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CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University today imposed a number of disciplinary actions as a result of an alcohol-related handcuffing incident on October 1 involving members of the Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity and Sigma Kappa sorority.

"The University obviously does not condone such activity," said President Stan Rives, "and our actions today are intended to communicate that message quite clearly to all concerned."

University sanctions were imposed on individuals and on the fraternity and sorority involved in the incident.

One student has been indefinitely suspended from the University and four students have been placed on final disciplinary probation. Being on "final disciplinary probation" means that any further violation of the Student Conduct Code will result in immediate suspension from the University. One other student received a reprimand and cases against three others were dismissed.

"The penalties assessed against individual students," said Vice President for Student Affairs Glenn Williams, "are the recommendations of the Judicial Board after holding hearings and investigating the case. These recommendations have been reviewed and approved by the University administration. The names of the involved students, as is the case in all internal judicial procedures at EIU, are not made public."

Administrative action was also taken with regard to the fraternity and sorority. "Again," said Williams, "these actions were taken after careful investigation of the circumstances and, in the case of the fraternity, after consultation with the national office of Phi Sigma Kappa."

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The national office of Phi Sigma Kappa, on the basis of its own investigation of the matter and with agreement by Eastern's administration, has withdrawn the charter from the EIU chapter of the fraternity. This action disbands the fraternity. With later approval by the fraternity's national office and the University, it is possible that a local chapter of Phi Sigma Kappa may be re-established on the campus after a reasonable period of time.

In the case of Sigma Kappa, the University has affirmed and continued the preliminary sanctions applied earlier against the sorority. This action places the sorority on probation for the remainder of the current semester and includes several restrictions on sorority activities.

Glenn Williams, Vice President for Student Affairs, summarized the University's penalties as follows, "With regard to the recent fraternity/sorority events which occurred on October 1st, involving both groups and individuals, actions include indefinite University suspension, disbandment, final disciplinary probation, University probation, and reprimand. All directly involved have been disciplined."