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My anger drove me as I held my camera to my chest and ran to the bus. The riot police had surrounded the bus and were pushing us back with their clubs. The sight of them and the bus and the trooper cars fueled my anger. The administration had shown us absolutely no respect in refusing to recognize our rights and/or cause.

Jennifer Tarr, undergraduate student UMass

We do not enjoy having to take over buildings to make a point. But when the administration tells you that certain crucial issues are non-negotiable with you, you have to find more direct and forceful ways to voice your opinion. When the Administration tries to psychologically cripple you, it is necessary to defend yourself. I want to be free. I know that I must fight for that freedom. That is what I am doing and will keep on doing until I die.

David Glovner, social thought and political economy student

You teach us morality, but we can apply it only when you say its alright. We tried your "research and report" techniques, you ignored them. Your "write letters to the editor" hardly gained us your attention and none of your action. What is left but the active protest? Will you continue to respond in anger and in violence? Will police brutality and cruelty become the normal operating procedure against those who disagree with you? You are not the university. You are individuals. Each of you is singly responsible for what happens here, today and tomorrow.

Clarinda Rose-Turner, Women's Studies, President CAG

This is an enormous victory for the students. Look at what they have accomplished. They have made this an issue on the campus that will not go away. They have created a public space in which that issue can be debated and in which steps can be taken. They have forced the administration to recognize that their actions are fully as legitimate as for example, the actions of the students in the New Africa House takeover. They have forced Duffey to back down from this grotesque imposition of fines and similar sorts of punitive measures. And they've made Duffey a more or less honest man, which I think he ought to be thankful for although probably he isn't.

Robert Wolfe, professor of philosophy

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