

# Milestones

## GREEK HOUSING

### The Beginning

Greek life has played a vital role in building the tradition and history of Mount Union College. Sorority and fraternity houses have become not just places for meetings and social gatherings, but symbolic architectural structures on campus. Early fraternity houses were established during the 1890s, with the first belonging to the Alpha Tau Omegas in 1895 on the corner of Union and College. Sigma Nu and Sigma Alpha Epsilon soon followed suite.



### Throughout the Years

In 1915, Sigma Alpha Epsilon purchased the house at the corner of Rice Street and Union Avenue before acquiring the Sebring House, their current home, at the corner of Overlook Street and Union Avenue. At the close of World War I, Alpha Tau Omega built a new residence, often referred to as the “house on the hill,” where they still reside. Sigma Nu was housed in the former E. N. Hartshorn residence until acquiring Dr. Charles Hoover’s residence on Union Avenue in 1923. The Phi Kappa Taus in 1928 moved from their house on Union Avenue to Hartshorn Street, now van den Eynden Hall. In 1942, they moved back to Union Avenue into the Ramsey House and lived a year in Dussell House before moving to their current residence on the southwest corner of Overlook Street and Union Avenue in 1987.



In 1917, Alpha Xi Delta was the first sorority to own a house on Simpson Street, now known as sorority row. Three years later Delta Delta Delta purchased a house on Simpson Street, now occupied by Delta Sigma Tau. Alpha Chi Omega moved to sorority row in 1927 and built a new house on Simpson Street in 1964. Alpha Delta Pi rented an apartment behind the Dussell House before purchasing a lot between Alpha Xi Delta and Delta Delta Delta in the spring of 1950.

### Today

The fraternity chapters of Alpha Tau Omega, Sigma Nu, Phi Kappa Tau and Sigma Alpha Epsilon and the sorority chapters of Alpha Chi Omega, Alpha Delta Pi, Alpha Xi Delta and Delta Sigma Tau still remain dominant staples of Greek life on Mount Union’s campus. Fraternity and sorority life at Mount Union continues to change and grow with the construction of the new Sigma Nu house, which will be located on Union Avenue, directly across from its current location.

