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# GALA

**GAY AND LESBIAN ALLIANCE**  
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## W E L C O M E T O G A L A !

The Gay and Lesbian Alliance at U B is a student run organization serving the needs of the university community (that's you). Our office/resource center in 207 Talbert Hall is open Mon. - Fri. 12 - 5. All are welcome to stop by, chat, meet new people, browse through our reading material, or maybe just relax.

Meetings are held each Friday at 5 PM in 207 Talbert. Almost anything can be and usually is discussed, but occasionally business is mentioned. All are welcome.

Coffeehouses are held each Friday night at 9 PM on the Main St. Campus. The atmosphere is casual and relaxed. Wine, munchies -- and of course, coffee -- are served. Coffeehouse is a unique social event at UB which has become something of a tradition. Show up once and you'll see what we mean -- but be warned. CH can be habit-forming.

Each semester we run an event series, usually biweekly. Typical events range from panel discussions or guest speakers to movies, games nights or parties. Consult the schedule of events for this semester for more details.

Other services we offer include a library (small but growing steadily), a housing bulletin board, and referrals to other gay/lesbian organizations in the Buffalo area. Projects in the works include peer counseling, gay men's and lesbians' rap groups, and a political coalition of several local organizations.

We are always happy to see new faces at GALA, either as active members or just occasional visitors. Above all, if you ever need anyone to talk to, chances are we're just a phone call (or campus bus ride) away.

H A V E A G A Y Y E A R A T U B !!

## A Short History Of GALA

The roots of what is now the Gay and Lesbian Alliance at the University at Buffalo date back to when the first constitution was drawn up under the name of the Gay Liberation Front. At that time the group existed primarily as a support group for its members and as a core group determined to make the gay/lesbian presence known at U.B. Meetings were relatively unstructured and set up to provide a free-flowing transaction of ideas. Out of this early group came our most beloved tradition --- our weekly coffeehouses in Townsend Hall, which are now held in Allen Hall.

Through the years, the GLF slowly changed. Members came and went, but the organization grew steadily. In the late 70's, the GLF acquired an office in Squire Hall on the Main Street campus as a recognized Student Association organization. At this time the GLF was also successful in pushing through a University-wide anti-discrimination clause in U.B.'s constitution which covered sexual orientation.

The name of the organization was later changed to the Gay Peoples' Alliance, just prior to the closing of Squire Union. With the closing of Squire, the GPA moved to its present home in 207 Talbert Hall. The organization began to expand and really take off, catering to the entire University community with a weekly event series, co-sponsorship of events with other organizations, and of course, the Coffeehouse tradition!!

In 1982 our name was changed again to its present name, Gay And Lesbian Alliance. The organization is now in a period of steady growth and diversification. GALA is becoming increasingly political while at the same time continuing our commitment to both social and support functions. In the past we've sponsored speakers, games nights, movies, dances, parties, forums, seminars, a state wide-conference and the list goes on....

This year promises to be just as exciting with many projects and activities being planned right now!! Stop by for the fun (or even just to chat!!!!)