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Lives have been taken many times by these hazing rituals and fraternities still continue to hurt people. If these people are supposed to be your friends, who needs enemies? Hazing has been around for many years and without knowing it, a lot more people than one would think have died from hazing and initiations. The first reported was in 1905 in Lima, Ohio school It was found that William Taylor a 13 year old boy died of pneumonia caused by when classmates put snow down his back. (Watts/Grolier) As the years have gone by the hazing still continue and were on a rise but slowly becoming useless because so many are putting it down.

Hazing is one of the main issues that surround fraternities. Hazing is the initiating of pledges to drink excessive quantities of alcohol, consume large quantities of food, or submit to beatings with a paddle. Since deaths and serious injuries have come about from hazing most states enact laws

prohibiting it. The acts of hazing in all its manifestations are unnecessary and have proved to cause harm to individuals, families and the careers of promising men and women (Butler, 88). Hazing is not just known in fraternities and sororities. Hazing has been found in the military, sports, gangs and now in high schools. Almost half the high school students who answered a nationwide survey said they were made to eat disgusting things, abuse alcohol or drugs or perform humiliating or illegal acts to join athletic teams, the band, even church groups. (Hazing is not A3) Younger people have always been taught to look up to their peers.

What college students do high school and even middle school students are going to want to imitate what the older students do. They feel that some young teens participate in these hazing rituals to have a sense of belonging, it is so bad that young children need to participate in these types of activities just to make them feel like they fit in. The military has the most unheard of hazing rituals. The Marines are given basic training week and if you complete the paratroopers training they are given their golden wings. The wings are a pin with two half-inch protruding points on the back. Sometimes, with that military love of macho ritual, the pin is even proudly thumped into a marine's chest to draw a little celebratory blood. (Gleick 30) Some marines feel that since pinning has a long history in the corps, and a few young jarheads jokingly call it a Marine sewing circle, insisting that the ritual is an integral part of Marine bonding. Someone with something wrong with them would do such a thing to themselves.

Military authorities insist that they will do all they can to prevent such hazing in the future. If they think that the leadership of the Marine Corps believes

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that bating on their fellow Marine makes for a better warrior, theyd better find themselves a new occupation. Stated an angry general. Another group that has hard to believe hazing are gangs, for girl gangs They have to subject themselves to being `jumped in or beaten up by all the girls in the gang (Vida 80) After the girls are jumped in they are not done with what they have to do to stay in the gang. Gang girls may be asked to do an armed robbery or kill enemy gang members.

(80) Fraternities feel that there is nothing wrong with the hazings or should I say, initiation traditions are fun and bring a team together. (Should sports, 26) The bonding of the brothers is not something that should hurt anyone, and should in the end bring them closer together so that they will have a friend for life. Not knowing that your friend is actually your enemy and that so many have