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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EIU FRATERNITY REINSTATED

CHARLESTON, IL -- An Eastern Illinois University fraternity, suspended almost two years ago for hazing violations, has been reinstated on probationary terms by the university.

The Zeta Nu Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity has been placed on probation for one academic year and is required to complete 50 hours of community service work and conduct three educational forums or workshops for the campus community that deal with rush, Greek ethics and the university's student conduct code and hazing policy.

The fraternity will be allowed to recruit new members and conduct and engage in campus functions (social, service and fund raising) -- activities prohibited during the suspension. All chapter activities during the next year, however, will be subject to review by the chapter advisor and by Eastern's Office of Student Activities.

In making the announcement, Eastern Vice President for Student Affairs Lou Hencken said, "In light of the disciplinary action taken by the university against the

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chapter, the graduation of several active members, the sincere desire the chapter has to be a positive element on campus and the administrative support the chapter has received, it is my decision that Alpha Phi Alpha, Zeta Nu Chapter, be reinstated on probationary terms, effective spring semester 1994."

As a result of an investigation into hazing violations, the fraternity was suspended by the university in March 1992.

Hencken said a request to have the chapter's recognition reinstated by the university was made by chapter president Volcoue Walters.

The fraternity's probationary term will end Jan. 18, 1995, at which time the university will determine whether it has successfully met all the terms and conditions of the probation.