

Boxer Beat Out an Elephant

We all know that Boxer, the Ming Dynasty statue, became Pacific's mascot. But the mascot could just as easily have become an elephant trophy from India named Hathor.

The elephant was presented to the freshmen in the early 1920s by A. H. Hill, financial director of the University. But the elephant never equalled Boxer in popularity, and its whereabouts are not known today.

The following recollections of Boxer were written by *George E. Tucker '25*, who was president of his class when he posed in the center of the photo.

Tucker had a distinguished 43-year career in education, eventually becoming superintendent in Lexington, Ore., and then in Benton City, Wash.

His teaching career began at Knappa, Ore., near Astoria, and his classroom experience as a teacher was supplemented by activities such as directing a play and coaching a football team that was undefeated in its first season.

During the '30s one of his star pupils in Ione, Ore., was *Roy Lieuallen '40*, who is now chancellor of the Oregon State System of Higher Education.

While Tucker was attending Pacific he lived for two years at the Forest Grove Fire Hall, where he and other Pacific students served as volunteer firemen. The next year, in 1924, when the new dorm called McCormick Hall was ready for occupancy he moved into it with his brother Emmett.

He says that some of his fondest memories of Pacific were of his instructors, whom he always found friendly and helpful. He shared with us a special memory of his philosophy professor, Dr. Henry Liberty Bates:

"I still have a vivid picture of Dr. Bates closing his eyes during a lecture and bringing his clenched fist down on his desk for emphasis



Boxer Had a Rival – *Pacific's mascot might have been Hathor, an elephant from India, instead of Boxer. Members of the Class of 1925 stand with both prized possessions, plus the Phi Alpha Tau Debate Cup. They are (from left) John T. Conroy, Lee Weber, class president George E. Tucker, Leonard D. Alley, and Bruce Roe.*

while declaring, 'Activity is the essence of life.'

"Worthwhile activity surely is the essence of a good life. I look back upon my teaching career of 43 years with some degree of satisfaction; I learned early that there is no substitute for work. It is still my aim to be active and helpful whenever I can for as long as I

can."

Tucker, who is now retired, lives with his wife in Spokane. They have two daughters and six grandchildren and have celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

He has written a fuller account of his experiences at Pacific, which is on file in the Pacificana collection at the library.

How Our Class Captured Boxer

By *George E. Tucker '25*

During my senior year, I became well acquainted with Boxer. When school had opened that fall, the juniors had possession of Boxer.

One winter day in 1925 my brother Emmett, who was a freshman, told me that Boxer was in McCormick Hall. Our guess that he was in the room of Ira Tucker, who was president of the junior class, proved correct.

My brother and his friend Rollin Deck went into the room during the dinner hour and handed Boxer out the window to me.

With my hands clutching Boxer, I began running. After I'd gone at least half a mile I came to a bridge over a small stream. I hurriedly pushed Boxer as far up under the bridge as possible. I surveyed my surroundings and then took a cir-

cuitous route back to McCormick Hall.

Shortly after I got back to McCormick Hall, Boxer's absence was discovered. The juniors were very annoyed. They had dedicated the *Heart of Oak* to Boxer and they had taken many pictures of the dog for the yearbook.

While in my possession, Boxer made two trips to Portland. The first time was for a Boxer Party that I planned with *Sam Perlman '25*, who was then attending the University of Oregon Medical School. We went to the home of Lenore Conger's sister and at the party we took numerous flashlight pictures of Boxer. When the evening's festivities ended at midnight, Sam and I walked down nearly-deserted Broadway, always apprehensive that some searching junior might be waiting to capture their lost treasure.

The other trip was early on a Saturday morning in April when five members of the Class of 1925, all of whom lived in Mac Hall, took Boxer to Portland and posed for the picture accompanying this article.

Then in the spring we ran into trouble at the traditional senior picnic, which was held a short time before Commencement. We brought Boxer out of his hiding place under the bridge to accompany the seniors to the picnic site a few miles outside of Forest Grove.

That day the juniors, who were determined to recover the dog, followed us to the site and crept up undetected through the woods.

After the seniors had finished eating, we put Boxer under a nearby log and left to explore the surrounding area. It was then that the juniors apprehended Boxer.

