

Intended Replacement for Boxer Finally Returned to Pacific U.

The Ming robbery has been solved, for Ming has returned to his resting place, Pacific University!

Ming was substituted for Boxer to create school spirit in the spring of 1959. Boxer had vanished and was gone for some time, so Mary Elizabeth Smith Tomme, a teacher of American occupation forces in Japan and Georgena Potts, 1938, began searching for a replacement.

Because they couldn't find another Boxer they had to settle for Ming, a cast-iron lion very similar to those guarding the Chinese temples.

Students refused to accept Ming as a replacement for Boxer and later during the year Boxer was returned to the campus. Ming, previously used to guard jewelry boxes, was placed in the University vault for safe keeping.

After being removed and placed in the President's office, Ming was then turned over to the Museum where he was to be put on display for students. "Just make sure students realize this is not another Boxer!", acting president, Dr. Paul Davies stated.

Ming had been stolen! April 22, 1959 a person or persons used a back window to break into the Museum where Ming was on display. A note was left at the scene of the crime stating, "So very sorry we had to do this, but it is all in the name of school spirit. Yours, a

What Is It?



PU student."

The case, after being turned over to the police still had not uncovered anything as of Oct. 5, 1959.

Noel Logar, ASPU president, received word of Ming from a past student now in Iowa, just before Christmas vacation. After the student agreed to forward Ming to a friend in Portland, Logar met with the Portlander to discuss the possibility of returning Ming to Pacific with no questions asked.

Ming, in a number of broken

pieces, was sent to Logar in Idaho during Christmas vacation. He took him to a local mining company where they repaired the lion with a special silver-alloy weld.

During his "leave of absence", Ming, like Boxer, had led the exciting life of traveling over the United States. He has attended Chicago's Playboy Club, hitting some of Portland's Clubs and especially the pizza parlors. Also, Ming has had the privilege of attending a number of Portland States' Winter Carnivals.