

Public input needed for Kejimikujik Park

Parks Canada is offering the general public the opportunity to participate in the planning process for Kejimikujik National Park.

As an integral part of the Park Master Planning process, Parks Canada is experimenting with a new concept in public participation. Throughout the summer of 1975 a series of public presentations were held in Kejimikujik National Park and in the surrounding community. Comments that the public made concerning the Park's future were carefully noted, and have consequently been included in an information package and comment booklet. This publication is being distributed to interested individuals. The viewpoints expressed by the public concerning the issues in the booklet will be utilized by

planners to formulate a final Park Master Plan.

"The job of planning a National Park is a very delicate one", indicated Kejimikujik Operations Manager Cliff Drysdale. "To insure that taxpayer's money is being properly used, and to guarantee that a priceless resource is properly managed, Parks Canada must consider all viewpoints. Many people do not realize the complexity of planning decisions. We hope the Master Planning issues document will help explain some of the problems to be considered, and help up plan for the future needs of Canadians."

At any point throughout this process public inquiry and comment is invited. Suitable time will be allotted between steps for public

dialogue.

National Parks are becoming more and more important in our society. As our natural areas dwindle, the proper planning of a Park becomes a highly critical function. The job of arriving at a stage of optimal usage and preservation is a difficult one, but a balance can be achieved with your help.

The National Parks Act of 1930 specifies that National Parks are "dedicated to the people for their benefit, education and enjoyment" and must remain "unimpaired for future generations."

You can help plan for the future.

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Ed. note: Parks Canada has announced that it is interested in hearing public opinion on the future direction for Kejimikujik National Park. Many people, believing their opinion will remain unheard, will

choose not to voice their opinions; to do this is a mistake.

The request by Parks Canada for public input is usually indicative of a plan by the government to change the orientation of the park.

A few years ago the federal government offered to allow input into the decision making process in Banff National Park. This "openness" was followed by a very closed mind once the government and Imperial Oil decided to build "Village Lake Louise", a 3000 person plus resort for rich tourists in an otherwise wilderness area near the Lake Louise townsite.

Much strong lobbying by concerned citizens was finally able to force the federal and provincial governments to act in the interests of the public.

Interested persons should seize the opportunity to influence parks policy, so that Kejimikujik can continue to serve the interests of the average person.

