Boxer quiz sacked

Statue won't be given out after mascot goes missing

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The legend of Boxer lives on.

Only days before the Gamma Sigma fraternity planned to pass on the iconic statue through a special trivia contest, the idol was stolen, revitalizing an ageold tradition at Pacific University.

Although no person

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and/or organization officially claimed responsibility as of yet, multiple students suspect the rival Pi Kappa Rho

fraternity as the culprit.

The history of Boxer dates back over a century. Joseph E. Walker, an 1867 graduate of Pacific University while serving as a missionary in China bought the statue and sent it back home to his mother, who in turn donated it to Pacific.

The tradition of "stealing" Boxer started in 1899 when a student captured the statue for the Class of 1902. Since then, students and organizations have battled over possession of the idol by stealing, hiding, flashing and tossing it at random over the years.

The current Boxer is only a bronze replica of the original, instated in 1982. The original mysteriously disappeared

during a toss in 1969.

Controversy arose when a member of the Gamma Sigma fraternity, which had possession of Boxer for more than a year, left campus with the statue and photographed it at well-known places across the U.S.