

P.U.'s "Boxer" Home! Freshman Flash Set

(By Winan W. Winans)

"HERE'S BOXER!" that electrifying cry that sent shivers up and down students' spines and spelled certain thrills, excitement and survival of the fittest, will be heard again during freshman week on the campus of Pacific university when the 'spirit' of the college will be again flashed, according to Phil Porter, present retainer of the Oriental pooch.

Absent since May 1, 1946, the dog was recently returned to Washington county by Porter, who received it in the mail several months ago while a student at the University of Michigan medical school at Ann Arbor. Rumors, entirely unfounded, reported that his mother had sent him the dog after it had been found by an anonymous party in the woods north of Forest Grove, and given to her. Porter stated that even though the return address was his mother's, the word Hillsboro was misspelled, which served as a clue that someone else had sent the dog. Mrs. Alpha Porter stated that she was not cognizant of the dog's presence until her son returned home for his summer vacation. Upon receipt of the dog, Phil immediately corresponded with the college at Forest Grove and sent a hoof print of the famous pooch. This was not proof enough for the college, so Phil then sent along a snapshot taken of him and the dog. His subsequent return to Oregon and the college campus was heralded by the university's publication, "The Index."

Photographed at Argus

Boxer, en route home, visited the state capital at Madison, Wis., Northwestern university medical school, Evanston, Ill., Dinosaur park, Rapid City, S. D., and the state capital at Salem. He arrived in Hillsboro July 2, and was extensively photographed in the Hillsboro Argus darkroom by the writer after being retained by the writer for four days, the dog was released Monday noon by the Argus to Porter for use in other publications.

Phil Porter, great great grandson of Tabitha Brown, founder of Pacific university in 1819, attended the college in 1943 and was associate editor and manager of the Index. Phil is the third descendant to have retained Boxer. His two cousins, Mrs. Clarence Elliott (Dulcinea Brown) of Portland, and Mrs. Roy Davidson (Ernestine Brown) of Forest Grove, have experienced the excitement of being his possessor. Porter specifically asserted that he has not had Boxer during his long absence, and that Boxer came into his possession in April.

Austin Last Retainer

John Austin, optometry student at the college and longest retainer of the dog, was the last person to have the dog that disappeared during a May Day scramble in 1946. Austin said, "he was an ugly looking pup, but no matter where you placed him in a room, your eyes would eventually wander to him, sitting there so proudly and alive and full of Pacific spirit."

Dr. Walker Donates "Pooch"

Fifty-two years ago, Dr. J. E. Walker, a graduate of Pacific, presented the dog to his alma mater upon his return from the Orient. Boxer's history dates back to China where he spent his first 300 years as an incense burner. He was one of two household gods of a family of apothecaries at Shachore, Fuchin, China. Dr. Walker purchased him for only \$12.

The "bronze puppy" rested in Brighton chapel until one night in 1908 when some members of the senior class decided to spirit him away. This was suggested by a speaker in the chapel that morning



ALL HANDS TURN TO AT BANKS—Citizens of the Sur set chamber of commerce area spend most of their spare time getting things in readiness at the chamber's new recreation grounds, just south of Banks. The gala picnic and Bar-B-Q will be August 13. Pictured above at top (left to right): Ralph Wilcox, Ron Smith, Otto Flaig and Cass Wilson. Below (left to right): Mrs. J. I. Schlegel, daughters Jean and Jeanette, J. I. Schlegel and Mrs. Woods.—(Argus photo)

who referred to the foreign image being the spirit of an eastern college. During the lecture he pointed to Boxer, sitting peacefully on his pedestal. This was to be the beginning of a fabulous biography. Boxer Brawl Delays Traffic

He was suspended in the Willamette river by a cable and swathed in gunny sacks, stored in frozen food lockers, appeared in window displays in Portland, "snatched" by other universities from time to time, and hid in countless places to insure his temporary safety. In the battle of 1911 on the campus, Boxer has his head, legs and tail disjointed. It was not until 1914 that he was re-welded. Wall paper in homes has been frantically slashed and basements entirely unearthed in desperate searches for the dog. Residents of Forest Grove still remember the battle of 1940 that lasted for two and a half hours. The police were summoned to move the crowd off the highway that stopped all traffic, but found they had encountered a difficult problem. In pouring rain the good-natured siege continued with clothes torn of students' backs and covered from head to toe in mud. To possess Boxer during college years is the hope of every student.

