

PACIFIC UNIVERSITY RIVALRY AT FEVER HEAT.

Spies Flit Hither and Yon Hunting for Dragon Boxer Stolen From Juniors.

Class rivalry at Pacific university, Forest Grove, between juniors and seniors has been at fever heat since Boxer, bitterly fought-for trophy, was captured several weeks ago from the junior class by a quintet of seniors.

Portland police, at the instance of the anguished juniors, temporarily abandoned search for Inch-and-a-quarter Jimmy to seek the missing trophy, and, armed with a search warrant, invaded the Multnomah hotel, where they had been informed Boxer was hidden.

Spies have flitted hither and yon sleuthing for the dragon, for, in add to the torment in the hearts of the college juniors, their annual this year was dedicated to Boxer.

Leonard Alley, forensic manager at the university, yesterday gave an account of the history of the trophy, as well as that of Hathor, a similar trophy.

"The most influential of all impelling spirits of the student body of Pacific university, namely 'Boxer,' who is now in possession of the class of 1925, has just completed a sojourn at the Multnomah hotel," he stated. "The greater care and utmost protection must be given the college 'dog' in order to keep him in the hands of the senior class. These precautions were well taken care of for the two weeks Boxer lay hidden safely in the hotel check room.

"Boxer has had a remarkable history. In fact it is one comparable with very few such college spirits on American campuses. He is a statue of a Chinese dragon, the metal of which has never stood any successful analysis. He weighs in the neighborhood of 40 pounds, is of a dull greenish brown color, and is executed with very careful hand carving. Nearly 450 years old, he served 300 years of that time as an incense burner for a wealthy line of mandarins of the Ming dynasty. As celestial powers rose and fell, Boxer's last celestial owner met with financial reverses, and having been converted to the Christian faith, disposed of his pagan property.

"The missionary who purchased this collection for \$12 gave this Boxer to his brother, Sam T. Walker, who is now living in Forest Grove. Mr. Walker gave Boxer to the university in 1896, when for about six or eight years he adorned a pedestal on the platform of Brigham chapel.

Some morning Boxer was found missing and since has been the cause of many wrimmages among the classes. Boxer has traveled in nearly every state of the union as well as accompanying the A. E. R. to France. He only makes a public appearance once in a long time. The remainder of the time he is kept moving from creek bottom to safety deposit vault by the class that has him in possession to prevent the other classes from discovering his whereabouts and capturing him.

"Four years ago A. H. Hill, then financial director of the university, presented the incoming freshmen with Hathor, the elephant, which he brought as a trophy from India. A cup has been offered as the Phi Alpha award for intermural debate. This year is the first that the senior class has acquired all three trophies."

My report of the capture of Boxer were in the file

Without the aid of
two freshmen, my
brother Emmett and
Rollin Deek, the
Amers could never
have captured Boer.

The facts given by
Leonard Alley about
Hathor, the elephant
are O.K.

I do not know
who has Hathor
at the present
time. The elephant
has in no way
competed with Boer
in interest.

(From Geo. Tucker)