The Seven Committees of the Asian-American Students Association would like to introduce themselves to you:

A. The Social and Recreational Committee

Purpose: As the name implies, this committee deals with all aspects of social and recreational life in the organization such as parties, picnics, potluck dinners, and athletic events. It attempts to bring the whole Asian community together for days and nights of fun and relaxation.

Tentative Activities:
1. sport activities
2. potluck dinners
3. interscholastic activities
4. study breaks
5. parties, outings, and cookouts

In terms of parties, three of them have been planned, culminated by our annual celebration of the Lunar New Year. We also compete in athletic tournaments against other surrounding schools in basketball and volleyball. And if you're not interested in competing, AASA has gym time so guys as well as girls can come and "hang around." Last year was a great success and this year promises to be as such with your help.

Chairpersons: please contact - Ray Hsia (X5683), Hon Lee (X6204), Tuyet Nguyen (X5793)

B. The Committee on Admissions, Financial Aid, and the Third World Coalition

a) Admissions sub-committee

Purpose:
1. to provide student input in the minority admissions process
2. to increase Asian recruitment and matriculation at Brown while reminding the administration of its need for student diversity.

Programs:
1. college days - in past years, the AASA has represented Brown in Boston, NY City, and San Francisco. At these events, colleges and universities collectively present recruitment material and recruiters to high school seniors interested in higher education.
2. telephone calling and letter writing - especially important student-to-student links which present the Brown Asian students and the university in a personal fashion.
3. Third World Weekend - two days in April when all accepted Brown high school seniors are invited for one weekend at Brown with the Third World community.

Note: The admissions sub-committee has a student liaison working in the Admissions Office with the officer in charge of minority recruitment.

Contact: Vivian Eng (X4459), Steve Lai (X5572), Tina Cheng (X4919), Tom Kwon (X6192), Suzy Kim (X5084).

b) Financial Aid sub-committee

Purpose:
1. to clarify the procedure through which students on financial aid apply/appeal for their allotted share of financial aid/scholarship funds.
2. to ensure that Asian students do not get discriminated by the administration in applying for financial aid.
3. to make all aware of the viable programs e.g. college work-study program, that pertain to financial aid students.

The committee has been following the travail of the Committee on Admissions and Financial Aid (CAFA) this past scholastic year and has kept a close watch on the decisions made towards the increase/cutbacks in financial aid. This year '80-'81 evinces the birth of a Brown chapter of COPUS - the national committee on financial aid which lobbies for college students in Washington D.C.
For more information - contact Emmitt Carlton (U.C.S. representative)
Contacts: Jim Kim (X6452), Chris Van (X6751)

Third World Coalition sub-committee

Purpose: The Third World Coalition is composed of the four minority students’ organizations on campus. These groups are the Asian Association (AASA), the Latin American Students Association (LASO), the Organization of United African Peoples (OUAP) and the Federation of Puerto Rican Students (FEP). Cross cultural education figures among TWC’s most important goals as there is much to be learned and shared from a common historical experience in America.

Programs: The Coalition meets every Monday at 9pm at the Third World Center to discuss issues that are of concern to the Third World student body. Some past examples: the divestiture of the university’s stock portfolio, apartheid, and Third World representation in the faculty and administration.

Contact: Jim Kim (X6452), Chris Van (X6751), Viveca Tung (X4371).

C. The Culture and Education Committee

note: Most of us grow up not knowing about the 130 years of struggle that Asians have undergone in the United States. We are also taught to regard our own native Asian cultures as archaic and irrelevant to life in modern Western Society. Asian American culture as well, has remained either ignored or distorted.

This committee encompasses a variety of activities each of which is designed to promote an awareness of Asian culture. This year’s projects include:
1. Asian Awareness Month - November ’80 (in conjunction with ECASU)
2. guest speakers and dancers
3. showcased coffeehouse talents
4. continued publication of Asian Thoughts - our attempt at literary genius
   (We need your ideas/input for November).

