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Two years after the first class graduated, the first fraternity was established. Greek letter fraternities were reluctant to enter land grant colleges; so, in 1874, the second chapter of QTV, a mystic letter society, was established here.

The object of Maine's first fraternity was “enjoyment, sociability and the best interest of its members throughout life.” Induction of a secret society was viewed with some misgivings by University officials, but after the adoption of certain rules (“no intoxicating liquors shall be brought into the society rooms”) QTV was finally accepted.

At first this group met in rooms in Orono, but in 1876 it built its own hall where Co-burn Hall now stands. This is believed to be the first chapter house built in the state. In 1880 QTV published the first college annual, The Pendulum, in conjunction with the Beta Theta Pi men.

The following year, after a disagreement, the two fraternities published rival annuals, continuing the feud over the next three years.

In 1887 the chapter moved to a house on College Avenue and 12 years later built a new house south of the old one. This building was later Mount Vernon House and, still later, the site of the Sigma Chi house.

The EC Society, organized in 1878, evolved into Alpha Sigma Chi, which became Beta Theta Pi in 1879, the oldest fraternity on campus. In 1885 Beta Eta chapter of Beta Theta Pi leased a building known as North Hall, which became the second chapter house on campus. The present house was built in 1904.

No other fraternity was organized until 1884 when the local KKF Society was formed. In 1886 this society was granted a chapter by Kappa Sigma. Psi chapter of Kappa Sigma met in a hall until the completion of its new house in 1895. This was the first fraternity house erected at U-M.

The University financed the construction of the house and made an agreement by which Kappa Sigma could purchase the
building later. In 1926 the present house was built on the site of the old one, was razed by fire in 1925. It was in the first house that Lincoln Colcord and Adelbert Sprague, two Kappa Sigmas, wrote the "Stein Song," the college anthem.

By 1889 the fourth fraternity, SIU (Strength in Union) Society, was established and in 1891 it was absorbed by Beta Upsilon chapter of Alpha Tau Omega. The members occupied the Paul Webster house on No. Main St. in Orono from 1895 until 1931 when the building was destroyed by fire. In 1932 the present house was built.

Omicron Upsilon Eta Pi, a local founded in 1895, became Alpha Delta chapter of Phi Kappa Sigma in 1898. Brothers lived in the QTV house until their present house was completed in 1903.

Sigma Chi has been represented at Maine since 1902, when Delta Rho, a local fraternity founded in 1895, became Rho Rho chapter. This fraternity occupied one of the Webster houses on No. Main St. from 1895 until 1902, when it bought another house on the same street near the Orono bridge. The present house was built in 1935 on the site of Mount Vernon House after fire destroyed their former residence.

In 1889 the Maine Chapter of QTV was granted a charter as Omicron Nu chapter of Phi Gamma Delta. The first house was built in 1898 on the present site of the Lambda Chi house but burned in 1925. During the following summer the present Phi Gam house was built.

Another local, Iota Phi, was organized in 1898 to be absorbed later by Sigma Alpha Epsilon in 1901. In 1903 SAE moved into its present house. SAE was the first local chapter to abolish all forms of the antiquated hazing techniques. Due to an infraction of University rules, Maine Alpha chapter ceased activity in 1962. This year the fraternity is being reactivated with a new group of pledges.

In 1906 Phi Eta Kappa, the only local that has survived through the years, was established. The present house was built in 1908 and Phi Eta has been and still remains one of the strongest local fraternities in the country.

Theta Epsilon, another local, was founded in 1903 and was absorbed by Delta Nu chapter of Sigma Nu. Members lived in North Hall, the old home of Beta Theta Pi, until their present chapter house was erected in 1916.

Local Omega Lambda Upsilon, established in 1904, became Gamma Nu chapter of Delta Tau Delta in 1908. The present house was constructed in 1908.

Delta Mu, another local, followed in 1904 and three years later was granted a charter as Gamma chapter of Theta Chi. The chapter house built in 1908 next to Sigma Nu, burned and a new house was built across the street on the northern end of campus in 1961. The Theta Chi's held an important position in their national organization, as they formed the first grand chapter for control of all active chapters and changed Hell week to Greek week. They also initiated house jackets on campus.

