (2) Plaque listing Outstanding Seniors. ⁴⁷
1968 Not known.
1969 \$1,015 for National Defense Student Loan Matching Fund. ⁴⁸
1970 \$1.00 per senior for National Defense Student Loan Matching Fund. ⁴⁹
1971 \$1.00 per senior for National Defense Student Loan Matching Fund. ⁵⁰
1972 \$1,210 for National Defense Student Loan Matching Fund. ⁵¹
1973 \$1,078.75 for National Defense Student Loan Matching Fund. ⁵²
1974 Funding for student loans. ⁵³
1975 Not known.

⁴⁰ " '56ers to Donate Oil of Hughes," *Collegio*, October 18, 1956, p. 2, cols. 3-6; "President's Portrait," *Alumnian* 18.1 (Fall-Winter 1956-57): 3. Now in Overman Student Center.

⁴¹ *Alumnian* 21.3 (Spring 1961): 15. Repainted in 1976 to identify Pittsburg State University. At the north and south ends of campus on Broadway.

⁴² "Senior Class Gives Fountain," *Collegio*, May 13, 1966, p. 1, col. 5; "Fountain To Be Completed Soon," *Collegio*, May 17, 1963, p. 1, col. 4. Algae and freezing determined the renovation into a planter in front of Hughes Hall.

⁴³ Kays, p. 1.

⁴⁴ "Class Gift Simian Secret," *Collegio*, April 30, 1965, p. 1, col. 2.

⁴⁵ *Ibid.*, cols. 1-2; Sam Roper, "Gus Gorilla Safe; Waiting Completion of Permanent Base," *Collegio*, June 15, 1965, p. 1, col. 1 (with photo in col. 2/3); *Alumnian* 25.3 (Summer 1965): 7. In front of Student Center; Terry Beck, "Class Gift Simian Secret," *Collegio*, April 30, 1965, p. 1, cols. 1-2. The plaque has been removed.

⁴⁶ "Senior Class Gift," *Collegio*, July 15, 1966, p. 1, col. 1/3. "Library Seeks List of Gifts," *Collegio*, July 28, 1967, p. 4, col. 1. Destroyed with demolition of Carney Hall.

⁴⁷ "Proctor Speaks, Outstanding Senior Named, Gift Presented at Sr. Banquet," *Collegio*, June 16, 1967, p. 1, col. 1.

⁴⁸ "Outstanding Seniors Honored at Banquet," *Collegio*, May 16, 1969, p. 1, col. 1.

⁴⁹ "Memorial Fund Questioned," *Collegio*, April 13, 1973, p. 3, cols. 1-3.

⁵⁰ *Ibid.*

⁵¹ *Ibid.*

⁵² *Ibid.*

⁵³ Kays, p. 1.

1976 Funding for student loans. ⁵⁴

1977-1992 Not known.

1993 \$26,000 towards a \$100,000 Centennial Bell Tower. ⁵⁵

1994 \$13,947 towards the Centennial Bell Tower. ⁵⁶

1995 \$23,930 towards the Centennial Bell Tower. ⁵⁷

1996 \$31,594 toward the Centennial Bell Tower. ⁵⁸

1997 Gorilla logo on the Oval. ⁵⁹

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⁵⁴ Ibid.

⁵⁵ Pattelyn Ng, "Seniors Choose Gift," *Collegio*, April 6, 1993, p. 1, cols. 5-6; p. 6, cols. 2-3; "Seniors Collect Gift Pledges," *Collegio*, May 4, 1993, p. 1, cols. 1-2. "Seniors Choose Bell Tower for Gift," *Collegio*, April 4, 1995, p. 3, cols. 1-2, states that the cost is now estimated at \$194,000.

⁵⁶ "Bell Tower Wins Seniors' Nod for 1994 Project," *Collegio*, March 29, 1994, p. 3, cols. 1-3.

⁵⁷ "Seniors Choose Bell Tower for Gift," *Collegio*, April 4, 1995, p. 3, cols. 1-3; "1995 Senior Class Gift," *Pittsburg State University Magazine* 6.2 (Fall 1995): 18.

⁵⁸ MeLynn Massey, "Seniors and Alumni Dedicate Bell Tower," *Collegio*, April 23, 1996, p. 3, cols. 4-6; "Senior Class Raises \$31,594 for Bell Tower," *Foundation News* 10.3 (Summer 1996): [1].

⁵⁹ "A Tradition of Giving," *Kanza*, vol. 89 (1998):66-67.

⁶⁰ Ibid.