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Vandalism at LGBA office Investigation under way

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Intolerance at UB has shown its ugly face.

Sometime between last Monday at 5 p.m. and 10 a.m. Tuesday, some unknown person(s) spraypainted the word "DIE" on the door of the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Alliance (LGBA), according to Inspector Daniel Jay of Public Safety.

In addition, there was a line painted through the nameplate on the door, located at 362 Student Union.

According to Jay, "it's under investigation, however, we have no suspects."

Hate crime

"This is an example of the type of hatred that eventually leads to violence similar to that experienced by the Lisbon Avenue victim," Chris Kelly, LGBA treasurer, said. "It's not a comforting feeling when you walk into the only office in the Student Union that one can feel comfortable in and the word 'die' is written on the door."

"If I become informed of who did it, I will personally bring up charges against them in the Student Court," Student Association Vice President Eddie Mark said.

Administrative response

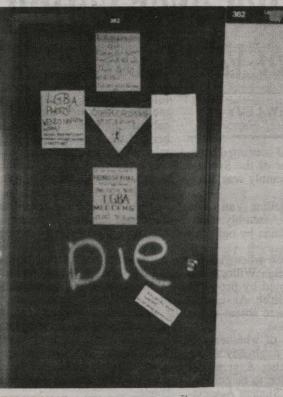
According to Dennis Black,

dean of students, the Administration's response to the vandalism is threefold. "First, we want to repair the damage as quickly as possible and put things back the way they were," Black explained.

"Second, we want to send the message that we are very intolerant of intolerance and we hate acts of hate," Black said. "The acts of the vandals are not acceptable to our community or any others."

"Third, we want to find out what we can do to rectify the problem. We're going to sit down with staff and students and try to find a means of preventing this kind of action," Black said.

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INTOLERANCE: LGBA was the victim of an apparent bias toward homosexuals.