

LESBIAN GAY BISEXUAL ASSOCIATION

SPRING QUARTER EVENTS

Every Tuesday: LGBA General Business meeting from 2:30 to 4 in the LGBA office. We greatly appreciate your thoughts and ideas for Fall Quarter events.

Every Wednesday: Lesbian and Bisexual Women's Support Group 6 to 7:30 in the Women's Resource Center. Led by Cheli and Debbie

Every Thursday: Gay and Bisexual Men's Support Group 6 to 7:30 in the Mountain View Lounge (next to the Third College tennis courts) Led by Tony and Chau

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| April | 13 | DANCE! DANCE! DANCE! 9pm-1am Che Cafe |
| | 17 | LGBA Lunch on the Hump 11:30 to 1:30 |
| | 24 | Film: "The Hunger" 8pm SLH 107 (formerly TLH 107) |
| May | 1 | Protest against Anti-Gay Violence on College Campuses Price Center Plaza 12pm |
| | 11 | LGBA Semi-Formal Dance 9pm-1am P.C. Ballroom |
| | 17 | LGBA Booth at the Sun God Festival |
| | 24 | BBQ and Bonfire at La Jolla Shores 6:30pm-??? |

Call 534-4297 for event updates or more info

Gay and Bisexual Men's Support Group -- Spring Quarter Topics

1. Movies

- a. Before Stonewall
- b. Common Threads
- c. The Male Couple

*If you think of other videos, please suggest them to the group.

2. Politics

- a. Outing
- b. Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual (LGB) Rights Movement veterans (not the army kind!)

*The best place to find political speakers will be through the different LGB political organizations in San Diego and/or calling the LGB Community Center (692-2077). For a listing of the different political orgs, see the Greater San Diego Business Register (GSDBR) ("the gay directory") which you can get at the LGBA office or ask us for one.

3. Sexuality, AIDS, Safer Sex

*We've invited Project Lifeguard from the AIDS Foundation, San Diego to hold a meeting here in the next two or three weeks.

4. Other cultures within the LGB Community (i.e., race and ethnicity, leather, drag, etc.)

*Again, the best place to find speakers will be The Center or contacting the different organizations listed in the GSDBR.

5. Internal Homophobia

*We'll ask David Blasband from Psych Services about this one. He may be able to put on a workshop or know someone who can. If you have any ideas on what kind of presentation you'd like, share them with us.

6. Queer Nation

*They meet at The Center (Saturday nights?). Attend one of their meetings or leave a message for them at the Center to contact you.

7. Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Professors at UCSD

*If you know openly L, G, or B professors, ask them how they'd feel about speaking to our group.

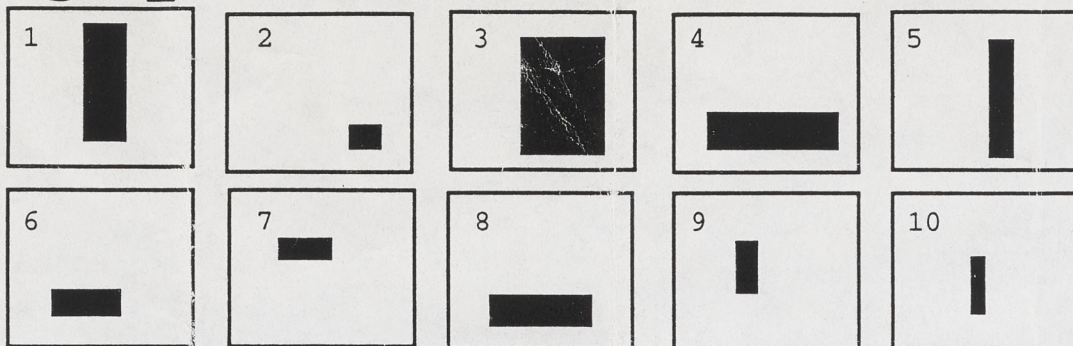
8. Game night

*You know, Pictionary, word games, Barbies, whatever! We can have a potluck also. This may be good towards the end of the quarter.

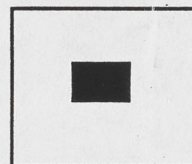
**Please, when inviting speakers to the group, get two or three different dates that are possible for them so that we don't overlap. Contact Chau, 294-5832, or Tony, 543-0214 with dates and we'll schedule it together.

