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Drake students charged with hazing scheduled for Feb. 16 trial

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Two Drake University students charged with hazing are scheduled to go to trial on Feb. 16.

Skylar Otto, 20, of Nebraska, and Joseph Hatchett, 19, of Minnesota, have a second pretrial conference on Tuesday. Otto and Hatchett are charged with hazing causing serious injury.

Des Moines police said Nathan Erickson, 19, a new member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity, was rushed to a hospital on Nov. 8 with a blood-alcohol content nearly six times the threshold at which an Iowa driver is considered intoxicated. Officials said he nearly died.

The fraternity's charter was revoked. The incident occurred at 1311 33rd St., a house behind the fraternity house, where some of the members were staying.

If the trial begins as scheduled it will be in room 202 B of the Polk County Courthouse in Des Moines.