Delta Kappa, a local formed in 1909, merged with local Psi Alpha Lambda and
became Beta Zeta chapter of Lambda Chi Alpha in 1913. In 1911 Speareen Inn was leased and occupied until 1913 when the fraternity purchased the Drew house, which later became the Beta Kappa house, on College Ave. This building was retained until 1926 when the present house was built on the site of the former Phi Gam house, which had burned in 1925.

Local Phi Epsilon Pi existed from 1916 to 1926. The brothers lived in North Hall, the old Beta Theta Pi and Theta Epsilon house.

Eta chapter of Sigma Phi Sigma was organized in 1921 from local Lambda Delta which was founded in 1919. Brothers first held meetings in Lord Hall, but later the old Speareen Inn was purchased. This fraternity was disbanded in 1936.

Local Zeta Pi was formed in 1922 and was granted a charter the following year by Phi Mu Delta. Nu Epsilon chapter of Phi Mu moved into its present house in 1923.

Psi chapter of Alpha Gamma Rho was formed in 1924 from Alpha Sigma Mu founded the previous year. In 1924 AGR bought a house on Grove Street, and in 1938 the present house was built on College Ave. This was the only Catholic fraternity on campus, but it disbanded in 1936.

Local Eta Nu Pi, established in 1926, became Delta Chi Alpha, another local, three years later. In the early 30's members lived in a house on Park St. and in 1936 they, along with Phi Kappa and Beta Kappa, were disbanded to allow the stronger fraternities to enlarge.

Tau Zeta chapter of Tau Epsilon Phi was established in 1929 from the Maine Hebrew Association. After living in Orono for a while the brothers rented a house on the northern boundary of campus, the present infirmary. In 1935 they purchased the Delta Delta Delta sorority house, now a private home. In 1960 the TEP's moved to their present home on the northern boundary of Campus.

In 1947 a group of veterans formed a local society called Chi Rho Sigma. In 1948 they voted to become the Beta Upsilon chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon. They moved into their present house on College Ave. in 1948.

Local Theta Phi, formed in 1947, became Alpha chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon the following year, and in 1950 Sig Ep attained national fame by changing Hell week to Greek week. Their new house, the first contemporary fraternity building, was built in 1960.
SIGMA CHI HOUSE WARMING—Fire destroyed several fraternity houses, among them Sigma Chi, during '20's and '30's. The attitude toward fraternity fires is reflected in a PRISM description of the burning of ATO in 1931: "A great cheer went up from the crowd when three of the fellows rushed out of the smoke bearing the still. The problem was quickly solved by carrying the piano back into the house. Twice during the evening the fire died down and wood had to be brought over from Sigma Chi."

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Benjamin Mosher was born in China, Me., in 1829. His father was a lumberman who owned a large number of horses which Ben and his brother took care of. When about 14, he drove a team of four horses to Gardiner and Hallowell.

But, like many other young fellows, Ben soon tired of his work at home and desired to go to sea. After a near shipwreck, he decided that he preferred life on land.

In 1850 he came to Orono and drove a team for his cousin. His brother soon followed him, and they went into the teaming business from Orono to Bangor for 30 years.

In 1852 Ben married Emily Crowell, and they had three children. After the death of his wife and two of their children, he married Clara Hamilton in 1873.

Uncle Ben was very interested in the college and the boys. The first person who appeared to the new freshmen when they got off the train at Orono was Uncle Ben. "I'm your 'Uncle Ben,' boys," he used to say with a hearty grasp of hand. "We'll soon make college men of you." All were sworn friends of Uncle Ben, and he often consoled many homesick freshmen with some of his amusing stories.

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By Linda Carr

Sororities began here in 1896, when a local, Phi Gamma, was founded. Six years later, this local combined with Delta Sigma and in 1908, joined with three more sororities and was granted a charter in Gamma chapter of Alpha Omicron Pi, the first national sorority on campus. Their first home was in Mount Vernon House.

In 1912, Pi chapter of Phi Mu was formed from the local Phi Alpha society. Phi Mu is the second oldest sorority here.