***Another thing, since this is a men's group, we prefer to have male speakers. If women want to come, please check it out with the group. We have to keep this to a minimum.

gay film at ucsd



THREE EVENINGS OF GAY FILM
JUNE 1, 2, 3
U.C.S.D. CENTER FOR MUSIC EXPERIMENT
8:00 pm free admission

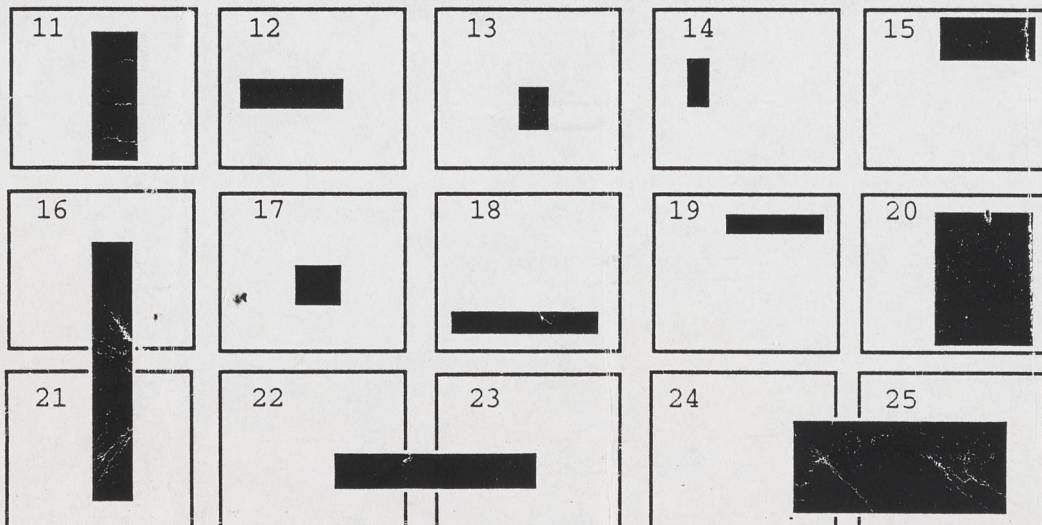


saturday, june 1: San Francisco gay film maker MARC HUESTIS
shows and speaks about his films, including
clips from his forthcoming film, SEX IS...

sunday, june 2: MARC HUESTIS' campy cult classic,
WHATEVER HAPPENED TO SUSAN JANE?(1981)
and the critically acclaimed sexy gay
comedy, FUN DOWN THERE(1990).

monday, june 3: The first gay-positive film,
DIFFERENT FROM THE OTHERS(germany, 1919)
and the award-winning documentary
about black gay men in America,
TONGUES UNTIED(1990).(both films
shown in video format).

sponsored by THE STONEWALL CLUB(an organization for UCSD
gay graduate students), the GSA, and GROUNDWORKS BOOKS.



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SCHEDULE OF SPEAKERS FOR
RALLY AGAINST HATE CRIMES
WED, MAY 22 1991
12-2 Gym Steps

petition table: Nyairo (12-1)
TARA

1. TAPE (DAY 1)

2. INTRO BY LISA

Introduced by... Lisa
Steve
Lisa

TONY
HEATHER GOLD
MAGGIE (representing grad students)

3. TAPE (DAY 2)

self
Steve
Lisa

WRC SPEAKER - Lizzy Martinez
VANESS HARRIS
STEPHANIE TEDD (prof.)
STEVE: announces open mic.

4. TAPE (DAY 3)

self
Steve
Lisa
Steve IAN
BARNARD

ADMINISTRATIVE ENDORSEMENT - TARA
NANCY WALEK
DAVID BLASBAND
DANNY? (a student)
LISA: announces petition

5. TAPE (DAY 4)

self
Steve
Lisa
Steve
Lisa

HOLLY
PROF. JENNIFER ROBERTSON
MECHA endorsement: - Rudy Martinez
- Inez Vallejos
CONSUELA (just a concerned Student)
CHRIS OAKLEY

6. OPEN MIC

45 sec/person
10 min. total time

7. TAPE (DAY 5)

self
Lisa

CHANDAN REDDY
CHELI & DAVID - conclusion.