Boxer Rebellion at Benson

Hotel Benson of Portland was another scene where Boxer was flushed during the Associated Women Students' winter formal dance. It was there that petite Madeline DuPuis tackled a letterman, Earl Gipe, who was carrying the dog, and a brawl ensued. Bill Lee and Maurice Druhl made the getaway. Antique dealers have appraised Boxer to be worth \$1500 on up, but as Austin stated, "no matter what price the dealers would be willing to pay for the mascot of the university, his value to the students would always be far greater."

Demmin First Freshman

Lester Demmin, prominent member of Pacific university's debating team and recipient of several forensic trophies, is the first freshman to see, touch and be photographed with Boxer since his disappearance.

Three medical students have retained Boxer, namely Tom Robb, John Uchiyama, and Porter. To have Boxer even for a brief period is truly an exciting experience (with the blinds pulled down and the doors and windows locked, or course).

Cornelius

By Mrs. Juanita Dore
Mrs. Stella Trantum of Woodward, Iowa, Mrs. Yerva Meyer of Perry, Iowa, and Mrs. Lena Mitchell of Eugene arrived Tuesday and will visit with L. C. Davis for a few days. Mrs. Trantum and Mrs. Meyer are former Iowa friends whom Mrs. Davis had not seen for 23 years. Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. Davis are sisters.

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SCHOOL'S IDOL RETURNS—Phil Porter, present retainer of Pacific university's fabulous "Boxer," Chinese idol mascot of the campus, chats with Miss Gloria Schiffer about her competition for "Miss Oregon" honors this week-end and flashing the "pooch" during freshman week at the Forest Grove college.—(Argus photo)

Miss Oregon Contest Draws Miss Schiffer

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first candidate in the "Miss Oregon" contest.

City Manager J. W. Barney introduced Gloria and told of the plans for the contest. Best wishes were extended by Mrs. Hadley, representing the auxiliary as sponsor, and also her official chapter, Mrs. Ada Patterson, Coffee club; Mrs. Marguerite Linn, Business and Professional Women's club; Lloyd Ramp, Lions club; Marvin Brink, Legion and chamber of commerce; Verne McKinney, city council and Rotary club; Vernon Hadley, fire department, and R. L. Burnett, Legion auxiliary drill team.

Printed on the program booklets was an ode "To Gloria," written by Mrs. Maude Stannard:

A toast to Gloria with the shining blonde hair
She's our Miss Hillsboro—of that you're aware
But we see her tripping where the Ocean breakers play
Winning every contest that she enters each day
Golden are the sweet notes her lovely voice will pour
Many are the high points the judges there will score.
And then "Miss Hillsboro" a new name will wear.
She'll be "Miss Oregon," the fairest of the fair.

Mrs. Stannard, who presided, presented Gloria with a beautiful traveling bag from the auxiliary. Members of the committee in charge of arrangements included Mrs. Stannard, Mrs. Goldis Davis and Mrs. Hadley. Others present were Mrs. Brink, Mrs. Ramp, Mrs. Bunett and Mrs. McKinney, Past Auxiliary President Mrs. Pat Jackson and the following members of the auxiliary drill team: Mrs. Thelma Peppard, Mrs. Ruth Ellingson, Mrs. Marie Lackey, Mrs. Pat Wynne, Mrs. Jo Rushlow, Mrs. Edna Ruth Mathison, Mrs. Pat Ziegler, Mrs. Mary Nelson and Miss Lois Phillips.

