

After Day-Long Fight For 'Boxer,' Pacific Uni



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PACIFIC UNIVERSITY coed did her best Wednesday to resist collegians' advances, but, alas, the lass lost. That is, she lost

the famed PU Boxer statue in the Forest Grove school's annual battle for battered Chinese relic. A fraternity won.

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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 Dr. O. S. 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 torn 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 fisticuffs, a wide-eyed coed grabbed Boxer and,

eyes wide with fear, ran 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-calming spring-time chaos.

Tradition calls for the statue to be "flashed," shown by the possessors, or "thrown-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 week 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 sorting wildcats.