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Alums Come Back to Pacific

To Tell Stories of Boxer

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The group took Boxer to the Oregonian office in Portland where the late L.H. Gregory, long-time Oregonian sports editor and Pacific class of 1910, wrote a story and had a photo taken for the next day's Oregonian. The school teacher in Clatskanie was shocked when he read the Oregonian that morning. He thought Boxer was still safely stored in his car.

Art Brachmann, class of 1934, of Forest Grove and Gary Mueller, class of 1957, of Hillsboro and a now a Pacific art professor, were among others sharing their stories.

Alice Hoskins, class of 1956, of Forest Grove and Pacific staff member, told of the weekend in the early '50's when she went home to Vernonia and was so disappointed when she came back to campus to learn that she had missed a Boxer flash. Within a few minutes, however, she found that she and Boxer were sharing the same chair.

She was thrilled then and was equally thrilled in the spring of 1983 when one of her sons, Bruce Fleskes, now a Pacific senior, was the student who cut Boxer from a tree on campus where he had been mysteriously chained when the mascot returned to Pacific after a long absence.

The alumni stories were video taped so that others can learn more of Boxer, too. The tape was played back during homecoming events and is available for other occasions.

The real thrill for the alumni and students who had gathered in Washburne University Center for the story telling came when Boxer himself arrived to get in on the video taping. After all, the star should be included.

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Boxer was tossed after the Saturday football game by the wrestling team. After a truggle of approximately one hour on the lawn between the University Center and Clarke Hall the wrestlers won again and left with Boxer.

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