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## UMaine's 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration

In 1865 the Maine legislature passed a bill creating Maine's land grant university. On Feb. 24, 2015 nearly 700 people enjoyed birthday cake celebrating the University of Maine's 150th anniversary. The event held in the Memorial Union also included the opening of a new display in the Spirit Room detailing the history of UMaine's mascot, Bananas.

March 19, 2015

Run Time : 00:01:02

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TRANSCRIPT:

00:01

isn't it wonderful to be here for the

00:04

one hundred and fiftieth birthday

00:08

celebration for the University of Maine

00:10

yes can you imagine 1865 when the

00:17

university was begun intended to provide

00:20

education for the people and indeed

00:23

that's what the University of Maine has

00:25

been doing for the last 150 years today

00:30

we're going to open the University of

00:32

Maine spirit room which is in homage to

00:35

the University of memes mascot bananas

00:38

the bear happy birthday University of

00:43

Maine happy birthday you made I first  
00:47  
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