

Students rally on Founder's Plaza to support Gay rights/anti-discrimination.

Students, faculty rally to fight sexual discrimination

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A march to support gay rights and anti-discrimination passed through the "Spine" and proceeded out onto Founder's Plaza Wednesday morning. There, marchers gathered to hear speakers, including Isabelle Marcus, assistant dean the of UB Law School.

Following the speakers, gay musicians performed for the crowd. About 150 individuals participated in the march, according to Amy Belscher, a spokesperson for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Alliance, the organization that organized the event. Many of the marchers bore signs in support of gay rights.

"It was a chance to confront all of those nameless, faceless persons who spread anti-gay propaganda," Belscher said. "Nobody opposed us."

Thom Kulesa, a member of the LGBA, said, "One of the purposes of the rally was to show the amount

of support we have at UB for ending discrimination and prejudice."

The LGBA, which consists of about 60 members, arranged the march as part of "Gay Rights, Antidiscrimination Day." Additional sponsors included: the Student Association of the State University, the Graduate Student Association and the Independents.

"The march made a good statement — that we won't tolerate discrimination," Belscher said.