

3 CO-EDS KIDNAP PACIFIC MASCOT

Women Foil Male Guards by Snatching 'Boxer'

PACIFIC UNIVERSITY, Forest Grove, March 13 (Special)—The campus exploded yesterday morning with the news that three co-eds had stolen "Boxer, the spirit of Pacific," from its half-dozen male guardians.

It is the first time the 28-pound bronze Chinese idol, mascot of Badger athletics, has changed hands in more than four years, although sought by every man in the college. Pacific men have been fighting among themselves for possession of the "dog" for 30 years, but this week's upset was one of the few in which women took a decisive hand.

Boxer was stolen from its hiding place under a bridge near Forest Grove last Sunday by Margarie Beyers, Laurabelle Bookstaver and Bernice Soffe, after the masculine protectors of the "dog" had proudly displayed it to them. Its loss was not realized until last night when the new possessors "flashed" the bronze mascot at the women's dormitory during dinner.

'Doggone,' Says Index

The Index, student weekly, appeared this morning with the single word "DOGGONE!" in letters three inches high across the top of the six columns of its front page. A huge four-column subhead proclaimed, "Dirty Trick, Say Men; Poor Sports, Reply Women in Campus Rumpus."

"It was a double-cross," the Index reported Benny Benfield, vice-president of the student body and one of the losers, as saying. Jack Keeler, another one of the men, declared, "I wish they'd give that dog to some men, so we'd have a chance to fight for it."

Laurabelle Bookstaver, freshman, explained the women's stand. "Just how would a girl go about getting the dog without double-crossing? We can't fight them and we haven't a car to follow them around and see where they hide Boxer. What else could we do? After all, we have as much right to the dog as they have. We think the men are poor sports."

First Taken in 1908

The 300-year-old incense burner and idol was presented to Pacific university in 1896 by a graduate who had been a missionary in China. In 1908 it disappeared from its chapel pedestal and has been in the possession of students ever since—hidden in woods and rivers and swamps, fought over in frequent campus battles and often stolen.

In Boxer's last appearance in the hands of male guardians students saw him momentarily in a student assembly program before he was thrown from a second-story window and rushed away in an automobile.

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Co-Eds Stage Another Boxer Rebellion



Mutiny, that's what it is. The Chinese idol, Boxer, official mascot for the Pacific university Badgers, has had some queer experiences since it was first brought to the Forest Grove campus way back in 1896, but never before has it fallen into the hands of co-eds. Tradition has it that Boxer shall be a hunted thing. The idol has been stolen by fraternities, men's dormitories and once by a soldier who took it to the world war with him. The culprits, who admittedly pilfered the idol and came post haste to The Oregonian to be "shot" with the loot, are shown above. They are, from left to right, Laurabelle Bookstaver, Bernice Soffe, Marjorie Byers and Dean Margaret Morgan. In front is Boxer.

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