

For 'Boxer,' Pacific University Students Look Like Wildcat Tamers



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FOREST GROVE (Special)
— Phi Beta Tau Fraternity, in alliance with the boys from the Fire Hall, made off with Pacific University's coveted "Boxer" after four hours of mayhem, mauling and madness Wednesday.

The torn and bloody members of the fraternity fought their way to an old 1947 Chevrolet and made their escape after participating in a struggle which one professor described as the worst he's seen in 20 years.

Wednesday's battle for Boxer began shortly after 10 a.m., when the bronze, horned

chimera, weighing 20 pounds, innocently entered the campus in the trunk of a car driven by Mrs. Russell Roberts.

Accompanying Mrs. Roberts in the caper was Mrs. Myrtle Smith, widow of the late D. Otis Smith, once faculty adviser at the school.

Lurking in the trunk and holding Boxer was Gamma Sigma fraternity member Pete Truax who, when the trunk was opened, threw Boxer up for grabs.

Throughout the day screaming coeds urged on hulking mountains of humanity from the school fraternities and dorms. Pieces of clothing, shoes and bodies flew in the air as the grunting struggle

for the briefly glimpsed sculpture oscillated on the town lawn before Old College Hall.

At one point in the "run," in the afternoon when the boys were tiring and tempers were flaring into sporadic outbursts of fistcuffs, a wide-eyed coed grabbed Boxer and

ran with fear, van with the bronze beast for several yards before being brought down.

Allegedly over 100 years old, Boxer was donated to the college in 1896. Since then Boxer has been a symbol of student rivalry and an inspiration to

chromosome-shining college time chaos.

Tradition calls for the statue to be "flashed," shown by the possessors, or "thru up," for possession each year.

For the last four years, however, Boxer has been in hiding. Members of Gamma Sigma said they decided to throw up Boxer this year to renew tradition and stimulate school spirit.

Renewing the tradition Wednesday should have made up for the last four years, and for four or five years to come. Eight students were sent to the infirmary, one to the hospital and the rest appeared to have spent the day getting wildcats.

Event Planned For Employers

Representatives from business firms throughout Oregon and Washington, as well as those from state and federal agencies, will attend the Employers Day event at Longue Point Job Corps Center, Astoria, Friday, April 19.

The program, arranged by Philco Ford Corp., which offers the vocational education instruction at the center for the University of Oregon, is designed to acquaint employers with the training courses in which more than 650 young women are enrolled.

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Boxer statue in the Forest Grove's annual battle for battered Boxer. A fraternity won.