**FIGHT BACK
AGAINST ANTI-GAY,
LESBIAN, BISEXUAL
VIOLENCE.**

**Rally against hate-crimes and homophobia.
Wednesday, May 22, 12:00 noon on the
gym steps.**

co-sponsored by LGBA and the asucsd

**"DON'T BE
PUTTING UP
THESE
FUCKING
FLYERS ALL
OVER
CAMPUS."**

—Hate-call recieved by the **LGBA** office in response to the organization's dance flyers. **Rally against hate-crimes and homophobia. Wednesday, May 22, 12:00 noon on the gym steps.**

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Hi, I'm Holly [REDACTED]
I go to UCSD so some people here know me
But I didn't come to this demonstra-
tion to tell you about my private life,
so I don't think I want to discuss my
sexuality today.

I don't think that those of you the
people assembled here today are
here because you want to know whether
or not I'm gay.

I ~~do~~ feel that the whole purpose of this
rally is to guarantee a persons right
to have

a private life.

And it's really too bad when something
as personal as ones personal and
sexual preferences have to be seen in
a political light.

The personal should never have to
become political, but it does when
a person's freedom in his or her
personal life is threatened or
our lives are threatened for something
as completely inoffensive and in my
opinion trivial as the sex of who
we chose to sleep with.

I don't mean, by referring to sexuality
as a personal thing that it should

necessarily be hidden or private.
I think that it's fine to talk
about sex. But why does it have
to be a threatening issue? What
is there really to debate?

SOME MEN PREFER MEN, ← LAC LGBA
SOME WOMEN PREFER WOMEN,

SOME DON'T.

SOME MEN PREFER Italian food. Some
WOMEN LIKE ICE CREAM.

BIG Deal.

— I really can't see why any of
these preferences, which are really
just a question of ~~taste~~ personal
taste, if not choice, have any
sort of earth shaking ramifications,
consequences ~~for~~ unless you are
the person directly involved.

~~The personal should never have to
become political.~~

I don't see why a person's sexual
orientation should be something that
completely defines who he or she is.

~~In a freer, less fearful society, I don't
see why a person should be forced~~

I think that all of us are too complicated
~~and interesting as people to be~~

so easily.

No one defines someone as heterosexual. No one is judged to be a particular way because he or she is heterosexual.

So why is it that most people seem to believe that when a person someone sleeps with someone of the same sex he or she suddenly ~~you have to~~ joins some alien race or some sort of exclusive social club.

I don't mean to make ~~a person's~~ ^{our} romantic and sexual lives seem trivial.

I don't mean to make our romantic or sexual lives seem trivial or completely incidental to who we really are.

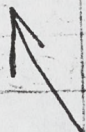
To the person who realizes that he or she is ~~homosexual~~ gay or lesbian, the time when he or she comes to this ~~conclusion~~ realization is often a very life-altering experience — for that person.

But it seems to me that it takes ~~very little~~ only relatively little maturity to realize that whatever another person does in his or her

or moral policing,

Kids

personal life has nothing to do with, and doesn't need to have any affect on your own.



It doesn't threaten you at all.

It seems to me that there wouldn't need to be all of this militancy on this "issue" if every one weren't feeling in some way threatened by it.

I can't understand why the people making violent threats against Lesbians, LGBA should be upset enough to do so.

In light of the threats the LGBA's received, ~~It can~~ it's obvious why Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual people are feeling a little uneasy.

The other day I was talking to a friend from Argentina who is gay. In the seventies, when he still lived in Argentina, thousands of people were taken from their homes and imprisoned, tortured and killed.

It was all very arbitrary. There were no trials or juries. The people

(threats to the Argentinian government but many of them were friends of friends or relatives or had no connections at all to people who were politically in opposition.

~~Among~~ And some of ~~the~~ people who were taken from their homes, imprisoned, tortured and killed because they were gay.

● People had to be very secretive. It was hard to know who to trust. Most people knew someone who had disappeared. It was a scary, terrible way to live.

(It seems to me naive to think that nothing like this could ever happen in our country. If it did, how many people would oppose it?

My friend thinks that sort of ^{happening in the} future here is a real possibility precisely because ~~we~~ our country has never been through that sort of oppression on such a scale before.

● To the people who "oppose" LGBA as if it's some sort of dangerous organization, think about the threat

people on this campus but to yourselves and to everyone^{else} who likes to make up their own minds on personal and political issues.

