"With the great number of advisors, counselors, and guides already accessible to me, why would I even need an Asian Student Counselor?"

The above is a perfectly legitimate question, and possibly one that you yourself are pondering. This service, which we the Asian Student Counselors are providing, is not meant to further, if you are already, segregate you from the other students on campus, but rather, help you to integrate into the Brown community.

There were two major reasons that prompted us to start this support program. One, there were simply not enough Asian MPCs to go around. Two, more importantly, past experiences have proved that the needs of some in-coming Asian freshmen were not being met. This caused some of these students unnecessary difficulties, to the extent that some left Brown.

Granted, not every Asian freshman student will experience an ethnic identity crisis while at Brown, and that is good—we hope no one does, but the fact remains, the need for Asian counseling exists. Thus, we are providing this program.

"So what, what do you have that the others don't?"

We feel we have some advantages over the other support systems. One primary advantage is that in many instances we will be able to identify with your sentiments and situations; not only because we are from the same ethnic background, but also, because—hey, we were freshmen once too. Also, one other characteristic that sets us apart from other support systems is that we know from past experience the way to help meet the needs of Asian students. If we cannot help you, we know where we can get the help. Lastly, our wealth of personal experiences is something that should be tapped; learning from other students is a key part of your years at Brown. These are at least some of the qualities which we sense that make us different from the other counseling programs availed to you, and which will help us to serve you.

Our main goals in serving you are: (1) to meet your fundamental needs as a student (adjustment, academics, social life, etc.), and (2) to act in an educating/awareness role concerning our common heritage. In the past, we realize that many students have been "turned off" by this second aspect or goal of our program; in fact, though, there are those in our counseling program who, to varying degrees, can identify with that feeling. We further recognize that we cannot, and should not, force this education/awareness aspect on anyone; though we, as a group, feel it is significant and will be glad to share our experiences
with you.

Finally, we hope to get in contact with you soon. We hope both of us will benefit from this program.

"What if I don't have any problems?"

Good. You can still meet people. By the way, you are cordially invited to a dinner with some of the deans, Asian faculty, and the Asian Student Counselors. This will be held at

EMERY - WOOLEY LOUNGE

Saturday, September 29, 1979
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

See you there!

Sincerely yours,

the Asian Student Counselors