

Armed forces stay out of closet

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U.S. Navy and Army recruiters cancelled their scheduled on-campus interviews for the Judge Advocate General Corps last week, after learning of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Law Students' plans to erect a "closet" outside of the interviewing room.

"The closet," made of two-by-four pieces of wood, would be positioned so that interviewees would have to walk through the closet in order to get into the interviewing room.

Protests against the military's policy on homosexuals

are staged by the organization every year the military comes on campus to recruit.

According to a local Navy recruiter, the difference this year and the reason for cancelling the interviews was the military "didn't want to subject officers and students to that level of harassment."

"We have no problems with protesting," he said. "This protest went a little too far."

In a statement made to the *Opinion*, the UB School of Law's newspaper, Barry Boyer, dean of the School of Law, said that it was unfortunate that the military canceled their interviews.

He also said that the LGBLS protest was in compliance

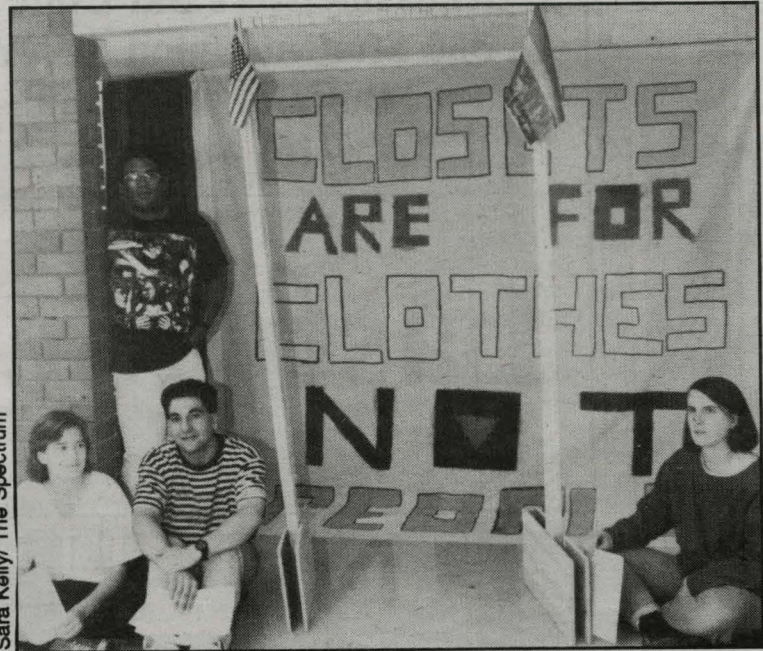
with all university regulations.

"We're just happy that after years of protest we've been victorious in keeping the military off campus," said Deborah Gottschalk, third year law student and president of LGBLS.

In a statement released Thursday, the LGBLS stated that the military should not be allowed on campus because it violates Governor Cuomo's executive order #28, which prohibits state agencies from discrimination based on sexual orientation, the SUNY Board of Trustees resolution 83-216 and the policies of the American Association of Law

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24 students were affected by the cancellations. Off-campus sites and times have been made available for those who wish to reschedule their interview.

Omar Dennis, one of the law students whose interview was canceled, said there

are plenty of better places and ways the LGBLS could have protested and this way was just harming students.

They are forcing people to join their protest and they are not seeking to inform the general public, Dennis said. "You can call that a protest if you want."