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Lexington, Va. – The Brotherhood of Sigma Nu Fraternity mourns the death of Brother Benjamin Garrison Sprague, an 18-year-old Clemson University student and member of the Theta Zeta Chapter at Clemson University. The Fraternity received notification of Brother Sprague’s death on Sunday, December 9, 2007.

“Our hearts, thoughts and prayers are with the Sprague family and all who had the opportunity to know Ben,” said the Fraternity’s Executive Director Brad Beacham. Beacham added that members of the Fraternity’s staff arrived earlier today in Clemson, S.C., to provide support to the Fraternity’s student members and to meet with University officials.

“We learned today that Ben’s death has been attributed to acute alcohol intoxication. We are very concerned by this information and will consider it appropriately in the course of the Fraternity’s investigation. The suspension of all chapter activities will remain in place as we work with University and local officials to gather more information about this tragic situation,” Beacham stated.

The Theta Zeta Chapter of Sigma Nu Fraternity was founded at Clemson University in 1970.

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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