

# So How'd We Get From to ?

In 1960, realizing that Greely Institute and the “50s Wing” would soon need to be replaced, Cumberland began planning for a new high school. But MSAD51 was not yet formed, so the architect’s renderings of the proposed high school were titled “Cumberland High School.” Construction of the first wing of the new Cumberland school was started in 1961.



Eliphalet

In May 1965, the now expanded school was nearly ready to be occupied by high school students. The Cumberland Superintending School Committee announced that the school would be named Cumberland High School. “Because the high school is entirely new, the name should be new and point to the future,” said Committee President David Williams. The Committee further suggested the name Greely should remain with the building originally given by Eliphalet Greely in 1868, which would soon be occupied by junior high students.



An uproar ensued. Greely Alumni Association President Donald Drew stated “To the Alumni, Greely means more than a building. It stands for high school days.” At their annual meeting the alumni group voted to protest the name change, and 150 members sent a petition to the School Committee.

## Meeting To Thrash Out Issue Of Cumberland School Name

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CUMBERLAND — Indications are that tonight's meeting of the Superintending School Committee will be anything but routine.

A recent decision by the committee to name the new school building Cumberland High School has met with considerable opposition, particularly from the numerous graduates of Greely Institute. The name Greely, in honor of Eliphalet Greely who gave Greely Institute to the town in 1868, would be retained only at the junior high which encompasses the original institute building.

Donald Drew, president of the Greely Alumni Association, said he expects a large delegation of alumni to attend today's 7 p.m. meeting at Greely Institute.

“BECAUSE THE CAMPUS of the new building adjoins the present campus, the entire school combine could be called Greely,” he said. “To the alumni, Greely means more than a building. It stands for high school days.”

J. Whitman Smith, a Bowdoin freshman and member of the Greely class of 1964, said he expects a group of classmates to appear at the meeting.

David D. Williams, president of the school committee, said the committee felt that because the high school was entirely new, the name should be new and point to the future. He said the committee would consider retaining the name Greely if sufficient sentiment developed at tonight's meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold M. Bragg, both Greely alumni, said they definitely felt the name Greely should be kept. They said there's never been any argument over the name, even though there had been various changes made in the institute's name other than those specified contained in the will of Eliphalet Greely.

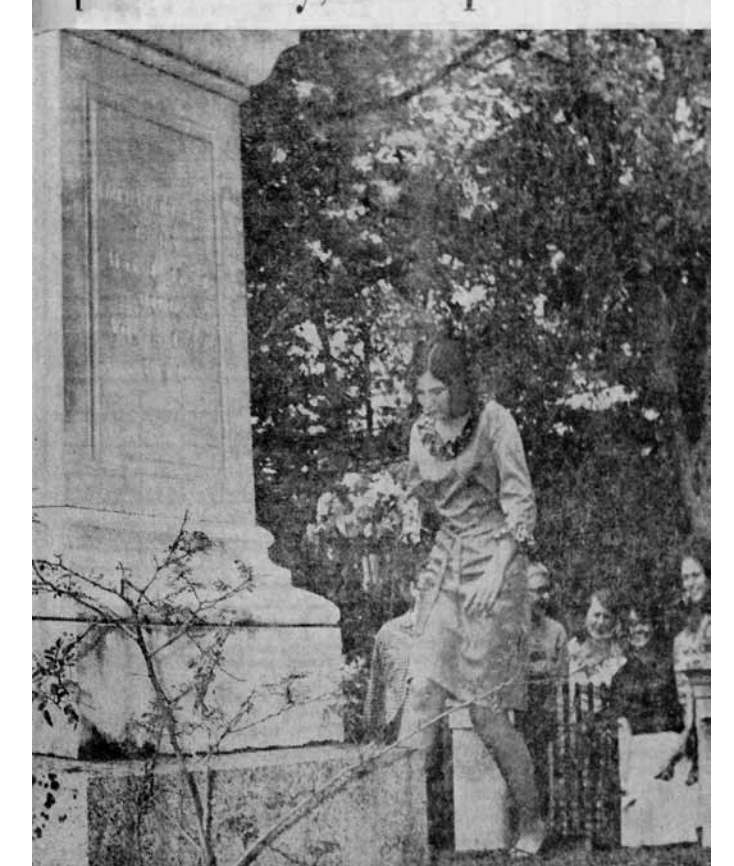
SOME TOWNSPEOPLE feel that if the name is changed it should be the will of the citizens who support the school system. They also believe the word Cumberland is already over-used, associated as it is with everything from industrial firms to financial associations.

Other members of the committee besides Williams are Clifton T. Turner, Mrs. Mabel I. Wilson, Andrew R. Bunker and Mrs. Charlotte McKee.

A specially appointed committee of students and faculty also weighed in, suggesting that the school name should be changed to Greely High School, and that the school colors (maroon and white) and mascot (Ranger) should remain unchanged.

The School Committee, perhaps after being told by a citizen that their job was to “administer rather than name” schools, agreed to continue as Greely Institute until the question could be settled at the March 1966 Cumberland town meeting. By then, Cumberland and North Yarmouth had formed MSAD51, and ultimately the new Board of Directors adopted the names Greely High School and Greely Junior High School.

