Students, faculty and gay rights advocates participated yesterday in a four-hour rally at Ballou Hall, where participants called on the Tufts Administration to address concerns of gay students.

**Oppressed groups must work together, student says**

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Sexual students who turned out to support the rally.

Speakers throughout the day touched on issues such as the need for society to examine and eradicate homophobia, for people to examine their own sexual orientations and respect the individuals of a different sexual orientation, and on the demands of the rally organizers and supporters for equality and assistance from the University.

Leonard Carmichael Society President Eric Beck, co-founder of Men Understanding Sextism at Tufts (MUST), spoke of how he "realized he was homoerotic, a disease contracted at a very young age." He asserted that the United States is a "homoerotic society," and said people are mandated with homoerotic information at home and in the classroom.

"Tolerance is inadequate, tolerance is not enough," Beck said. "We don't want them [homosexuals] to accept us... We want to accept them on our terms rather than their terms," Edelman said.

Boston City Councilor David Sconders, up for re-election tomorrow, also applauded Tufts faculty and students speaking out against what he characterized as "social retaliation" on campus. He took issue with Sconders' past comments that the Counseling Center was available to serve the needs of LGBT students and comments on homosexuality in the military.

"I read with some astonishment that President Mayer had the audacity to suggest that gay people in the military are deleterious to morale," Sconders said. "President Mayer you are deleterious to the morale of the young people on this campus!"

Sconders implored Tufts LGB students to stay together and to continue demanding equal and fair treatment.

*Tufts Community Union Senator Candice Greenberg, chair of the Senate Culture and Ethnic Affairs Committee, spoke about the "snap" of the fingers, its historical connotations and present meanings. Greenberg said that it may have originated in Hispanic or African-American cultures as a "signature of anger, power, and competition."

Today it may be seen used in several ways such as a method of exclamation or a sign of approval, Greenberg said.

Greenberg said she also seen it used by her lesbian friend in "the widely used triangle formation [a symbol used for gay rights advocates]."

"Unfortunately, the gay, lesbian and bisexual community has been slipping away for far too long now," Greenberg commented. "Our snaps have to assemble and unify. That is why we have come together today, to bring our individual snaps, of all kinds and formations, together to break our archaic silence, make our presence felt to the Administration as well as the entire Tufts community, and encourage further support and accompaniment."

**Gay rights rally draws hundreds**

by PATRICK HEALY and JANINE BILLY

Daily Editorial Board

Members of the Tufts community gathered for over four hours before Ballou Hall yesterday in support of the Tufts Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Community's demands on the Administration for a full-time TLGBC administrator, a lesbian, gay and bisexual center or living space, and further University commitment to the concerns of lesbian, gay and bisexual Tufts students.

A crowd swelled throughout the day between 100 and 200 people listened to Tufts students, professors, and local gay rights advocates speak about the need for recognition of and the fight against violence against gay people as well as equality regarding sexual orientation.

Rally organizers handed out buttons and leaflets to attendees of the rally as well as passers-by, including high school students and their parents on Admissions Office tours of the campus, one police officer guard the front door of Ballou, while administrators passed in and out of the administrative building during the rally. At one point, University President Jean Mayer exited Ballou through the back entrance and his car could be seen driving away.

When speakers were not at the podium, participants danced to songs like "YMCA," "Respect," "Express Yourself" and "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun."

Sharon Wachsler, chief rally organizer and a TLGBC member, began the rally with the praise for both the homosexual and heterosexual community.

In the preceding actions, the students turned out to support the rally for about one hour. He said he was "interested in what the students had to say, adding he expected the issues of the rally to be 'further discussed.'

Trustees, administrators voice interest in issues and demands of participants

by PATRICK HEALY

Daily Editorial Board

Administrators and trustees reacted yesterday to the Tufts Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Community's rally at Ballou Hall by characterizing the event as the students' opportunity to express their concerns to the Tufts community.

While no administrators were among the 28 speakers slated to appear at the rally, several Tufts officials appeared sporadically during the four-hour event to watch the students and listen to speeches on the issues of homophobia and equality central to the rally.

Women's Studies coordinator Peggy Barrett, watching several Tufts students and faculty members recount experiences of prejudice and homophobia, said her impression of the rally was that "the students were very active, involved and clear about what their needs are and that they want to the students involved in the rally.

"I think the actions of the past few weeks demonstrate the Administration is hearing these students," Ladd said. The Administration agreed last week to fund a full-time administrative assistant for the TLGBC and Academic Vice President Melvin Bernstein initiated a committee to examine the homosexual community at Tufts.

Although University President Jean Mayer, to whom many negative comments were addressed during the rally, did not speak at the event, he was in Ballou for most of the morning before leaving in the early afternoon.

Tufts Trustee John Barshman was also present at the rally for about one hour. He said he was "interested in what the students had to say, adding he expected the issues of the rally to be "further discussed."

Trustee Overseer Joe Lambert, occasionally coming out of Ballou to witness the rally, noted yesterday that "students and faculty and all members of the Tufts community have the right to express their feelings.

"I support their right to do these things. Educational communities have to be open to ideas," Lambert said. "The Trustees will watch with interest how the Administration handles this difficult but important issue in a fair and responsive manner."