

**Sigma Pi Rho**  
**MSOE AC 18**  
**1920 - 1995**  
**0.8 cubic feet**

**Abstract:** Sigma Pi Rho was founded in 1920 by Conrad A. Bauer and chartered by the state of Wisconsin in 1924. The fraternity was inactive from 1936 to 1948, after which the membership requirements were changed to include all Electrical Engineering students regardless of major. The fraternity again faced a period of inactivity between 1985 and 1993, and was briefly reinstated for the 1993-1994 school year.

**Biography:** Contained in this collection are primarily the paper records of the MSOE fraternity, Sigma Pi Rho. Eleven issues of the *Broadcaster*, a publication by Sigma Pi Rho during the 1920s, are included as well. This collection offers a unique perspective into the practices, administrative details, and event planning aspects of the fraternity. A number of handwritten letters from the early years offer personal accounts of memories of school, life after graduation, and interesting social histories.

**Scope and Content Note:** This collection contains predominantly handwritten letters and typewritten minutes sheets, although announcement cards, photographs, stapled pamphlets, and photocopied items are also included. The second box also contains ephemera-- several of the fraternity's sew-on patches and the official metal seal.

*Minutes* folders contain: minutes and additional paperwork—organization registration forms, guest lists for events, treasury reports, election paperwork, etc.

*Assorted Paperwork* Folders contain: pledge history tests, minutes, correspondence, pledge essays, pledge 'lab reports,' etc. [Documents used during the years that Minutes were not consistently kept.]

The *Various Undated Papers* folder contains: early lists of rules and regulations, initiation ceremony scripts, and a typewritten constitution of the fraternity, which may be of some historical interest.

**Arrangement:** Chronological.

**Administrative Information:**

**Restrictions:** No access restrictions.

**Acquisition Information:** Unknown acquisition.

**Processing Note:** Processed by Lindsay Bastian in September 2012.

**Contents List:**

Box 1 Folder 1	Broadcaster, 1926 – 1929
Box 1 Folder 2	Correspondence, 1922
Box 1 Folder 3	Sympathy Cards, Birth Notice, 1923
Box 1 Folder 4	Correspondence, 1924
Box 1 Folder 5	Meeting Minutes, Pledges, 1924
Box 1 Folder 6	Correspondence, 1925
Box 1 Folder 7	Correspondence, 1926
Box 1 Folder 8	Correspondence, 1927
Box 1 Folder 9	Correspondence, 1928
Box 1 Folder 10	Correspondence, 1929
Box 1 Folder 11	Correspondence, circa 1920 – 1929
Box 1 Folder 12	Correspondence, 1930
Box 1 Folder 13	Correspondence, 1931-1933
Box 1 Folder 14	Cards (Christmas, etc.), circa 1930 – 1933
Box 1 Folder 15	Meeting Minutes, 1933
Box 1 Folder 16	Administrative Materials , circa 1930 – 1933
Box 1 Folder 17	Minutes, 1948
Box 1 Folder 18	Minutes, 1949
Box 1 Folder 19	Minutes, 1950
Box 1 Folder 20	Correspondence, 1948 – 1950
Box 1 Folder 21	Minutes, 1951
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Box 1 Folder 23	Minutes, 1954
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Box 1 Folder 26	Correspondence, 1956 – 1957
Box 1 Folder 27	Minutes, 1957
Box 1 Folder 28	Minutes, 1958
Box 1 Folder 29	Minutes, 1959
Box 1 Folder 30	Correspondence, 1959
Box 1 Folder 31	The History of Sigma Pi Rho Fraternity, 1959
Box 1 Folder 32	Minutes, 1960
Box 1 Folder 33	Minutes, 1961
Box 1 Folder 34	Minutes, 1962
Box 1 Folder 35	Correspondence, 1960 – 1962

Box 1 Loose	Address Update Page [from Broadcaster??], Undated
Box 2 Folder 1	Minutes, 1963
Box 2 Folder 2	Correspondence, 1963 – 1964
Box 2 Folder 3	Minutes, 1964
Box 2 Folder 4	Minutes, 1965
Box 2 Folder 5	Correspondence, 1965 – 1966
Box 2 Folder 6	Minutes, 1966
Box 2 Folder 7	Minutes, 1967
Box 2 Folder 8	Minutes, 1968
Box 2 Folder 9	Correspondence, 1967 – 1969
Box 2 Folder 10	Minutes, 1969
Box 2 Folder 11	Assorted Paperwork, 1974 – 1979
Box 2 Folder 12	Signature Books, circa 1970 – 1980
Box 2 Folder 13	Assorted Paperwork, 1980
Box 2 Folder 14	Assorted Paperwork, 1981 – 1984
Box 2 Folder 15	Signature Books, Photographs, 1981 – 1984
Box 2 Folder 16	Reactivation Paperwork, 1993 – 1995
Box 2 Folder 17	Various Undated Papers
Box 2 Loose	Assorted Memorabilia Items, Undated