I understand that some people see homosexuality as some threat to themselves, to their own freedom or maybe even as a physical threat, so I'd like to make a few points that will hopefully ease these peoples' minds.

- ① No one is telling you that you should be gay or asking for your approval of their sexuality.
- ② No one is saying that they even want you to come to a semiformal that you don't want to go to.
- ③ If you are so perfectly happy with your boy or girl friend, your friends, school, your religious and personal life, you shouldn't be upset by something as trivial as a dance that you're not invited to anyway.

REALLY AGAINST HATE CRIMES
SPEECH CONTRIBUTED BY
IAN [REDACTED]

I belong to a graduate student organization called GALL--Gays and Lesbians in Literature. GALL condemns the recent campaign against LGBA, and deplores the university administration's pathetic failure to take a stand on this issue. One of GALL's members was physically assaulted on this campus just because she's a lesbian. I was spat on by one of the students whose TA I was. Another member of our group and his lover were beaten unconscious in the streets of San Francisco. Almost every one of us has been harrassed in some form or another because of our sexual orientation, not to mention attacks on members because of their gender and/or skin color. I personally know two other queer UCSD students who have been lesbian and gay-bashed, and I know of several straight students and professors who were beaten up because they were perceived to be lesbian or gay. The bomb threat, defacement of posters, and homohating phone-calls surrounding the LGBA dance last Saturday are nothing new. But instead of getting better, things are getting worse. Nationwide, violence against lesbians and gays is increasing by frightening percentages every year, as are hate crimes against women, people of color, and Jews. The latest instance of state-sponsored Arab-bashing in the Persian Gulf has only further empowered the frustrated bashers at home. We must recognize the connections on our campus between racist Young Americans for Freedom posters, the appalling lack of funding for the Women's Resource Center, and escalating oppression of queers. A recent survey of first-year college students found that almost half believe that lesbian and gay relationships should be criminalized. Clearly it is these kinds of prejudices that create the climate for violence.

This university is absolutley complicitous with this bigotry. The administration's shocking non-response to the hate crimes against LGBA is perfectly consistent with its long history of homophobia on this campus. Sexual orientation is not included in UCSD's prohibition against "fighting words," health insurance policies and graduate student housing continue to discriminate against lesbian and gay relationships. Professors and TA's frequently not only tolerate anti-lesbian and anti-gay jokes in class, but make

these jokes themselves. There are only a handful of openly queer faculty members here, and lesbian and gay studies courses are almost non-existent. Most professors, in their relentlessly heterosexist syllabuses and lectures, deny our very existences. How many times have you heard a lecture on the Holocaust that makes no mention of the gay men who had to wear pink triangles and die in Hitler's concentration camps because they were gay? How many History, Philosophy, Literature, Writing, or Women's Studies courses have you taken that should have been called Heterosexual History, Heterosexual Literature, Heterosexual Writing, or Heterosexual Women's Studies? In the Literature department, one of the largest on this campus, well over ten graduate students are doing work in lesbian and gay studies, yet we do not have one single faculty member who teaches these materials, or who is qualified to direct us in our work.

Obviously it is not surprising, then, that students feel that they have permission to make vicious comments about lesbians and gays in class, or write virulently homophobic and AIDS-phobic papers. It is not surprising that heterosexual students can nonchalantly display their sexuality all over campus every day, while queer students are afraid to come out in class, are frightened of being bashed in the dorms. It is hardly surprising that the institutionalized sexism and heterosexism of the greek system on this campus goes unquestioned, or that most campus newspapers parrot the heterosexist hegemony, from the extreme right-wing *California Review's* explicit ignorance and homohatred, to the *Koala* and *Guardian's* total erasure of lesbian and gay lives--that is, unless Zachary Berman is spewing his weekly quota of macho racist and lesbophobic bile. It is not surprising that most other campus organizations--including those who think of themselves as "progressive"--routinely fail to discuss queer issues, or to examine their own homophobia.