The Miss Oregon Pageant is an annual contest sponsored by the Seaside chamber of commerce. The different towns and cities are invited to enter contestants and in the final event which this year is scheduled for this week-end, the contestants are eliminated until there is only one—one who will be known as "Miss Oregon." There will be three shows at Seaside, the first on Friday, July 23 at 8 p.m.; one on Saturday, at 8 p.m., and the final selection on Sunday, at 2 p.m. General admission seats are \$1.20 for each show, reserved seats at \$1.50, including tax. The Seaside Look club, which is handling the ticket sale, suggests that anyone coming should buy their seats in advance, writing care of them. Complete program for the "Miss Oregon" contest is as follows:

Thursday, July 22, 8:30 a.m. breakfast with judges for personality tests at Hotel Seaside; 3 p.m. tea for contestants, their chaperones and judges at The Tides; 8:30 p.m., second show at the grade school auditorium for judging of bathing suits and personality.

Friday, July 23, 12:30 a.m., parade. All contestants must be in their bathing suits and at Hotel Seaside by 11 a.m. for pictures and interviews.

Miss Oregon Finals, 2 p.m. at grade school auditorium. Evening gown and bathing suits. All contestants will be dismissed to their chaperones with the exception of the girl chosen Miss Oregon.

The girl chosen as Miss Oregon will go to Atlantic City, N. J., in September to compete with all the other states in the Miss America contest.

The winner of the official state contest will receive free transportation to Atlantic City, N. J., and return first class accommodations and meals at a leading Atlantic City hotel, and a wardrobe, consisting of three or four evening gowns. Transportation and wardrobe will be supplied by the organization sponsoring the official preliminary contest and the Miss America Pageant will provide hotel accommodations and meals while competing in National Finals in Atlantic City.

"Miss America" will receive a scholarship of \$5,000, to be used as schooling wherever she wishes, with diminishing prizes going to other finalists.

Kinton

By Mrs. Gladys Aten
Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Moll of San Francisco, Cal., are visiting their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Carl J. Allen.
Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Landis of Chitwood, spent the week-end with Mrs. Landis' mother, Mrs. J. J. Van Kieck.

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Mrs. L. Madsen Rites Wednesday

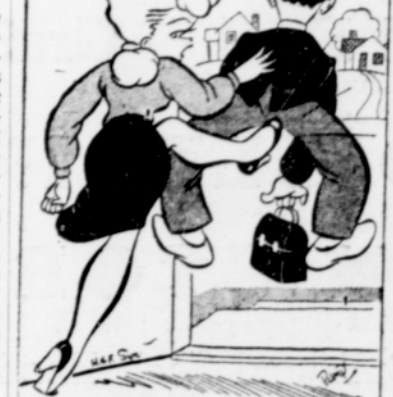
Funeral services were Wednesday at Donelson & Sewell mortuary chapel for Mrs. Lena Madsen, 81, a resident of Hillsboro for the past 12 years, who died Sunday after a brief illness. Burial was in Cornelius cemetery.

Listed as survivors are three daughters, Agnes Smith, Forest Grove; Mrs. Lillian Bennett, Hillsboro, and Alena Warfield, Clarkston, Wash.; a son, George Madsen, Tillamook; 18 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

North Plains to Have Bible School
By Mrs. Betty Philpott
NORTH PLAINS Church of Christ Bible school will be held at the North Plains school beginning Monday, July 23, through August 6. All youngsters from three years up are welcome. Mrs. C. D. Chamberlain is in charge with Mrs. Theis assisting.

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Mrs. Paul Bolen and daughter Joy of Martinez, Cal., were weekend guests at the J. L. Wright home. Other Saturday evening guests were Mr. and Mrs. Joy Carver of Portland. Mrs. Bolen is Mr. Wright's daughter.

Mrs. Henry Cypher and Mrs. Thomas Connell left Friday for Brookings. They visited with their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Harbin. While there they attended the Lily Blossom Festival and Parade. They went down as far as the Redwoods near Crescent City.



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