

A BRIEF HISTORY OF PAFIS...

In 1957 Bradley Professor, Dr. Lawrence Lew, formed the International Student Friendship Foundation in Peoria, Illinois. It is now the Peoria Area Friends of International Students (PAFIS). Its purpose is to bring together individuals and organizations for the purpose of providing for students of other lands a maximum educational and cultural experience and an understanding of American life; to provide the local community with opportunities to know and understand the students and appreciate the cultures of their respective countries; and to help international students know and use the resources of our community and country.

Our Friendship Partner (formerly known as Host Family) program provides non-residential assignments of Bradley students to local families or individuals (Partners) at the beginning of the academic year and other times if necessary. Students should request a Friendship Partner assignment through the Multicultural Student Services Office in the Garrett Center. The Partner offers students a feeling of "home away from home." The Partner may invite the student home for meals, for weekends and to various events attended by the Partner. The Partner is also willing to discuss personal and other problems with the student. The relationship experienced by a student and the Partner may last for many years.

PAFIS also offers monetary grants provided by the Marjorie O. Reynolds Scholarship. Applications are available in the Multicultural Office. PAFIS offers the international student and local families many social opportunities; some of these are listed in this brochure.

GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER...

Friendship Partners welcome students into their homes and encourage the students to become part of their life or activities. Approximately once a month, Partners contact their students and may plan an evening, weekend, or holiday together doing some of the following:

- (1) Share hobbies and learn something about each other's interests.
- (2) Share pictures of family and events.
- (3) Work together on household activities.
- (4) Share meals.
- (5) Share sports and recreational activities.
- (6) Share family occasions - birthdays and holidays.
- (7) Exchange information about language and culture.

GETTING TO KNOW THE PEORIA

COMMUNITY...

There is much in our community to share. Sources for times and events might be the Journal Star, the Bradley Scout, the Observer, the

Community Word, and the Peoria Area Chamber of Commerce. Some suggestions:

Bradley Park
Wildlife Prairie Park
Peoria Municipal Band (summer)
Peoria Symphony
High school events: theatre, games...
Glen Oak Park and Zoo
Tour of Caterpillar (call ahead for info)
Peoria Public Library
ICC theatre, art exhibits, lectures
Lakeview Museum
New Salem and Springfield Lincoln sites
Peoria river front activities
Peoria Civic Center activities
Forest Park Nature Center
Illinois and Peoria Ballets
Peoria Art Guild
Local Theatre: Peoria Players, Cornstock, Bradley

How Friendship Partners Can Help...

Students may have questions or need advice about some of these aspects of American life:

Banking
System of government
Newspapers, radio, and TV
Holidays and customs
Shopping and "sales"
Money management
Emergency healthcare
Transportation
Cars, insurance, and driver's license

HOW PAFIS CAN HELP FRIENDSHIP PARTNERS...

Being a Partner to an international student is a new experience for most volunteers. PAFIS provides opportunities for Friendship Partners to meet each other and to acquire new ideas. Visit the PAFIS web site for more information.

PAFIS WEBSITE...

<http://pafis.bradley.edu>

How You Can Get Involved...

After you arrive, Bradley students and prospective Friendship Partners are encouraged to contact the Multicultural Student Services Office, Garrett Center, at (309) 677-2646. For more information, you may contact the Friendship Partner Committee:

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WATCH FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THESE SPECIAL EVENTS...

August	Welcome Reception
September	Fall Social (Picnic)
November	Harvest Dinner
January	Welcome Reception
February	Winter Social (Dance/Music)
March	International Night
April	Spring Social

PLEASE HELP US...

International students are important to the University as well as the community. After you arrive, please let us stay in touch with you by notifying the Multicultural Student Services Office (677-2646) and the Registrar's Office (677-3101) of your local address and phone number.

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