

Asian American gathering/Kuenzel Room/9/28/90

Pleased to be invited to greet Asian American students

to come to this Asian American Fall Welcome Student Faculty Reception
Last year some 2,250 Asian American students on A2 campus.
Hope to do better this year.
University needs important strengths Asian Americans are bringing
to our collective life

Important traditions, experiences, talents, and perspectives
they bring are needed by our students and faculty to develop
an enlarged world view--a broader appreciation for
Asian American contributions to national life.

Michigan Mandate is helping University improve representation
minority groups

We have in place mechanisms to improve recruitment of
faculty, students and staff.

We are on way to meting our goals.

Now comes the real challenge.

At universities across the country, we face the difficulty
of creating community while we support diversity.

Job is not an easy one because of contemporary
drive to define groups in terms of their differences.

And it is important for people to sustain their cultural identities
but it is also important for all of us to help

develop those fundamental goals and values that that
that bind us together as a community and society.

In the end, we must be able to work and live together,
to pursue common objectives and to share a common vision
of our future.

Know that Asian Americans have wrongly been referred to
as the "silent" minority.

We know that is not true.

We know that you have experienced discrimination and prejudice
and that as individuals and as a community, you have special concerns and needs.

This Administration does "**hear**" you.

we want to understand and meet them to the best of our ability.

Hope we will have a chance to meet this year

to discuss common concerns and issues.

Meantime, always free to get in touch and let us know
what i s on their minds.