Alpha Theta joined with two other locals in 1914 and became Alpha Kappa chapter of Delta Delta Delta. In 1930, the Tri-Deltas became the first sorority in the state to own a chapter house. The building is now a private residence on College Ave.

The Alpha chapter of Pi Beta Phi was established in 1920 from Beta Phi, a local organized in 1917. Five years after founding, Pi Phi built a log cabin, the first women's chapter house on campus, which was used for meetings and parties. The cabin, located on the corner of Park St. and College Ave., was sold and remodeled into a restaurant.

Beta Gamma, another local, founded in 1920, evolved into Xi chapter of Chi Omega the following year. Kappa Psi local sorority existed from 1933-34.

In 1924, Alpha Upsilon chapter of Delta Zeta was organized from a local society, Kappa Nu Alpha. The sisterhood was disbanded because of the depression, but was re-activated in 1947.

Another local, Sigma Theta Rho, was organized in 1924 but was discontinued in 1932. In 1927, Sigma Tau, the first Jewish sorority on campus began, but it was disbanded in 1935.

Gamma Chi Alpha, a local sorority formed in 1957, was installed as Delta Theta chapter of Alpha Chi Omega in 1959. This was the first new sorority on campus in 33 years.

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During the last 100 years the University of Maine has put out numerous student publications. The most well-known of these efforts is, of course, the Prism. But at different times during the history of the school, students have published many literary magazines and two humor magazines.

The Prism was established by the class of 1895. '95 had the motto au vent and, as juniors, thought themselves quite progressive. The class had no serious thoughts about beginning a yearbook for Maine State College until the end of the fall term of 1894. The ambitious juniors did not start working on the first yearbook until the spring semester and it needed a name.

The juniors stated in the salutation, "knowing well the refractive power of the common prism on solar light, we have placed this PRISM, though we trust it is not so fragile as one of glass, in the beam of undergraduate life at the Maine State College, and leave our readers to judge how well it has broken its rays into their component colors."

The maiden issue of the Prism was very different from the Prism of today. The book contained a brief sketch of each of the faculty members and a description of the courses offered at Maine. A history of Maine State College followed the faculty. Each class told its history and listed its members. Fraternities were present in the original issue, with articles about QTV, Beta Theta Pi, Kappa Sigma, and Alpha Tau Omega, Maine's first four Greek brotherhoods.

The advertising in 1894 was also very different from that of today. Typical ads were for horse-drawn ploughs, woodburning stoves, and high button shoes.

The publication put out by the class of '98 showed a great change not only in the Prism, but also in the college itself. Additional articles about the Alumni Association and summer session filled the pages of the new Prism.

The Prism of '98 was the last yearbook put out by Maine State College, for from then on the school was known as the University of Maine. The junior class of '98 felt they played a great part in obtaining recognition for the growing school, for their class contained 59 students as compared to the 26 in the senior class.

A section was added in the back of the '98 issue which contained poems, jokes and essays written by the students. This literary supplement remained in the Prism until 1924.

The Prism grew steadily larger, except for 1919 when a thin War Issue was printed. In 1940 class histories were no longer written, because more room was needed for activities pictures. In 1942 individual pictures of everyone enrolled at Maine were eliminated. From then on only juniors and seniors were pictured. The Prism did not change much in the late 40's, 50's and 60's except in page size, color and cover design.

Students of Maine published numerous predecessors to today's literary magazine Showcase. The first student publication was called The Pendulum and was published yearly from 1881 until 1885. The fraternities, under leadership of Beta Theta Pi, put out this combination literary magazine—yearbook.
Other literary magazines were the Blue Book, published about five times a year from 1906 until 1908, Maine-Spring, published from 1920 until 1931, and Scop, published in the fall and spring from 1960 until 1963. A series of small poetry and art books were published for six years: Figures for Nerves + Thighbones in 1958, '59, and '60; Manacles in 1961; Plasma in 1962, and Catoptric in 1963.

