

Sigma Alpha Epsilon



SAE party
SAE hosts a party with alcohol that is over capacity limits.



UK warns SAE
The university tells SAE to cease meeting in-person.



SAE gathering
SAE holds an in-person gathering of more than 30 people.



Tip received
A tip from a UK employee alleges SAE planned an egging at the Sept. 8 gathering.



Tip received
Someone involved with SAE's rush week reports the Sept. 1 party to UK.



Egging
SAE members egg a house rented by Delta Sigma Phi.



Burglary
SAE brothers break into and damage a house rented by Delta Sigma Phi brothers.



Tip received
Lexington police officers report the Sept. 25 break-in to UK.



Informal hearing
The Office of Student Conduct and SAE leadership meet to discuss the allegations.



Conduct hearing
In a formal meeting, SAE is charged with violations of the conduct code.



Cease-and-desist
The Kernel reports that the national body of SAE has put the UK chapter under cease-and-desist.



Appeal hearing
An appeal from SAE is denied, and SAE's student org status revoked.



Move-out deadline
SAE members must be moved out of chapter's house on campus.



Court appearance
Three SAE brothers charged in the Sept. 25 burglary appear in court.



Grand jury trial
A Fayette grand jury declines felony charges for three SAE brothers charged in burglary.



Revocation ends
SAE's status as a student org may be restored if they meet all action items.

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As reported by the Kernel in January 2021, Sigma Alpha Epsilon was suspended for multiple infractions of the Code of Student Conduct, including misuse of alcohol and violations of COVID-19 protocol that showed “an extreme disregard for human life.”

Documents from SAE’s conduct hearings show that SAE hosted in-person meetings and parties despite explicit instructions from the university. Videos of a party on Sept. 1, 2020 feature an SAE flag hanging above maskless students.

An anonymous witness reported to the university on Sept. 12 that large numbers of students attended the Sept. 1 gathering and that alcohol was provided. In the event summary provided by the chapter president, he said many SAE members had contracted COVID-19, which administrators said was not surprising given the level of socialization.

Another large gathering was hosted on Sept. 8, which university administrators called “unconscionable” in the hearing summary. Four days prior, UK had prohibited SAE from meeting in-person but fraternity leadership believed an in-person gathering would be “more impactful.”

A UK employee submitted a tip about the Sept. 8 gathering, stating that the employee overheard SAE members plotting to egg what he believed would be his house because he was involved in SAE’s ongoing conduct investigation.

“I knew they were SAE because I saw two walk out the front and I noticed their shirt. However, from the back yard [sic] I heard a lot of noises and someone yell, “let’s find out where he lives and egg his house, I got 30 expired eggs.” As I walked past the driveway I noticed maybe 40+ of them had assembled in their back yard,” reads the employee’s tip.

"Good afternoon,

I have something to report regarding SAE’s. I was walking past their house on crescent on my way to my apartment. I knew they were SAE because I saw two walk out the front and I noticed their shirt. However , from the back yard I heard a lot of noises and someone yell, “Lets find out where he lives and egg his house, I got 30 expired eggs.” As I walked past the driveway I noticed maybe 40+ of them had assembled in their back yard holding some kind of meeting. Then someone mentioned a video and how its going around and they kept claiming it wasn’t them and everyone was laughing. That’s all I heard when I walked by. It was September 8, around 5:30-6."

It is my opinion that the alleged discussions refer to the ongoing IFC judicial case, due to the reported time being shortly after the chapter rejected the Informal Resolution. Additionally, the video in question likely refers to a video being used as investigatory evidence in the case, as this was shared with [REDACTED] previously. It is also my opinion that the alleged discussion was likely referring to me as the individual in question, as I have been running the IFC judicial case and corresponding with the chapter representatives.

The employee also alleged that he heard SAE members laughing about the videos of their Sept. 1 party being used in their investigation and “kept claiming it wasn’t them.”

Because SAE also provided alcohol at rush events, they were charged with misuse of alcohol. The additional four violations SAE was found responsible for related to a burglary stemming from a dispute between SAE and another UK fraternity, Delta Sigma Phi, over a rental house.

A police report stated that on Sept. 25, 2020, 30 – 40 SAE members entered the house in question by breaking a window and knocking down a door while “allegedly armed with golf clubs and other dangerous instruments.”

Documents from Fayette Circuit Court say that a door, window, television and table were damaged due to the break-in. Witnesses identified SAE members as the perpetrators, who fled the scene when police arrived.

According to court records, Lexington police found 50 – 75 students swarming Waller. Multiple subjects were located and found “visibly intoxicated.” Three college students wound up in the emergency room following the night’s events.

██████ SAE members were identified by name by ████████ ████████ other SAE members arrived at UK Chandler ER with injuries. ████████ had injuries to ████████ head and a possible concussion. ████████ had miscellaneous contusions, as well as bilateral lacerations on the arms consistent with forced entry through a window. All ████████ stated they were “jumped” but were inconsistent as to the location and time (location being either ████████ ████████). All three claimed that ████████ jumped them. ████████ would not identify with SAE fraternity, but ████████ did.

The conflict was found to have begun when ████████ applied to rent a house on ████████ which was owned by an SAE member’s mother. SAE member’s claimed that ████████ told the landlord that they were SAE so that they could rent the house, and upon finding this out, SAE members told the landlord. ████████ claimed that SAE was upset that they attempted to rent the house when SAE’s lease was in limbo.

“All SAE members fled, later barricading themselves in the aforementioned house. At [redacted], blood was located near the broken window, and the front door was observed to have been forced open,” reads the police report.

Fayette court documents say the Sept. 25 break-in arose as retribution for an earlier incident involving the two fraternities. Delta Sig members alleged that on Sept. 23, SAE members vandalized the Waller residence with “over 500 eggs” because SAE members were upset that Delta Sig members had rented a house that SAE members wanted.

The rental dispute and subsequent egging led to a “physical altercation” in the yard of the Waller house on Sept. 25, which Sigma Alpha Epsilon allegedly lost, fleeing back to their own residence on Crescent before returning with more people.

Nine residents of the Waller address in dispute said they were members of Delta Sigma Phi and told police there had been two brawls that night. According to the Delta Sig brothers, these altercations were retaliation for the rental dispute.

Three UK students were charged with second-degree criminal mischief in relation to the Sept. 25 incident. A Fayette County grand jury declined federal charges for David Roth, Dylan Carrington and Colin Malloy.

Police officers said they saw Roth, Carrington or Malloy as part of the group who stormed the Waller house, but could not locate them in the aftermath. Police found golf clubs in the parking lot of the addresses the trio had registered with the school.

Along with the same alcohol and safety citations received by other fraternities, SAE was found responsible for another five violations because of their involvement in the burglary and egging. Citations for violation of the law, threat and harm and abuse of the process led the Office of Student Conduct to revoke SAE's status as a student organization until January 20, 2026.

The hearing summary said SAE had been provided with warnings, coachings and workshops that did not work to change behavior and thus warranted the six-year suspension for the fraternity.

"Respondent's leadership should be fully familiar with the history of past violations so that they can take steps to avoid similar violations in the future. Without this knowledge, the Hearing Board concluded that it is likely that respondent will continue to violate UK rules and requirements," the hearing summary stated.

The hearing summary said that SAE has been put on conduct probation three times in the last three years, including for a March 13, 2020 event. SAE was supposed to limit their events with alcohol to two a semester and complete training and planning sessions with administrators, which they did not do.

Spokespeople from UK's Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life declined to comment on behalf of SAE because the fraternity is not an active organization and thus not affiliated with the university.