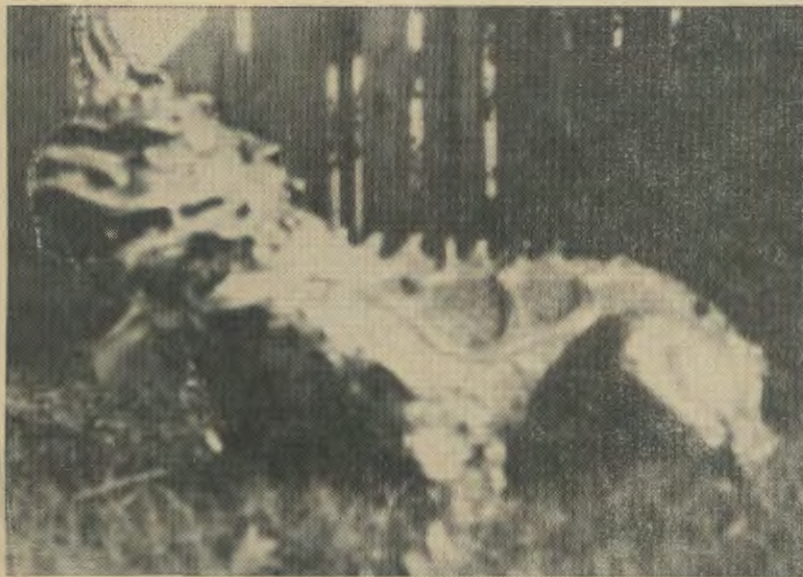


Suggestion Made to Change Mascot from Badger to Boxer



It has been asked that Pacific students and alumni consider the possibility of having a new mascot. Shown above is the proposed change and students are urged to write either Senate or INDEX and give their opinion. Senate will decide whether this issue will be included on the ballot for student approval.

From Badgers to Boxers — that is the suggestion presented to the ASPU Executive Council in a letter from Frank C. Brodersen of the Pacific University Alumni Executive Council.

The Alumni Council's proposal is to change the name of Pacific's mascot from Badger to Boxer because of the more significant school tradition tied in with the Boxer image.

Following discussion by the Executive Council it was decided to suggest to the Student Senate that such a measure be put on the spring ballot for a student body vote. If Senate approves the suggestion then it must determine whether the vote shall be a poll of general student opinion or a vote to decide officially the issue of a mascot change from Badger to Boxer.

According to Brodersen's letter the main argument of the Alumni Council is that the "nickname of Badgers has a minimum of value as a tradition — no connotation as to locale and no similarity or association."

The letter brought out the origin of the name Badger which is said to stem from a spectator remark in 1920: "look that team is fighting like badgers." To this he made a comparison of the vast historical meaning of Boxer.

Brodersen wrote "at this time when the University is taking tremendous strides in its program of the 60's — a move for a change would stir a lot of interest and gain publicity for the school." He went on to suggest that Boxer be "brought out of hiding" to a "prominent place of display" for the preservation of the Boxer tradition for generations to come.

Brodersen suggested that ceremonies, insignia, and symbols be originated to become a part of the Boxer tradition which is best carried on if Pacific becomes nicknamed the "Boxers". A further suggestion was that "Boxer dogs could be used as mascots and Boxerettes could be their trainers and keepers."

The letter has been sent to several campus organizations as well as the Executive Council and is being discussed among these groups.