

# Ethnic Groups: "An Essence of Brotherhood"

by Sara Wood

There's really a large range of ethnic groups here at Pacific...rather uncommon for such a small college but the administration feels it is helpful for a richer college experience...and it's a pleasant change.

"You get to know a lot about different people's cultures," says Anne Shimaburko, a physical therapy major from Molokai Hawaii. Anne came to Pacific because a guy she knew was a senior here and he gave her "a big picture" of how nice it was. Anne seems to like it here, because in Hawaii "the fall goes by and the leaves don't fall." She also likes the snow, which, strangely enough, they don't seem to be able to "grow" in Hawaii.

A lot of Hawaiians stick together, particularly freshmen because it's easier to communicate. (Hawaiians often speak "Pidgeon" English at home). For some Hawaiians, this is their first time on the mainland. For many, this is their first time to see different races voluntarily grouping together, separate from others. In high school, the "Haoloos" (slang for "whites") and the natives never really mixed much, and then coming to a school where whites make up the majority is quite a change.

At the beginning of fall semester, Dr. Fred Scheller always has a luncheon for the Hawaiian students. This seems to tie them together and loosen any anxieties the freshman may have.

Each year the Hawaiian students always hold a "Luau"-a Hawaiian feast with roast pig, pineapple, salmon, poi, etc. Most of the food is even flown-in from Hawaii. There aren't many college campuses that are this lucky!

## Ethnic Functions

Israel Kunin attend "Yom Kippur" services in Portland, Tuesday night, the 28th of September.

Yom Kippur is the day of atonement for the Jews. You "fast" for 24 hours to "cleanse the sins" of everyone in the whole world. This mourning goes from "sunset to sunset" and at the end, everyone has a big feast.

Israel or "Ishy" (as she likes to be called) likes Pacific even though "It's not exactly what I told it was." Ishy has strong feelings against segregation and feels everyone should mix as "one."

## More Equal Representation for Blacks

Jackie Debnam has different feelings on segregation. A black student from nearby Portland, Jackie feels that ethnic groups stick together because "socially it's easier to relate to your own kind. It's easier to talk to a Black girl who has had the same experience or inheritance." Jackie would like to see more equal representation on campus for Blacks. In particular, she would like to see more "Black rock-groups" or "soul-singers."

On the other hand, Ernest Turner, a Black student who attended El Camino College in Torrance, California, feels it's "easy to adjust" anywhere people are friendly. El Camino Col-

lege is an "all white" college, and even though he felt out-of-place at first, Ernest felt it was easy to adjust to the situation.

Other students at Pacific felt they didn't like the way some ethnic groups here segregate themselves. "People are very much aware of it, though they make like it's not there," says one student on Pacific's voluntary segregation and racial situation. What it all boils down to is the difference in backgrounds, bringing up, and "the ability to break into each other's racial groups."

So, the Chicanos have their annual orientation and buffet dinner, the Blacks have their "Essence of Soul" concert, and soul food dinner the Hawaiians present a magnificent end-of-the-year Luau and everyone comes away with a knowledge of different cultures and hopefully "an essence of Brotherhood."

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## You're Invited

"The student body of Beaverton High School cordially invites the class of 1971 to the 70th annual Homecoming, October 15 at 8:00 p.m."

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Pacific's student body is a melting pot of races and cultures which makes for a richer educational experience. (Photo by Junko Tsunashima)