

**WPSX-TV Production Celebrates History of Penn State
"Raise the Song: The History of Penn State" Airs Friday, March 25 at 8
p.m.**

As part of the sesquicentennial celebration of The Pennsylvania State University, Penn State Public Broadcasting (PSPB), WPSX-TV, presents "Raise the Song: The History of Penn State" at 8 p.m., Friday March 25. This WPSX-TV production examines the people and events that have taken the commonwealth's land-grant university from its beginning as the Farmers' High School to an internationally recognized place of learning and research.

"Penn State Public Broadcasting is pleased to be able to share this celebration of the history of Penn State with viewers across central Pennsylvania. PSPB is producing several video pieces for the Penn State 150th anniversary, including a short video for the President's Office, a 30-second promotional spot for use on television nationwide and this documentary," said Station Manager Tracy Vosburgh, who serves as executive producer for the program.

Since the charter of the Farmers' High School in 1855, Penn State has been part of American history including the Civil War, the Women's Suffrage Movement, the Great Depression, two World Wars, the Civil Rights Movement, the Vietnam War, the Cold War and the Sept. 11 attacks. Penn State has evolved to become one of the world's foremost teaching and research facilities. Its scientific and scholarly research has had global impact, from agriculture to space exploration and military research.

"From the industrial age to the information age, Penn State has served the commonwealth and the world," said Patrick Mansell, producer/director. "This film traces the history of Penn State, touching upon several interesting parallels that can be made to U.S. history over the past 150 years."

Featuring archival photos, rare film footage and interviews, the program takes viewers through Penn State's history with examination of the land-grant charter and biographical sketches of significant faculty and administrators from Evan Pugh and Milton Eisenhower to Erwin Mueller and Joe Paterno.

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