"We Ain't Literary and Don't Give A Damn" was the motto of the first humor magazine at U-M. The Mainiac was published on the average of five times a year for six years by Kappa Gamma Phi, honorary journalistic fraternity. It contained stories, jokes, cartoons and poems written by students and faculty in the tradition of the college humor magazine. In order to get really funny jokes, the editors offered a prize of $10 for the student who could write the best set of three jokes. This contest turned such winners as:

Mother—"You haven't changed at college, dear."

Ex-Frosh—"No, Mother, the laundry charges were too high."

Each issue, or "number," was dedicated to a specific topic, and all the jokes, poems, cartoons, and stories were supposed to be about the topic. The "Co-ed Number" contained all sorts of racy jokes about fast coeds who rolled down their stockings, wore bloomers, smoked, wore rouge, and were brash enough to kiss a stud on the first date.

This issue also contained a cutting satire of a sorority meeting, picturing all the sisters as catty, boy-crazy chatterboxes.

Other issues were dedicated to the freshmen, the football team, the legislature and Winter Carnival.

A great part of the Mainiac was filled with exchange jokes. The Maine magazine swapped jokes with MIT's VooDoo, the Bison, the Yale Record, the Dartmouth Jack o' Lantern and many others.

Students at Maine published another humor magazine like the Mainiac, called the Pine Needle. This publication lasted six years, from 1946 until 1951.

And then, alas, humor at U-M disappeared—at least, that humor fit for publication!

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Representing Maine were Royce Flood, team captain; Sharon Jenkins, John Tierney and Tom Goodwin. The back-up foursome was Karen Amann, Robert Tymoczko, John Sutherland and Stephen Feiman. Coaching the Northerners was history and government Prof. Walter S. Schoenberger.

Schoenberger had to narrow the list of applicants from 100 to eight. The first cut left 16 semifinalists and three weeks before the team's appearance the eight finalists were named.

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The class rivalry ceremoniously ended each year with the Frog Pond Scrap, in which a great deal of water and mud was spread around and which ended in the burying of a gigantic paddle, signifying the final acceptance of the Sophomore Owls.

The annual bag scrap is of dubious origin. This seems to have been an event where both the freshman and sophomore classes assembled on the field following the first baseball game and attempted to drag bur­lap sacks across the field. The object was for one team to gain possession of the greatest number of sacks.

One slight defect in this game was that several participants lost more than their own sacks and the Sophomore Owls sometimes had to aid with some essential clothing. The only bag scrap won by the Sophomore Owls was by the class of ’31 in 1928. The victors received the prize of a bushel of peanuts, delivered in the middle of the night.

Members of the class of ’08 made a stab at abolishing the compulsory chapel by boarding it up.

One professor made a comment ever so applicable to today’s student. “I’m going to give prelims this term to find out what you know, but it hasn’t been necessary yet.”

Campus gossip and scandal made the yearbook in ’09. Maybe a forerunner of our “Lounge Conduct Problem”... “It leaked out after the Guilford trip of the Musical Clubs, that the young lady whom Frankie Richardson accompanied home had frozen one of her hands quite severely.”

The class hazings were a major part of the campus scene and the spirit was strengthened by every student’s desire for retribution and revenge for any insult that might fall upon his precious class numerals. Rumors of the young whipsnappers’ plots would fall on the ears of the juniors or seniors. These older, wiser and supposedly preoccupied upperclassmen never failed to relay the gossip. And so, in order to thwart the frosh plans the Sophomores would stage a frosh razoo. This was when the “Little” uns were congregated in absurd fashion and urged to participate in certain feeble attempts at physical impossibilities.

The Senior Skulls, organized in 1906, had as their purpose the maintenance of friendly relations between fraternities, unity of student body and the promoting and establishing of traditions.

The Sophomore Owls was an organization designed to “work for harmony and sportsmanlike rivalry between the two lower classes. And so the bag scrap or “Sophomore Disrobing Contest” was continued.

By the mid-twenties the “sportsmanlike rivalry” had become so unsportsmanlike that it was decided to initiate a system called freshmen orientation which gave the student a chance to get settled, see the city (Bangor) and now and then for the more adventurous maidens—opportunity to have that first cigarette (quite against regulations, however).