But the good news is that queers are fighting back. GALL wrote letters, sent delegations, created a fuss. Finally the Literature Department has hired someone who teaches lesbian and gay studies. She will begin teaching in the Fall. Now we must all

demand more courses, syllabuses, programs, and openly queer instructors. In addition to an ethnic and gender studies requirement, all students at UCSD must learn about heterosexism and homophobia. Only a massive education program can combat the ignorance, prejudice, and violence. And the first people who need to take this new GE requirement are the UCSD faculty, police officers, and school administrators, all the way from the vice-chancellors down.

This is what I am told:

Be quiet.

Why are you so angry?

Don't be too radical.

You're just like straight people, except for who you sleep with.

Never again will I be silent.

Never again will I be polite.

Never again will I sanitize my sexuality.

I will flaunt my sexuality.

I will be angry.

I will be loud.

No more good little gays.

We have shouted, "We're here, we're queer, we're in the Price Center ballroom, we're everywhere, get used to it!"

And next time someone screams "DYKE" or "FAGGOT" at you, remember to reply,

"That's MS. Dyke to you," or "That's MISTER faggot to you"!!!!!!!!!!

RALLY AGAINST HATE
CRIMES
TONY [REDACTED]

When I was a sophomore at the University of California, Santa Barbara, I kept a diary. The sentences of that diary revealed every secret I'd had about my sexuality and my terror in telling my parents that I'm gay. They revealed my fear of HIV and my mistaken belief that because I'm gay I would probably get AIDS. They revealed my greatest desire and deepest shame for going to a bathhouse in search of the kind of affection most people consider less than human. More than anything, that diary revealed how scared, isolated and confused I was with my sexuality.

Towards the end of the winter quarter of that year, my best friend, Jennifer, who I'd already come out to, came to me and asked as delicately as she could if I kept a diary. I, there, discovered that my roommate had found my diary, copied it and showed it to his friends. It circulated in the residence hall for two months until Jennifer found out and came to me. Learning that my diary had been read, a part of who I'd been suddenly died, the part of me that said I could keep my life private.

Being thrown out of the closet, vulnerable, with my privacy made public, I'd lost control of my own identity. I'd felt intense shame and guilt about the bathhouse. My going seemed to me to reinforce every prejudiced idea held about gay people. To complicate things, I'd been terrified that I would not only have to tell my parents that I'm gay but that I was going to die of the disease I'd heard over and over from every direction was my rightful punishment for my immorality. I could only imagine how my roommate and hallmates laughed at me, how they confirmed to each other their beliefs that gay people are shameful. With my life exposed, after nineteen years of confusion and estrangement I knew if I did not take back my dignity from

those who stole it, despite what they felt about me, I would lose my self. At that moment, the shame in me died as well.

I confronted my roommate, pressed charges against him and had him put on probation for the rest of his university life. I came out to my hall where almost everyone thereafter treated me with more respect than I imagined I could have ever received.

Since that experience, I've felt committed to help stop the shame associated with being gay, lesbian or bisexual. We are a special and beautiful group of people who face especially dehumanizing forms of prejudice and discrimination. Every day, we continue to experience bigotry and hostility on this campus. But this will change.

Two years ago, when I first came to UCSD and was looking for what was then called LAGO, the lesbian and gay organization, at the fall festival on the green, when it was on the green, I spotted LAGO's table and with my heart racing, walked purposely a few steps past it, afraid, in my new environment to approach the gay table. But I stopped and told myself I must never again walk away from my people in fear. So I turned back and approached Sandy and Keith and joined the organization. Since then, over a year and a half later I'm proud to have been part of the growth and change of the lesbian, gay and bisexual community at UCSD.

While this is a rally against homophobia and hate crimes, this is also a rally about triumph. Those of us involved with the lesbian, gay and bisexual association and with the creation of this event reflect the empowerment and pride of these gay 90's. I've seen significant growth in the strength, visibility and outreach of LGBA. The increase in hate crimes against us is, to me, clearly in response to the incredible energy and outreach of our members. We are finally visible and so people are reacting. If you reactionaries are

Listening to me now, understand this, we are never going to go away, *ever*.

This change in LGBA could not have been accomplished alone. We've begun our relationships with individuals and groups who understand that oppression is oppression is oppression. Thank you to those in the Student Affirmative Action Committee who respect and support our need and your need to be in coalition.

