

# Lake Louise is not for sale

If Imperial Oil (with its 69 per cent backing of Standard Oil of New Jersey) and Lake Louise Lift lines have their way, Banff National Park will soon be over run with people and overdeveloped with tourist resorts.

In the planning stages is Village Lake Louise, a 30 million dollar complex with facilities for 8,000-10,000 people. In addition, a group of condominiums is planned (unofficial price per unit is \$15,000), in which tenancy by the owner is restricted to 45 days per year. The rest of the time they must be rented out, they cannot sit vacant. If the plan is allowed to pass, it will cater to the tourist industry with that interest overriding the preservation of the parks. "Our main fear is that Lake Louise will become a facilities orientated development, to which people will come to enjoy the conveniences of the resort rather than its natural beauties and

qualities", said Don Meredith, head of the local chapter of the National and Provincial Parks Association of Canada. Lake Louise is an excellent summer and ski resort, but that is not compatible with the values of a provincial park. We would prefer to see it outside the parks, and to have facilities that are park orientated to help people enjoy their surroundings.

The numbers of people won't remain stationary; instead development will spiral as the demand for more facilities increases as the number of people increases which will again increase the demand. It is claimed that no more ski runs will be built, but this is not above suspicion. One of the beauties of skiing in the Canadian Rockies is that skiers can do so cheaply and on relatively uncrowded slopes, and yet the ski slopes are not yet so numerous as to damage the environment. Large amounts of

development can only mean more crowds, more costly accomodation and tickets, and eventually more treeless mountainsides of little use as habitats for the original inhabitants.

The announcement of the village was made two weeks ago; hearings are being held in Calgary only, withing a month. The purpose of the hearings is to find the attitudes of various concerned people and groups.

The National and Provincial Parks Associations are now conducting a campaign against the proposed development. One aspect is a mass credit card return to Imperial Oil. People who don't have one can apply and then mail the card back. Briefs sent to Calgary could be very valuable. A brief need only be a one page letter stating one's views regarding the proposal and reasons for them. The group suspects that the number of

briefs may be added up for and against, so every letter is significant. Other organizations are undertaking more detailed reports, as they have greater access to information and larger resources of workers and materials. Letters can also be written to the President of Imperial Oil and Jean Chretien, who as Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development is also in charge of the national parks.

## \$\$ bargain rates for med students \$\$

Third and fourth year med students will have the option of reducing their students' union fees by about \$20 starting next year. This was the principle effect of a motion passed by council to give phase III (third and fourth year) med students graduate student status.

There are about 220 students in phase III of medicine. Presumably most of these will take advantage of the by-law change as their only loss will be the right to vote and hold elected office in the SU and the right to certain SU facilities. The heavy work load in the faculty make most of these things out of the question for many med students anyway.

When he introduced the by-law change at last week's council meeting, med rep Dave Shragge said that the motivation for it was that third and fourth year students have programs in hospitals—keeping all of them except those assigned to the University hospital away from campus. He said that these people have much less chance to use SU facilities than grad students.

Ag rep Hans Lung objected to the change on the grounds that it was setting a precedent. He

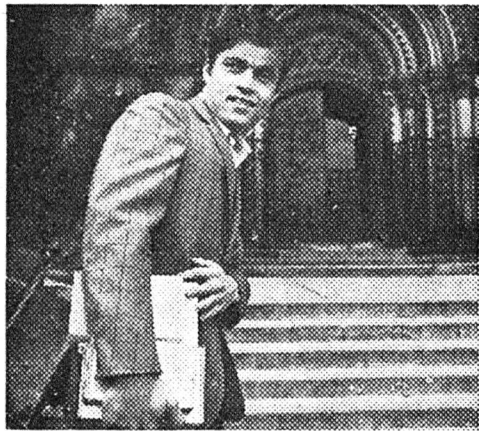
a fee change for all those who did not want to use SU facilities.

He also felt that if fees of phase three students were to be dropped, those of phase I and II students should be raised to that

of other students on campus. Med students presently pay SU fees of about \$8 per year less than the vast majority of students.



Med Rep Dave Shragge at last night's Council meeting.



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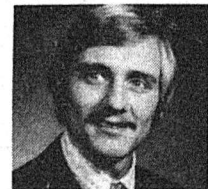
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