After much editorializing in the Campus and petitioning from the students, the administration allowed the University to have its first Winter Carnival in 1922. One of the reasons was that it would draw attention to the University as the Dartmouth Winter Carnival had done for Dartmouth. Originally the carnival consisted of a skating exhibition, skiing contest, queen coronation, fraternity house parties, and a Maine Masque play.

Regulations were still in effect for both sexes and until the ’40’s were quite harsh, especially for freshmen. Among the rules listed in the handbook by which the
frosh were to live: “Some of the freshmen must carry matches or lighters for upperclassmen,” knickers were taboo, “overshoes and gum rubbers must be completely fastened at all times.”

The upperclassmen, however, must have had a benevolent streak in ’27 when the Senate voted to all freshman men the privilege of wearing their class numerals (won for frosh athletic prowess) “Everyday, not just Wednesday’s as has been the custom.”

A letter from the Bangor police to the Campus in ’27 requested students stop bumming. They had a habit of lying in the road or walking down the middle to get a ride back to Orono. It seems there was an accident on State Street.

The nightshirt parade tradition expanded and expanded until it became known as the nightshirt riot. In the ’30’s it was so spirited that it ended when President Hauck got his first glance at the friendly mob violence in ’34. In the 1934 annual pajama parade between the classes of ’37 and ’38, the frosh were marched to Balentine in their pajamas “which many began to shed as they neared the field of operations.” What started as a paddling scene ended like the last show at the Anchorage.

And goodbye to the nightshirt parade. In its place, we have Maine Day and the mayoralty campaigns.

In March of 1931, the freshman class rushed Orono’s Strand Theatre and the authorities offered them the opportunity to see the second show free. The crowd gave several renditions of the “Band Song” and the “Stein Song.” Then the 150 frosh settled down to view Chapter 11 of “The Indians are Coming” and the feature “East is West."

In the same year it was emphasized that the rule concerning non-smoking was inclusive of fraternity house parties and Dean Corbett requested chaperones see that this was enforced.

Most of the college days passed with few major differences in student life until the war broke out. The effect of this on the students is reflected by the soberness of the publications of the day. The 1944 Prism is filled with reflections on the cheery past and the hope for frolic in the future.

But the present was filled with sobriety and pre-occupation with the war effort. Parties were almost non-existent. The fraternity houses were emptied and many of the fraternities doubled up to save on costs. Alpha Gamma Rho was the hardest hit when, in the fall of ’42, it opened its doors to only 13 members returning to school.

After the usual attempt at joviality, the class of ’44 sums up its history with: "So far, perhaps we have spoken as much as all other junior classes have spoken. Yet, though graduation is only a year away, many of us will not continue on to our Senior responsibilities. A different responsibility calls us immediately—the fight for a world in which college years are only one of many priceless heritages of civilization."

The daily ceremony of “retreat,” the lowering of the flag by the Corps of Army Specialized Training Advanced Program unit stationed on campus, lent an austere effect to every college day of the time. And the seriousness and dedicated patriotism of the students were evidenced when in April of ’45 shifts of men guarded the flag for 24 hours as a final gesture of reverence toward their late Commander-in-Chief, F.D.R.

Many changes in the living conditions resulted from the Army trainees present. The Delta Tau Delta and Sigma Chi houses were converted into women’s dorms.

Scandal arose when the All-Maine Women were caught running a cigarette black market.

When the war ended and the University came to life again, it was with an entirely different aspect. The scars of the war were more than on the beach at Normandy and in the trenches of Guadalcanal. They had been carved deeply in the students at the University of Maine.
The veterans demanded the rights they had earned in the trenches and so most of the rules and regulations defining men's "hours," etc., were suspended. So were the remainder of the pranks and the hazing traditions. The effect of the war has lasted, and with every passing year the idealization of the nightshirt parade and other traditions has grown dimmer.

Now there is a new Maine spirit, quieter perhaps, but, "Stillwater runs deep."

Reed's philosophy is simple. He believes Republicans must "provide needed services to the people of this state that the state can reasonably afford. We must do as much as can be done for the citizens of Maine."

