

RACE

Continued from Page 7

The International Students Association at the University, which is intended to promote cultural and social awareness among all students, frequently organizes activities for international students to interact with other students outside their race and ethnic group.

Indra Kampono, former president of the ISA, said that the association helps organize activities such as Indonesian Night, Japan Night, the weekly International Coffee Hour and International Week.

"Its purpose is to promote different cultures to Americans," he said. "For example, during Indonesian Night, we try to inform American students of Indonesian culture by comparing Indonesian lifestyle with American lifestyle. We get Americans involved in our activities and some international students develop deep friendships with the Americans, as a

result."

Kampono agreed that American students do not interact with students outside their race as much as minority and international students do.

"During International Week, when we promoted the different continents, I noticed that the American students expressed little knowledge about the various cultures. Besides, I don't know of any activities organized by white students that involve minorities or international students."

Mark Choy, who was born in Hong Kong but raised in California, was the only Asian in the fraternity he joined in 1992. Choy, who has many white friends, believes the University reflects the findings of the Michigan study. He says fraternities and sororities follow a greek system that is traditionally white. Frustrated and angry, Choy moved out of the fraternity house this year after his fraternity "brothers" refused to stop making

racist jokes. He said his "brothers" would mimic a Chinese accent whenever they made a pledge.

"Although I tried to educate them and tell them to stop, they just didn't give a damn," Choy says.

When asked if his fraternity house made efforts to include minorities, he answered with a definite no. "The brothers say they promote diversity, but that's not true. If they can't change their attitude towards minorities, how can they be expected to accept minorities into the house?"

Fraternities and sororities charge an initiation fee of \$300, which includes a pledge fee. The cost to live in a fraternity or sorority house is about \$400 each month. Each fraternity member spends approximately \$1,000 a year on parties and travel.

"The existence of fraternities and sororities definitely divides the races because most minorities have to pay out-of-state

tuition fees and don't want to fork out that kind of money to join fraternities or sororities," Choy said.

A recent *Emerald* article reported that some fraternities and sororities are trying to fight negative stereotypes of racism, rape, substance abuse and homophobia. The report said that greeks can fight some of these stereotypes by inviting and accepting students of different colors, creeds or sexual orientations into their houses.

Tracy Pinkerton, the social issues chairperson of the Panhellenic Council for sororities, said that she doesn't think the greek system is any more racist or homophobic than any other organization. With its motto, "Come As You Are," her sorority encourages people of all colors to join, Pinkerton said.

When asked to produce the number of minorities versus whites who join fraternities

Turn to **RELATIONS**, Page 9

RAISE YOUR CONSCIOUSNESS

USE LESS PLASTIC.



THE ONE CARD FOR CREDIT, CASH & CALLING

The AT&T Universal MasterCard. Call 1 800 438-8627 to apply.

©AT&T 1994

\$10

For 18 holes
with current
UO Student I.D.

- 18 hole course
- No tee times
- Challenging par-61 course



OAKWAY GOLF

2000 Cal Young Rd. • 484-1927



STUDENTS

We ship your stuff home!

- ✓ Furniture, computers, stereos, TV's
- ✓ Insured, custom packing
- ✓ Boxes for sale
- ✓ Student discounts
- ✓ UPS, Ocean Freight, Motor Freight



Packaging Store.

2705 Willamette Street • 344-3104

ALL DAY TUESDAY

SPAGHETTI



ALL
YOU
CAN
EAT
EVERY
TUES!

includes
Garlic Bread
11:30 am-10 pm

\$2.99

PIZZA PETE'S

ITALIAN KITCHEN

2673 Willamette • 484-0996

Check out Rhythm & Reviews in the *Emerald* for all the latest in local entertainment.