CKDU vs Dal Radio

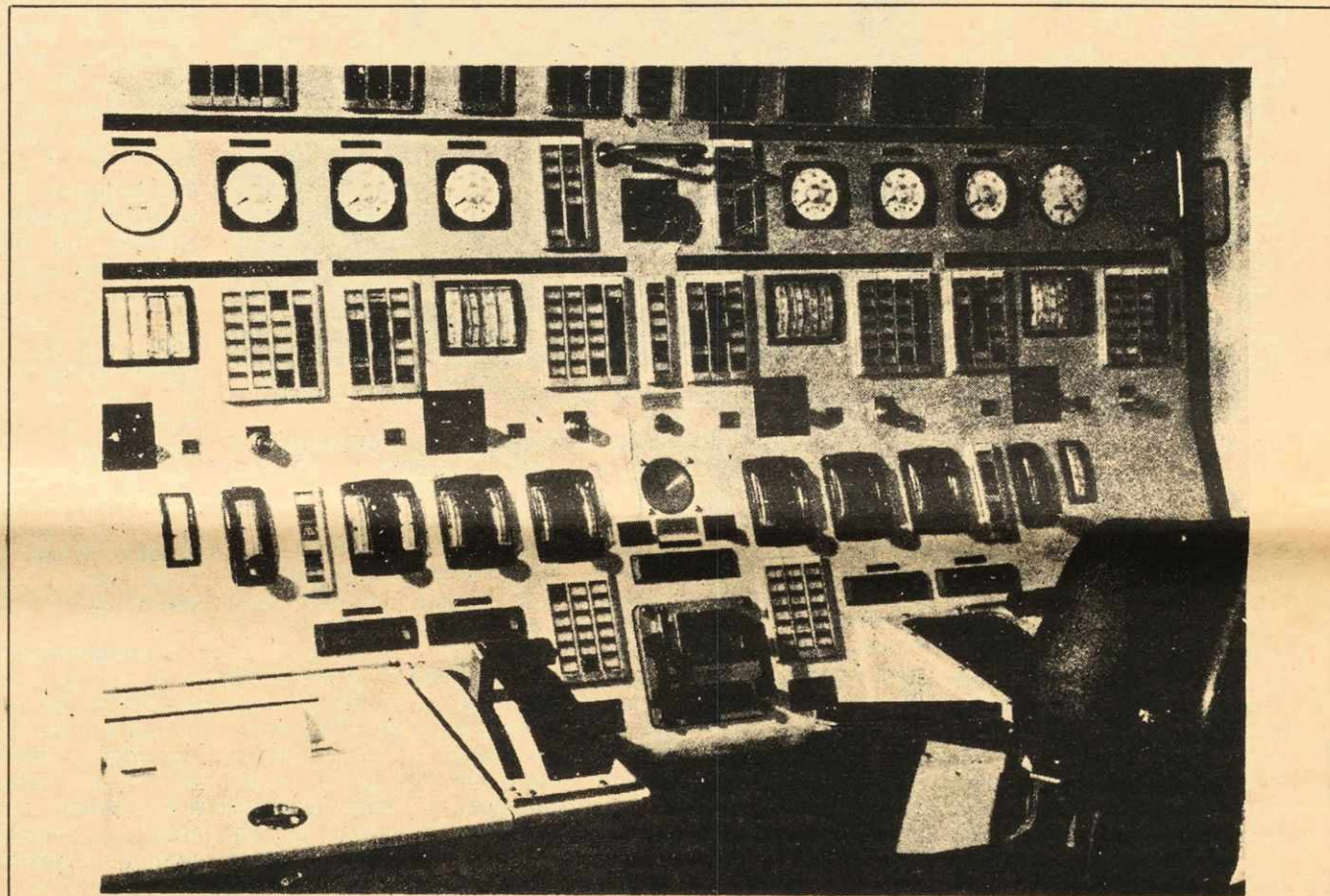
It is difficult to speak on behalf of CKDU; however, it is possible to comment on the status of CKDU as an active member, whatever it is. Simply there exists a slight misunderstanding concerning the role of our University radio station.

When I began my university career; Dal Radio was a functioning operation alive and well within the confines of the Student Union Building. At the time radio members were talking of the possibility of expansion to residences and even FM Broadcasting!!!!

However, in October of 1974, a team of communications experts, non radio members save one (whose qualifications were so impressive that I don't care to embarrass them with the details) decided that radio needed restructuring with a personal touch. They became the Committee of Restructure Radio. Their first move was to immediately close radio and outline what cause of action radio should take. Admittedly, this outline was only a blueprint with the ultimate goal of FM Broadcast and a format of News and Public Affairs, variety of music geared to an AM alternative. At this time it was realized that these goals were indefinite time away and immediate steps must be taken. However, since the reopening of radio, Jan. 1/76. Radio, innocent of the Committee's enlightened reform, has had the final and extensive Report of the Committee hanging around its neck like Coleridge's Albatross. What this committee completed was in a sense a service to the University and definitely a lesson to each concerned member of the Dal University Campus (if you live in residence you should read on). One assumption was made upon the re-opening of Radio over a year ago, that is that Radio is guaranteed a listening audience as a result of carrier current which permits Dal Radio to Broadcast in residence (Howe Hall, Sheriff Hall, Fenwick Towers) on AM 610, just to the immediate left of CJ, CH, CB and CF. However, radio has had measurable problems with carrier current installation and as a result has not been able to undertake a publicity campaign. Also, this has appreciably affected the performance of Radio members who may have expected improved Communications on Campus. Enough said.

Finally the crux of the argument. That is the burden of such a "report of restructure" which did not guarantee effective action. What was accomplished by such a report was an error in understanding the REALITY of the situation. The hypothesis that radio may achieve FM status was so remote and hence, unrealistic that radio may be a long time recovering from its

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