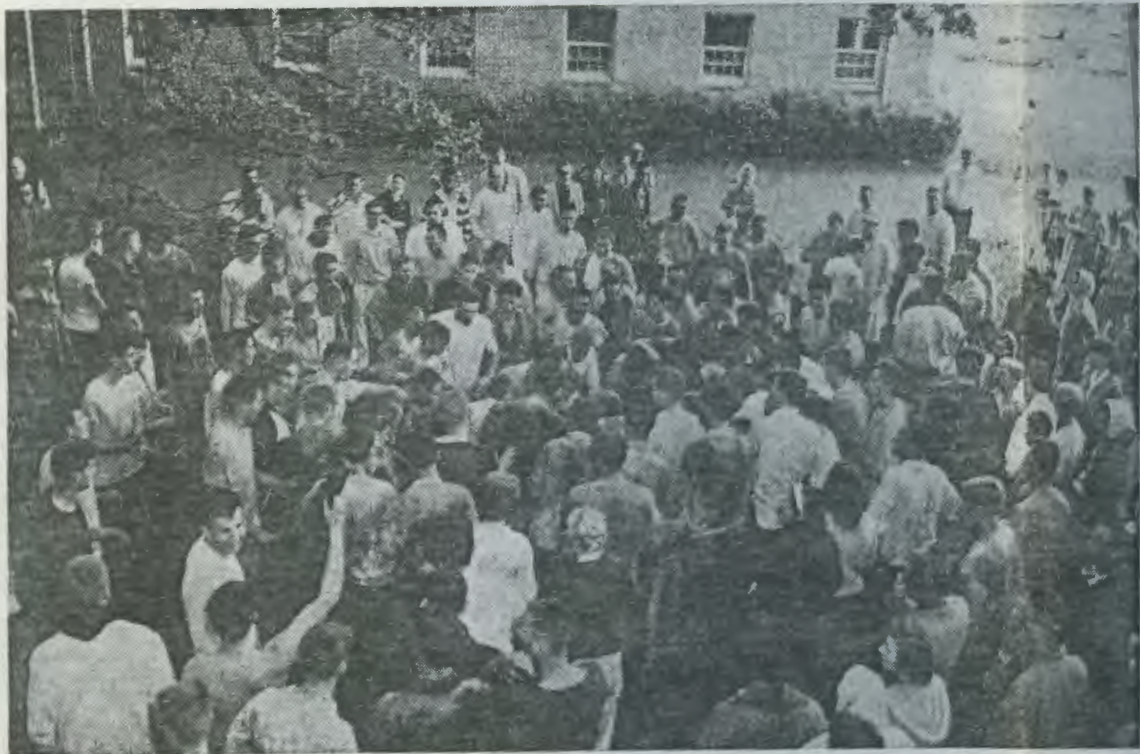


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We caution our readers to avoid mistaking the above picture as being one taken of an M-G-M Production historical epic mob scene. It is, instead, a Pacific Production epidemic mob scene—that is, the Boxer toss-out.

Boxer Toss-out Disrupts

Trio to Get

Campus Routine Thursday

By Bonita Nance

Despite a disappointing "false alarm" at noon, May 17, at which time students waited in vain at the football practice field for the promised arrival of Boxer, Pacific's coveted mascot, spirits were not to be daunted Thursday as they waited patiently in front of Warner hall for the rumored toss-out

Drake Given Voice Award

Ernest Drake, senior, was given the Voice of Experience award last Thursday highlighting the annual Senior Awards Assembly in Warner Hall.

Jack Barry, senior class president, was master of ceremonies and presented the class gift, the paving of the walk between Marsh and Warner Halls, which is presently under way.

The annual senior address was presented by senior Louis Payne.

Charles Cushman and Suzanne Richards, seniors, were announced winners of the outstanding senior man and woman journalist award presented by Pi Delta Epsilon fraternity.

The Oak Leaf award was presented to Kathryn Compton, senior. Gamma Sigma fraternity received the fraternity scholarship trophy presented by IFC.

The Faculty Women's Club gave a tuition scholarship to Marie Botnen, junior, and the sorority scholarship trophy to Theta Nu Alpha.

