

Editorial

Let's change our mascot!

The most recent uproar concerning our controversial little statue, Boxer, seems to have left many students with the feeling that if our mascot is going to be such a problem, then maybe it should be changed.

In past years, the Index has suggested that same idea. But it is possible that the alternatives which were offered were too far-fetched to be taken seriously.

Until the 1967-68 school year, Pacific's mascot was a Badger. The mascot was changed to accommodate a small statue that represented Pacific's spirit, and is one of the university's oldest traditions. The Boxer mascot was also considered to be unique, where a Badger was not.

We agree that Boxer is a unique mascot, but it is not a good mascot in a physical sense. Try explaining our mascot to someone outside of our campus community, you'll understand.

During the 1985-86 school year, the Pacific Index ran the figure which you see to the right in its front page head. The administration asked that it not be used, since it was not an accurate representation of our mascot.



The new Boxer?

We suggest that students, faculty and administration consider changing our current mascot to the above mascot. We could still be the Boxers, it would just be represented with a different figure. It would be an easy switch, and has a couple real advantages.

The administration is not going to want a change, because of the ties to the Far East which Boxer offers. However, even if we switch mascots, we can still have the Boxer statue as a half-century-old tradition. This way we still have our Far Eastern ties, since the statue represents a figure from Ming Dynasty China.

Switching our mascot to a dog representation would also allow us to remain unique. We could be the only small college in this area to have an actual living mascot. As is done at Texas with their Longhorn steer, or Air Force with their Falcon, we could own a Boxer dog which could be taken to football games or other events. That would probably generate more spirit than a conceptual representation of a period of Chinese history.

If very few Pacific students ever understand the current Boxer stands for, or even what it is supposed to be, isn't it kind of a silly mascot? We have the opportunity to have a more spirit oriented mascot, but still keep our tradition and Far Eastern ties alive in our Boxer statue.

Everyone can be happy.

Correction

In the article "Mediros joins faculty" of issue #12, March 3, 1989, the correct spelling of the new faculty member's name is Dr. John Medeiros.

It was stated that Medeiros was given a 10-year contract, but he in fact was given a **tenure** contract.

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Warm Greetings!

As the new year dawns I feel it is appropriate I offer my sincere best wishes to my dearest friends and family and bring you up to date on my latest adventures. I would also like to clear up any possible misgivings concerning my disappearance and lack of communication with you.

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