The internet and postcolonial politics of representation: pacific traversals
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PART THREE
Figure Four: Gangsters and Pantyhose

Pantyhose is turning around the lives of violent Polynesian gangstas! The Rev. Kai Paka from the Church of Friendly Seventh Day Trippers praises pantyhose for the sheer success of a new, rehabilitative program he calls "beating-of-swords-into-ploughshares". Pantyhose, writes the preacher, is just one component in a multi-discipline approach to the rehabilitation of brainlessly destructive Polynesian youths in the USA, Australia and New Zealand. Other components include nail polish, wide floppy hats, mini skirts and hot pants, padded bras, lip gloss ...eyebrow pencils, tweezers, hair and lash curlers, and bikinis. Oh, and pointy toes that squish one's toes but elevate one's view of life. The program's been so successful it's now replicated in Fiji, Tahiti, Tonga, Samoa, the Cook Islands, Hokkaido, Paris and Zimbabwe....The Rev Paka read recently.. that men commit 92% of all crimes.. from that statistic he figured that women must be doing something right to be so law-abiding. The most obvious difference apart from the anatomical was how women dressed as opposed to men. So he started there, and what more fitting than the pantyhose? The Pantyhose Program was, prophetically conceived in Utah to control the Pacific Island gangstas in that state ....(le'o vaiva'i 8/05/98)

1 Initial post on the Kavabowl, May 8 1998. This is no longer available online since the server changed. This satirical piece is an intercultural play on forms of trans-sexuality (*fa'afafine* in Samoan, *fakaleiti* in Tongan). It also refers to the very real issues of ghettoisation amongst Tongan/Samoan youth in the USA and their 'gangster' behaviours. Many threads over the years have discussed culturally specific ways of dealing with marginalised and criminalised youths. Taholo Kami wants to reach these groups as well, and use the internet/www to do so (Kami 2001: interview).