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AIDS Memorial Quilt New York, a group planning to bring the AIDS quilt to the Columbia campus next April, held its first organizational meeting yesterday at the School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA).

Molly Eagan, Schapiro residence hall director and chairperson of the event, said she is looking forward to the quilt's April 22, 1995 appearance at Columbia, since it has not been in New York City for several years.

"Columbia is only going to display one-fifth of the quilt, but that area alone will cover a majority of Columbia's available grounds," Eagan said.

The quilt, which is made up of thousands of 144 square-foot panels, is approximately the size of 16 football fields, and includes panels for 12 percent of the 220,871 Americans who have died from AIDS-related illnesses.

In addition to members of the Columbia community, thousands of people from the New York area are expected to come to Morningside Heights and view the quilt, including celebrities, media, and family members and friends of the people who have died of AIDS, Eagan said.

As part of activities surrounding the quilt's April appearance, a dance-a-thon will be held on April 20 to raise funds for the AIDS charity God's Love We Deliver, an organization which provides services and hot meals to homebound people with AIDS.

"Nothing is etched in stone yet. All we know is that this is an enormous effort that

needs a lot of money and a lot of bodies," said Demetre Daskalakis, CC '95, who is involved in the planning.

Additional money raised through any merchandising which may take place during that weekend may go to other organizations in New York, Eagan said.

"This event will be incredible and memorable for everyone, but it needs a lot of hard work and commitment," Eagan said.



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Molly Eagan at last night's meeting