Guide to the Alpha Mu Fraternity, Beta Chapter records

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Descriptive Summary
Title: Alpha Mu Fraternity, Beta Chapter records
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Collection number: MC 6
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Collection Size: .5 linear ft. (3 archival boxes)
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Abstract: The Alpha Mu fraternity was a high school fraternity that operated in the Sacramento Area from 1902 to 1910. Their records are comprised of the fraternity constitution, initiation ceremony, meeting minutes, correspondence, financial documents and objects used in initiations (1902-1915; bulk 1902-1910).

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Historical Note
The Alpha Mu fraternity was a high school fraternity that operated in the Sacramento Area from 1902 to 1910. Students from Sacramento High School applied for a charter from the Alpha Chapter of the Alpha Mu fraternity in San Francisco, which resulted in the formation of the Alpha Mu Beta Chapter in Sacramento. The Sacramento City Board of Education passed an order prohibiting Sacramento High School students from joining fraternities after July 1st, 1904. The fraternity in Sacramento continued to recruit members and was quite active up until fraternities were completely banned from Sacramento high schools in March of 1909. Beta Chapter continued to convene until its final meeting in June of 1910.

Scope and Content Note
This collection is comprised of the fraternity constitution, initiation ceremony, meeting minutes, and other internal documents from 1903 to 1910. It also holds the correspondence within the fraternity and with other organizations from 1902 to 1910 and financial information on dues and fraternity expenses from 1904 to 1909. The general material in this collection includes the blind fold used in initiations and false wills for their members.
This collection is organized into four series:

- Series 1. Administration
- Series 2. Correspondence
- Series 3. Financial
- Series 4. General

**Indexing Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog:

- High school fraternities -- California -- Sacramento
- Teen age boys -- California -- Sacramento -- Societies and clubs
- Alpha Mu Fraternity. Beta Chapter.
- Sacramento Senior High School -- Societies and clubs

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**Box/Folder: 2/1-5**

**Series 1. Administration 1903-1910**

*Physical Description: 2 folders, 3 bound volumes*

*Series Scope and Content Summary*

This series contains the fraternity constitution, initiation ceremony, meeting minutes, and other internal documents. Meetings touch on a variety of topics, such as the near formation of the Alpha Mu fraternity in Ventura, an electric battery for initiations, and how the fraternity's leadership nearly ended their fraternity's charter in March of 1910.

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**Box/Folder: 1/1-2**

**Series 2. Correspondence 1902-1910**

*Physical Description: 2 folders*

*Series Scope and Content Summary*

This series contains correspondence within the fraternity and with other organizations. It is arranged by the last name of the addressee and then chronologically. Included are communications between fraternity members and several jewelers regarding the making of fraternity pins, and letters from the Principal of Sacramento High School to the fraternity about setting a good example.

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**Box/Folder: 1/3**

**Series 3. Financial 1904-1909**

*Physical Description: 1 folder*

*Series Scope and Content Summary*

This series contains financial information on dues and fraternity expenses. It includes journals with member names and amount owed, a Wells Fargo & Company document from 1909, and the annual financial report from the Grand Secretary from 1909.

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**Box/Folder: 2/6-7; 3**

**Series 4. General 1905-1915**

*Physical Description: 2 folders and 1 box*

*Series Scope and Content Summary*

This series contains objects used in fraternity ceremonies, such as a blind fold and a paint brush handle, and other documents, including constitutions and laws of other lodges, Grand Theater tickets, a wedding announcement, and false wills for members of the fraternity.