

# "BOXER" RETURNS TO OLD PACIFIC

After Years of Wandering Chinese Idol  
Greet Alumni and Students.

WAS "SWIPED" YEARS AGO

Alumni and Students so Keenly Surprised  
that Return of Wanderer Tuesday  
Night Causes no Stir Whatever.  
Is Spirited Away Later.

For the first time for ten or twelve years, "The Spirit," the Chinese idol which was donated to Pacific University by Rev. Eikensh Walker, an alumnus of the college, doing missionary work in Marsh Hall Tuesday evening and with solemn dignity listened to the exercises of the Associate Alumni.

"Boxer" as the idol was nicknamed by the collegians, was pilfered from its niche in Marsh Hall years ago and had been lost from view, -excepting the select few, since that time.

Years ago a Congregational clergyman, Rev. Mr. Dunning spoke to the students and in the course of his remarks told of student days at Amherst College. He referred to several exhibitions of college spirit at that institution and mentioned how a statue in the college campus had been removed from its location and hauled out of the city to grace a class banquet and how year after year the goddess had been the chief feature at the banquets and had remained in the possession of the same class notwithstanding class fights and all sorts of stratagems used to capture it from the class and to have it returned to the campus.

This story fired the Pacific University students with a desire to do the same thing with some fixtures about the campus. The Chinese idol answered the purpose. It was "swiped"

and made to preside at a class banquet. Pictures of the banquet table with "Boxer", prettily decorated were scattered about a few days later, but the faces of the banqueters were cut out of the picture. The faculty made attempts to have the gift of the missionary brought back but all efforts were futile.

It is said that the class that originally captured Boxer lost it and it came into the possession of another class.

For sometime "The Spirit" is said to have hibernated in A. B. Thomas's barn by the side of old Ben, the faithful family horse which was the victim of other college pranks. As years passed on "The Spirit" was concealed in other homes of the city but its whereabouts have been known to but few. Its return to the college Tuesday night caused but little stir.

"Boxer" had been gone for so long that the alumni and old students had almost forgotten him. The members of the student body had heard of him only by word of mouth but no one expected that it would ever return to the old campus.

"Boxer" was brought back by members of the class of 1906 and after the alumni meeting the Chinese idol was spirited away by members of the class of 1912, so it is said.

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BOXER, THE COLLEGE SPIRIT.

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