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Campus Engagement: Hazing Speaker

On Monday, December 2, I attended an on campus speaker in the Maucker Union. The speaker discussed a problem that is occurring all throughout the United States, hazing. Many schools are experiencing this problem within clubs and athletic teams. The speakers name was Jen Waldron. She proposed the question whether hazing was a good or bad thing to have. She was in many athletic teams in high schools and experienced hazing within those teams that she was involved in. She gave multiple examples of hazing that can happen and also gave both sides of the hazing aspects. First, being the “rookie” or the one that experiences the hazing while the “veteran” is the one that is enforcing the hazing. She provided multiple pictures, videos, and stories to back up everything she was speaking about. Some of the examples that she showed were very painful to look at due to such harsh hazing that is occurring. Hazing is a serious problem that we all need to take action to.

Jan did a wonderful job of showing to the audience that hazing is a serious problem that needs to be put to an end. She was very comfortable talking about such a harsh topic which made the aroma in the room much more relaxed then it could have been. She backed up everything that she put forth in her speech which made her speech very well done and easy to understand. I felt that she did a very nice job of presenting this topic. This speech help me realize that hazing should be stopped. I

didn't realize how serious it can actually become. Hazing can be taken to extremes that many schools experience. She made it clear that it needs to be put to an end. UNI is a haze-free campus. Being on a team myself, this makes me feel much more safe when knowing that older teammates can't haze or else they will get into trouble. I thoroughly enjoyed this speaker and would definitely go to listen to her speak again.