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jective factor for the revolution during countless struggles of the Canadian working class, while promoting the development of unity on the basis of action against the enemies of the proletariat. For engaging in this work, thousands of members and supporters of CPC(M-L) have been arrested, fired from their jobs, deported, and intimidated by authorities over the years.

The assertion that DSM has no credibility within the student community is simply a lie and slanders the supporters of DSM and all progressive students who have a sentiment for socialism and the revolution. We look forward to the future when the careerists and opportunists, such as those who dominate the **Gazette**, who are seeking to sell themselves to some section of the bourgeoisie, have no credibility among the students.

Yes, the **Chronicle-Herald** and the **ATV** network distort the students' struggle, but how are you any different?

**Ross Ainsworth**



**Editors' note:**

The **Gazette** stands by the original editorial comment. The reference to the ultra-leftist elements in the march and the media focus of these elements was made to illustrate how easily the student position can be misrepresented. The sad thing about this case is that the media didn't have to create its own distortion—they merely had to select blatantly unrepresentative picket signs from the march and their job was done.

The rhetoric and mindless sloganeering of the so-called Dal Student Movement serves only to frustrate legitimate student efforts in organizing opposition to cutbacks and fee increases. It is clearly the interests of the government, in its obsession with restraint, that are protected by such a destructive and divisive presence.

It's heartening to note the vigorous defense of the CPC (M-L) in its campaign to work out "compromises and arrangements." No doubt the various strata will welcome such common sense as a sure indication of willingness to negotiate the terms of the revolution in good faith. How elusive credibility must seem.

## Further struggles needed

**To the Gazette:**

The following is an open letter to the university community:

The march on Province House to protest further tuition increases and the implementation of differential fees at Nova Scotian universities was highly successful. Students from across the province demonstrated that they solidly oppose the threat to a quality university education accessible to all—including foreign students. And yet, if we are to commend ourselves for our massive public protest and the support which was gained for our cause, must we not also assess the weaknesses of the march in order to organize all the more effectively in the future?

We marched on the 21st in order to show government our commitment to the measures outlined in a widely circulated petition: an immediate freeze on tuition fees; adequate funding to maintain the current quality of education; long term planning to improve this quality; and the cessation of the discriminatory policy of differential fees. We marched, then, to protest the policy of cutbacks in funding to the social services and higher education, which serve to counter the slump in the Canadian economy, while at the same time the government maintains favourable terms for the expansion of private enterprise.

Cutbacks at both the federal and provincial levels have had a widespread effect. At Dalhousie, for instance, we have witnessed faculty unionization to strengthen the lobby for a more favourable wage and the recent strike of CUPE 1392 to secure an income only dollars above the poverty level. And now the issue of tuition increases—the second in three years.

This raises two questions concerning the march on Province House: the first is the lack of unity on the campuses—why did students march in near isolation?; and the second is the position of student leaders and university administrations vis-a-vis provincial political parties. Does it really matter whether the Liberals or the Conservatives or the NDP hold power?

Typically, student politicians have adopted the position of exclusive "negotiations" with the government and have relied on the goodwill of university administrators to secure their demands, as opposed to the strategy of mobilizing students and relying upon unity with other members of the university community who are also affected by cutbacks. Three years ago we witnessed the beginnings of a change in priority. Students were called upon to actively participate in the struggle, and the student movement began to take on a mass character. That year,



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*Gazette staffers exposed!! Nine Gazette workers were brave enough to show their faces for a staff photo this week. First row left to right: Gail Picco (Newfoundlander gone astray), Nigel Allen (postmaster and director of telecommunications who thinks he's going to pass this year), Micki Martinello (future minister of amateur sport), Glenn Walton (enjoying anonymity while he can), and Matt Adamson (capitalist running dog).*

*Second row: Richard Samuel (easy come, easy go), Val Mansour (resident hack journalist), Alan Adams (becomes editor after he learns to write at CP this summer), and Elissa Barnard (token Victorian).*

*Absent from photo: Everyone else.*

without the support of our pro-Liberal administrations (in fact, in the face of their subversion) we marched for the first time and partially secured our demands!

The government capitulated when threatened by the militancy of the large numbers of students who demonstrated their opposition to a tuition increase. But since that time, while we as students have continued to heed the call for mass demonstrations, it appears that the movement has regressed. This year once again student leaders relied upon university administrations who, while condemning the Conservative Party, for the most part offered no concrete support for our objectives. The politicians have learned

well the lessons of the past two years—there are no follow up activities to the march. The constraints upon students in the early spring and the lack of direction and organization on the part of student leaders has led to the manipulation of the student body. Buchanan can face 3000 students and say that there will be no further increase in university funding beyond the 5.5%; Regan gains political mileage by denying that the Liberals would have acted in the same manner. Have we forgotten that the Liberals imposed cutbacks and that for the past two years our protest has

has lost its credibility as an effective political protest.

So where do we go from here? Our demands remain constant: no cutbacks, no tuition increases, no differential fees. Nor will we accept raises in tuition indexed to the cost of living.

It is now necessary to continue the public debate over what is to be done. Students must be prepared to make the small sacrifices in terms of time that this requires. Unity must be promoted on university campuses and among other groups affected by government cutbacks. Support must be secured for an eventual fee boycott at Dalhousie and / or on a province-wide scale.

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**The boys from Dal Photo: Paul Morris, Joe Posiak, Dave Grandy, Paul Dayal and Kerry DeLorey.**