Miss Botnen was also named recipient of the Price Memorial scholarship, presented by Blue Key. Winners of the annual Blue Key-sponsored blood drive were Phi Beta Tau (fall) and Delta Chi Delta (spring).

International Friendship Awards, presented for devoted work towards the United Nations, were awarded to Peggy Frone, sophomore, and Bob Gillis, junior.

McCormick Hall trophies were

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after the 11 o'clock senior awards assembly.

They were not to be disappointed. At exactly 12:10 p.m. a jeep roared across campus to the walk in front of Warner hall and screeched to a stop as Bob Wendel, ex-co-owner of Boxer tossed out the little bronze dog which landed on the grass, flipped over and came to a momentary rest before a crowd surged forward and pounced on him.

The three hour and thirty-five minute battle which ensued was confined primarily to this same area south of Warner hall although it did move completely off campus after two hours had elapsed.

The toss-out, the first since the spring of 1958, attracted approximately 500 or 600 spectators including those who participated, other Pacific students, faculty and staff, townspeople, high school and junior high students, curious motorists and most of the cafeteria staff.

Suspense heightened as the pulsating mass moved around the west end of Warner across the pavement to a filling station, then poured into the street in front of the fire department.

The multitude immediately scattered as Don Printz, clutching one of Boxer's front legs, and Doug Steward, both Phi Betes, raced down the highway in front of the fire department, across the railroad tracks and safely reached a get-away car.

Those who had the rest of Boxer surged across the highway into the parking lot followed by an ever-increasing crowd which inched its way along the parking lot, out into the street, into the parking lot again and finally on to the tracks.

Larry DePolo, Gamma, broke from the crowd and sprinted about one-half block down the tracks with Boxer in his arms before he was tackled.

Neil Cawood, AZ, was next to break away from the crowd and he carried Boxer about a block before the crowd over-took him in front of Brabham's Electric store.

Finally, Tod Johnson, AZ, man-

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aged to free himself from the clutching crowd and ran with Boxer through the alley by the police station. He threw the bronze idol to Paul Thompson, independent ex-co-owner, who raced across the parking lot and tracks to the corner of Ash and 19th where a car driven by Del LaRue, AZ, waited.

Shortly before he reached the car, Thompson threw the dog to independent Ron Eastwood who was running along beside him with instructions to put it in LaRue's car. Eastwood did and at exactly 3:45 p.m., LaRue, Eastwood, Boxer and Ted Swenson, AZ, drove out of sight as the AZs sang their fraternity song.

Sometime during the fight in front of Brabham's Earl Huntington, independent, grabbed Boxer's other front leg and joined Ted Haskell, Gamma, and Ralph Perkins, AZ, in the get-away car. Jack Liles, AZ, now has one of Boxer's ears.

Of the thirteen students who came to the infirmary for first aid only two had to have stitches. Two received treatment for broken hands and two were released after being examined by a doctor for possible brain concussions. One student suffered a dislocated nose, another received a sprained ankle and one co-ed rebroke her little finger. There were many minor cuts and bruises but no serious injuries. Freshman Pat Burritt, administered aid to 15 men during the fight.

Thompson and Wendel gained possession of the coveted idol shortly before Homecoming when it was mailed to them by three ex-Pacific students then residing in California, with the idea of a toss-out for Homecoming.

However, according to Wendel, the three allegedly promised to mail Boxer to Thompson for part of the summer and to Wendel for the other part but failed to keep their promise so Wendel and Thompson decided to hide the dog instead.

For three months Boxer was safely hidden in Banks at the home of one of Thompson's friends. Then for three more months he rested comfortably in a locked closet of a local grade school and for the past two months has been in the home of the principal of that grade school.

During a phone conversation with Dr. Meredith McVicker, dean of students, it was disclosed that he had contacted the Oregonian asking for the name of the Life magazine reporter representing the Northwest. He was unable to contact the reporter but the Oregonian suggested that the University have one of its students cover the story and take pictures.

Lynn Corwin, photographer for the Index, took 200 feet of colored movie film and approximately 50 still pictures.

According to LaRue, future plans for Boxer, which is now within a 50 mile radius of Forest Grove, are not known at this time but it is hoped that he can be flashed next year and possibly tossed out.



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Above is pictured a tangle of arms, legs, and heads (most of them still miraculously attached to torsos) of students fighting for Boxer (arrow).

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