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Orlando - The disciplinary action taken by the University of Central Florida against the Eta Rho Chapter of Alpha Tau Omega is related to a spontaneous summer party hosted by individual members of the chapter. The sanction - withdrawing University recognition of the chapter for the academic year - punishes the entire chapter, not just the men who were responsible for the party.

The National Fraternity and the chapter's undergraduate leadership did not condone the party. The men responsible for the event, along with other men the chapter's leadership and the National Fraternity determined were not helping promote the chapter's mission were expelled from the chapter. Prior to the University's hearing and sanction, 31 undergraduate members were expelled or suspended from the fraternity.

The National Fraternity understands the University's frustration with the event but had hoped removing the members who were not engaging in a constructive manner would communicate that the chapter identified the issue and effectively dealt with it.

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