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**Lexington, Va.** – Sigma Nu Fraternity, Inc., would like to provide additional information regarding the revocation of the charter of the Theta Iota Chapter at Middle Tennessee State University.

Executive Director Brad Beacham reiterated that the decision to revoke the chapter's charter, made by the Fraternity's High Council (board of directors), followed an investigation by the Fraternity that found violations of the Fraternity's laws, policies and principles. Beacham also noted that the Fraternity's investigation was prompted by a report made to the Fraternity's hazing "hotline" on November 7, 2006.

In keeping with its standard procedure in response to reports of misconduct, the Fraternity immediately responded to the report by contacting the Chapter Commander (president), alumni leaders and appropriate officials at Middle Tennessee State University to notify all parties of the report received and discuss the Fraternity's plans for investigation.

Upon contacting the University, the Fraternity learned that the University had received a report similar to the one received by the Fraternity and that the University would also undertake an investigation.

"From the very beginning of, and throughout, the process, we have worked closely with University officials. We verbally shared full details of the findings of our investigation with University officials in an extensive teleconference at the end of November soon after the conclusion of the investigation. Prior to the decision being made, we apprised University officials of the Fraternity's decision-making process and potential outcomes. In early January, we provided the University a follow-up written report of the investigation, its findings and the decision-making process," said Beacham

In making its decision, the Fraternity's High Council carefully considered the findings of the investigation as well as the input and perspective of the University and alumni leaders.

Sigma Nu's Regent (national president) John R. Pitts stated, "Sigma Nu Fraternity always seeks to work in partnership with host institutions and we did so in this matter. However, the Fraternity recognizes and respects that host institutions and the Fraternity are sovereign entities, bound to work within their own systems of jurisprudence – in response to chapter and/or student member misconduct – which may sometimes differ in both process and outcome. Our decision is in keeping with the Fraternity's fundamental principles." Pitts added that he is hopeful that the Fraternity's decision in this matter will be respected by the University. "We look forward to the day when Sigma Nu can be re-established at Middle Tennessee State University," said Pitts.

Headquartered in Lexington, Va., Sigma Nu Fraternity was founded in 1869 at Virginia Military Institute in Lexington and currently has nearly 180 active chapters and colonies on college campuses throughout North America.

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