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**SIGMA NU FRATERNITY REVOKES CHARTER OF CHAPTER
AT WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY**

Lexington, Va. – Sigma Nu Fraternity, Inc. has revoked the charter of its Delta Iota Chapter at Washington State University. According to Executive Director Brad Beacham, the decision to revoke the Chapter’s charter, made by the Fraternity’s High Council (board of directors), follows confirmation of violations of the Fraternity’s laws, policies and principles primarily related to the misuse of alcohol, as well as acts of hazing.

“We deeply regret the loss of any Chapter, but are especially saddened by the loss of this historic 97-year-old institution. However, the Fraternity remains resolute when responding to misconduct that defies our most basic values and principles,” said John R. Pitts, the Fraternity’s Regent (international president) and chairman of the High Council.

“We were also disturbed that images related to these violations were posted by Chapter members on Internet web sites such as MySpace and Facebook,” said Pitts. “The glorification of conduct like this is very concerning and simply not acceptable in our Honor Fraternity.”

In a related action based on the same misconduct, the conduct board of Washington State University denied recognition of the Chapter for a three-year period and recommended that the Fraternity revoke the charter.

The Fraternity is confident that the Delta Iota Chapter will be re-established in the near future and will once again offer a positive experience reflective of Sigma Nu’s mission to develop ethical leaders. “We will continue our discussions with University officials and alumni leaders to plan for that future,” said Beacham.

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

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