The International Club is a social club that has been established for many years. The exact membership count is sketchy because technically all international students are automatic members, whether they know it or not. At last count, though, the club had approximately 200 active members.

As the International Club is a social club, meetings are never mandatory. The main goal of the organization is to promote the international community. The leaders of the club make it clear that the group is not a select group - American students are definitely a part of the international community.

This year, the I-Club is planning to sponsor events with other groups, such as the Greek organizations. The club's events are not exactly fundraisers, but all profits are donated to the International Scholarship Committee.

One of the major events of the I-Club is taking place today. Everybody is invited to MacPhie Pub on tonight for an evening with the popular DJ, Abdullah. Tickets are five dollars at the door and the party is from 9pm to 1am.

After the party, invitations may be picked up at MacPhie to go to The Loft afterwards from 1am to 4:30am. The Loft is a new club located behind the Hard Rock Cafe at 21 Stanhope Street in Copley Place. Everybody is welcome to "pull an all-nighter" with the I-Club.

Next week, the I-Club will be selling Halloween candy-grams as a fundraiser for UNICEF. There will be tables set up in the Campus Center throughout the week.

The next major event after the candy-gram sale will be an event that the I-Club is co-sponsoring with the Hispanic-American Society. They have arranged for Los Munequitos, a band that has not left Cuba in fifteen years, to come to Tufts on November 7th.

The group performs Cuban-African rhythms and will run a workshop during the day and give a concert at night in Cohen Auditorium.

Still another upcoming event is the semi-formal dance that will be held either the 19 or 20 of November. The semi-formal will take place in a club and will cost approximately ten dollars per person. This price includes admission to the club as well as transportation by bus. All proceeds will go to the International Scholarship Committee.

Further information will be available in November.

The biggest event for the I-Club will be the Inter-Cultural Festival in the spring. The festival will include various activities and programs involving the international communities.

The newest program under the I-Club is called the Cultural Exchange Circle. The program is directed by Saskia Meckman and meets every Wednesday. It provides a forum for the discussion of problems that international students may face with adaption to a new culture and helps them to deal with their culture shock.

One specific community that is generally associated with the I-Club is the International House. The I-House accommodates fourteen students and is co-ed by floor. International students, as well as American students, are welcome to live there. This community encourages the sharing of cultures and welcomes a diverse range of residents.

The goal of the International Club is to promote the international community and stress the importance of sharing all cultures. Carmen de la Noval, secretary of the I-Club, said, "We're not elitists. We're not a select group. We want Americans to come join our community and be in the club."

I-Club members said they strongly believe that Americans should join the club for a sense of diversity, as both groups could benefit from an experience. Suga Savage, treasurer, said she that "people who aren't international tend to stay away from the club... We encourage everyone to come to our events."