

Boxer Brawl — Free for All?

Before, during and after the 1985 Homecoming football game the crowd of Pacific students not only focused their attention on the game, but also on the anticipation of Pacific's esteemed mascot — the Boxer. When will it be flashed? How will it be brought out onto the field? Who will get it?, were the questions that raced through everyone's minds. Finally, after the Boxers suffered a defeat and were gathered into a final huddle, the mascot's presence was felt on the field. But little did everyone know it was in an inconspicuous green duffle bag guarded on the sidelines by our kicker, Cub Shulund, Gamma Sigma member. Various groups and organizations seeking control of the boxer hoarded around the football huddle waiting for the players to leave and the brawl to begin. As the team walked off the field the Boxer was left standing alone, but only for a moment as the Kappa Delta Sorority, wrestlers, Thetas and others descended upon the Boxer to begin the forty-five minute long brawl which ended with the wrestlers victorious. When asked about the brawl, Jim Farrington, a wrestler stated, "We (the wrestlers) had planned how to get the Boxer a couple of days before, and were confident we'd get it. It was a good fight with the girls putting up the best fight." Todd Kelsh, another brawler, stated, "It was a good fight, got my clothes ripped, and had a good time." He wasn't fighting for any group he just wanted it for his apartment! Karen Goeden, a Kappa Delta member, said, "At first I just wanted to touch it, then I just wanted to hold it, but then I wanted it for the Kappas. We put up just as good of a fight as any guy, maybe even better." When asked whether or not he felt girls should have been involved in the fight, Jim Farrington stated, "Yea! The Boxer brawl is for all Pacific students, not just guys!" However, Todd Kelsh felt that girls may have gotten hurt seriously, while Tim Duncan was totally against involvement of girls in the brawl.