Contacts: Lisa Liu (X6381), Sobon Chew (X4813), Rosanne Lin (X4468), Tuyet Nguyen (5793), Angela Chiang (X6984), Tina Cheng (X4919), Nancy Lee (X6173).

note: AASA has been meeting with the administration this past spring to set up an Asian American Studies Program as an integral part of the curriculum of liberal arts here at Brown. A proposal has been submitted to the deanery and is now in the hands of the Development Office for purposes of fund-raising.

Those interested in pursuing the development of this crucial program contact: Bob Lee/John Leong (History/Political Science Depts.)

Contacts: Chris Van (X6751), Jim Kim (X6452), Lisa Liu (X6381).

D. The Committee on Community Affairs - Rhode Island Chinese School

Chinese School is a program set up to benefit certain members of the Chinese Community of Rhode Island. It mainly consists of a group of Brown students taking on the role of teachers every Saturday morning in the Beneficent Church downtown. Remedial English is provided at an elementary level to Chinese parents and to recent immigrants from Hong Kong, Vietnam, etc. Mandarin and Cantonese are taught to children/adults who wish to learn their native language (written and spoken - also very elementary). Presently, the Chinese School is in desperate need of teachers, especially Cantonese speaking students. If interested, please contact Delores Ng at X5686.

E. The Communications Committee

Purpose:
1. to inform members about all up-coming events and meetings through a) posters around campus, b) notices in mail boxes, c) telephone calling, d) word-of-mouth or mental telepathy.
2. act as liaison between AASA and other groups on campus
3. establish communication among other Asian organizations outside of Brown

Contact: Steve Lai (X5572), Tony Yue (X5483), Ray Hsia (X5483), Carlson Cheng (X5989),
Amy Lee (X6531), Wiseman Cho (X5277).

F. ECASU Committee

Purpose: The East Coast Asian Student Union (ECASU)/New England is a network of
Asian student organizations on college campuses along New England. Its primary
purposes are to build and strengthen Asian student organizations and to promote
Asian unity through educational, cultural, social, and political activities. Brown
has been a member of ECASU since its inception in the spring of 1978. ECASU has
sponsored a wide variety of events such as Asian Student Conferences, college days
in Boston and New York Chinatowns, and coffeehouses. Most importantly, a unified
body such as ECASU can have a great impact on issues that affect Asian students.
AASA can learn practical ideas from other campuses and communities in order to help
us get better organized. Conversely, we as Asian students can deepen our under-
standing of other Asian peoples.

Program: Help organize activities (i.e. Asian Awareness Month and Asian Women
Conference). Also, sending representatives to regional ECASU meetings (usually
held on weekends).

Contact: Susan Lau (X6436), Chris Van (X6751), Jim Kim (X6452).

G. Finance Committee

Purpose:
1. to handle all of the financial matters of the AASA
2. to organize and encourage various fund raising activities as an alternate
   form of funding specific events.

Program:
1. prepare 1981-82 budget for AASA.
2. Keep an accurate record of expenses.

Contacts: Christopher Wang (X4437), Annette Eng (X4562).

Asian Thoughts (please see Culture and Education Committee, item 4)

Purpose: Asian Thoughts serves as Brown's Asian community outlet for news pertaining
to the Asians on campus and for display of Asian sentiments and expression through
art and poetry. The frequency of Asian Thoughts is directly proportional to the work
that is exerted by those who have material to present to the community. Essentially,
this vehicle is an occasional enterprise into what clicks in the minds of Asians,
whenever that happens.

Program: Asian Thoughts has, in the past, served to announce various on-campus
functions, such as the Lunar New Year Party, and off-campus events, among them
many conferences yearly on Asian American issues. The coverage of events on campus
appears, as well as miscellaneous features such as classified and cooking sections.

note: Asian Thoughts is what its contributors make it. The format does vary from
issue to issue, as does its subject matter, ranging from heavy debates in a forum
on some issue, to nice pictures on every page.

Contact: Sobon Chew (X4813), Wiseman Cho (X5277).

EACH ONE OF THESE COMMITTEES IS OPEN TO MEMBERS AND TO ANY SUGGESTIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE
FOR IMPROVEMENTS. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ANY OF THE CHAIRPERSONS!
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