

Anti-Discrimination



Discrimination has been a topic of great concern for some time at UB. Activists banded together during the '89 spring semester to fight many forms of discrimination. These activists formed the Anti-Discrimination Coalition which consists of students from the undergraduate and graduate levels and law students.

The Law School issue was the first barrier for the coalition to tackle. The Law School decided to have a policy which followed Executive Order 28. This policy would ban employers from using the Law School's facilities to recruit if the employer discriminated on the basis sex, race, national origin, handicap, age, or sexual preference. President Sample did not like the idea of the Law School taking jurisdiction over this matter. He decided that the Law School's policy was null and void. The coalition has been feverishly working on this issue for some time.

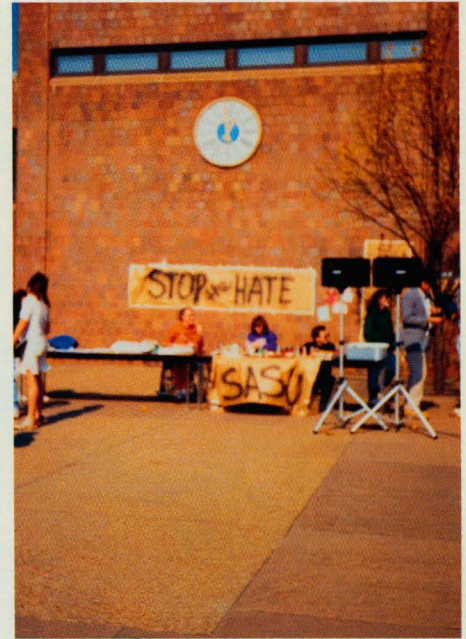
LGBA, Lesbian Gay and Bisexual alliance) held an annual "Coming Out" Day on the eleventh of October, the second anni-

versary of "The Gays March on Washington". One of the signs read, "Closets are for clothes, not for people". This rally was one that tried to bring a sense of pride, and solidarity to gay, lesbian, and bisexual students.

During this day many students did show their support but a few outsiders did not. Reverend Daren Dryzmala came with a group of men to disperse a newspaper called *The Lamp Post Gazette*. This paper blatantly harassed gays and lesbians with its anti-homosexual propaganda. Lori Hartman, a member of LGBA, said, "It promotes hatred and violence just by its very existence."

Students called Public Safety and asked if they would remove Dryzmala from the campus. Public Safety refused to do so. Students then chased him off campus because his presence was offensive to the people involved in the rally.

The fall of '89 the Coalition held a "Stop and Hate" rally which was originally intended to be a



solidarity rally for the eight black men from Suny New Paltz who were harassed by Public Safety to turn down their music. Reports say that these students were not being louder than anyone else and they received the harassment because of the color of their skin.

The rally turned into an all encompassing one. Students from many different ethnic backgrounds came together at founders plaza to discuss the violence, hatred and discrimination that goes on at UB.

People from NAPA, Womyn's center, BSU, JSU, and many others participated in the rally. SASU provided materials, food, pop, and music. This organization has always been an instrumental force in organizing such motivating and educational rallies; thanks to Todd Hobler, the regional coordinator from SASU central.