## High School Freshmen Memorialize Eliphalet Greely, Perhaps Last Time



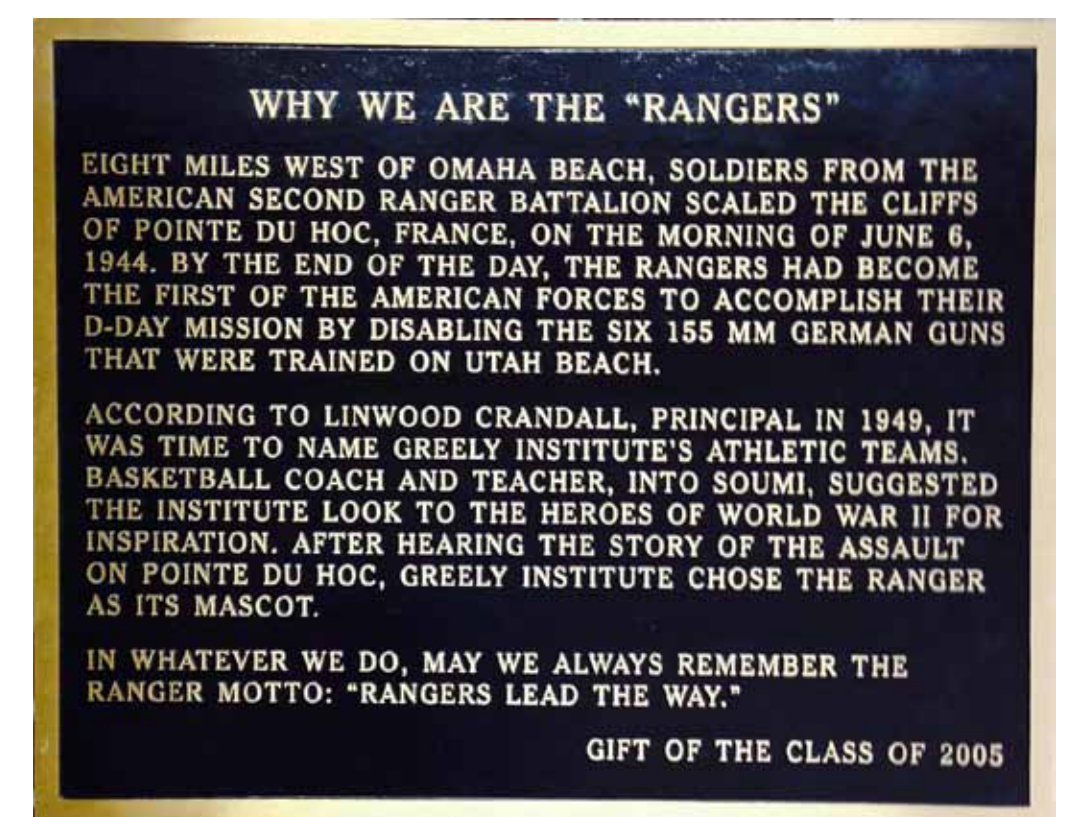
In 1965, as high school students were about to move out of Greely Institute into a new school, it seemed that the annual Memorial Day ceremony to honor founder Eliphalet Greely might be coming to an end, as high school students would no longer be in the original building.



Since class rings were ordered at the end of freshman year, '68 grads have rings that say Greely Institute, even though the name was changed in 1966.



## Greely RANGERS



The Greely Ranger continues to be the official school mascot, although during “Maydigras” spring celebrations in the 1960s there were a few mascot wannabes!



## May Weekend Mascots

Greely High School Student Council members display class mascots, one of which will be named Saturday at the Cumberland Maydigras Dance. From left, Bob Weber holds the sophomore monkey, Donna Murray, the

senior class' worm; Mark Webber, the freshman's pink panther; and Charlene Ferris, the juniors' ladybug. Other Maydigras events will be a Friday evening scavenger hunt and a carnival and float parade Saturday. (Hutchinson Photo)

## The Worm Didn't Turn - It Just Disappeared!

The seniors of Greely High School have lost their worm, and without their worm there may be catastrophe at the school.

The worm, named Don Juan de Pain de Grus, is a 27-foot concoction made of green corduroy and was in the process of being stuffed for the annual student council fair known as the Maydigras when it was mysteriously stolen.

Greely's principal, William Lowell, and student council advisor Ray Humphries have announced that unless Don Juan de Pain etc. is returned there may not be any Maydigras, but as yet no one has produced the creature.

The festivities planned are a bonfire rally and parade Friday night and the fair itself Saturday afternoon, ending with a dance Saturday night. The council also sponsors the mascot competition in conjunction with the fair to determine the school mascot for the coming year. The winner is decided by the number of votes bought by mascot supporters, and the money for each class mascot goes into the class treasury. The winning class also gains points in interclass competition—a yearly contest to determine the most active class.

The worm was to be the seniors' entry in the school mascot contest and the seniors had high hopes of their entry win-



Meet The Mascot

## Tough Going—But Yank Rangers Make It

