AIDS fundraiser dominates SGA talk

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Last night’s meeting of the Barnard Student Government Association (SGA) was brief, as board members hurried to attend the opening of “Mac at Night,” the reinvention of McIntosh Student Center as a viable nighttime student center.

The upcoming “Broadway Tonight,” which will take place on March 9, was the central administrative issue discussed at the meeting.

SGA President Michelle Katz, BC ’97, again reminded the board that everyone’s help is needed to pull off the event.

“We can’t do a bad job on this [event]. We need to do well,” Katz said. “And I’m running myself ragged.”

Board members are still pursuing corporate sponsors and
donations, particularly food, from businesses for the event.

Katz announced that tickets for the program will be sold in Miller Theater and in McIntosh Center possibly starting as early as today but no later than Thursday.

In other SGA news, Liz Reich, BC '99, presented a video she had produced over winter break with the financial help of a “winter grant” from the SGA. The unfinished video—so far 12 to 18 minutes long—features members of the Boston Alliance of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered Youth (BAGLY), which Reich called the “oldest queer youth social support group in the country.”

The video met with praise from the board members who called the work “phenomenal” and “excellent.”

Additionally, Transfers Become Allies—represented last night by Carrie Firestone, BC '99, and Melissa Arcoleo, BC '98—received recognition by the SGA last night. The new group will seek to make the transfer process easier and more welcoming.

The Barnard/Columbia Ballroom Dance Society, represented by co-founder Jill Varsbinder, BC '98, also received recognition.

The SGA also voted to give $350 of a requested $500 to the Barnard/Columbia Rape Crisis/Anti-Violence Support Center in its efforts to bring poet and performance artist Sapphire to speak during Women's History Month.