I had only one regret. We had planned to give Boxer to the freshmen at the end of the college year, and the plan thus could not be carried out. ■

Classes

Teens

Eleanor M. Petersen '18 moved back to Portland from Vancouver, Wash., in October. She is now living in an apartment at Calaroga Terrace, a retirement residence near Lloyd Center.

'20s

Harry Romig '21 writes that he is still active and alert and is working as a consulting industrial and quality engineer. He is also professor emeritus at the School of Business Administration at California State University and at Long Beach Community College. He is living in Costa Mesa, Calif.

Charles B. Roe '22 sent us some comments on "Boxer"! "It is a shame that such a valuable and historic thing such as Boxer was treated as it was. It would be a valuable article to display."

Blanche E. Thorpe '27 of Milwaukie, Ore., is retired from teaching and writes that she is traveling and enjoying life. She went to Spain, Hawaii and Portugal and visited some national parks and she is planning more trips for the future. She commented that all she has of "Boxer" are pictures and fond memories. She sends best wishes to everyone at Pacific.

Benjamin F. Bailey '28 writes that at age 74 he is still "plugging along" with his piano tuning and repairing business. He also has 20 music pupils.

Pauline Pratten '28 of Portland recently wrote to say that she had seen Channel 8 TV's story on Boxer and she wished it would result in Boxer's reappearance.

'30s

Emily Guyer Tuttle '39 of Hillsboro, Ore., wrote to say she retired last year after 22 years at Tektronix and hopes to travel to fascinating areas of the world. She visited the campus earlier this year and recalled the days when science was taught in Old College Hall. She also expressed regret that Herrick Hall was no longer here.

'40s

Dr. Howard E. Horner '40 has announced he will retire this spring after 12 years as superintendent of the David Douglas School District. Howard and his wife Grace live in Portland and have three sons who are all graduates of David Douglas Schools.

Roy Lieuallen '40 has been reappointed by Governor Vic Atiyeh to represent the state on the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE). He

was originally appointed to the commission in 1971. Lieuallen is chancellor of the Oregon State System of Higher Education and holds honorary doctorate degrees from Willamette and Pacific universities. He presently lives in Eugene, Ore.

Mary E. Smith Tomme '41 writes that she is teaching music to 4th and 5th graders in eight schools in the Harlandale Independent School District in Texas. The program has grown from 40 to 219 students who have performed in concerts sponsored by the school district. Mary and her husband Wade live in San Antonio.

Ellis Lucia '44 has written a new book titled *The Columbia: The Great Monopoly*. The book tells the history of John Ainsworth's monopoly on steamboating on the Columbia River. Lucia has written 15 books and hundreds of stories during his career. He writes a lot about Pacific Northwest history and hopes that a few of his books will be remembered and kept as Western or Pacific Northwestern Americana.

Dr. Robert E. Fleming '48 writes he has a new optometry office in Torrance, Calif. He says he would like to hear from other alumni in Southern California.

Jean Dann Jennings '48 of Fairfax, Va., recently wrote to say that she enjoyed getting together during the summer with friends from the Class of '48. In June, **Leslie Ross '48** and his wife Rosemary, and **LaRoy Dillion '48** and his wife Jean, all of Bethesda, Md., helped celebrate the arrival of **Betty Koberstein Harrahidl '48** and her son Bob from Klamath Falls, Ore. In August the Jennings were visited by **Ralph and Helen Doppleb Raines '48** from Gaston, Ore.

After 30 years in Eugene, Ore. **Dr. B.W. Bond '49** has sold his optometry practice and will leave with his wife Doris for Malutj Hospital in Lestho, Aftica. They plan to travel to a foreign hospital in a foreign country each year until he "really retires." He added in a recent letter that it was a privilege to attend the California Optometric meeting and also meet several old classmates he had not seen in many years.

Mary Bowen Long '49 of Olympia, Wash., wrote to tell of the marriage of her son David to Lisa Jacobsen in June 1979. Also, on Nov. 10, 1979, her daughter Jill and husband Jim Jackson had a new baby Anne Katherine, who joined brother Mathew, 2. Both of Mary's children live on Vashon Island in Washington. Mary, who has been semi-retired since 1970 mentioned that she had recently had a surprise call from **Annetta Zazvorka '50** who now lives in Oakland, Calif.

'50s

Ed Bancroft '50 has chosen to take an early retirement. He keeps "overly busy" as treasurer of his church, vice president of Portland-Willamette Chapter of National Association of Accountants, treasurer of the Multnomah County Republican Cen-