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Chapin concert cancelled

By Stephanie Pollack

A Harry Chapin concert planned for Kresge Auditorium for April 24 is now effectively cancelled, according to former Student Center Committee (SCC) Chairman Chris Wheeler '81.

Wheeler commented that although there was a slight possibility that Chapin's schedule could change, "we're not sitting around with baited breath and fingers crossed."

The primary reason for the concert's cancellation was the "capriciousness of the Chapin people," explained Wheeler. SCC was told last November that Chapin was available on April 24. A few weeks later, New Associates, Chapin's New England booking agent, called back and said Chapin would be taping a cable television program that night.

The situation was further complicated in January when SCC attempted to move the concert to Thursday, April 23. The MIT Symphony Orchestra had Kresge booked from 7:30 to 10pm, and guest director Neil Stulberg refused to move the scheduled rehearsal.

Wheeler was told that it was too close to the orchestra's performance date, and that they had already agreed to move several other planned rehearsals.

The "official SCC position" on the Kresge scheduling incident is that there is "no animosity toward the Orchestra. Wheeler was quick to point out that SCC had "come up with the idea very late." Several SCC members have individually complained about the Orchestra's actions, however.

Under its by-laws, SCC is restricted to holding events in the Student Center. They were surprised early in the planning for the Chapin concert in order to have access to Kresge's larger seating capacity.

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The new proposal would change Registration day from September 14 to Wednesday, September 9. Residence/Orientation (R/O) week would begin on August 28 rather than September 5, the traditionally 10 day R/O week would be extended two days. The change calls for all classes to end on Monday, December 14. Finals would be held from Tuesday to Friday, December 15-18.

The proposal was made because of faculty and CEP concern that the original schedule of finals immediately after the last day of classes would put too much pressure on students. The change gives students a 3-day reading period before exams.

Dave Linglebach '83, Chairman of the Student Committee of Educational Policy (SCCE) supports the proposal. However, he added that he would like to see a longer reading period. "I would like to see the reading period extended to a week. There is too much pressure on students. Other universities have a week," he pointed out.