While this growth for us67 is a real triumph, homophobia and heterosexism are still ruining the lives of too many people from this campus to every campus and community in this country, and sadly, in this world. I'm confident that the support we're experiencing now will eventually extend beyond today, beyond each one of you so that no more students in residence halls are emotionally raped, no more daughters and sons are afraid to come out to their parents and no more lovers are afraid to express their love. It isn't right that so much of our energy as lesbians, gays and bisexuals be exhausted on the fear of rejection, harassment, injury or death. I, with all of you, work towards the day when closets are only for clothes and rallies such as these are only a memory.



PERHAPS "CONCLUSION" IS A BAD CHOICE OF WORDS IN BRINGING THIS RALLY TO A CLOSE. LET US HOPE THAT THE STRENGTH AND UNITY DEMONSTRATED HERE TODAY, DOES NOT END HERE, BUT THAT WE ALL TAKE ~~SOMETHING~~ A PART OF IT BACK WITH US TO OUR RESPECTIVE COMMUNITIES, ORGANIZATIONS, CLASSES, AND INDIVIDUAL LIVES.

TODAY WE HAVE HEARD FROM A NUMBER OF CONCERNED INDIVIDUALS, STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS, ADMINISTRATORS, FACULTY AND STAFF, ALL OF WHICH HAVE BEEN AFFECTED DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY BY THE EVENTS LEADING UP TO THIS RALLY.

WHAT WE HAVE HEARD HERE
 ARE THE VOICES OF INDIVIDUALS
 NO LONGER WILLING TO SETTLE
 FOR BEING RELEGATED TO THE
 MARGINS, AND THE VOICES
 OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS AND
 GROUPS WHICH SUPPORT ~~AND~~ CONTRIBUTE
TO OUR EFFORTS FOR AWARENESS
 AND CHANGE.

WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE THAT
 THE HATE CRIMES THAT WE ARE
 RESPONDING TO TODAY ARE MUCH MORE
 THAN ISOLATED INCIDENTS OF
 HARASSMENT EXCLUSIVE TO THIS CAMPUS.
 HOMOPHOBIA, HETEROSEXISM, AND VIOLENCE
 AGAINST LESBIANS, GAYS, BISEXUALS,
 WHETHER THREATENED OR REAL, ARE
 REALITIES OF EVERYDAY LIFE AND
 MANIFEST THEMSELVES ON A NATIONAL
 AND OFTEN INTERNATIONAL SCALE



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LET US ALSO RECOGNIZE
THAT LESBIANS, GAYS AND
BISEXUALS ARE NOT THE
SOLE TARGETS OF HATE
CRIMES AND BIGOTRY AT
THIS UNIVERSITY OR ANYWHERE
ELSE. BUT REGARDLESS
OF WHETHER OR NOT WE
AS INDIVIDUALS FALL UNDER
THE CATEGORY OF A
TARGET GROUP, HATE
CRIMES DEHUMANIZE US ALL,
PERPETRATOR AND VICTIM ALIKE,
BECAUSE OF THE VERY
NATURE OF OPPRESSION.

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IT IS OUR FEELING
THAT THE HATE CRIMES
ISSUE IS ONE OF
HUMAN RIGHTS AND
HUMAN DIGNITY, AND WE MUST
RECOGNIZE THAT ONLY
THROUGH A COLLECTIVE
STAND LIKE THE ONE
TAKEN TODAY CAN WE
TAKE STEPS TOWARDS
MAKING A POSITIVE
DIFFERENCE.



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THE QUESTION THAT DAVID AND
I WISH TO ADDRESS IN ~~BRINGING THIS RALLY~~
TO A CLOSE ~~IS~~ IS, WHERE DO WE GO FROM
HERE? WHILE THIS RALLY WAS STAGED
IN RESPONSE TO A SET OF CIRCUMSTANCES
WHICH WE FIND APALLING AND INTOLERABLE
LET US VIEW THIS SHOW OF STRENGTH
AND UNITY AS A FIRST STEP TOWARDS
CREATING A MORE POSITIVE AND ACCEPTING
ENVIRONMENT ON THIS CAMPUS AND
ELSEWHERE, AN ENVIRONMENT WHICH
RECOGNIZES THE RIGHT OF EVERY ONE
OF US TO EXPERIENCE A SENSE OF
PERSONAL SAFETY AND WELL-BEING
IN A CLIMATE THAT IS CONDUCIVE
TO EDUCATION, BOTH INSIDE AND
OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM.

Thank you...

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