

## **Frat suspended after freshman nearly dies from alcohol poisoning.**

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WICHITA FALLS - A Midwestern State University fraternity has been suspended for at least three years following an incident where a freshman nearly died from alcohol poisoning.

The decision suspending the fraternity's Midwestern State chapter was a joint decision by university officials and the Kappa Alpha national office, said Larry Wiese, executive director of the Kappa Alpha Order.

Kappa Alpha was accused of violating hazing, alcohol and reckless conduct rules included in the student code of conduct. Chapter members accepted responsibility for the violations, said Keith Lamb, the school's associate vice president for student affairs.

The suspension stems from an incident last month in which an 18-year-old freshman who attended a Kappa Alpha mixer near Nocona had to be taken to the hospital. Nicholas Aycock had a blood alcohol level of .48, had no gag reflex and was not breathing on his own, the Wichita Falls Times Record News reported.

Another pledge, Matthew Cain, was cited for public intoxication the same night when Nocona police found him sitting in his pickup truck in the hospital parking lot.

University Police Chief Mike Hagy said an investigation into the incident continues.

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