Reed was re-elected governor of Maine for a four-year term in November, 1962. He was recently elected chairman of the New England Governors' Conference.

The governor is married and has two children.

## Governor Reed
### 1942 Graduate

One of the best-known graduates of the University of Maine is John H. Reed, governor of Maine since 1959.

Governor Reed, a native of Fort Fairfield, graduated from U-M with a B.S. in agricultural economics and farm management in 1942. He also won an honorary LLD degree from U-M in 1960.

Reed's political career started in 1956 when he became chairman of the Fort Fairfield Republican Town Committee. His interest in politics paid off big when he became Governor in December, 1959.

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Trustees Battle — Orono Wins Prize

By Ron Parent

Maine had a cold winter in 1886. But the freezing weather didn’t seem to lower the temperatures of 15 men who gathered in Augusta that year to find a spot to build the University of Maine.

Actually, in those days U-M was not U-M. It was called the State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts.

However, before the college could be built, a site had to be selected and this obvious requirement presented many problems.

Fifteen Trustees (actually 16, but only 15 showed up) had the responsibility of picking a site. Apparently all the Trustees had rather definite beliefs about where the college should be located. Those from western Maine favored western Maine, while Easterners naturally favored eastern Maine. The geographic split, of course, lead to many arguments but little action.

Consequently, the Trustees were unable to reach a decision. Since the national government had given Maine about $200,000 for a new school, the Trustees’ inability to compromise soon began to prove embarrassing.

One casual observer noted that teachers for the new college should be men "... used to the plow and the spade, and any farm house is good enough for this, certainly at first."

The Trustees no doubt agreed, but when it came to the location of the farm house all agreement ended.

Six towns competed for the new campus: Orono, Topsham, Togus, Orrington, Fairfield and Gorham.

Orono, Topsham and Orrington were the only serious contenders. Orrington was quickly eliminated when the Trustees were unable to raise $50,000.

Topsham was not so easily eliminated. In fact, Topsham didn’t give up until the last shot had been fired.

It happened like this. On June 12, 1865, four Trustees visited several farms in Topsham. But it was not until Sept. 14 that the Trustees could get enough of their members together to reach a decision. Then only 11 Trustees appeared and six of them voted against Topsham.

The vote, like others that followed, was a strictly geographical affair. Trustees from the west voted for Topsham and the rest against the western city.

The Trustees, thwarted in their first real effort to reach a decision, did nothing for the next four months. However, on Jan. 25, 1866, they gathered in Augusta and decided to build in Orono. The vote was 8 to 7.

But the story doesn’t end here. Topsham supporters were in a fury. Many of the board’s most prominent members believed that Topsham presented many advantages which Orono lacked.

However, Orono had one thing Topsham didn’t have—money. Bangor citizens contributed $14,000, while Orono and Old Town gave the State 370 acres of land valued at $11,000. Bangor was probably Maine’s most thriving city in 1866 and Topsham was hard pressed to match the generous offer.

Topsham’s defeat was complete. A few months later the Trustees voted to reduce their number to seven and the state legislature soon agreed. Five of the seven new Trustees came from Penobscot County; two from Bangor, one from Old Town, Orono and Bath.

The original 15 Trustees were to suffer one more humiliation. Their last act was to elect Phineas Barnes of Portland president of the college at a salary of $3,000. Mr. Barnes didn’t bother to answer the invitation.

Orono had won and the new “Cow College” was on its rocky way to a shaky but successful future.
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1. Although you are a way more limited ordinary human being, fear that you may be mistaken as such, near the prescribed historian.
2. Tobacco is for men only, therefore you shall still further the growth of your microscopic minds, which is from the use of the cigarette.
3. Now that your childhood days are drawing to an end, bury all poor-school imbeciles and other trash, we don't care what you have done, show us what you CAN do.
4. You green bunch of muckers keep away from the fair maids. Do not get into your hearts that you need a skirt, when you need NOW to be a NERVE.
5. Head hats are not for soft heads. THAT LETS YOU OUT.
7. And last but not least, never fail to answer before members of the faculty. That means YOU.
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