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February 3, 1992

EASTERN SUSPENDS FRATERNITY FOLLOWING HAZING INCIDENT

CHARLESTON, IL--As a result of an ongoing investigation into allegations of student hazing, including possible physical abuse by members of the local chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Eastern Illinois University has suspended recognition of the fraternity until the investigation has been completed and the allegations resolved.

As part of the investigation, the University Police Department, assisted by local law enforcement agencies, executed a search warrant at an off-campus apartment Saturday night, February 1. Evidence was obtained, and several students were taken into custody, questioned, and subsequently released.

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HAZING INCIDENT

The University works in close partnership with the national Greek organizations and requires safe and positive fraternal experiences for its students. Neither the University, nor any national fraternity or sorority, will tolerate the abuse or harassment of, or violence to, members or prospective members of these organizations.

Eastern's system of 28 Greek social organizations has received national recognition for its scholarship, public service and programs.

When policy violations occur, the University takes corrective action. Last year the local chapter of Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity was indefinitely suspended from the campus for hazing. In 1987, Eastern's chapter of Phi Sigma Kappa was disbanded due to misconduct.