

Boy oh boy, did I open up a hornet's nest or what?

Boxer? Is that the best we can do

After my last editorial on the Boxer as Pacific's mascot people either wanted to toss me to the wolves or congratulate me. Although there was very little written response to the editorial, there was a great deal of verbal suggestion as to if we should remain the Boxers and if not, what should we be. There was a definite pattern formed with the opinions given. Those wanting to remain the Boxers were almost always alumni, administration, faculty or recent graduates. Those in favor of a change were almost exclusively current students at Pacific.

When I asked for reasons why we should keep our mascot a Boxer, 99 percent of the time I was given the answer "tradition."

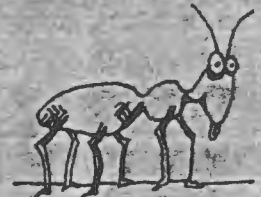
Since there is, without question, interest in changing the mascot the next step is to make some suggestions as to what Pacific can consider for a new mascot. The following suggestions were gathered throughout some intense and not so intense research over the past two weeks.

1. **BADGER** The Badger is the obvious choice to replace the Boxer as the new mascot. Before Pacific became the Boxers the mascot was "Benny Badger". For those of you who don't like the Boxer but like tradition Benny Badger is your man.



2. **PITBULLS** For those of you looking for that vicious mascot that can strike fear in small children and Lanfield students the Pitbull is your choice. Imagine the fun at football games when the cheerleaders release the Pacific Pitbull on the visitors' sideline.

3. **ANTS** For those students living in Mac Hall this will be your choice. The Ants are small pesky critters that could represent Pacific well. (Not to mention we have a never ending supply right here on campus.)



4. **FILBERTS** This area of Washington and Yamhill Counties is only one of two places in the world that the Filbert can be grown successfully. Picture students "tossing the Filbert" instead of the Boxer, boy oh boy are we having fun.

5. **OCEAN** The Pacific Ocean, what mascot could be more natural? We could boast having the largest mascot in the world.



6. **MOSQUITO** Everyone has to admit that the mosquito is one of the most obnoxious and clever pests in the area. What other insect can cause pain and itch for weeks after it bites you.

- Some other ideas:
- Yellow jackets
 - Ferns
 - Lumberjacks
 - Poison Oak
 - Vermin

These are just suggestions. I know deep down in my heart that many of you reading this editorial probably dislike my guts quite a bit right now because I'm still trying to replace the Boxer. Well, Tough. That's my opinion. The Index does welcome, and really wishes that anyone in opposition to my opinion will write their views down and send them to the Index at UC Box #695.

