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Boxer Flash Creates Stir In Forest Grove

The flash of "Boxer," ancient Pacific university mascot who hasn't been officially shown for two years, created quite a ruckus in Forest Grove last Thursday.

The two and one-half hour battle for the bronze dog resulted in a controversy still raging among students and 17 battlers who reported to University Nurse Mrs. Charles Buckley for first aid. Four of the 17 required stitches.

Bronze Idol

Boxer, to the uninformed, is a bronze idol with a rich traditional background over which university groups, particularly fraternities have been fighting for decades. To obtain possession of Boxer is a great accomplishment on the campus.

Last Thursday at 11:30 a.m. its possessors since 1956, Ken Leck, Medford; Ozzie Ray, Forest Grove and George Miller, Myrtle Point; placed the idol in a manhole near Warner hall while an assembly was in progress. After the assembly was dismissed, the students lifted the manhole lid and said, "Here it is, fellows."

What followed was a brawl. Male students joined the fight which drew spectators from all over town. The police department sent officers to the scene to see that the situation didn't get out of hand. The fight continued, ranging from the area near Warner hall to across Pacific avenue, to College Way and finally to near the Congregational church where Edward Gayle, a sophomore from Vancouver, Wash., grabbed the dog away from the mob and jumped into a car driven by Emil Torp, a member of Gamma Sigma fraternity. In the car were John Peterson, a Gamma, and Dave Favor, an independent, as is Gayle. The four took the idol to a spot near Tillamook burn where it was buried.

Bonita Nance, writing in the Pacific University Index printed Monday-quoted Gayle as saying that the four made a solemn promise

not to tell of Boxer's whereabouts, then they came back to Forest Grove. Later that same day some members of Gamma Sigma reportedly went to the hiding place and moved Boxer.

Since two of the four gaining the dog are independents, some ill feel-

ing resulted in the alleged snatch by the Gammas. A fraternity spokesman stated that negotiations between the fraternity and the independents are continuing and a decision is hoped for soon.

In the battle, Alpha Zeta fraternity acquired one of Boxer's legs

and a part of the chest and Phi Beta Tau has another one of the legs. The flash of Boxer climaxed a week of prediction on the campus that the dog would be tossed out. A flash was expected at the Senior awards assembly on May 15 but nothing happened.



BOXER FLASH—Pacific university students trying to obtain, "Boxer," bronze dog which is a tradition at the university, participated in a free-

for-all last Thursday. Gamma Sigma fraternity is credited with acquiring the dog after a two-hour battle.