

# MASTER

Meeting w/ Alice Hoskins

8-13-93

**Approx. 1896** Boxer arrives on campus from China.

--bought by Dr. J.E. Walker ('67) for \$5.00 and sent to his mother,  
Mrs. Mary Richardson Walker who donated it to the University.

--Statue becomes known as the "College Spirit."

**1899** Oct. Index reports under the "Academy Notes" that "by order of the President, the College Spirit was brought by one of the members of the third year., an evidence of their enthusiasm."

--Chapel speaker encourages Sophomore students to remove Boxer from his chapel home in November.

--first student to possess Boxer: Richard Faulkner ('02)

**1901** March Index reports: "It is rumored that the College Spirit was abroad on the evening of the contest at Corvallis and during its rambles visited several students to whom it had hitherto been a stranger. It is also said that it visited two members of the faculty."

**1908** Boxer secreted from Brighton Chapel sometime in January.

--The name "Boxer" is coined by the Index report of the theft.

**1911** Boxer returns Brighton Chapel--disappears soon enough.

--tradition has developed: remove dog and return to chapel after the next Alumni banquet.

**1912** Tail/one front leg broken off in "scrimmage."

**1914** Boxer is found in Herrick Hall woodbox wrapped in a pair of overalls leg found in attic of F.G. home.

**1915** Freshmen acquire Boxer from Juniors--used as class symbol.

--Disappeared soon after--went to France (WWI).

**1919** Boxer returns to campus.

**1920** Boxer stolen from suitcase in library--hidden in tree.

**1921** Boxer flashed often at small gatherings.

**1922** Boxer taken by Juniors.

**1925** Boxer checked into Multnomah Hotel after photo session.

--Removed from building when searched for by other students and  
detectives.

**1926** Boxer causes riots in Herrick and MacCormick Halls.

--disappears for two years.

**1929** Returns to campus in May.

**1932** Four students track missing Boxer to home in Hillsboro. Recover

Boxer with forged note in German.

--Boxer Toss on May 31.

**1933** March flash in MacCormick--disappears until 1936.

**1937** Guys bury Boxer in graveyard. Girlfriends recover him. Hidden in

gunny sack in Herrick Hall basement.

Boyfriends

Oscar Giesicke 1938

Benfield 1938

Gerald Keeler 1938

Girlfriends

Laurabelle Bookstaver 1940

Marjorie Byers 1938

Bernice Stoffe 1940

Boxer then moved and repaired

--Gammas rumored to have it--AZs ransacked apartments to find  
it.

--Boxer flashed in library--thrown through closed window.

--Displayed in F.G. National Bank window--no one is brave enough to  
try moving it.

- 1938** Boxer jumped by AZs while having picture taken with Pres. Dobbs.  
--Gamma members holding it escaped by bike. Later lost Boxer to Phi-Betes-Philos at picnic when their car stalled.  
--Boxer flashed at Multnomah Hotel--no one moved to chase.
- 1940** Farmer's son finds Boxer hidden in field--returned to students.  
--Mar. 29, Boxer Toss behind gym--battle lasted 2 hours. Ended near Main St. *First pictures taken by INDEX, Apr. 5, 1940.*  
--Boxer taken to Klickitat, Wash.
- 1942** Three men trade boxer for autographed photos of ASPU Pres with Boxer. Trade-off made at Benson Hotel.
- 1943** Boxer is theme of Heart of Oak.
- 1945** Boxer disappears, but rumored to be on campus.
- 1948** Sept. 26, returns in toss-out. Fight lasts 40 minutes.
- 1949** Gammas recover Boxer.
- 1950** Nov. 2, Tossed from roof of OCH into a crowd of near 300 students.  
--Lucky 13 take him away--toss on Homecoming Day.
- 1952** Boxer tossed in a block of ice along with two other blocks of ice, all of which were colored red.
- 1955** Boxer appears in Index--first sighting in 5 years.
- 1956** Toss on Homecoming Day.  
--Flash in Herrick Hall. Boys barely escape--2 caught and perfumed.  
--February toss--Prof. Bower takes Boxer.
- 1957** Lee Prangle ('48) who had the tail, gave it to two Vernonia students who had it welded back onto Boxer.

**1958** May 21 toss--tear gas used.

--Boxer hidden in Tillamook burn--three members of team taken back home before other three rehid Boxer.

--Boxer travels US and Europe.

**1960** May 26, Dog returns (supposedly). Toss-out announced, but false.

--Toss occurs on Awards Day.

**1961** Azs hold Boxer.

**1969** Boxer is officially recognised as University mascot.

**1971** Last known possessor of Boxer: Denis Roy Williams. Both he and

Boxer vanished (not necessarily together). He reported that

Boxer had been sent to German military hospital and would be returned at some point to sell or toss.

--BSU claimed hold of Boxer after Toss during a peace rally. Phil Miner (Pres. of BSU) stated that until a peaceful means of use for the Boxer could be found, the BSU would continue to hold on to him.

--"**The Boxer Toss is dead,**" according to the Index.

**1976** Jim Crossland ('72) reported seeing Boxer on Berkeley campus being held by former P.U. students for Denis Williams. Nothing confirmed.

**1981** Students (Kim Smith, Linda Parker, and Janet Leasher) raise \$800 of \$1800 cost to cast a new Boxer, Boxer appears sometime the next year.

**1986** Debate in INDEX over whether to change mascot back to Badgers.

changed  
Dec. 13,  
1967

Last toss of original Boxer occurred

~~1972~~  
1969

**1989** Boxer stolen from Kappa Delta member's apartment by Leon Mead ('70) and flashed at the Homecoming football game.

--Boxer Forum held in March by Leon Mead to explain his actions-- students walk out chanting, "Bring back the Badger!" Boxer is returned to the Kappa Deltas and tossed on May 3rd, with the wrestlers gaining possession.

**1992** Boxer Toss in spring. Student hospitalized, administration calls for a halt to the tradition. Students grudgingly agree.

--Hawaiians holding Boxer at the end of the year.

**1993** Kappa Deltas raid Hawaiians' house and remove Boxer. Currently they possess Boxer #2.

--Boxer #1 still missing.

--June: Museum/archives begins seriously researching the disappearance of Boxer #1 with the intent to bring him home.

- Check with Dennis Lavery  
about Pacific ~~Lavery~~ <sup>Today</sup>

Boxer Contacts and Rumours: —

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5) Boxer videos in archives

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15) Chadwick Debnam Portland - Black student

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16) James Grant

- Black Student

17) Carol Hamlet Licca

- friend of P. Miner's

18) meru Cooper

- Phi Beta Tau

19) mark Coleman

20) Elmer Groner

An article written in the Pacific Today magazine (winter 1976), states,  
"Two questions to answer, where's Boxer, and  
what do we do when we find him?"  
"Perhaps if we answer the latter question the  
first one will solve itself."

--By Barney Lerten '77

Possible solutions:

\* 1) Display Boxer in Marsh Lobby or OCH (might require a security system to keep students from trying to toss him).

2) Place Boxer in the Archives.

3) Store Boxer in the University vault.

4) Create a new tradition: At each commencement, the top student is honored by "ceremoniously receiving" the original Boxer. The student may keep the dog until the following alumni banquet (or some other function before the next commencement), at which he/she presents the dog back to the University.

Problems