

The National Asian Pacific Islander American Panhellenic Association – NAPA

Statement of Position on Hazing and Pre-Initiation Activities

The National Asian Pacific Islander American Panhellenic Association states its position, in support of constructive educational and inspirational programs and has asserted unequivocally its opposition to hazing and pre-initiation activities which do not contribute to the positive development and welfare of new members, associates and active members.

Because hazing and other pseudo-initiation practices have not been rejected and eradicated completely in undergraduate activities and therefore remain a menace to the well-being of the College Fraternity System, the National Asian Pacific Islander American Panhellenic Association affirms its position on this question.

- The Association believes that true fraternalism is nurtured in an atmosphere of social and moral responsibility, respect for duly constituted authority, and loyalty to the principles of higher education.
- The Association further believes that while social behavior cannot be legislated, a fraternity/sorority without morally sound precepts and practices is not a constructive influence upon college students.
- The Association further believes that a fraternity/sorority has a solemn obligation in the development of its new members, associates and active members and that this responsibility extends alike to the institutions where it is represented; to parents and others who make possible the education of its new members/associates and active members; to the communities where chapters are accountable for good citizenship; and to the college fraternity system of which it is a part.
- The Association further believes that while much progress has been made, one of the most damaging instruments to the fraternity system is the employment of a program of education which includes hazing, and that this unproductive, ridiculous and hazardous custom has no rightful place in the fraternity/sorority system.
- The Association defines hazing as any action taken or situation created, intentionally to produce mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment or ridicule. Such activities and situations include paddling in any form; creation of excessive fatigue; physical and psychological shocks; quests, treasure hunts, scavenger hunts, or any other such activities; wearing, publicly, apparel which is conspicuous and not normally in good taste; engaging in public stunts and buffoonery; morally degrading or humiliating games and activities, late work sessions which interfere with scholastic activities and any other activities which are not consistent with fraternal law, ritual or policy or the regulations and policies of the educational institution.