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A glimpse of Pacific university students having a "friendly riot" on the campus Friday. The miniature war came as the result of rivalry over possession of the horned-back dog idol shown below. Story follows.—(Cuts courtesy Oregonian)

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Campus "Riot" Develops Over Chinese Idol

Rioting on the Pacific university campus Friday afternoon—with well over a hundred students out for a clothes-ripping good time—was not really a riot, it was learned in the thick of the fray, but a bit of tradition asserting itself.

The "friendly" battling, which resulted in several minor injuries and in damages to lawns and shrubbery, was all over a carved dog idol named "Boxer," which reputedly was imported from China in 1894 following the Boxer rebellion. Possession of the Chinese oddity has been an honor and a source of rivalry for student groups down through the years, it was learned.

The campus battle got under way when three co-eds surrendered possession of the coveted dog and allowed rival student "armies" to draw up hurried battle lines and race madly about the campus for two hours before a victorious group took final possession of the idol. Traffic was completely blocked on the Forest Grove-Banks highway for about a half hour at one time until Forest Grove peace officers were able to coax the "war" back onto the campus.