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And now, Ladies and Gentlemen, I give you - the Gazette staff! Left to right, that's Mark Childerhose, Paul Withers, Gisele-Marie Baxter, part of Peter Rockwell, the turned head of Roxanne MacLeod, Cathy McDonald, Kevin Charles ('Deluge') Little, a teeny bit of Catherine Ricketts, Bruce Galloway (with support), Wendy Coomber, Shawn Houlihan, Pat Martin, Chris Hartt, and a soon-to-be all wet Ken Burke. Lori Hart was there, but kinda got lost in the shuffle. Not shown were nice folks such as Mike deLory, Rick Bertrand, Michael McCarthy, Vikki Grant, Michael Redmond, Gretchen Pohkamp, Glenn Walton, Mary Lou Hendry, Heather Roseveare, Maura Green, Sara Gordon, Judy Lee, Greg Hamara, Tom Ozere, Peter Cheney, Pat Jordan, Ben E. Nichols, Rusty, Dave, etc., Jeff Roy, Nancy Alford, Rannock, David Matsch, M. Lynne Briand, Phillip Franck, Steve Ashcroft and Roland Haebler, who clicked the camera and waited until here to have his name mentioned. Thanks to them that wrote and pasted and you that read. See ya soon.

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## International student fees on the rise once more

TORONTO (CUP) -- Ontario student organizations are appalled that the provincial government has nearly doubled next September's tuition fees for first year international students. The move will boost fees at some institutions to more than \$4,000.

On average, the tuition fees for first year visa students will increase to \$3,333 from the current average fee of between \$1,612 and \$1,950, at Ontario universities. Students changing programs will also pay

increased fees.

Peter Psikos, a spokesperson for the International Students Association, charged the tuition proposal is ridiculous. "In the long run, the students will lose money on this by attracting less and less students. After all, nobody is going to go to a university in Canada if they have to pay \$4,000."

Lakehead University Students' Union president Tom Sinclair said the fee increase is appalling.

"Foreign students are a valu-

able asset to the university, both culturally and financially," said Sinclair. "The students allow us to learn about other nations as well as contributing to the economy."

But according to Canadian Federation of Students spokesperson John Doherty, the number of Canadian students studying abroad is equivalent to the number of visa students in Canada.

"The people that (the increases) are really going to hurt are the students from Third

World countries," he said. "They make up about half of the visa students in Canada." But in her recent announcement, Stephenson said the tuition increases will merely bring the Canadian fees in line with "many universities in the United States and the United Kingdom."

According to an Ontario Federation of Students spokesperson, the provincial government has abandoned a commitment to the education of international students and made them the scapegoat for a financial crisis.

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