

# Nixon Chuckles At Bad Omen

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Former Vice President Richard Nixon was agreeable Wednesday when Alpha Zeta Fraternity men from Pacific University asked him to pose with their school mascot "Boxer," at the Ramada Inn in Tualatin.

With a broad smile, Nixon who is seeking the Republican presidential nomination, cradled the bronze Ming dynasty idol in his arms, and was told that for nearly 70 years students at the university had fought for its possession.

Then Prof. Eldon Houder, an Alpha Zeta adviser, told Nixon the first presidential candidate to hold Boxer was William Jennings Bryan in 1896.

"This is not to say we wish you the same fate, sir," the professor quickly added.

Nixon chuckled — but handed the statue back rather quickly.



Photo by Dale Bentley, AZ '69  
Pictured left to right, Tom Love, Prof. Eldon Hout, Rick Hill,  
Boxer, Bill Rayon, Presidential Candidate Richard Nixon, Jim  
Fitzgerald, Dick Barkley, and Steve Roemer.



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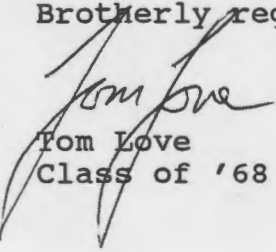
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Dear Chad,

It was great meeting you and the other AZ Actives & Pledges during Homecoming Weekend a few weeks past. I found my old photo which I had reproduced at a local copy center, but I still think it came out better than that old dog-eared copy from your archives. Also, I enclosed an article from the Oregonian about the event written about April 1968.

Best of luck to you and the AZs. Maybe we'll run into each other at some reunion down the road.

Brotherly regards,

  
Tom Love  
Class of '68