10,000 Maniacs Will Kick Off 1993 Spring Weekend

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Some events which are already being planned include Sigma Alpha Epsilon's on-campus party, Delta Upsilon's lip sync, Sigma Chi's spring olympiad, and an International Student Association cultural festival.

The UA is "thinking about a carnival," Lin added. At last week's UA meeting, $1,000 was allocated for the carnival.

"The enthusiasm is definitely there, but whether or not we'll be able to realize that — at least this spring — is not definite yet," Cranston said. More money needs to be allocated for the carnival to take place, she said.

"Concert promises to be big. SCC expects close to 3,000 students to attend this year's concert. This is 'bigger than we've ever had,'" Schmitt said. We REM II in 1984 or 1985, but I think this one may be bigger. Not many major groups were available," said Lin. "We were very surprised to get the 10,000 Maniacs," she said. Schmidt said that even though 10,000 Maniacs accepted the bid, "it's never definite" until the contract is signed. Shi did say that the group would "most likely" perform. He added that last year, SCC did not sign the contract with the Violent Femmes until the day of the show. SCC is "not going to advertise until we've looked at the contract," Schmidt said. The contract includes the band's hospitality arrangements. He said that some bands want alcohol, which the SCC cannot provide as part of the contract. Still, he is 90 percent certain the 10,000 Maniacs will perform.

Schmidt said she has been getting a positive reaction from students. "This is the first year where I have not had to explain to people that this is a good group," she said.

"Everybody seems pretty excited. The biggest thing is the name people know," Schmidt said. Schmitt called the bid a "good deal." The bid was for $20,000, and the band will provide their own sound equipment and lights. Last year the Violent Femmes played for $14,500, and the SCC had to make other arrangements for sound and light equipment, Schmidt said.

For MIT students, tickets will be $10 in advance and $12 at the door. For other students, tickets will be $12 in advance and $14 at the door. The concert is open only to students for "safety" reasons, Schmidt said. These prices are all subject to change, VII said.

Ticket sales usually balance out with the cost of the band, Schmidt said. However, SCC usually takes a loss of about $10,000 because of other costs including security, the stage, publicity, and luminaires.

Sailing party, a fund-raiser for muscular dystrophy. According to Jeffrey J. Brodoff '94, the traditional sailing theme was started again last year. He thinks the party will be this big this year because alcohol will be served to those over 21. Last year, SAE was under restrictions and could not serve alcohol.

"Spring Weekend should be a time people look forward to," Lin said. "At some campuses it's known as a huge nonstop party, but our goal for Spring Weekend is not to be just a party."