

PORTEUS HALL PROJECT

I. Goals of project

The COALITION TO RENAME PORTEUS HALL was formed to educate people about racism and to take action against some of the present day expressions of racism--mainly the naming of the Social Science building after Stanley Porteus. Porteus' writings and research helped to perpetuate racist policies and attitudes in Hawaii. Many of the ethnic stereotypes and conditions of inequality can be traced to the period when Porteus made his "contributions" to society.

II. What would project work involve?

Students working with the project could do any of the following activities:

- 1) Research and prepare presentations for the hearing (the Board of Regents may hold a hearing on the issue). We'd like to make the presentation popular (not high level academic) so it would involve a lot of graphics.
- 2) Leaflet and petition--mainly among UH student body. This would involve a lot of rapping to students and finding out how they feel about Porteus Hall or racism.
- 3) Meet with faculty and community organizations--this would be to win their support for our struggle. We would give them presentations and discuss the issues with them.
- 4) Perhaps get into other instances of racism on campus--in the athletics departments, hiring, campus workers, student body composition, orientation of certain faculty, etc.

III. What's in it for you?

An opportunity to do something concrete about racism. Also learning about how racism expresses itself in our society and how you could go about mobilizing and educating people about racism.

FIRST MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, Feb. 12, 3 p.m. (LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED)