

# Oh Where, Oh Where Has Ming Gone? Questions PU

Boxer, Pacific's long-time and oft-fought over idol has a twin, or rather had a twin, up until last week. Ming, a cast iron image, was taken from the Pacific university museum Wednesday night, April 22.

His disappearance may or may not be a direct result of an article concerning his whereabouts which was printed in the April 20 issue of the Index, Pacific publication.

A portion of the article from the Index reads as follows:

"During the war years, Boxer died one of his routine disappearing acts. This time, it was longer than usual — much longer. Pleas for his return and wonderment as to his whereabouts turned into fears that he might be gone forever.

A Pacific graduate of 1940, Mary Elizabeth Smith Tomme, was teaching music to American occupation forces in Japan at the time heard of Pacific's plight. In true loyal Badger fashion, she set out to find another Boxer, along with another graduate, Georgena Potts class of 1938.

## Not Easy To Find

To find another Boxer was not as easy a task as they had hoped. Idols like Boxer had since been melted down for war uses. So, they had to settle for second best, which turned out to be a cast iron lion, a replica of the type which guards Chinese temples.

Ming, the result of their search, was used in the Orient to guard jewel boxes (note container upon which his front paws rest). This

they sent to Pacific as a possible replacement for Boxer.

They should have known there was one and only one Boxer. The student body refused to accept the imposter, and within a few months the jealous Boxer himself returned to the campus.

Just in case, though, Ming was placed in the university vault for safe keeping. And safe kept he was. Until just a few years ago, Ming saw only the darkness of that unexplored region of Marsh hall.

## Fulfilling No Purpose

At that time, it was realized that he was fulfilling no purpose in the vault, and he was brought out and placed in the president's office, a spot which he had maintained until just last week.

Through the efforts of Mrs. Irving Story, museum curator, Ming was placed in the university museum in Old College hall last week, where he is now on display for students to see."

This was the article. Apparently it didn't take some Pacific student or students long to decide he or they didn't want Ming to remain in the museum, because only two nights later he was gone.

The only lead concerning the disappearance was a note left at the scene of the crime which read as follows:

"So very sorry we had to do this, but it is all in the name of school spirit. Please publish the costs of the damages in the daily bulletin. Yours, a P.U. student."



THIS IS MING!